

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2016.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2016 amounted to Rs.191,769 million (provisional) as against Rs. 180,203 million (provisional) in April, 2016 and Rs.198,390 million during May, 2015 showing an increase of 6.42% over April,2016 but a decrease of 3.34% over May, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in May, 2016 was \$ 1,832 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,722 million (provisional) in April, 2016 showing an increase of 6.39% but decreased by 6.00% as compared to \$ 1,949 million in May, 2015.

3. Exports during July - May, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.1,995,799 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,213,444 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 9.83%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – May, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 19,151 million (provisional) against \$ 21,859 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.39%.

5. Main commodities of exports during May, 2016 were Knitwear (Rs.23,023 million), Readymade garments (Rs.20,433 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,491 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,124 million), Rice others (Rs.12,562 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.9,691 million), Towels (Rs.7,178 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,794 million), Rice basmati (Rs.4,904 million) and Leather tanned (Rs.3,688 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during May, 2016 over April, 2016 and May, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2016 over	
		April, 2016	May, 2015
1.	Knitwear	17.97	2.81
2.	Readymade garments	3.17	7.84
3.	Cotton cloth	-4.26	0.53
4.	Bedwear	7.53	6.29
5.	Rice others	-8.62	6.13
6.	Cotton yarn	-0.23	-30.85
7.	Towels	0.83	-4.66
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-0.34	-6.82
9.	Rice basmati	11.58	33.22
10.	Leather tanned	13.37	-17.59

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during May, 2016 amounted to Rs.419.502 million (provisional) as against Rs. 402,625 million (provisional) in April, 2016 and Rs.379,074 million during May, 2015 showing an increase of 4.19% over April, 2016 and of 10.66% over May, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in May, 2016 was \$ 4,008 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,846 million (provisional) in April, 2016 showing an increase of 4.21% and by 7.63% as compared to \$ 3,724 million in May, 2015.

9. Imports during July - May, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.4,200,019 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,199,592 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.01%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - May, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 40,299 million (provisional) as against \$ 41,458 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.80%.

11. Main commodities of imports during May, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.60,789 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,052 million), Plastic materials (Rs.17,512 million), Iron & steel (Rs.16,073 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.14,796 million), Petroleum crude Rs.14,573 million), Aircrafts, ships and ships (Rs.13,596 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.12,396 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.11,949 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.8,485 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during May, 2016 over April, 2016 and May, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2016 over	
		April, 2016	May, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	46.71	-9.52
2.	Palm oil	27.92	26.41
3.	Plastic materials	-4.00	-3.71
4.	Iron & Steel	-27.86	0.89
5.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-32.37	40.95
6.	Petroleum crude	22.38	-11.13
7.	Aircrafts, ships and boats	108.21	71.88
8.	Power generating machinery	-41.07	19.94
9.	Iron & steel scrap	20.86	21.63
10.	Medicinal products	-7.84	3.50

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in May, 2016 was (-) 227,733 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,176 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - May, 2015 - 2016 were (-) 2,204,220 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 21,148 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of May, 2016 and July - May, 2015 - 2016 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.