

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2017 amounted to Rs.170,422 million (provisional) as against Rs.189,092 million (provisional) in April, 2017 and Rs.191,221 million during May, 2016 showing a decrease of 9.87% over April,2017 and of 10.88% over May, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in May, 2017 was \$ 1,627 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,805 million (provisional) in April, 2017 showing a decrease of 9.86% and by 10.95% as compared to \$ 1,827 million in May, 2016.

3. Exports during July - May, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.1,941,041 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,994,670 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.69%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – May, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 18,541 million (provisional) against \$ 19,140 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.13%.

5. Main commodities of exports during May, 2017 were Knitwear (Rs.19,431 million), Readymade garments (Rs.18,885 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.16,446 million), Bedwear (Rs.16,267 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.9,650 million), Rice others (Rs.8,104 million), Sugar (Rs.5,858 million), Towels (Rs.5,833 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,079 million) and Fish & fish preparation (Rs.5,026 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during May, 2017 over April, 2017 and May, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2017 over	
		April, 2017	May, 2016
1.	Knitwear	-0.77	-14.65
2.	Readymade garments	-4.75	-7.15
3.	Cotton cloth	-9.79	-15.69
4.	Bedwear	-11.47	-15.48
5.	Cotton yarn	-8.45	-3.07
6.	Rice others	-38.08	-34.91
7.	Sugar	54.12	100.00
8.	Towels	-13.62	-18.06
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-8.24	-14.97
10.	Fish & fish preparation	18.01	38.04

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during May, 2017 amounted to Rs.533,324 million (provisional) as against Rs.523,558 million (provisional) in April, 2017 and Rs.416,801 million during May, 2016 showing an increase of 1.87% over April,2017 and of 27.96% over May, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in May, 2017 was \$ 5,092 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,998 million (provisional) in April, 2017 showing an increase of 1.88% and by 27.88% as compared to \$ 3,982 million in May, 2016.

9. Imports during July - May, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.5,081,771 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,194,622 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 21.15%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - May, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 48,539 million (provisional) as against \$ 40,247 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.60%.

11. Main commodities of imports during May, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.75,094 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.26,631 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.24,781 million), Iron & steel (Rs.22,622 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.21,327 million), Palm oil (Rs.20,449 million), Plastic materials (Rs.17,961 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.14,949 million) Raw cotton (Rs.13,427 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.13,338 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during May, 2017 over April, 2017 and May, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2017 over	
		April, 2017	May, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	11.28	22.69
2.	Petroleum crude	7.47	82.74
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	7.19	67.52
4.	Iron & Steel	9.57	40.75
5.	Power generating machinery	-22.93	70.92
6.	Palm oil	17.05	13.28
7.	Plastic materials	-4.35	2.62
8.	Natural gas, liquified	18.75	176.37
9.	Raw cotton	-12.92	147.46
10.	Iron & steel scrap	10.40	11.62

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in May, 2017 was (-) 362,902 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,465 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - May, 2016 - 2017 were (-) 3,140,730 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 29,998 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of May, 2017 and July - May, 2016 - 2017 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.