

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2017 amounted to Rs.196,454 million (provisional) as against Rs.171,952 million (provisional) in July, 2017 and Rs.172,990 million during August, 2016 showing an increase of 14.25% over July,2017 and of 13.56% over August, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2017 was \$ 1,866 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,631 million (provisional) in July, 2017 showing an increase of 14.41% and by 12.89% as compared to \$ 1,653 million in August, 2016.

3. Exports during July - August, 2017 totalled Rs.368,406 million (provisional) as against Rs.327,453 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 12.51%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – August, 2017 totalled \$ 3,497 million (provisional) against \$ 3,128 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.80%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2017 were Knitwear (Rs.25,854 million), Bedwear (Rs.22,523 million), Readymade garments (Rs.21,705 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,911 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.10,677 million), Rice others (Rs.9,087 million), Towels (Rs.6,897 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,471 million), Surgical goods & medical instruments (Rs.3,345 million) and Fruits (Rs.3,198 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2017 over	
		July, 2017	August, 2016
1.	Knitwear	26.57	21.85
2.	Bedwear	25.34	15.69
3.	Readymade garments	-3.12	11.80
4.	Cotton cloth	17.87	-7.36
5.	Cotton yarn	-7.11	-12.45
6.	Rice others	15.07	87.01
7.	Towels	27.56	12.46
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	26.83	10.18
9.	Surgical goods & medical instruments	5.89	23.84
10.	Fruits	55.62	-19.02

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2017 amounted to Rs.521,496 million (provisional) as against Rs.509,727 million (provisional) in July, 2017 and Rs.450,161 million during August, 2016 showing an increase of 2.31% over July,2017 and of 15.85% over August, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2017 was \$ 4,952 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,835 million (provisional) in July, 2017 showing an increase of 2.42% and by 15.08% as compared to \$ 4,303 million in August, 2016.

9. Imports during July - August, 2017 totalled Rs.1,031,223 million (provisional) as against Rs.820,530 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 25.68%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - August, 2017 totalled \$ 9,787 million (provisional) as against \$ 7,839 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 24.85%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.64,547 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.32,553 million), Iron & steel (Rs.23,470 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.21,923 million), Plastic materials (Rs.19,892 million), Palm oil (Rs.19,273 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.16,113 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.14,246 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.13,753 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.8,079 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2017 over	
		July, 2017	August, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	5.37	20.52
2.	Petroleum crude	41.31	155.08
3.	Iron & Steel	16.12	20.51
4.	Power generating machinery	-27.39	-51.49
5.	Plastic materials	2.51	9.05
6.	Palm oil	3.52	32.55
7.	Iron & steel scrap	6.99	136.99
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-19.19	-13.30
9.	Natural gas, liquified	-4.23	54.49
10.	Medicinal products	-2.08	-2.70

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2017 was (-) 325,042 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,086 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2017 were (-) 662,817 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 6,290 million in US dollars.

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