

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2018.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2018 amounted to Rs.247,534 million (provisional) as against Rs.246,167 million (provisional) in April, 2018 and Rs.169,711 million during May, 2017 showing an increase of 0.56% over April, 2018 and of 45.86% over May, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in May, 2018 was \$ 2,144 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,133 million (provisional) in April, 2018 showing an increase of 0.52% and by 32.35% as compared to \$1,620 million in May, 2017.

3. Exports during July-May, 2017– 2018 totaled Rs.2,333,088 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,938,456 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.36%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July–May, 2017-2018 totaled \$ 21,346 million (provisional) against \$ 18,516 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.28%.

5. Main commodities of exports during May, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.29,885 million), Readymade garments (Rs.25,788 million), Bedwear (Rs.23,086 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.22,129 million), Rice others (Rs.18,069 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.15,024 million), Towels (Rs.7,983 million), Wheat (Rs.7,616 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,793 million) and Sugar (Rs.6,236 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during May, 2018 over April, 2018 and May, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2018 over	
		April, 2018	May, 2017
1.	Knitwear	12.56	53.43
2.	Readymade garments	9.75	36.67
3.	Bedwear	10.26	41.05
4.	Cotton cloth	-0.85	34.56
5.	Rice others	22.30	125.02
6.	Cotton yarn	0.32	55.69
7.	Towels	0.34	25.86
8.	Wheat	-31.56	100.00
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	1.19	38.27
10.	Sugar	-6.90	6.45

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during May, 2018 amounted to Rs.671,212 million (provisional) as against Rs.589,741 million (provisional) in April, 2018 and Rs.530,620 million during May, 2017 showing an increase of 13.81% over April, 2018 and of 26.50% over May, 2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in May, 2018 was \$ 5,814 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,109 million (provisional) in April, 2018 showing an increase of 13.80% and by 14.77% as compared to \$ 5,066 million in May, 2017.

9. Imports during July-May, 2017–2018 totaled Rs.6,033,124 million (provisional) as against Rs.5,066,993 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.07%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July-May, 2017–2018 totaled \$ 55,232 million (provisional) as against \$ 48,398 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.12%.

11. Main commodities of imports during May, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.92,352 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.46,764 million), Power Generating Machinery (Rs.35,141), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 29,984), Plastic materials (Rs.25,466 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.24,169 million), Iron & steel (Rs.22,020 million), Raw cotton (Rs.19,178 million), Fertilizers Manufactured (Rs.18,588 million) and Palm oil (Rs.18,369 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during May, 2018 over April, 2018 and May, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2018 over	
		April, 2018	May, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	45.85	22.50
2.	Petroleum crude	1.28	75.60
3.	Power generating machinery	22.70	64.77
4.	Natural gas, liquefied	2.82	100.58
5.	Plastic materials	18.17	41.78
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	8.82	-2.55
7.	Iron & Steel	-11.91	-2.66
8.	Raw cotton	-5.06	40.91
9.	Fertilizers Manufactured	2625.51	180.02
10.	Palm Oil	-14.13	-10.17

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in May, 2018 was (-) 423,678 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,670 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-May, 2017–2018 were (-) 3,700,036 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 33,886 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of May, 2018 and July-May, 2017 - 2018 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.