

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2012.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2012 amounted to Rs. 197,052 million (provisional) as against Rs. 203,053 million (provisional) in April, 2012 and Rs. 195,689 million during May, 2011 showing a decrease of 2.96% over April, 2012 but an increase of 0.70% over May, 2011.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in May, 2012 was \$ 2,159 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,240 million (provisional) in April, 2012 showing a decrease of 3.62% and by 5.97% as compared to \$ 2,296 million in May, 2011.

3. Exports during July-May, 2011-2012 totalled Rs.1,910,652 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,913,069 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.13%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - May, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 21,500 million (provisional) as against \$ 22,388 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.97%.

5. Main commodities of exports during May, 2012 were Cotton cloth (Rs.21,495 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.15,698 million), Knitwear (Rs.15,566 million), Readymade garments (Rs.13,852 million), Bedwear (Rs.13,318 million), Rice others (Rs.8,871 million), Rice basmati (Rs.6,799 million), Jewellery (Rs.6,123 million), Art, silk & synthetic textile (Rs.5,825 million), and Towels (Rs.5,797 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during May, 2012 over April, 2012 and May, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2012 over	
		April, 2012	May, 2011
1.	Cotton cloth	5.90	7.06
2.	Cotton yarn	-4.61	16.22
3.	Knitwear	10.11	-6.81
4.	Readymade garments	19.66	-9.80
5.	Bedwear	3.31	-20.09
6.	Rice others	-31.64	2.63
7.	Rice basmati	-10.26	-6.13
8.	Jewellery	-4.49	109.48
9.	Art, silk & synthetic textile	4.24	-8.73
10.	Towels	-3.09	-10.42

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during May, 2012 amounted to Rs.355,053 million (provisional) as against Rs. 340,480 million (provisional) in April, 2012 and Rs.365,404 million during May, 2011 showing an increase of 4.28% over April, 2012 but a decrease of 2.83% over May, 2011.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in May, 2012 was \$ 3,891 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,757 million (provisional) in April, 2012 showing an increase of 3.57% but a decrease of imports by 9.26% as compared to \$ 4,288 million in May, 2011.

9. Imports during July -May, 2011-2012 totalled Rs.3,634,579 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,123,930 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.35%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July -May, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 40,933 million (provisional) as against \$ 36,551 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.99%.

11. Main commodities of imports during May, 2012 were Petroleum products (Rs.91,940 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.31,643 million), Palm oil (Rs.21,914 million), Iron & steel (Rs.11,495 million), Plastic materials (Rs.10,566 million), Medicinal products (Rs.7,312 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.6,562 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.6,470 million), Mobile phones (Rs.5,771 million) and Other apparatus (Telecom) (Rs.5,317 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during May, 2012 over April, 2012 and May, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in May, 2012 over	
		April, 2012	May, 2011
1.	Petroleum products	7.18	-13.78
2.	Petroleum crude	-29.98	-17.21
3.	Palm oil	39.54	8.04
4.	Iron & Steel	-4.59	10.62
5.	Plastic materials	-13.71	-7.98
6.	Medicinal products	53.84	45.86
7.	Power generating machinery	43.12	43.68
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	24.52	50.15
9.	Mobile phones	16.70	82.74
10.	Other apparatus (Telecom)	14.49	33.69

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in May, 2012 was (-) 158,001 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,732 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - May, 2011-2012 were (-)1,723,927 million in terms of Rupees and (-)19,433 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of May, 2012 and July-May, 2011-2012 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.