

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during April, 2017 amounted to Rs.189,092 million (provisional) as against Rs. 188,608 million (provisional) in March, 2017 and Rs.179,622 million during April, 2016 showing an increase of 0.26% over March,2017 and of 5.27% over April, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in April, 2017 was \$ 1,805 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,801 million (provisional) in March, 2017 showing an increase of 0.22% and by 5.19% as compared to \$ 1,716 million in April, 2016.

3. Exports during July - April, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.1,771,127 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,803,449 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 1.79%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – April, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 16,918 million (provisional) against \$ 17,314 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.29%.

5. Main commodities of exports during April, 2017 were Readymade garments (Rs.19,827 million), Knitwear (Rs.19,582 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,375 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.18,231 million), Rice others (Rs.13,088 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.10,541 million), Towels (Rs.6,753 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,535 million), Rice basmati (Rs.5,326 million) and Fish & fish preparation (Rs.4,259 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2017 over	
		March, 2017	April, 2016
1.	Readymade garments	-7.63	0.14
2.	Knitwear	1.32	2.59
3.	Bedwear	-2.80	3.12
4.	Cotton cloth	-7.75	-10.30
5.	Rice others	33.59	-4.19
6.	Cotton yarn	3.30	8.47
7.	Towels	-8.36	-13.95
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-9.65	-7.90
9.	Rice basmati	15.63	18.51
10.	Fish & fish preparation	11.49	32.72

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during April, 2017 amounted to Rs.523,558 million (provisional) as against Rs. 524,669 million (provisional) in March, 2017 and Rs.399,929 million during April, 2016 showing a decrease of 0.21% over March,2017 but an increase of 30.91% over April, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in April, 2017 was \$ 4,998 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,009 million (provisional) in March, 2017 showing a decrease of 0.22% but increased by 30.80% as compared to \$ 3,821 million in April, 2016.

9. Imports during July - April, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.4,551,215 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,777,821 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.47%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - April, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 43,473 million (provisional) as against \$ 36,265 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.88%.

11. Main commodities of imports during April, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.67,482 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.27,672 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.24,779 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.23,119 million), Iron & steel (Rs.20,646 million), Plastic materials (Rs.18,777 million), Palm oil (Rs.17,471 million), Raw cotton (Rs.15,419 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.12,589 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.12,082 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2017 over	
		March, 2017	April, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	-1.33	62.87
2.	Power generating machinery	42.65	31.54
3.	Petroleum crude	-7.80	108.09
4.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-4.81	5.62
5.	Iron & Steel	-5.60	-7.33
6.	Plastic materials	-9.28	2.93
7.	Palm oil	-15.76	23.80
8.	Raw cotton	-6.52	91.47
9.	Natural gas, liquified	-17.60	55.79
10.	Iron & steel scrap	-0.36	22.23

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in April, 2017 was (-) 334,466 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,193 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - April, 2016 - 2017 were (-) 2,780,088 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 26,555 million in US dollars.

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