

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUBJECT:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2017.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2017 amounted to Rs.214,877 million (provisional) as against Rs.208,036 million (provisional) in November, 2017 and Rs.180,321 million during December, 2016 showing an increase of 3.29% over November,2017 and of 19.16% over December, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2017 was \$ 1,977 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,974 million (provisional) in November, 2017 showing an increase of 0.15% and by 14.81% as compared to \$ 1,722 million in December, 2016.

3. Exports during July - December, 2017 totalled Rs.1,165,665 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,035,532 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 12.57%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – December, 2017 totalled \$ 11,002 million (provisional) against \$ 9,895 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.19%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December, 2017 were Knitwear (Rs.25,705 million), Readymade garments (Rs.24,991 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,461 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,238 million), Rice others (Rs.18,566 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,722 million), Towels (Rs.6,939 million), Fruits (Rs.6,257 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,249 million) and Sugar (Rs.5,735 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2017 over	
		November, 2017	December, 2016
1.	Knitwear	8.06	24.54
2.	Readymade garments	10.08	12.76
3.	Cotton cloth	6.91	10.15
4.	Bedwear	-4.95	8.02
5.	Rice others	13.06	45.67
6.	Cotton yarn	-0.10	4.28
7.	Towels	-4.74	6.51
8.	Fruits	126.62	19.39
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-0.79	6.84
10.	Sugar	-19.40	100.00

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7. Imports into Pakistan during December, 2017 amounted to Rs.533,670 million (provisional) as against Rs.516,015 million (provisional) in November, 2017 and Rs.467,036 million during December, 2016 showing an increase of 3.42% over November,2017 and of 14.27% over December, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2017 was \$ 4,910 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,898 million (provisional) in November, 2017 showing an increase of 0.24% and by 10.09% as compared to \$ 4,460 million in December, 2016.

9. Imports during July - December, 2017 totalled Rs.3,065,385 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,545,503 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.42%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2017 totalled \$ 28,941 million (provisional) as against \$ 24,323 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.99%.

11. Main commodities of imports during December, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.67,233 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.32,006 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.26,714 million), Iron & steel (Rs.21,309 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.19,045 million), Plastic materials (Rs.18,668 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,647 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.15,456 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.13,155 million) and Other apparatus (Telecom) (Rs.11,548 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2017 over	
		November, 2017	December, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	2.06	6.49
2.	Petroleum crude	1.32	58.72
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	48.55	12.95
4.	Iron & Steel	24.53	28.45
5.	Natural gas, liquified	8.61	108.62
6.	Plastic materials	10.22	12.49
7.	Palm oil	0.11	2.71
8.	Power generating machinery	-20.15	-35.40
9.	Iron & steel scrap	3.54	24.79
10.	Other apparatus (Telecom)	98.28	9.80

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December, 2017 was (-) 318,793 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,933 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - December, 2017 were (-) 1,899,720 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 17,939 million in US dollars.

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