

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during April, 2018 amounted to Rs.246,167 million (provisional) as against Rs.250,065 million (provisional) in March, 2018 and Rs.188,386 million during April, 2017 showing a decrease of 1.56% over March,2018 but an increase of 30.67% over April, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in April, 2018 was \$ 2,133 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,231 million (provisional) in March, 2018 showing a decrease of 4.39% but increased by 18.63% as compared to \$ 1,798 million in April, 2017.

3. Exports during July-April, 2017 – 2018 totaled Rs.2,085,554 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,768,745 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 17.91%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July–April, 2017-2018 totaled \$ 19,202 million (provisional) against \$16,896 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.65%.

5. Main commodities of exports during April, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.26,551million), Readymade garments (Rs.23,498 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.22,319 million), Bedwear (Rs.20,937 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.14,976 million), Rice others (Rs.14,774 million), Wheat (Rs. 11,128 million), Towels (Rs.7,956 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,713 million) and Sugar (Rs.6,698 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	% Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2018 over	
		March, 2018	April, 2017
1.	Knitwear	2.96	36.15
2.	Readymade garments	-6.02	17.31
3.	Cotton cloth	-2.86	12.05
4.	Bedwear	-4.84	12.93
5.	Cotton yarn	4.51	41.78
6.	Rice others	-26.56	16.47
7.	Wheat	110.68	100.00
8.	Towels	-6.07	4.01
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-2.17	23.65
10.	Sugar	-28.14	77.24

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during April,2018 amounted to Rs.589,741 million (provisional) as against Rs.591,741 million (provisional) in March,2018 and Rs.519,814 million during April,2017 showing a decrease of 0.34% over March,2018 but an increase of 13.45% over April,2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in April, 2018 was \$ 5,109 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,280 million (provisional) in March, 2018 showing a decrease of 3.24% but increased by 2.94% as compared to \$ 4,963 million in April, 2017.

9. Imports during July-April, 2017 – 2018 totaled Rs.5,361,912 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,536,373 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.20%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July-April,2017 – 2018 totaled \$ 49,419 million (provisional) as against \$ 43,332 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.05%.

11. Main commodities of imports during April, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.63,318 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.46,175 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 29,162), Power Generating Machinery (Rs.28,639), Iron & steel (Rs.24,996 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.22,211 million), Plastic materials (Rs.21,551 million), Palm oil (Rs.21,391 million), Raw cotton (Rs.20,200 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.16,212 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2018 over	
		March, 2018	April, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	3.22	-6.67
2.	Petroleum crude	-3.36	86.35
3.	Natural gas, liquified	16.18	131.65
4.	Power generating machinery	69.88	7.16
5.	Iron & Steel	-20.67	21.08
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	15.18	-3.96
7.	Plastic materials	-21.06	14.76
8.	Palm oil	-3.66	22.44
9.	Raw cotton	-1.50	30.21
10.	Iron and steel scrap	11.76	34.12

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in April, 2018 was (-)343,574 million in terms of Rupees and (-)2,976 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-April,2017 – 2018 were (-)3,276,358 million in terms of Rupees and (-)30,217 million in US dollars.

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