

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during September, 2018 amounted to Rs.214,367 million (provisional) as against Rs.249,657 million (provisional) in August, 2018 and Rs.175,715 million during September, 2017 showing a decrease of 14.14% over August, 2018 but an increase of 22.00% over September, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in September, 2018 was \$ 1,728 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,017 million (provisional) in August, 2018 showing a decrease of 14.35% but increased by 3.55% as compared to \$1,668 million in September, 2017.

3. Exports during July-September, 2018 totaled Rs.668,712 million (provisional) as against Rs.543,129 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.12%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July-September, 2018 totaled \$ 5,390 million (provisional) against \$ 5,156 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 4.56%.

5. Main commodities of exports during September, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.27,471 million), Bedwear (Rs.23,408 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.22,622 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 20,329 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,113 million), Rice others (Rs.7,340 million), Towels (Rs.7,325 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,392 million), Wheat (Rs.5,463 million) and Fish & fish preparations (Rs.4,668 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2018 over	
		August, 2018	September, 2017
1.	Knitwear	-20.73	25.66
2.	Bedwear	-17.86	21.65
3.	Cotton cloth	-9.79	19.71
4.	Readymade garments	-26.76	1.32
5.	Cotton yarn	-15.94	-4.54
6.	Rice others	-24.35	14.74
7.	Towels	-19.48	1.89
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-22.58	14.90
9.	Wheat	14.22	-
10.	Fish & Fish preparations	113.05	10.35

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during September,2018 amounted to Rs.549,708 million (provisional) as against Rs.617,949 million (provisional)in August,2018 and Rs.467,454 million during September,2017 showing a decrease of 11.04% over August,2018 but an increase of 17.60% over September,2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in September, 2018 was \$ 4,430 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,992 million (provisional) in August, 2018 showing a decrease of 11.25% and by 0.18% as compared to \$ 4,438 million in September, 2017.

9. Imports during July-September, 2018 totaled Rs.1,769,243 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,492,829 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.52%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - September, 2018 totaled \$ 14,260 million (provisional) as against \$ 14,170 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.63%.

11. Main commodities of imports during September, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.64,702 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.39,929 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 34,837 million), Iron & steel (Rs.21,861 million), Palm oil (Rs.21,088 million), Plastic materials (Rs.20,714 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.16,185 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.14,802 million) , Power Generating Machinery (Rs.13,074 million) and Fertilizer manufactured (Rs.12,609 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2018 over	
		August, 2018	September, 2017
1	Petroleum products	1.00	-11.04
2	Petroleum crude	-36.59	33.82
3	Natural gas, liquefied	-13.76	153.31
4	Iron & Steel	-17.77	14.84
5	Palm Oil	15.49	32.87
6	Plastic Materials	-10.22	6.09
7	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-11.02	-11.61
8	Iron & steel scrap	-17.64	19.04
9	Power generating machinery	-8.97	-39.17
10	Fertilizers manufactured	-39.20	57.09

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in September, 2018 was (-) 335,341 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,703 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-September, 2018 were (-) 1,100,531 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 8,869 million in US dollars.

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