

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2018 amounted to Rs.249,657 million (provisional) as against Rs.204,688 million (provisional) in July, 2018 and Rs.195,913 million during August, 2017 showing an increase of 21.97% over July, 2018 and of 27.43% over August, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2018 was \$ 2,017 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,646 million (provisional) in July, 2018 showing an increase of 22.54% and by 8.44% as compared to \$1,860 million in August, 2017.

3. Exports during July-August, 2018 totaled Rs.454,345 million (provisional) as against Rs.367,414 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.66%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July-August, 2018 totaled \$ 3,663 million (provisional) against \$ 3,487 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.05%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.34,653 million), Bedwear (Rs.28,498 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 27,755 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.25,076 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.13,221 million), Rice others (Rs.9,702 million), Towels (Rs.9,097 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.8,256 million), Wheat (Rs.4,783 million) and Fruits (Rs.4,512 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2018 over	
		July, 2018	August, 2017
1.	Knitwear	33.41	34.08
2.	Bedwear	39.09	26.65
3.	Readymade garments	5.67	27.95
4.	Cotton cloth	39.83	25.94
5.	Cotton yarn	-9.40	23.83
6.	Rice others	2.47	20.07
7.	Towels	41.48	31.82
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	49.70	27.37
9.	Wheat	280.21	-
10.	Fruits	20.87	41.98

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August,2018 amounted to Rs.617,949 million (provisional) as against Rs.601,586 million (provisional)in July,2018 and Rs.518,438 million during August,2017 showing an increase of 2.72% over July,2018 and of 19.19% over August,2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2018 was \$ 4,992 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,838 million (provisional) in July, 2018 showing an increase of 3.18% and by 1.40% as compared to \$ 4,923 million in August, 2017.

9. Imports during July-August, 2018 totaled Rs.1,219,535 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,025,375 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.94%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - August, 2018 totaled \$ 9,830 million (provisional) as against \$ 9,732 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.01%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.64,059 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.62,967 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 40,397), Iron & steel (Rs.26,586 million), Plastic materials (Rs.23,072 million), Fertilizer manufactured (Rs.20,737 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,259 million) Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 18,189 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs. 17,973 million) and Power Generating Machinery (Rs.14,362).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2018 over	
		July, 2018	August, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	-7.38	-0.76
2.	Petroleum crude	36.23	93.43
3.	Natural gas, liquefied	-2.18	193.73
4.	Iron & Steel	17.04	13.29
5.	Plastic materials	-6.88	16.31
6.	Fertilizer manufactured	122.24	259.71
7.	Palm Oil	-12.74	-5.26
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-19.28	27.70
9.	Iron & steel scrap	-2.18	11.54
10.	Power generating machinery	-5.77	-36.03

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2018 was (-) 368,292 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,975 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-August, 2018were (-) 765,190 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 6,167 million in US dollars.

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