

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2019.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2019 amounted to Rs. 293,933 million (provisional) as against Rs.300,875 million (provisional) in July, 2019 and Rs. 249,240 million during August, 2018 showing a decrease of 2.31% over July, 2019 but an increase of 17.93% over August, 2018.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2019 was \$ 1,859 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,894 million (provisional) in July, 2019 showing a decrease of 1.85% and by 7.65% as compared to \$ 2,013 million in August, 2018.

3. Exports during July - August, 2019 totaled Rs. 594,808 million (provisional) as against Rs. 452,892 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 31.34%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - August, 2019 totaled \$ 3,753 million (provisional) against \$ 3,651 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.79%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2019 were Knitwear (Rs. 44,054 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 37,261 million), Bed wear (Rs. 32,549 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 27,991 million), Cotton yarn (Rs. 17,282 million), Rice others (Rs. 12,739 million), Towels (Rs. 9,686 million), Rice Basmati (Rs. 9,130 million), Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs. 8,528 million) and Surgical Goods & Medical Instruments (Rs. 5,971 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during August, 2019 over July, 2019 and August, 2018 is given below: -

| S.No. | COMMODITIES | %Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2019 over | |
|-------|--|--|--------------|
| | | July, 2019 | August, 2018 |
| 1. | Knitwear | 5.54 | 27.50 |
| 2. | Readymade Garments | 1.22 | 34.06 |
| 3. | Bed wear | 5.59 | 14.12 |
| 4. | Cotton Cloth | 19.33 | 11.62 |
| 5. | Cotton yarn | 11.68 | 30.72 |
| 6. | Rice others | -31.45 | 77.50 |
| 7. | Towels | -4.46 | 6.29 |
| 8. | Rice Basmati | -25.82 | 34.24 |
| 9. | Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) | 11.78 | 5.04 |
| 10. | Surgical Goods & Medical Instruments | 5.51 | 58.93 |

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2019 amounted to Rs. 578,294 million (provisional) as against Rs. 638,338 million (provisional) in July, 2019 and Rs. 614,126 million during August, 2018 showing a decrease of 9.41% over July, 2019 and by 5.83% over August, 2018.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2019 was \$3,658 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,019 million (provisional) in July, 2019 showing a decrease of 8.98% and by 26.26% as compared to \$ 4,961 million in August, 2018.

9. Imports during July-August, 2019 totaled Rs. 1,216,632 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,211,953 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.39%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - August, 2019 totaled \$ 7,677 million (provisional) as against \$ 9,769 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 21.41%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2019 were Petroleum products (Rs. 76,215 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.46,779 million), Electrical machinery and apparatus (Rs. 38,133 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 25,347 million), Palm oil (Rs. 23,792 million), Iron and steel (Rs. 23,695 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.23,328 million), Iron and steel scrap (Rs. 19,415 million), Power generating machinery (Rs. 15,564 million) and Medicinal Products (Rs. 13,692 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during August, 2019 over July, 2019 and August, 2018 is given below: -

| S.No. | COMMODITIES | %Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2019 over | |
|-------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| | | July, 2019 | August, 2018 |
| 1 | Petroleum products | 15.56 | 18.98 |
| 2 | Natural gas Liquified | -3.40 | 15.80 |
| 3 | Electrical Machinery and Apparatus | 54.89 | 109.20 |
| 4 | Plastic materials | 0.95 | 9.86 |
| 5 | Palm oil | 110.20 | 30.30 |
| 6 | Iron and steel | 32.80 | -10.87 |
| 7 | Petroleum crude | -40.77 | -62.95 |
| 8 | Iron and steel scrap | -9.06 | 8.02 |
| 9 | Power generating machinery | -18.76 | 8.40 |
| 10 | Medicinal Products | 7.69 | 10.32 |

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2019 was (-) 284,361 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,799 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2019 were (-) 621,824 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,924 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the

month of August, 2019 and July - August, 2019 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.