

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE
MONTH OF AUGUST, 2012.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2012 amounted to Rs. 180,547 million (provisional) as against Rs. 194,182 million (provisional) in July, 2012 and Rs.168,510 million during August, 2011 showing a decrease of 7.02% over July,2012 but an increase of 7.14% over August, 2011.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2012 was \$ 1,911 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,057 million (provisional) in July, 2012 showing a decrease of 7.10% and by 1.75% as compared to \$ 1,945 million in August, 2011.

3. Exports during July-August, 2012 totalled Rs.374,729 million (provisional) as against Rs.354,097 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.83%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - August, 2012 totalled \$ 3,969 million (provisional) as against \$ 4,103 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.27%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2012 were Cotton cloth (Rs.22,817 million), Knitwear (Rs.17,706 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.14,843 million), Bedwear (Rs.13,739 million), Readymade garments (Rs.13,623 million), Jewellery (Rs.13,609 million), Towels (Rs.5,719 million), Rice others (Rs.4,765 million), Madeup articles(excl. towels, bedwear) (Rs.4,451million) and Rice basmati (Rs.4,438 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during August, 2012 over July, 2012 and August, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2012 over	
		July, 2012	August, 2011
1.	Cotton cloth	20.24	31.65
2.	Knitwear	-4.90	-7.45
3.	Cotton yarn	-8.67	48.47
4.	Bedwear	-7.06	-13.17
5.	Readymade garments	-11.65	16.08
6.	Jewellery	-26.32	200.95
7.	Towels	-7.58	13.25
8.	Rice others	-14.67	5.68
9.	Madeup articles(excl. towels, bedwear)	-11.10	6.25
10.	Rice basmati	-21.13	-23.24

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2012 amounted to Rs.348,090 million (provisional) as against Rs. 345,581 million (provisional) in July, 2012 and Rs.329,684 million during August, 2011 showing an increase of 0.73% over July, 2012 and of 5.58% over August, 2011.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2012 was \$ 3,685 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,662 million (provisional) in July, 2012 showing an increase of 0.63% but a decrease of 3.18% as compared to \$ 3,806 million in August, 2011.

9. Imports during July -August, 2012 totalled Rs.693,671 million (provisional) as against Rs.647,024 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.21%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July -August, 2012 totalled \$ 7,346 million (provisional) as against \$ 7,495 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 1.99%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2012 were Petroleum products (Rs.91,367 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.44,743 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,735 million), Plastic materials (Rs.11,737 million), Iron & steel (Rs.10,779 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.6,937 million), Other apparatus (Telecom) Rs.6,881 million), Medicinal products (Rs.5,789 million) Mobile phones (Rs.5,300 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.5,209 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during August, 2012 over July, 2012 and August, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2012 over	
		July, 2012	August, 2011
1.	Petroleum products	-2.01	13.94
2.	Petroleum crude	30.50	9.04
3.	Palm oil	-5.93	8.19
4.	Plastic materials	26.03	12.86
5.	Iron & Steel	32.26	9.70
6.	Power generating machinery	-26.68	25.76
7.	Other apparatus (Telecom)	22.09	119.14
8.	Medicinal products	64.55	33.17
9.	Mobile phones	6.64	9.17
10.	Iron & steel scrap	-10.13	47.94

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2012 was (-) 167,543 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,774 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2012 were (-)318,942 million in terms of Rupees and (-)3,377 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of August, 2012 and July-August, 2012 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.