

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2020.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2020 amounted to Rs. 265,605 million (provisional) as against Rs. 333,655 million (provisional) in July, 2020 and Rs. 293,718 million during August, 2019 showing a decrease of 20.40% over July, 2020 and of 9.57% over August, 2019.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2020 were \$ 1,584 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,001 million (provisional) in July, 2020 showing a decrease of 20.84% and by 14.75% as compared to \$ 1,858 million in August 2019.

3. Exports during July – August, 2020 totaled Rs. 599,260 million (provisional) as against Rs. 593,306 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.00%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – August, 2020 totaled \$ 3,585 million (provisional) against \$ 3,744 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 4.25%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2020 were Knitwear (Rs. 41,691 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 34,041 million), Bed wear (Rs. 30,353 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 24,375 million), Rice others (Rs. 10,996 million), Towels (Rs.9,271 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs. 9,159 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.8,224 million), Basmati rice (Rs. 5,639 million) and Surgical goods & medical instruments (Rs. 5,517 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during August, 2020 over July, 2020 and August, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2020 over	
		July, 2020	August, 2019
1	Knitwear	-20.81	-5.21
2	Readymade garments	-25.57	-8.48
3	Bed wear	-25.16	-6.95
4	Cotton cloth	-2.15	-12.91
5	Rice others	-31.71	-13.61
6	Towels	-28.56	-4.64
7	Cotton yarn	-9.25	-48.40
8	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-18.90	-0.09
9	Basmati Rice	-35.24	-38.31
10	Surgical goods & medical instruments	-13.16	-8.11

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2020 amounted to Rs. 557,418 million (provisional) as against Rs. 612,663 million (provisional) in July, 2020 and Rs. 588,070 million during August 2019 showing a decrease of 9.02% over July, 2020 and of 5.21% over August 2019.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2020 were \$ 3,324 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,674 million (provisional) in July, 2020 showing a decrease of 9.53% and by 10.65% as compared to \$ 3,720 million in August 2019.

9. Imports during July – August, 2020 totaled Rs. 1,170,081 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,177,808 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.66%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – August, 2020 totaled \$ 6,998 million (provisional) as against \$ 7,433 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.85%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2020 were Petroleum products (Rs. 60,821 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.40,331 million), Mobile phones (Rs.26,562 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 25,942 million), Palm Oil (Rs. 24,618 million), Natural gas, liquefied (Rs. 24,311 million), Iron and Steel scrap (Rs. 23,979 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.18,984 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.15,060 million) and Medicinal products (Rs. 13,750 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during August, 2020 over July, 2020 and August, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2020 over	
		July, 2020	August, 2019
1	Petroleum products	-5.93	-20.19
2	Petroleum crude	18.96	16.16
3	Mobile phones	7.62	97.16
4	Plastic Materials	-11.51	2.34
5	Palm oil	-28.32	3.47
6	Natural gas, liquefied	13.60	-48.03
7	Iron and steel scrap	-10.94	23.51
8	Power generating machinery	-25.34	22.26
9	Electrical machinery and apparatus	-21.22	-60.48
10	Medicinal products	-7.71	0.44

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August,2020 was (-) 291,813 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,740 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July – August, 2020 were (-) 570,821 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,413 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of August, 2020 and July – August, 2020 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.