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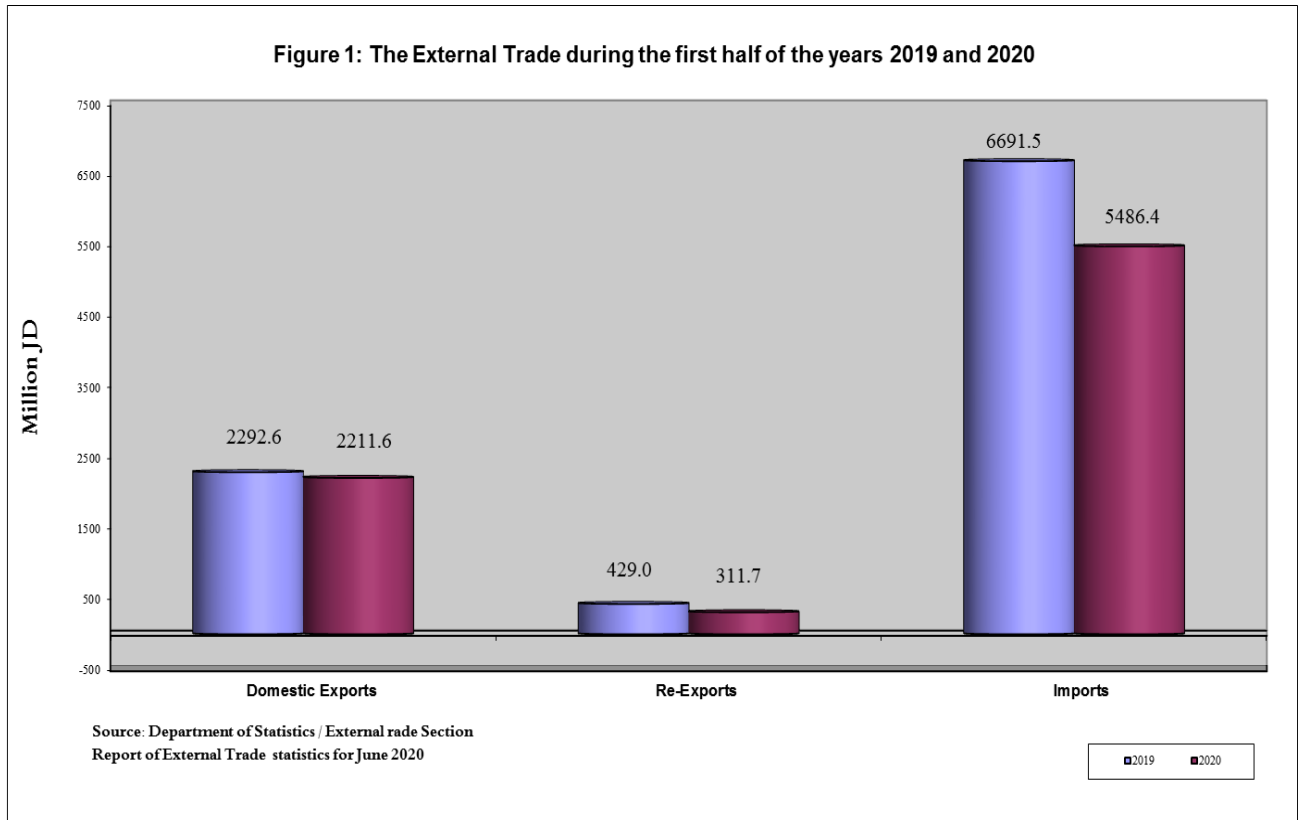
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## **National exports decrease by 3.5% and Imports decrease by 18.0% during the first half of 2020 compared with the same period of 2019**

The monthly report of the external trade issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the value of total exports reached 2523.3 million JDs during the first half of 2020 with a decrease by 7.3% compared with the same period of 2019. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached 2211.6 million JDs during the first half of 2020 with a decrease by 3.5% compared with the same period of 2019. The value of re-exports reached 311.7 million JDs during the first half of 2020 with a decrease by 27.3% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports value reached 5486.4 million JD during the first half of 2020, thus decreasing by 18.0% compared with the same period of 2019.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached 2963.1 million JD; therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first half of 2020 by 25.4% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports coverage by total exports has become 46.0% during the first half of 2020, while it was 40.7% for the same period of 2019, which means an increase by 5.3 percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were Fertilizers by 21.5%, crude phosphate by 1.9% and ornaments and jewelry by 352.9%, while the value of some national exports have decreased such as clothes and their related accessories by 13.4%, pharmaceutical products by 1.2% and crude potash by 9.9%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of pharmaceutical products by 25.9%, while the value of some imports has decreased such as crude oil and its products by 43.3%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by 38.5%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 27.4%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 30.5% and iron and its products by 9.3%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the European Union countries by 0.9% part of which Holland by 22.6%, while the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries have decreased by 2.1% part of which Kuwait by 29.0%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 9.5% part of which USA by 8.7% and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 8.2% part of which India by 0.7%. As for the

imports, there was a decrease in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 23.1% part of which KSA by 31.5%, North America Free Trade Agreement by 25.4% part of which USA by 25.3%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 18.7% part of which China by 19.7% and the European Union countries by 18.3% part of which Germany by 32.5%.

On a monthly level the value of Jordan national exports has reached 458.8 million JD during June 2020 against 454.7 million JD during the same month of 2019 representing an increase by 0.9%. The main reason behind this increase is attributed to the increase of the value of national exports of the following commodities during June 2019 compared with same month of 2020:

1. Pharmaceutical Products from 35.5 million JD to 43.6 million JD - an increase by 22.8%.
2. Chemical Fertilizers from 21.0 million JD to 34.1 million JD – an increase by 62.2%.
3. Detergents from 8.2 million JD to 14.8 million JD – an increase by 79.4%.
4. Livestock from 8.2 million JD to 17.4 million JD – an increase by 113.1%.

In addition, there was an increase in the value of national exports of Dairy products, Fruits, food products, Industrial Residues, Tanning extracts, Chemical products, Textiles, ornaments and jewelry, machines and machinery tools, Furniture and various industries. These exports constituted 42.0% of the total value of the national exports during June 2020 compared with 25.3% in the same month of 2019.

Data indicate that there is a decrease in the national exports value in June 2020 ; Vegetables by 12.1%, Iron products by 24.0%, cardboard and its products by 31.3%, clothes and their related accessories by 26.0%. there was also a decrease in in the national exports value of crude phosphate, crude potash, non- organic chemical products and fuel oil.

**Table 1: The most important exported and imported commodities during  
The first half of 2019 and 2020**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %	Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	614.4	531.9	-13.4	Crude Oil and its products	1131.6	642.0	-43.3
Crude potash	221.1	199.3	-9.9	machines, machinery and their part	637.1	391.7	-38.5
Pharmaceutical products	188.6	186.3	-1.2	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	474.2	329.4	-30.5
fertilizers	139.8	169.8	21.5	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	437.3	317.4	-27.4
Crude Phosphate	116.9	119.1	1.9	Iron and its products	234.7	212.9	-9.3
ornaments and jewelry	22.7	102.8	352.9	Pharmaceutical products	168.9	212.7	25.9
Other Items	989.1	902.4	-8.8	Other Items	3607.7	3380.3	-6.3
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>2292.6</b>	<b>2211.6</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>6691.5</b>	<b>5486.4</b>	<b>-18.0</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>429.0</b>	<b>311.7</b>	<b>-27.3</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>2721.6</b>	<b>2523.3</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-3969.9</b>	<b>-2963.1</b>	<b>-25.4</b>

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report during June 2020

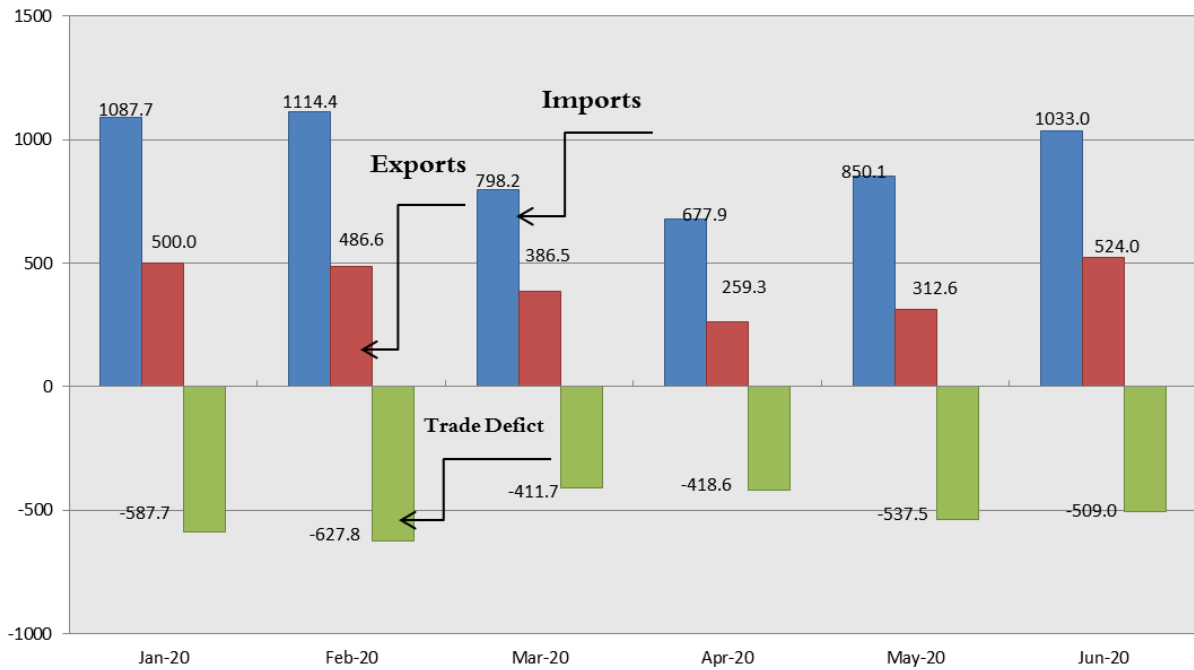
**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first half of  
2019 and 2020**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2019	2020	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	926.8	907.4	-2.1	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1820.7	1400.3	-23.1
Of which Kuwait	99.0	70.3	-29.0	Of which Saudi Arabia	1128.2	773.2	-31.5
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	639.8	579.0	-9.5	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	696.0	518.9	-25.4
Of which USA	606.7	554.0	-8.7	Of which USA	607.9	454.2	-25.3
Non-Arab Asian countries	507.6	466.0	-8.2	Non-Arab Asian countries	2253.9	1832.2	-18.7
Of which India	239.5	237.8	-0.7	Of which China	1034.0	830.7	-19.7
European Union Countries	70.2	70.8	0.9	European Union Countries	1356.7	1107.9	-18.3
Of which Holland	13.7	16.8	22.6	Of which Germany	327.9	221.4	-32.5
Other Economic Cartels	148.2	188.4	27.1	Other Economic Cartels	564.2	627.1	11.1
Of which Switzerland	0.4	38.5	9525.0	Of which Ukraine	41.0	59.1	44.1

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**Figure 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (January 2020 - June 2020) - Million**



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