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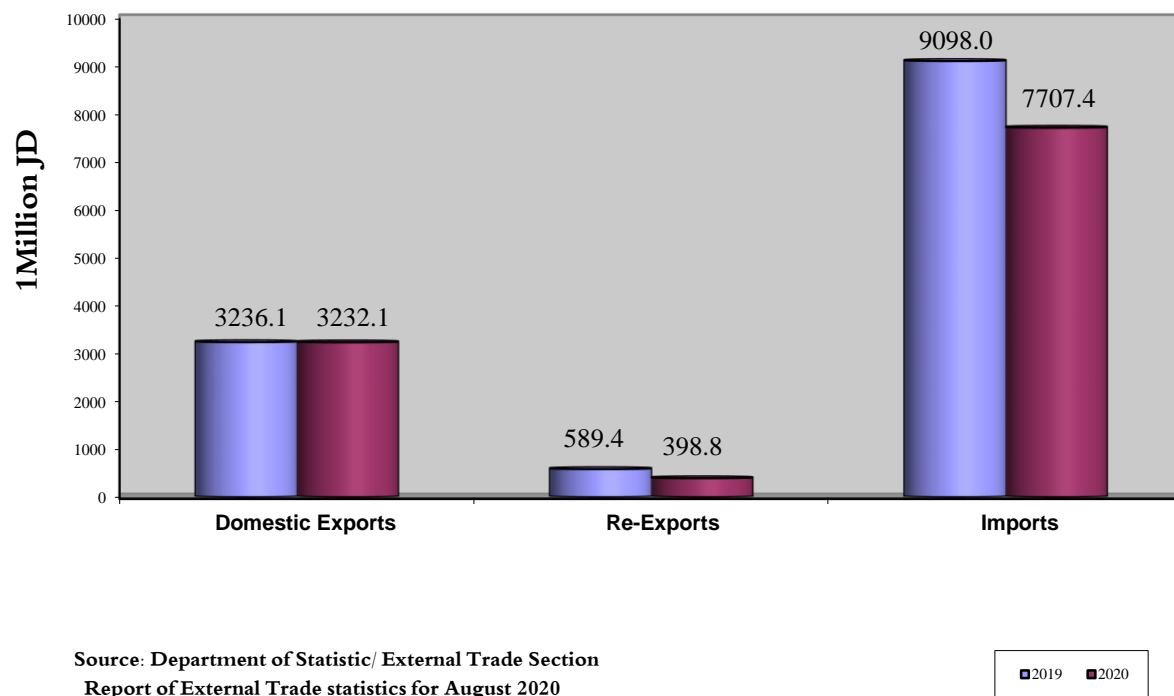
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The deficit in the trade balance has decreased by ٢٢,٧% during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠ compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩

The monthly report of the external trade issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the value of total exports reached ٣٦٣٠,٩ million JDs during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠ with a decrease by ٥,١% compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached ٣٢٣٢,١ million JDs during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠ with a decrease by ٠,١% compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩. The value of re-exports reached ٣٩٨,٨ million JDs during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠ with a decrease by ٣٢,٣% compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩. The imports value reached ٧٧٠٧,٤ million JD during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠, thus decreasing by ١٥,٣% compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached ٤٠٧٦,٥ million JD, therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠ by ٢٢,٧% compared with the same period of ٢٠١٩. The imports coverage by total exports has become ٤٧,١% during the first eight months of ٢٠٢٠, while it was ٤٢,٠% in the same period of ٢٠١٩, which means an increase by ٥,١ percentage points.

Figure 1: External Trade during the first eight months of 2019 and 2020



As for commodities, the main national exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were pharmaceutical products by ٠,٦%, fertilizers by ١٩,٣% and Jewelry and precious metals by ٢٩٠,٣%, while the value of some national exports has decreased such as clothes and its related accessories by ١٣,٧%, crude potash by ١١,٤% and chemical products by ٧,٦%. As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of pharmaceutical products by ٢٠,٩%, while the value of some imports has decreased such as crude oil and its products by ٥٠,١%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by ٣٢,٥%, machinery and electrical

appliances and their parts by 27,7%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 13,1% and cereals by 9,8%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was a decrease in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 2,2% part of which Kuwait by 26,3%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 10,2% part of which USA by 9,2%, non-Arab Asian Countries by 4,0% part of which China by 31,8% and the European Union countries by 4,0% part of which Portugal by 19,0%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the value of Imports from Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 23,8% part of which KSA by 37,0%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 21,6% part of which USA by 22,8%, non-Arab Asian Countries by 14,4% part of which China by 10,8% and the European Union countries by 16,1% part of which Germany by 24,0%.

On a monthly level the value of national exports has reached 492,7 million JD during August 2020 against 401,3 million JD during the same month of 2019 representing an increase by 9,2%. The main reason behind this increase is attributed to the increase of the value of national exports of the following commodities during August 2020 compared with same month of 2019:

1. Detergents from 8,0 million JD to 12,9 million JD – an increase by 61,6%.
2. Aluminum manufacturers from 4,8 million JD to 9,6 million JD – an increase by 09,0%.
3. Machine Tools from 0,6 million JD to 8,1 million JD – an increase by 40,9%.
4. Chemical products from 2,0 million JD to 4,0 million JD – an increase by 81,4%.

In addition, there was an increase in the value of national exports of fruits, coffee beans, spices, meat products, cereal products, vegetable products, drinks, food industry leftovers, precious metals, electrical appliances and Furniture and its parts.

The exports of the above mentioned items constituted 36,4% of the total value of the national exports during August 2020 compared with 16,6% during the same month of 2019.

During August 2020, Data indicate a decrease in the national exports value of clothes and its related accessories by 12,9%, nitrogenous or chemical fertilizers by 30,2%, non-organic chemical products by 01,6% , crude phosphate by 38,6% ,in addition to livestock, vegetables, crude potash and paper manufacturers.

Table 1: The most important exported and imported commodities during

The first eight months of 2019 and 2020.

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %	Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	907,9	783,8	-13,7	Crude Oil and its products	1677,6	836,0	-50,1
Crude potash	289,8	206,9	-11,4	machines, machinery and their part	811,8	048,3	-32,0
pharmaceutical products	202,4	203,9	0,6	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	612,4	031,9	-13,1
fertilizers	204,8	244,4	19,3	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	634,8	409,1	-27,7
Jewelry and precious metals	62,0	242,0	290,3	Cereals	327,1	301,7	-7,8
chemical products	166,0	103,4	-7,6	Pharmaceutical products	237,8	287,4	20,9
Other items	1303,2	1297,7	-0,4	Other items	4796,0	4742,0	-1,1
National Exports	3236,1	3232,1	-0,1	Total of Imports (2)	9098,0	7707,4	-15,3
Re-exports	089,4	398,8	-32,3				
Sum of total Exports (1)	3825,5	3630,9	-5,1	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-0272,5	-4076,0	-22,7

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report of August 2020.

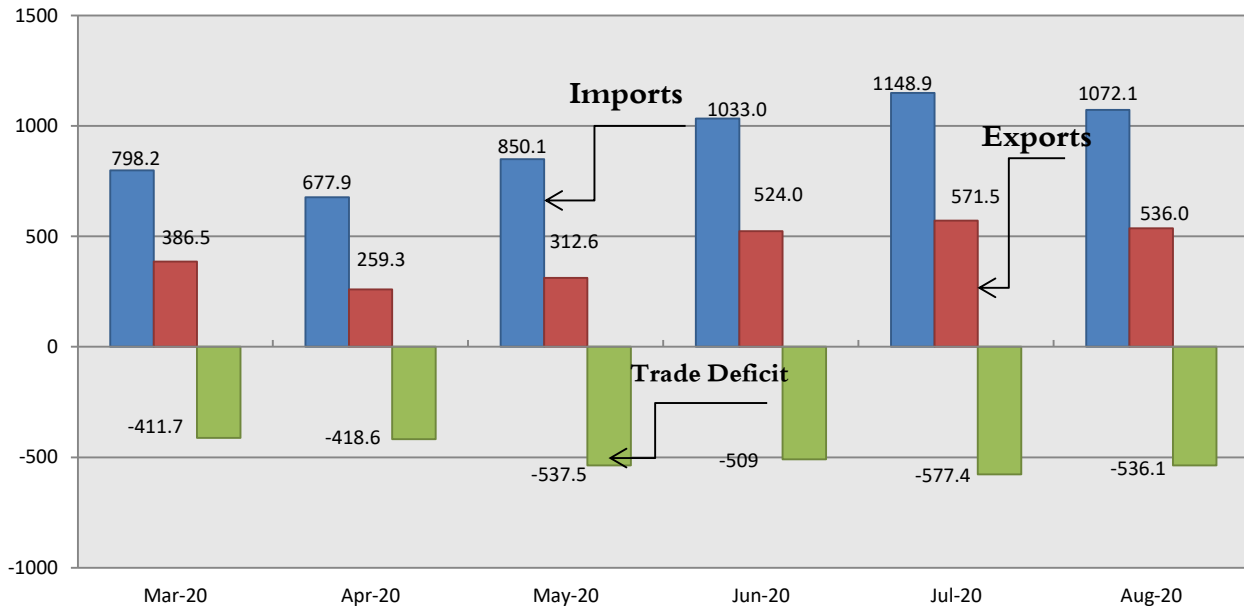
**Table ٢: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first seven months of
٢٠١٩ and ٢٠٢٠**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	٢٠١٩	٢٠٢٠	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	٢٠١٨	٢٠١٩	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	١٣١٦,٢	١٢٨٦,٦	-٢,٢	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	٢٤٥٧,٩	١٨٧٣,٦	-٢٣,٨
Of which Kuwait	١٤٧,٣	١٠٨,٥	-٢٦,٣	Of which Saudi Arabia	١٥٩٣,٦	٩٩٦,٦	-٣٧,٥
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	٩٣٥,٧	٨٣٩,٩	-١٠,٢	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	٩٢٦,٧	٧٢٦,٧	-٢١,٦
Of which USA	٨٨٨,٣	٨٠٧,٠	-٩,٢	Of which USA	٨١٣,٩	٦٢٨,٢	-٢٢,٨
Non-Arab Asian countries	٦٦٢,٨	٦٣٦,١	-٤,٠	Non-Arab Asian countries	٣٠٥٩,١	٢٦١٧,٣	-١٤,٤
Of which China	١٠٧,٢	٧٣,١	-٣١,٨	Of which China	١٤٤٠,٤	١٢١٢,٤	-١٥,٨
European Union Countries	١٠٣,٤	٩٨,٧	-٤,٥	European Union Countries	١٨٨٤,٠	١٥٧٩,٩	-١٦,١
Of which Portugal	٥,٨	٤,٧	-١٩,٠	Of which Germany	٤١٥,١	٣١٥,٣	-٢٤,٠
Other Economic Cartels	٢١٨,٠	٣٧٠,٨	٧٠,١	Other Economic Cartels	٧٧٠,٣	٩٠٩,٩	١٨,١
Of which Free zone	١٥٢,٦	١٥٨,٨	٤,١	Of which Argentina	١٢٨,٢	١٤٠,٣	٩,٤

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report of August ٢٠٢٠

Figure 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Mar. 2020 - Aug. 2020) - Million



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