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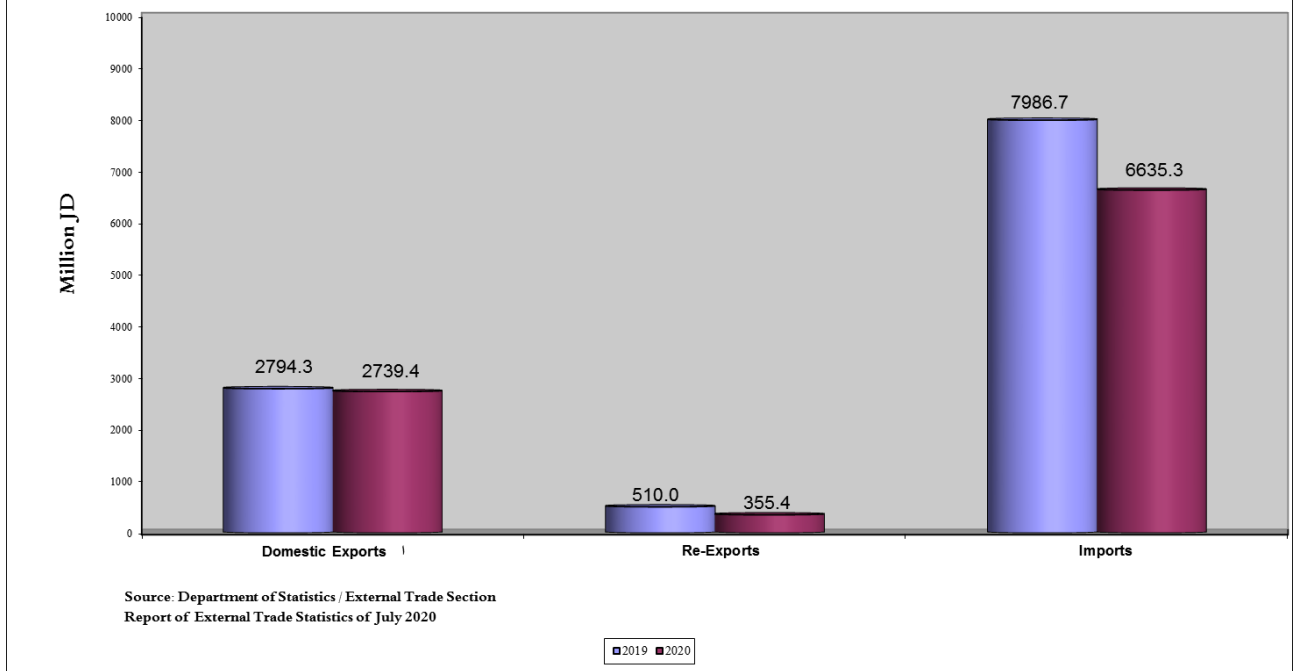
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports decrease by 2.0% and Imports decrease by 16.9% during the first seven months 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 3094.8 million JDs during the first seven months of 2020 with a decrease by 6.3% compared with the same period of 2019. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached 2739.4 million JDs during the first seven months of 2020 with a decrease by 2.0% compared with the same period of 2019. The value of re-exports reached 355.4 million JDs during the first seven months of 2020 with a decrease by 30.3% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports value reached 6635.3 million JD during the first seven months of 2020, thus decreasing by 16.9% 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 3540.5 million JD, therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first seven months of 2020 by 24.4% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports coverage by total exports has become 46.6% during the first seven months of 2020, while it was 41.4% for the same period of 2019, which means an increase by 5.2 percentage points.

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



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were pharmaceutical products by 0.3%, fertilizers by 31.9%, non-organic chemical products by 0.9% and Jewelry and precious metals by 283.5%, while the value of some national exports has decreased such as clothes and its related accessories by 13.8% and crude potash by 12.1%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of pharmaceutical products by 22.7%, while the value of some imports has decreased such as crude oil and its products by 45.5%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by 34.3%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 28.6%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 21.0% and cereals by 15.5%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was a decrease in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 1.6% part of which Kuwait by 26.4%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 9.8% part of which USA by 8.8%, non-Arab Asian Countries by 7.0% part of which China by 33.3% and the European Union countries by 0.5% part of which Italy by 65.8%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the value of Imports from

Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 21.8% part of which KSA by 31.8%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 26.1% part of which USA by 27.2%, non-Arab Asian Countries by 17.4% part of which China by 19.1% and the European Union countries by 17.7% part of which Germany by 28.3%.

On a monthly level the value of Jordan national exports has reached 527.8 million JD during July 2020 against 501.6 million JD during the same month of 2019 representing an increase by 5.2%. The main reason behind this increase is attributed to the increase of the value of national exports of the following commodities during July 2020 compared with same month of 2019:

1. Fertilizers from 26.5 million JD to 49.6 million JD – an increase by 87.2%.
2. Non-organic chemical products from 21.9 million JD to 38.4 million JD – an increase by 74.8%.
3. Detergents from 10.8 million JD to 15.0 million JD – an increase by 38.2%.
3. Pharmaceutical products from 34.2 million JD to 37.1 million JD – an increase by 8.6%.

In addition, there was an increase in the value of national exports of livestock, Coffee and Spices, meat products, animal feeds, Electricity, Textiles, Jewelry and precious metals, Iron manufactures, Furniture and its parts and miscellaneous manufactures.

The exports of the above mentioned items constituted 43.7% of the total value of the national exports during July 2020 compared with 27.6% during the same month of 2019.

During July 2020, Data indicate a decrease in the national exports value of clothes and its related accessories by 15.3%, crude potash by 26.7%, crude phosphate by 10.1% paper manufacturers by 32.9%, in addition, there was a decrease July 2020, in the value of national exports of meat, vegetables, tobacco, fuel oil, plastic products, copper manufacturers and cast iron.

**Table 1: The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first seven 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	770.2	663.9	-13.8	Crude Oil and its products	1398.4	762.3	45.5-
Crude potash	256.1	225.0	-12.1	machines, machinery and their part	728.6	478.9	34.3-
pharmaceutical products	222.8	223.4	0.3	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	550.7	435.0	21.0-
fertilizers	166.3	219.4	31.9	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	542.0	387.2	28.6-
Jewelry and precious metals	36.9	141.5	283.5	Pharmaceutical products	209.8	257.5	22.7
Non-organic chemical products	136.9	138.1	0.9	Cereals	294.3	248.7	-15.5
Other items	1205.1	1128.1	-6.4	Other items	4262.9	4065.7	-4.6
National Exports	2794.3	2739.4	-2.0	Total of Imports (2)	7986.7	6635.3	-16.9
Re-exports	510.0	355.4	-30.3				
Sum of total Exports (1)	3304.3	3094.8	-6.3	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-4682.4	-3540.5	-24.4

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report of July 2020

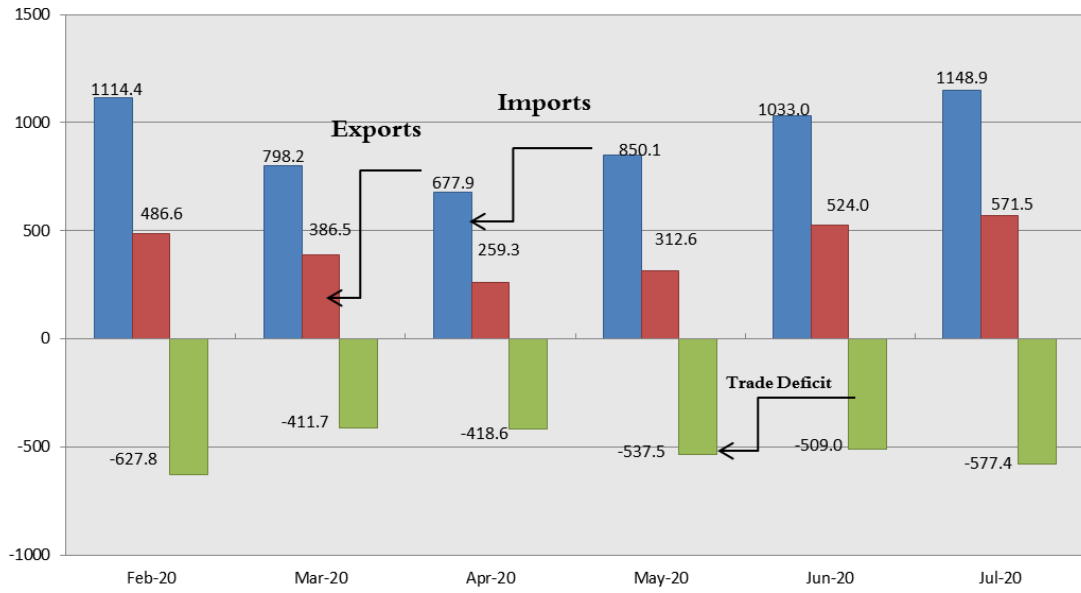
Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first seven months of 2019 and 2020

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2019	2020	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2019	2020	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	1132.8	1114.5	-1.6	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2148.3	1680.7	-21.8
Of which Kuwait	126.8	93.3	-26.4	Of which Saudi Arabia	1353.9	922.8	-31.8
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	793.8	716.2	-9.8	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	830.5	613.9	-26.1
Of which USA	752.8	686.9	-8.8	Of which USA	728.6	530.6	-27.2
Non-Arab Asian countries	597.8	555.8	-7.0	Non-Arab Asian countries	2688.4	2221.3	-17.4
Of which China	95.1	63.4	-33.3	Of which China	1257.3	1017.0	-19.1
European Union Countries	88.3	87.9	-0.5	European Union Countries	1639.8	1349.7	-17.7
Of which Italy	11.7	4.0	-65.8	Of which Germany	378.0	271.1	-28.3
Other Economic Cartels	181.6	265.0	45.9	Other Economic Cartels	679.7	769.7	13.3
Of which Free zone	132.9	147.1	10.7	Of which Switzerland	50.2	64.9	29.3

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Figure 2: Exports, Imports and trade deficit (Feb. 2020 - July 2020) - Million



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