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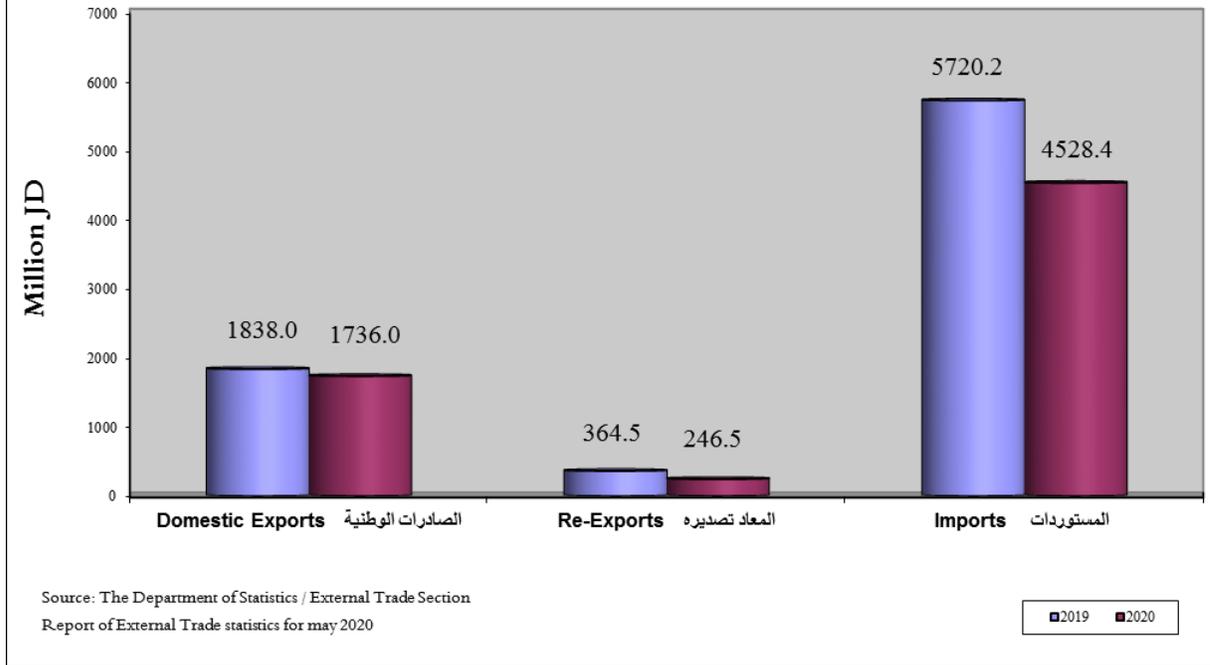
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports decrease by 5.5% and Imports decrease by 20.8% during the first 5 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 1982.5 million JDs during the first 5 months of 2020 with a decrease by 10.0% compared with the same period of 2019. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached 1736.0 million JDs during the first 5 months of 2020 with a decrease by 5.5% compared with the same period of 2019. The value of re-exports reached 246.5 million JDs during the first 5 months of 2020 with a decrease by 32.4% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports value reached 4528.4 million JD during the first 5 months of 2020, thus decreasing by 20.8% 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 2545.9 million JD; therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first 5 months of 2020 by 27.6% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports coverage by total exports has become 43.8% during the first 5 months of 2020, while it was 38.5% for the same period of 2019, which means an increase by 5.3 percentage points.

Figure 1: External Trade during the first 5 months of 2019 and 2020



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were Fertilizers by 11.0% and crude phosphate by 5.5%, while the value of some national exports have decreased such as clothes and their related accessories by 9.6%, pharmaceutical products by 6.8%, crude potash by 4.4% and non-organic chemical products by 9.8%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of pharmaceutical products by 27.1%, while the value of some national exports has decreased such as crude oil and its products by 40.0%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by 42.0%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 33.8%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 42.1% and iron and its products by 13.6%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was a decrease in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 10.2% part of which KSA by 14.0%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 4.2% part of which USA by 3.1%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 4.5% part of which India by 7.2% and the European Union countries by 4.7% part of which Germany by 12.2%. As for the imports, there was a decrease in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 25.5% part of which KSA by 29.9%,

North America Free Trade Agreement by 19.8% part of which USA by 16.8%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 21.4% part of which China by 22.8% and the European Union countries by 23.4% part of which Germany by 34.8%.

On a monthly level the value of Jordan national exports has reached 312.3 million JD during May 2020 against 369.4 million JD during the same month of 2019 representing a decrease by 15.5%. The main reason behind this decrease is attributed to the decrease of the value of national exports of the following commodities during May 2020 compared with same month of 2019:

1. Clothing from 98.7 million JD to 71.8 million JD - a decrease by 27.3%.
2. Vegetables and Fruits from 26.3 million JD to 15.0 million JD – a decrease by 43.0%.
3. Non-organic chemical products from 22.0 million JD to 7.2 million JD – a decrease by 67.3%.
4. Livestock from 13.1 million JD to 4.6 million JD – a decrease by 64.9%.

In addition, there was a decrease in the value of national exports of the Pharmaceutical products, plastics, Copper and Aluminum and their products, cement, paper, Carpets, Meat, food products, Fertilizers, stone products, machinery and electrical appliances, these products constituted 58.1% of the total value of the national exports during May 2020 compared with 73.6% in the same month of 2019.

In May 2020 data indicate an increase in the national exports value of Crude phosphate by 14.5%, crude potash by 28.9%, Detergents by 18.3% and Residues and wastes of food industries by 116.4%, in addition to Jewelry and knitting products.

**Table 1: The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first 5 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	471.7	426.3	-9.6	Crude Oil and its products	1019.3	611.3	-40.0
Crude potash	165.2	157.9	-4.4	machines, machinery and their part	507.3	294.1	-42.0
Pharmaceutical products	153.0	142.6	-6.8	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	413.8	239.5	-42.1
fertilizers	118.8	131.9	11.0	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	372.6	246.6	-33.8
Crude Phosphate	89.8	94.7	5.5	Iron and its products	206.6	178.4	-13.6
Non-organic chemical products	94.2	85.0	-9.8	Pharmaceutical products	137.0	174.1	27.1
Other Items	745.3	697.6	-6.4	Other Items	3063.6	2784.4	-9.1
National Exports	1838.0	1736.0	-5.5	Total of Imports (2)	5720.2	4528.4	-20.8
Re-exports	364.5	246.5	-32.4				
Sum of total Exports (1)	2202.5	1982.5	-10.0	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-3517.7	-2545.9	-27.6

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

**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first 5 months 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	772.7	694.2	-10.2	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1647.6	1228.1	-25.5
Of which Saudi Arabia	206.6	177.7	-14.0	Of which Saudi Arabia	1032.9	724.2	-29.9
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	496.4	475.6	-4.2	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	551.3	442.0	-19.8
Of which USA	469.6	454.9	-3.1	Of which USA	472.9	393.6	-16.8
Non-Arab Asian countries	387.1	369.7	-4.5	Non-Arab Asian countries	1891.4	1486.4	-21.4
Of which India	199.8	185.5	-7.2	Of which China	855.6	660.8	-22.8
European Union Countries	59.8	57.0	-4.7	European Union Countries	1144.8	877.2	-23.4
Of which Germany	4.9	4.3	-12.2	Of which Germany	272.7	177.9	-34.8
Other Economic Cartels	122.0	139.5	14.3	Other Economic Cartels	485.1	494.7	2.0
Of which Switzerland	0.4	22.9	5625.0	Of which Ukraine	34.7	54.2	56.2

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