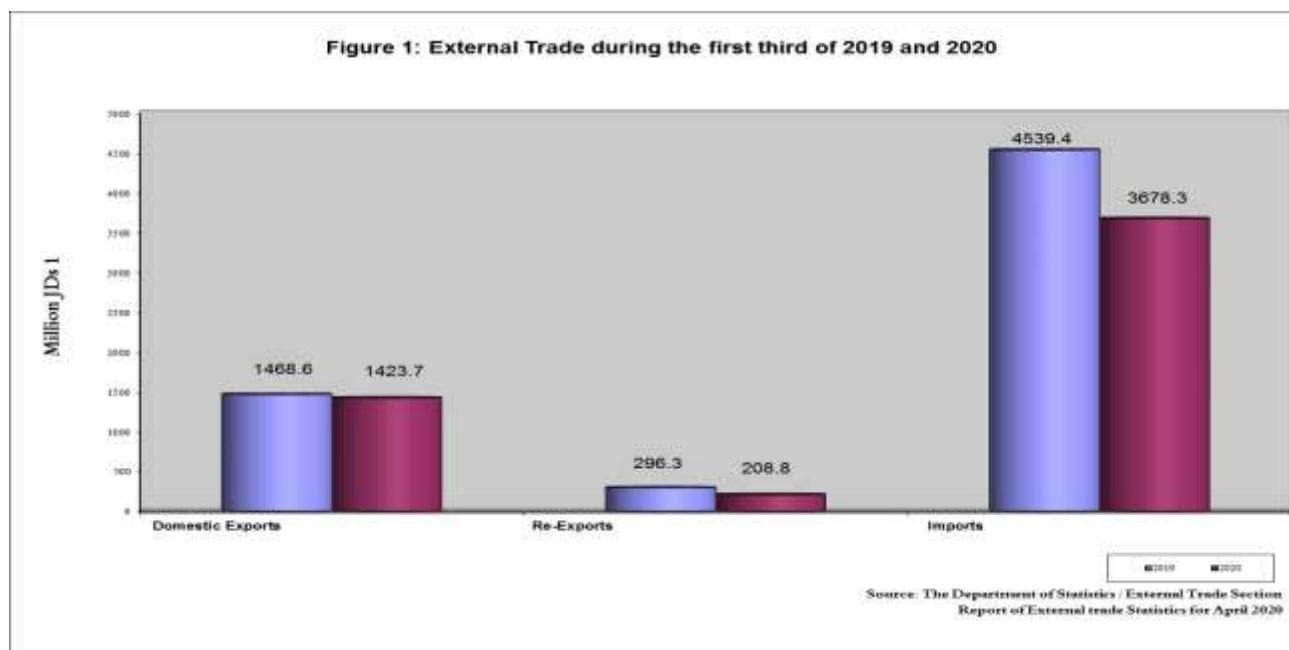


National exports decrease by 3.1% and Imports decrease by 19.0% during the first third of 2020 compared with the same period of 2019

The monthly report of the external trade issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the value of total exports reached 1632.5 million JDs during the first third of 2020 with an decrease by 7.5% compared with the same period of 2019. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached 1423.7 million JDs during the first third of 2020 with an decrease by 3.1% compared with the same period of 2019. The value of re-exports reached 208.8 million JDs during the first third of 2020 with an decrease by 29.5% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports value reached 3678.3 million JD during the first third of 2020, thus decreasing by 19.0% 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 2045.8 million JD, therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first third of 2020 by 26.3% compared with the same period of 2019. The imports coverage by total exports has become 44.4% during the first third of 2020, while it was 38.9% for the same period of 2019, which means an increase by 5.5 percentage points.



As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of Fertilizers by 16.8%, Jewelry and precious metals by 276.2% and Crude phosphate by 3.2%, while the value of some national exports has decreased such as Clothes and its related knitted accessories by 4.9%, pharmaceutical products by 4.9% and crude potash by 9.8%. As for imports there was a decrease in the value of crude oil and its products by 30.8%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by 40.7%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 39.8%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 43.4%, iron and its products by 6.6% and plastic and its products by 13.1%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 1.1% part of which USA by 1.8%, while there was a decrease in the value of national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 8.3% part of which KSA by 14.0%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 6.9% part of which India by 4.3% and the European Union countries by 9.9% part of which Germany by 27.3%. As for the imports, there was a decrease in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 21.7% part of which KSA by 22.9%, North America Free Trade Agreement by 12.4% part of which USA by 6.7%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 20.6% part of which China by 25.6% and the European Union countries by 21.2% part of which Germany by 35.6%.

On a monthly level the value of Jordan national exports has reached 229.4 million JD during April 2020 against 357.8 million JD during the same month of 2019 representing a decrease by 35.9%. The main reason behind this decrease is attributed to the decrease of the value of national exports of the following commodities during April 2020 compared with same month of 2019:

1. Clothing from 81.8 million JD to 44.6 million JD - a decrease by 45.4%
2. Livestock from 11.9 million JD to 3.6 million JD – a decrease by 69.9%.
3. Pharmaceutical products from 42.4 million JD to 32.1 million JD – a decrease by 24.3%.
4. Iron and its products from 6.4 million JD to 1.2 million JD – a decrease by 81.4%.

In addition, there was a decrease in the value of national exports of the Vegetables and Fruits, machines and machinery tools, Copper and Aluminum and their products, Jewelry, plastics,

tobacco, cement, stone products, food, meat, Laundry, chemical products, mills, phosphate, fuel oil, paper, cigarettes, alcohol, and tanning.

The exports of the above mentioned items constituted 60.9% of the total value of the national exports during April 2020 compared with 74.2% in the same month of 2019.

During April 2020, Data indicate an increase in the national exports value of chemical fertilizers by 16.0%, residues and wastes of food industries by 272.9% and Organic and Non-organic chemical products by 112.5%

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

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %	Commodities	2019	2020	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	372.9	354.5	-4.9	Crude Oil and its products	767.1	531.1	-30.8
Crude potash	142.2	128.2	-9.8	machines, machinery and their part	392.6	232.9	-40.7
Pharmaceutical products	126.4	120.2	-4.9	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	356.0	201.5	-43.4
fertilizers	89.5	104.5	16.8	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	309.8	186.6	-39.8
Crude Phosphate	71.9	74.2	3.2	Iron and its products	158.0	147.6	-6.6
Jewelry and precious metals	16.8	63.2	276.2	Plastic and its products	154.6	134.4	-13.1
Other items	648.9	578.9	-10.8	Other items	2401.3	2244.2	-6.5
National Exports	1468.6	1423.7	-3.1	Total of Imports (2)	4539.4	3678.3	-19.0
Re-exports	296.3	208.8	-29.5				
Sum of total Exports (1)	1764.9	1632.5	-7.5	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-2774.5	-2045.8	-26.3

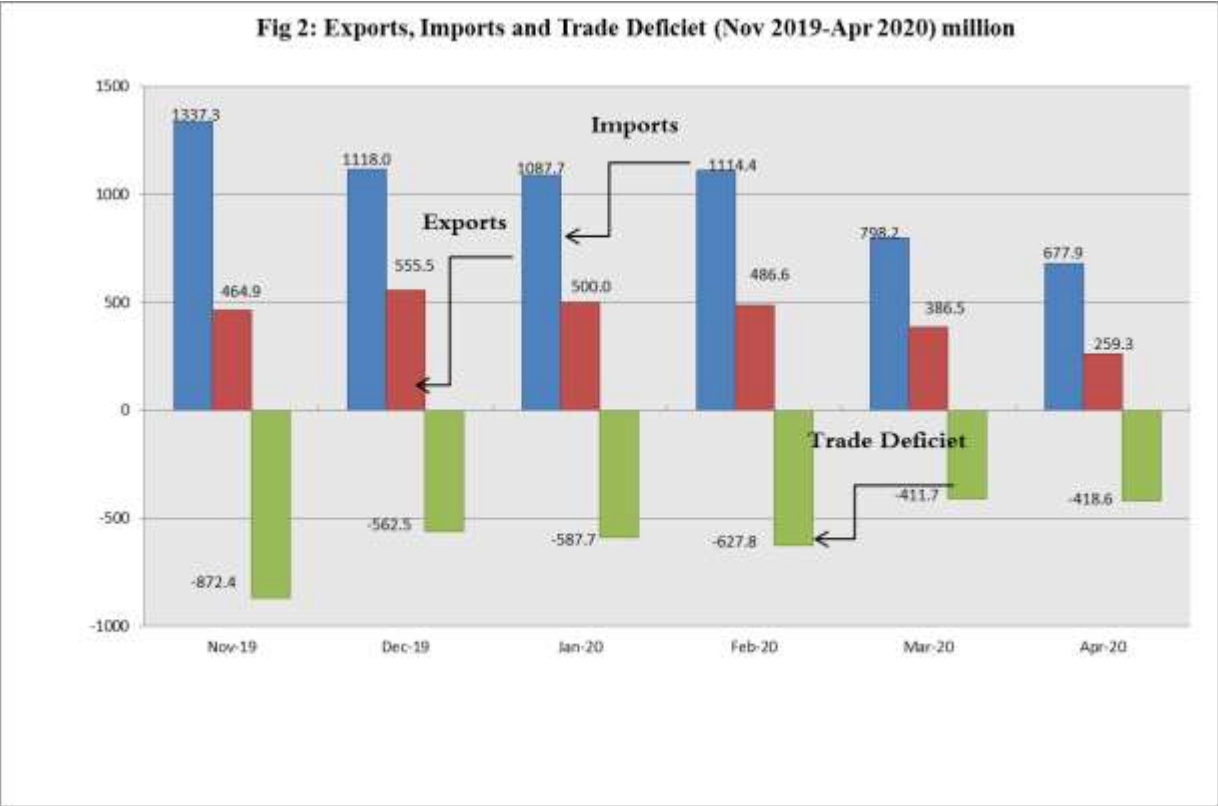
Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report during April 2020

**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first third 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	612.3	561.4	-8.3	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1346.2	1054.6	-21.7
Of which Saudi Arabia	168.4	144.9	-14.0	Of which Saudi Arabia	826.3	636.8	-22.9
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	398.5	402.8	1.1	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	418.9	366.9	-12.4
Of which USA	380.4	387.3	1.8	Of which USA	350.1	326.7	-6.7
Non-Arab Asian countries	316.3	294.5	-6.9	Non-Arab Asian countries	1478.4	1173.6	-20.6
Of which India	150.5	144.0	-4.3	Of which China	670.6	499.0	-25.6
European Union Countries	48.6	43.8	-9.9	European Union Countries	901.0	709.9	-21.2
Of which Germany	4.4	3.2	-27.3	Of which Germany	224.9	144.8	-35.6
Other Economic Cartels	92.9	121.2	30.5	Other Economic Cartels	395.2	373.3	-5.5
Of which Switzerland	0.3	12.9	4200.0	Of which Brazil	71.8	56.1	-21.9

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