



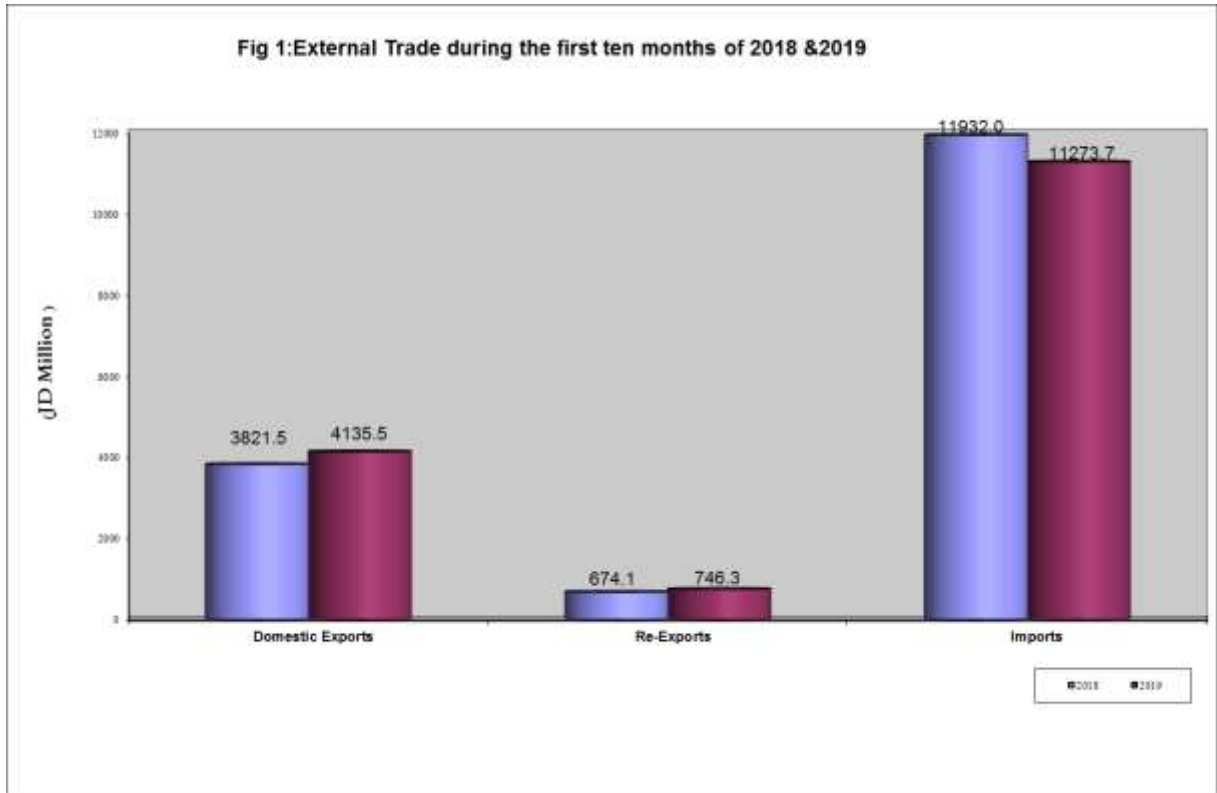
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## **National exports increase by 8.2% and Imports decrease by 5.5% during the first ten months of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018**

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.4881.8 million during the first ten months of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 8.6% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.4135.5 Million during the first ten months of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 8.2% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 746.3 million during the first ten months of 2019 which indicates an increase by 10.7% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.11273.7 million during the first ten months of 2019, thus decreasing by 5.5% compared with the same period of 2018.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.6391.9 million therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first ten months of 2019 by 14.0% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 43.3% during the first ten months of 2019, while it was 37.7% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 5.6 percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value during the first ten months of 2019 were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 11.8%, crude potash by 12.1% ,fertilizers by 12.2%,chemical products by 24.8% , pharmaceutical products by 5.5% and crude phosphate by 1.1%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of machines and machinery tools and their parts by 5.2% , machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 10.3% and Cereals by 0.7%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 21.1% , vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 10.9% and iron and its products by 13.8%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 2.2% part of which KSA by 9.7% , North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 12.7% part of which USA by 12.1%,the non-Arab Asian Countries by 9.6% part of which India by 1.2% and the European Union countries by 9.7% part of which Holland by 5.9%. As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 6.7% part of which china by 13.0% ,while there was a decrease in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by

6.0% part of which KSA by 3.7%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 7.8% part of which USA by 6.5% and European Union countries by 13.1% part of which is Germany by 8.6%.

On monthly level the value of Jordan exports has reached JD 406.3 million during October 2019 against JD 403.1 million during the same month of 2018 representing an increase by 0.8%.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during October 2019 are attributed to the increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2018:

- 1- Clothes and its related accessories from JD. 79.8 million to JD.98.2 million –an increase by 23.1%
- 2- Azotic or chemical fertilizers from JD.27.9 million to JD. 38.2 million – an increase by 36.9 %.
- 3- Crude phosphate from JD.15.1 million to JD.22.0 million –an increase by 46.3%.
- 4- Pharmaceutical products from JD.37.2 million to JD. 43.1 million – an increase by 15.9 %.

There also an increase in the various food products , meat and fish products, jewelries and ornaments , live stocks, iron products, fruits, food industry residues, dairy, detergents ,carpets and sugar.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 48.3% of the total value of the national exports during October 2019 compared with 63.1% in the same month of 2018.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of Non-organic chemical products by 38.2%, vegetables by 32.9%,plastic and its products by 25.7% and crude potash by 13.2%.

Beside the national exports value has decreased for cosmetics, Paper and cardboard, aluminum and its products, meat and edible guts, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts and fuel oil in October 2019.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during  
the first ten months of 2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	1009.2	1127.8	11.8	Crude Oil and its products	2452.8	1934.2	-21.1
Pharmaceutical products	329.4	347.6	5.5	machines, machinery and their part	899.7	946.7	5.2
Crude potash	306.0	343.3	12.1	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	716.0	789.8	10.3
fertilizers	246.0	276.1	12.2	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	881.5	786.4	-10.8
Crude Phosphate	209.7	212.0	1.1	iron and its products	511.9	441.4	-13.8
Chemical products	158.6	198.0	24.8	cereals	433.5	436.5	0.7
Other items	1562.6	1631.0	4.4	Other items	6036.6	5938.7	-1.6
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>3821.5</b>	<b>4135.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>11932.0</b>	<b>11273.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>674.1</b>	<b>746.3</b>	<b>10.7</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>4495.6</b>	<b>4881.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-7436.4</b>	<b>-6391.9</b>	<b>-14.0</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first ten months of  
2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>1680.4</b>	<b>1716.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>3202.9</b>	<b>3011.4</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Of which Saudi Arabia	420.2	461.0	9.7	Of which Saudi Arabia	1984.5	1910.1	-3.7
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1058.8</b>	<b>1193.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1167.3</b>	<b>1076.4</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
Of which USA	1012.3	1135.0	12.1	Of which USA	1002.3	937.0	-6.5
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>740.8</b>	<b>812.2</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>3626.6</b>	<b>3870.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Of which India	390.4	395.1	1.2	Of which China	1641.1	1854.1	13.0
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>2604.2</b>	<b>2264.1</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
Of which Holland	21.9	23.2	5.9	Of which Germany	537.2	491.1	-8.6
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>289.2</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>1331.0</b>	<b>1050.9</b>	<b>-21.0</b>
Of which Free Zone	161.7	189.7	17.3	Of which Argentina	163.9	153.6	-6.3

Fig 2:Exports,Imports and Trade Deficit (May 2019-October 2019)

