



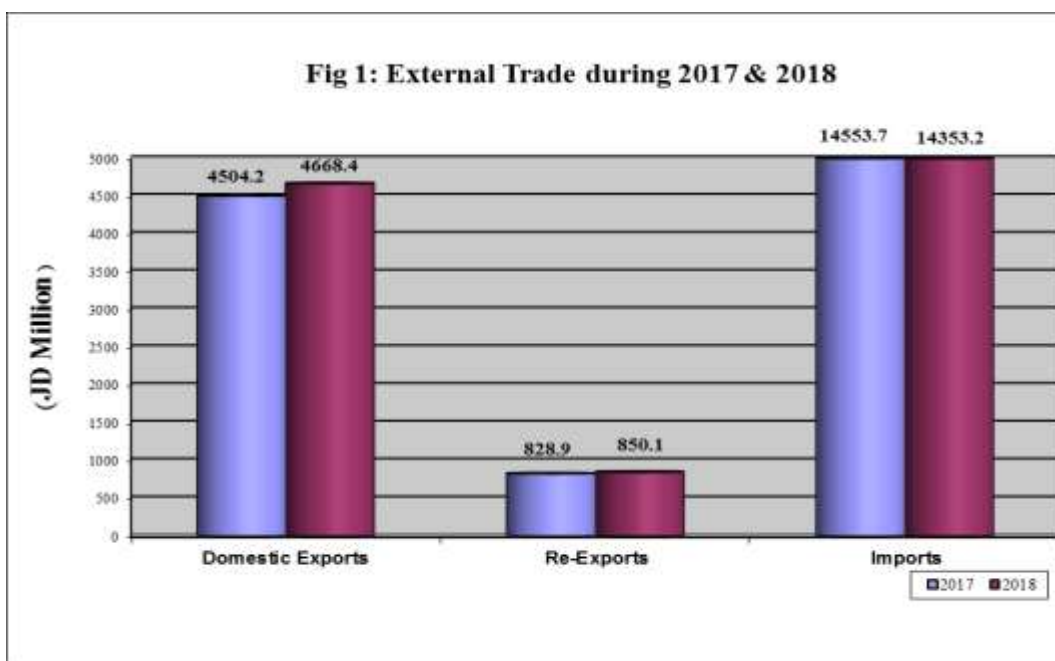
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

## **National exports increase by 3.6% and Imports decrease by (1.4%) during 2018 compared with 2017**

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.5518.5 million during 2018 [i.e., an increase by 3.5% compared with 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.4668.4 Million during 2018 [i.e. an increase by 3.6% compared with 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 850.1 million during 2018 which indicates an increase by 2.6% as compared with 2017. The imports value reached JD.14353.2 million during 2018, thus decreasing by (1.4%) compared with 2017.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.8834.7 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during 2018 by (4.2%) compared with 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.4% during 2018 while it was 36.6% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.8 percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 11.6%, crude potash by 16.1% and fertilizers 13.1%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (0.1%), fruits & vegetables by (18.4%) and crude phosphate by (8.1%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 20.2%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 2.4%, iron and its products by 16.6% and plastic and its products by 3.7%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (22.0%) and machines and machines tool and its parts by (24.1%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 11.0% part of which USA by 10.4%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 11.9% part of which India by 26.4% and the European Union countries by 14.3% part of which is Italy by 39.9%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (2.3%) part of which KSA by (12.1%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 10.8% part of which KSA by 22.4%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (11.1%) part of

which USA by ( 11.8%) , the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (3.6%) part of which South Korea by (18.6%) and European Union countries by (4.0%) part of which is Italy by (24.4%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.3203.9 million representing 22.3% of the total imports during 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.1166.4 million representing 21.1% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during December 2018 are attributed to an increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2017:

- 1- Crude Potash from JD 27.9 million to JD 40.3 million – an increase by 44.4%.
- 2- Clothes from JD.105.1 million to JD. 125.4 million – an increase by 19.3 %.
- 3- Non-organic chemical products from JD.10.8 million to JD.13.1 million – an increase by 21.3%.
- 4- Pharmaceutical products from JD. 64.4 million to JD.69.9 million – an increase by 8.5%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of meats, guts and edible limbs, products cement, fuel oil, fertilizers, washing products, machines, machinery and their part,

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 68.4% of the total value of the national exports during December 2018 compared with 58.7% in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in December 2018; pharmaceutical products came second while crude potash and crude phosphate held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of vegetables and fruits by (53.0%), jewelry and ornaments and precious metals by (43.9%), products of meats and fish (73.8%) and crude phosphate (5.9%), while the national exports value has decreased livestock , tobacco and its products, plastic and its products and products of stone, gypsum or cement during December 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during  
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	1100.9	1228.6	11.6	Crude Oil	2387.8	2869.8	20.2
Pharmaceutical products	446.9	446.6	-0.1	machines, machinery and their part	1472.5	1148.5	-22.0
Crude potash	331.0	384.4	16.1	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1431.9	1087.5	-24.1
Fruits and vegetables	368.5	300.6	-18.4	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	869.6	890.6	2.4
fertilizers	259.7	293.6	13.1	iron and its products	519.7	606.0	16.6
Crude phosphate	282.0	259.1	-8.1	Plastic and its products	502.7	521.2	3.7
Other items	1715.2	1755.5	2.3	Other items	7369.5	7229.6	-1.9
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>4504.2</b>	<b>4668.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>14553.7</b>	<b>14353.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>828.9</b>	<b>850.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>5333.1</b>	<b>5518.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-9220.6</b>	<b>-8834.7</b>	<b>-4.2</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during  
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>2072.1</b>	<b>2023.6</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>3471.4</b>	<b>3844.6</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Of which Saudi Arabia	571.5	502.2	-12.1	Of which Saudi Arabia	1954.1	2392.3	22.4
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1160.0</b>	<b>1287.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1687.0</b>	<b>1499.1</b>	<b>-11.1</b>
Of which USA	1112.6	1228.5	10.4	Of which USA	1420.3	1252.5	-11.8
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>840.0</b>	<b>940.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>4510.9</b>	<b>4348.9</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Of which India	382.7	483.9	26.4	Of which China	1963.1	1963.9	0.04
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>124.3</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>3214.8</b>	<b>3087.2</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
Of which Netherlands	30.8	29.8	-3.2	Of which Germany	639.3	659.6	3.2
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>307.8</b>	<b>275.0</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>1669.6</b>	<b>1573.4</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
Of which Free Zone	229.3	195.3	-14.8	Of which Brazil	178.6	250.1	40.0

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and trade Deficit (July 2018- Dec 2018)

