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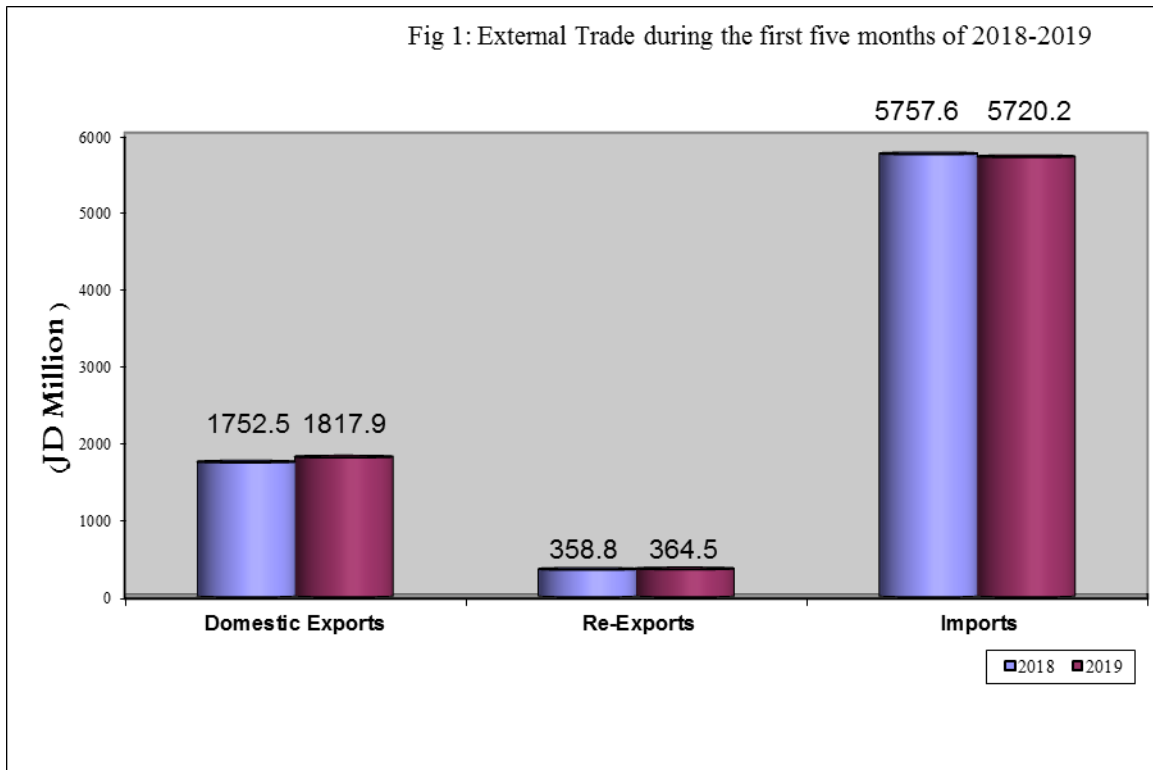
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 3.7% and Imports decrease by 0.6% during the first five months of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.2182.4 million during the first five months of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 3.4% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.1817.9 Million during the first five months of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 3.7% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 364.5 million during the first five months of 2019 which indicates an increase by 1.6% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.5720.2 million during the first five months of 2019, thus decreasing by 0.6% 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.3537.8 million therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first five months of 2019 by 3.0% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.2% during the first five months of 2019, while it was 36.7% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 1.5 percentage points.

Fig 1: External Trade during the first five months of 2018-2019



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 4.6%, crude potash by 10.4% , pharmaceutical products by 1.6%, fertilizers by 5.4% and non-organic chemical product by 27.6%. While there was a decrease in the crude phosphate by 11.9%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 8.2%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 7.4% , machines and machinery tools and their parts by 1.1% and cereals by 30.6%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 9.1% and iron and its products by 17.8%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 3.0% part of which KSA by 10.5% , North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 3.0% part of which USA by 2.5% and the non-Arab Asian Countries by 4.5% part of which India by 4.0%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the European Union countries by 4.0% part of which Holland by 5.0%.

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 7.3% part of which KSA by 12.2% and the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 4.1% part of which china by 8.3% ,while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 2.2% part of which USA by 6.1% and European Union countries by 4.8% part of which is Italy by 18.4%.

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.1273.5 million representing 22.3% of the total imports during the first five months of 2019, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.464.8 million representing 21.3% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during May 2019 are attributed to the decrease in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2018:

- 1- Crude phosphate from JD. 23.6 million to JD.17.9 million –a decrease by 24.2%
- 2- Crude potash from JD.28.4 million to JD. 23.1 million – a decrease by 18.7 %.
- 3- Pharmaceutical products from JD.33.2 million to JD.26.6 million –a decrease by 19.9%.
- 4- Machines, appliances and electrical tools from JD. 12.4 million to JD. 5.4 million- a decrease by 56.5%.

There was also a decrease in the fruit and vegetables, fodder, paper, ,ornaments and jewelry and valuable metal.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 31.6% of the total value of the national exports during May 2019 compared with 41.3% in the same month of 2018.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in May 2019; fertilizers came second while pharmaceutical products crude potash held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of fertilizers by 24.2%, chemical products by 88.7%, clothes by 10.7% and copper by 32.4%.

while the national exports value has increased for meats, guts and edible limbs in May 2019.

The most important exported and imported commodities during

The first five 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	451.0	471.7	4.6	Crude Oil and its products	1121.8	1019.3	-9.1
Crude potash	149.7	165.2	10.4	machines, machinery and their part	501.8	507.3	1.1
Pharmaceutical products	150.6	153.0	1.6	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	382.4	413.8	8.2
fertilizers	112.7	118.8	5.4	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	347.0	372.6	7.4
Non- organic chemical products	73.8	94.2	27.6	Cereals	175.9	229.8	30.6
Crude phosphate	101.9	89.8	-11.9	iron and its products	251.4	206.6	-17.8
Other items	712.8	725.2	1.7	Other items	2977.3	2970.8	-0.2
National Exports	1752.5	1817.9	3.7	Total of Imports (2)	5757.6	5720.2	-0.6
Re-exports	358.8	364.5	1.6				
Sum of total Exports (1)	2111.3	2182.4	3.4	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-3646.3	-3537.8	-3.0

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

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	730.9	752.6	3.0	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1536.2	1647.6	7.3
Of which Saudi Arabia	185.0	204.4	10.5	Of which Saudi Arabia	920.6	1032.9	12.2
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	481.9	496.4	3.0	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	563.5	551.3	-2.2
Of which USA	458.3	469.6	2.5	Of which USA	503.8	472.9	-6.1
Non-Arab Asian countries	370.4	387.1	4.5	Non-Arab Asian countries	1816.1	1891.4	4.1
Of which India	192.2	199.8	4.0	Of which China	789.7	855.6	8.3
European Union Countries	62.3	59.8	-4.0	European Union Countries	1202.0	1144.8	-4.8
Of which Holland	12.0	11.4	-5.0	Of which Germany	239.2	272.7	14.0
Other Economic Cartels	107.0	122.0	14.0	Other Economic Cartels	639.8	485.1	-24.2
Of which Free Zone	78.6	92.9	18.2	Of which Argentina	27.9	92.7	232.3

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Dec 2018 - May 2019)

