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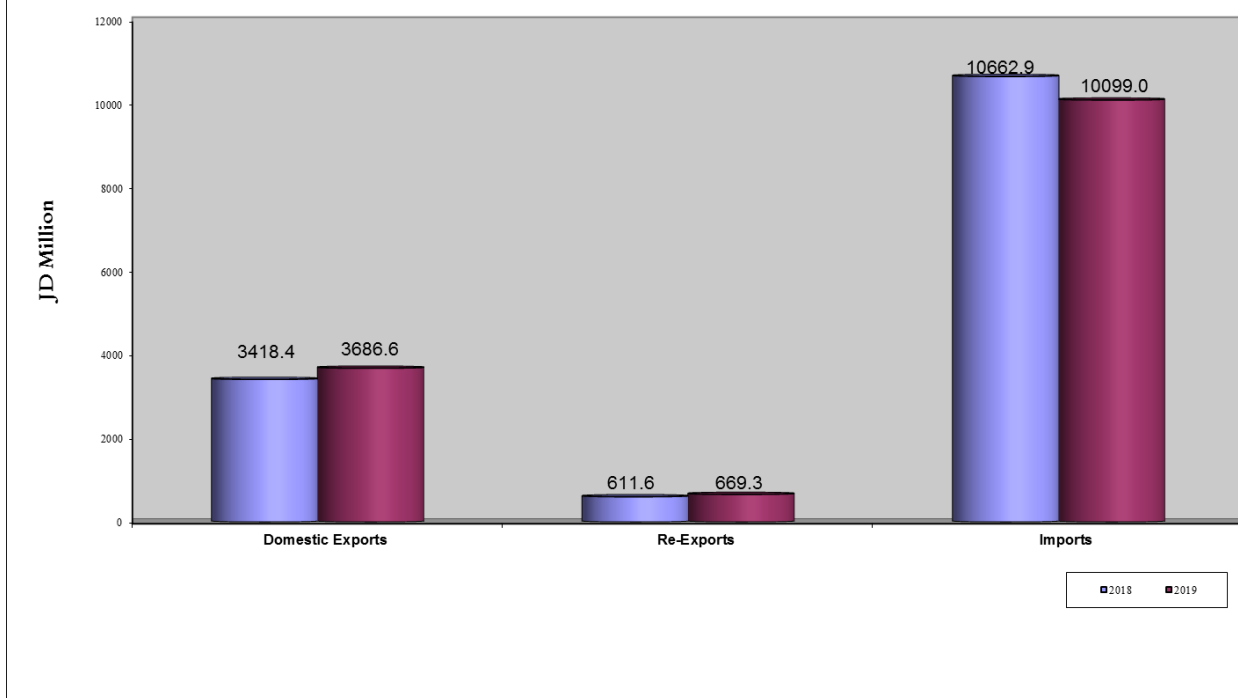
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 7.8% and Imports decrease by 5.3% during the first nine 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.4355.9 million during the first nine months of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 8.1% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.3686.6 Million during the first nine months of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 7.8% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 669.3 million during the first nine months of 2019 which indicates an increase by 9.4% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.10099.0 million during the first nine months of 2019, thus decreasing by 5.3% 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.5743.1 million therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first nine months of 2019 by 13.4% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 43.1% during the first nine months of 2019, while it was 37.8% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 5.3 percentage points.

Fig1:External Trade during the first nine 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 10.8%, crude potash by 14.4% , fertilizers by 9.1%,chemical products by 37.1% and pharmaceutical products by 4.2%. While there was a decrease in the crude phosphate by 2.4 % .

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of machines and machinery tools and their parts by 1.6% , machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 10.6% and Cereals by 7.0%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 19.8% , vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 7.2% and iron and its products by 15.8%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 1.8% part of which KSA by 6.3% , North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 11.5% part of which USA by 11.0%,the non-Arab Asian Countries by 7.5% part of which China by 115.5% and the European Union countries by 11.1% part of which Holland by 5.6%. As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 6.4% part of which china by 11.6% ,while there was a decrease in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 5.3% part of which KSA by 2.8%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 6.4% part of which USA by 6.5% and European Union countries by 9.4% part of which is Germany by 6.2%.

On monthly level the value of Jordan exports has reached JD 491.0 million during September 2019 against JD 403.4 million during the same month of 2018 representing an increase by 21.7%.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during September 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. 108.8 million to JD.142.9 million –an increase by 31.4%
- 2- Pharmaceutical products from JD.37.9 million to JD. 52.1 million – an increase by 37.3 %.
- 3- Crude phosphate from JD.23.1 million to JD.27.8 million –an increase by 20.5%.
- 4- Non-organic chemical products from JD.14.6 million to JD. 18.4 million – an increase by 25.3 %.

There also an increase in the Fuel oil, jewelries and ornaments ,live stocks, meat products ,vegetables, food products , detergents ,fruits, copper, iron products, cement , machines and machinery tools and their parts and dairy and its products.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 71.1% of the total value of the national exports during September 2019 compared with 57.5% in the same month of 2018.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of vegetables by 21.1%, azotic fertilizers by 20.9%, crude potash by 11.2% and Machinery, electrical appliances by 45.2% .

Beside the national exports value has decreased for meat and food industry residues, Aluminum and its products, coffee and spices in September 2019.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
the first nine 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	929.4	1029.6	10.8	Crude Oil and its products	2249.6	1805.0	-19.8
Crude potash	279.9	320.3	14.4	machines, machinery and their part	812.4	825.6	1.6
Pharmaceutical products	292.2	304.5	4.2	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	640.3	708.4	10.6
fertilizers	218.1	238.0	9.1	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	753.0	698.9	-7.2
Crude Phosphate	194.7	190.0	-2.4	iron and its products	458.3	385.8	-15.8
Chemical products	132.9	182.2	37.1	cereals	359.9	385.2	7.0
Other items	1371.2	1422.0	3.7	Other items	5389.4	5290.1	-1.8
National Exports	3418.4	3686.6	7.8	Total of Imports (2)	10662.9	10099.0	-5.3
Re-exports	611.6	669.3	9.4				
Sum of total Exports (1)	4030.0	4355.9	8.1	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-6632.9	-5743.1	-13.4

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first nine 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	1459.6	1485.5	1.8	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2869.7	2718.8	-5.3
Of which Saudi Arabia	379.8	403.9	6.3	Of which Saudi Arabia	1795.1	1744.7	-2.8
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	971.4	1083.1	11.5	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1054.7	987.2	-6.4
Of which USA	928.7	1030.5	11.0	Of which USA	920.4	860.6	-6.5
Non-Arab Asian countries	692.3	744.2	7.5	Non-Arab Asian countries	3224.6	3431.5	6.4
Of which China	50.3	108.4	115.5	Of which China	1452.4	1621.5	11.6
European Union Countries	102.7	114.1	11.1	European Union Countries	2280.6	2066.4	-9.4
Of which Holland	19.5	20.6	5.6	Of which Germany	477.1	447.3	-6.2
Other Economic Cartels	192.4	259.7	35.0	Other Economic Cartels	1233.3	895.1	-27.4
Of which Free Zone	134.8	170.7	26.6	Of which United Russia	149.9	129.2	-13.8

Fig 2:Exports,Imports and Trade Deficit (Apr 2019-Sep 2019)

