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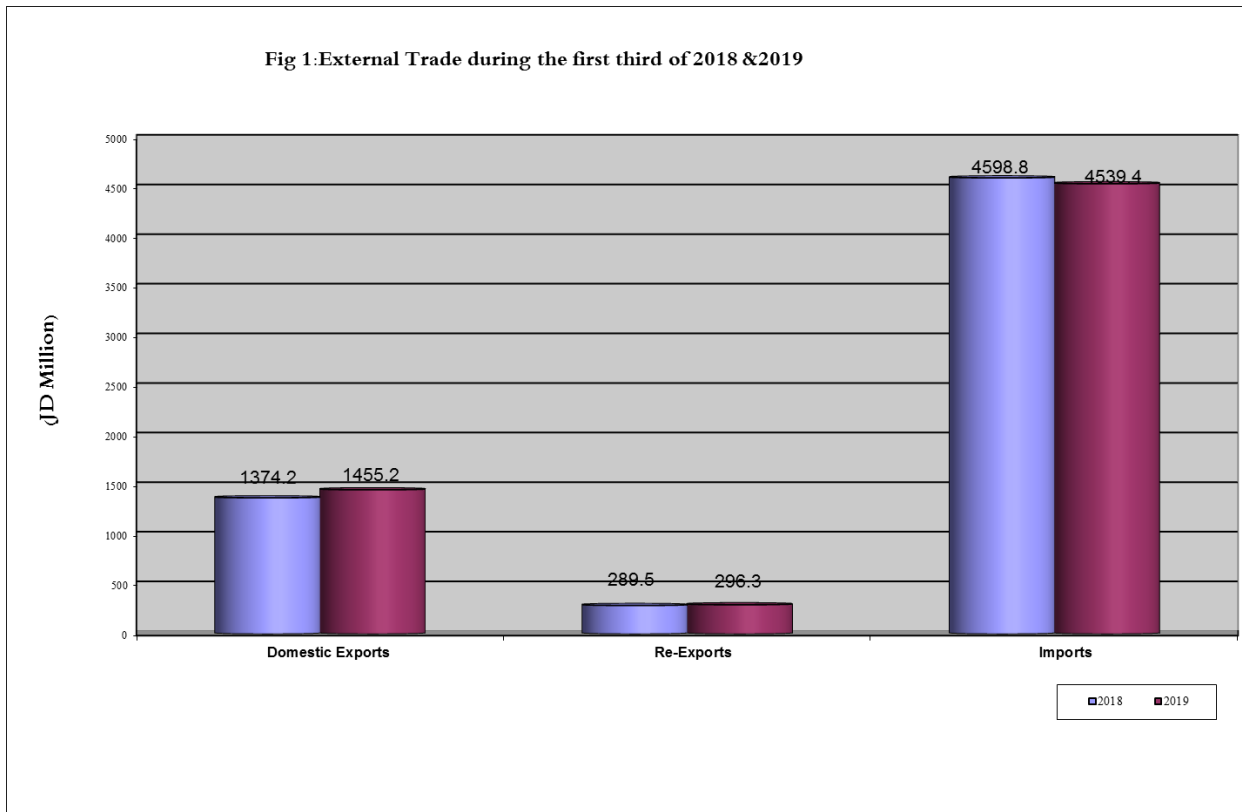
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 5.9% and Imports decrease by 1.3% during the first third 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.1751.5 million during the first third of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 5.3% compared with the same period of 2018]. The national exports value reached JD.1455.2 Million during the first third of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 5.9% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 296.3 million during the first third 2019 which indicates an increase by 2.3% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.4539.4 million during the first third of 2019, thus decreasing by 1.3% 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.2787.9 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first third of 2019 by 5.0% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.6% during the first third of 2019 while it was 36.2% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 2.4 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 3.1%, crude potash by 17.2% , pharmaceutical products by 7.7%, fertilizers by 0.4% and non-organic chemical products by 16.5%, while there was a decrease in the crude phosphate by 8.2%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of vehicles, motorcycles and its parts by 11.3%, machinery, electrical appliances and its parts by 13.1% and cereals by 43.3%, While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 14.9%, machines, machinery and their part by 5.1% and iron and its products by 22.4%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 8.0% part of which KSA by 17.9% , North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 2.5% part of which USA by 2.9%, Non-Arab Asian countries by 9.4% part of which India by 0.5%, while there was a decrease in the national exports to the European Union countries by 2.6% part of which Italy by 8.2%. As for imports, there was a noticeable increase in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 9.0% part of which KSA by 7.7% and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 3.8% part

of which china by 10.7%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 8.1% part of which USA by 13.2% and European Union countries by 7.0% part of which is Italy by 20.8%.

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.1020.3 million representing 22.5% of the total imports during the first third of 2019, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.366.3 million representing 20.9% of the total exports during the same period.

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

- 1- Fertilizers from JD 23.3 million to JD 7.8 million – a decrease by 66.5%.
- 2- Non-organic chemical products from JD 18.2 million to JD 13.9 million – a decrease by 23.6%.
- 3- Crude phosphate from JD 17.7 million to JD. 14.0 million – a decrease by 20.9%.
- 4- Aluminum and its products from JD.9.6 million to JD. 5.0 million – a decrease by 47.9%.

There was also a decrease in the fodder, crude potash, clothes and its related accessories, jewelry, precious metal, iron and paper and its products. The exports of the above mentioned items made up 46.2% of the total value of the national exports during April 2019 compared with 57.6% in the same month of 2018.

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

The data indicates an increase in the national exports value of pharmaceutical products by 11.3%, washing products by 42.3%, fruits by 29.5% and meat and its products by 75.0%. And there was an increase in the national exports value of cement ,iron products ,copper products and machines, machinery and their part in April 2019.

**Table 1:the most important exported and imported commodities during
the first third of 2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	361.8	372.9	3.1	Crude Oil and its products	901.0	767.1	-14.9
Crude potash	121.3	142.2	17.2	machines, machinery and their part	413.8	392.6	-5.1
Pharmaceutical products	117.4	126.4	7.7	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	319.8	356.0	11.3
Fertilizers	89.1	89.5	0.4	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	274.0	309.8	13.1
Non-organic chemical products	61.9	72.1	16.5	Cereals	137.2	196.6	43.3
Crude phosphate	78.3	71.9	-8.2	Iron and its products	203.6	158.0	-22.4
Other items	544.4	580.2	6.6	Other items	2349.4	2359.3	0.4
National Exports	1374.2	1455.2	5.9	Total of Imports (2)	4598.8	4539.4	-1.3
Re-exports	289.5	296.3	2.3				
Sum of total Exports (1)	1663.7	1751.5	5.3	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-2935.1	-2787.9	-5.0

**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first third 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	554.5	599.0	8.0	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	1234.9	1346.2	9.0
Of which Saudi Arabia	141.1	166.4	17.9	Of which Saudi Arabia	767.0	826.3	7.7
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	388.7	398.5	2.5	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	455.6	418.6	-8.1
Of which USA	369.7	380.4	2.9	Of which USA	403.5	350.1	-13.2
Non-Arab Asian countries	289.0	316.3	9.4	Non-Arab Asian countries	1424.2	1478.4	3.8
Of which India	149.7	150.5	0.5	Of which China	605.6	670.6	10.7
European Union Countries	49.9	48.6	-2.6	European Union Countries	969.1	901.0	-7.0
Of which Italy	8.5	7.8	-8.2	Of which Germany	196.9	224.9	14.2
Other Economic Cartels	92.1	92.8	0.8	Other Economic Cartels	515.0	395.2	-23.3
Of which Free Zone	67.8	72.7	7.2	Of which Argentina	25.9	75.5	191.5

Fig 2:Exports,Imports and Trade Deficit (Oct 2018-Apr 2019)

