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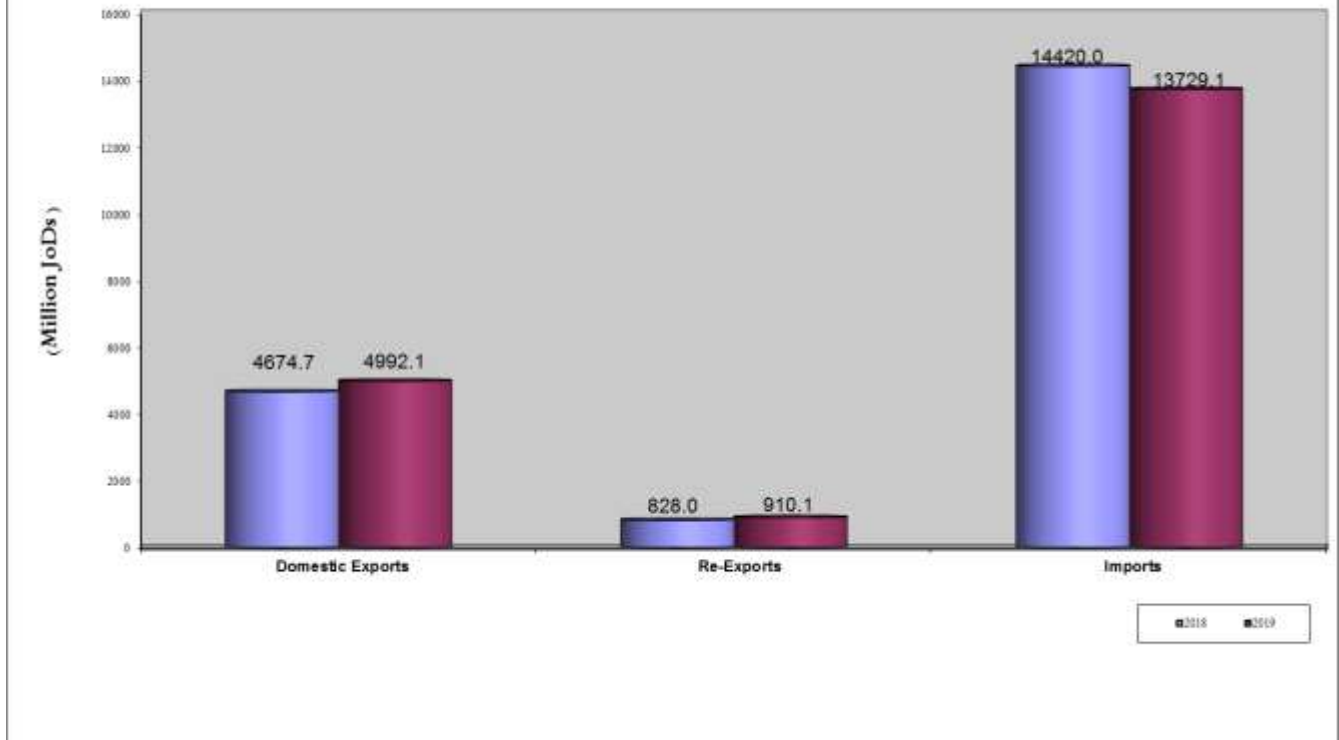
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 6.8% and Imports decrease by 4.8% during 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.5902.2 million during 2019 [i.e., an increase by 7.3% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.4992.1 Million 2019 [i.e. an increase by 6.8% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 910.1 million during 2019 which indicates an increase by 9.9% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.13729.1 million during 2019, thus decreasing by 4.8% 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.7826.9 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during 2019 by 12.2% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 43.0% during 2019 while it was 38.2% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 4.8 percentage points.

Fig 1: External Trade during 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 11.0%, crude potash by 9.0% , fertilizers 13.7% , crude phosphate by 1.2% and chemical products by 27.5% .While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by 2.4%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 4.9%.While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 23.6%, machines, machinery and their part by 0.1%, vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by 16.7%,Cereals by 5.0% and iron and its products by 11.7%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 2.1% part of which KSA by 8.2%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 11.0% part of which USA by 10.5%,Non-Arab Asian Countries by 5.3% part of which India by 2.2% and the European Union countries by 7.0% part of which is Netherland by 11.1%.

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 11.2% part of which china by 11.5%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 7.8% part of which KSA by 7.8%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 13.1% part of which USA by 9.3% and the European Union countries by 12.9% part of which is Germany by 11.5%.

On monthly level the value of Jordan exports has reached JD 451.4 million during December 2019 against JD 479.1 million during the same month of 2018 representing a decrease by 5.8%.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during December 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 potash from JD. 40.3 million to JD.37.2 million –a decrease by 7.8%
- 2- Azotic or chemical fertilizers from JD.32.5 million to JD. 25.7 million a decrease by 20.7 %.
- 3- Crude phosphate from JD.30.5 million to JD.25.8 million – a decrease by 15.3%.
- 4- Pharmaceutical products from JD.69.9 million to JD. 53.9 million – a decrease by 22.8 %.

There also a decrease in the Meat, edible limbs and guts ,livestock, fuel oil, plastic and its products and Machinery, electrical appliances.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 36.2% of the total value of the national exports during December 2019 compared with 47.0% in the same month of 2018.

The data show an increase in the national exports value of Chemical non-organic products by 54.2%, Clothes and its related accessories by 55.3%, Iron products by 72.5% and Copper and its products by 56.7% .

Beside the national exports value has increased for Ornaments, jewelry and precious metals, meat products ,aluminum and its products, detergents and soaps, various chemical products and Textile materials in December 2019.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	1228.6	1363.2	11.0	Crude Oil	2870.0	2193.2	-23.6
Crude potash	384.4	419.1	9.0	machines, machinery and their part	1087.5	1086.7	-0.1
Pharmaceutical products	446.6	435.7	-2.4	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1148.5	956.9	-16.7
Fertilizers	297.2	337.8	13.7	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	890.6	934.4	4.9
Crude phosphate	261.8	265.0	1.2	Cereals	582.1	553.1	-5.0
Chemical products	185.3	236.2	27.5	iron and its products	606.0	535.3	-11.7
Other items	1870.8	1935.1	3.4	Other items	7235.3	7469.5	3.2
National Exports	4674.7	4992.1	6.8	Total of Imports (2)	14420.0	13729.1	-4.8
Re-exports	828.0	910.1	9.9				
Sum of total Exports (1)	5502.7	5902.2	7.3	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-8917.3	-7826.9	-12.2

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during
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	2028.0	2071.2	2.1	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	3849.4	3547.4	-7.8
Of which Saudi Arabia	503.7	544.9	8.2	Of which Saudi Arabia	2392.5	2205.9	-7.8
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1287.5	1429.0	11.0	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1499.2	1302.7	-13.1
Of which USA	1228.5	1356.9	10.5	Of which USA	1252.6	1135.9	-9.3
Non-Arab Asian countries	942.0	992.2	5.3	Non-Arab Asian countries	4349.3	4838.5	11.2
Of which India	485.7	496.4	2.2	Of which China	1964.7	2191.6	11.5
European Union Countries	142.0	151.9	7.0	European Union Countries	3133.7	2729.4	-12.9
Of which Netherlands	29.7	33.0	11.1	Of which Germany	659.8	583.9	-11.5
Other Economic Cartels	275.2	347.8	26.4	Other Economic Cartels	1588.4	1311.1	-17.5
Of which Free Zone	195.3	232.1	18.8	Of which Russia	245.6	166.7	-32.1

Fig 2: Exports, Imports & Trade deficit (July 2019-Dec 2019)

