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Trade Figures for Aug. 2019

Highlights

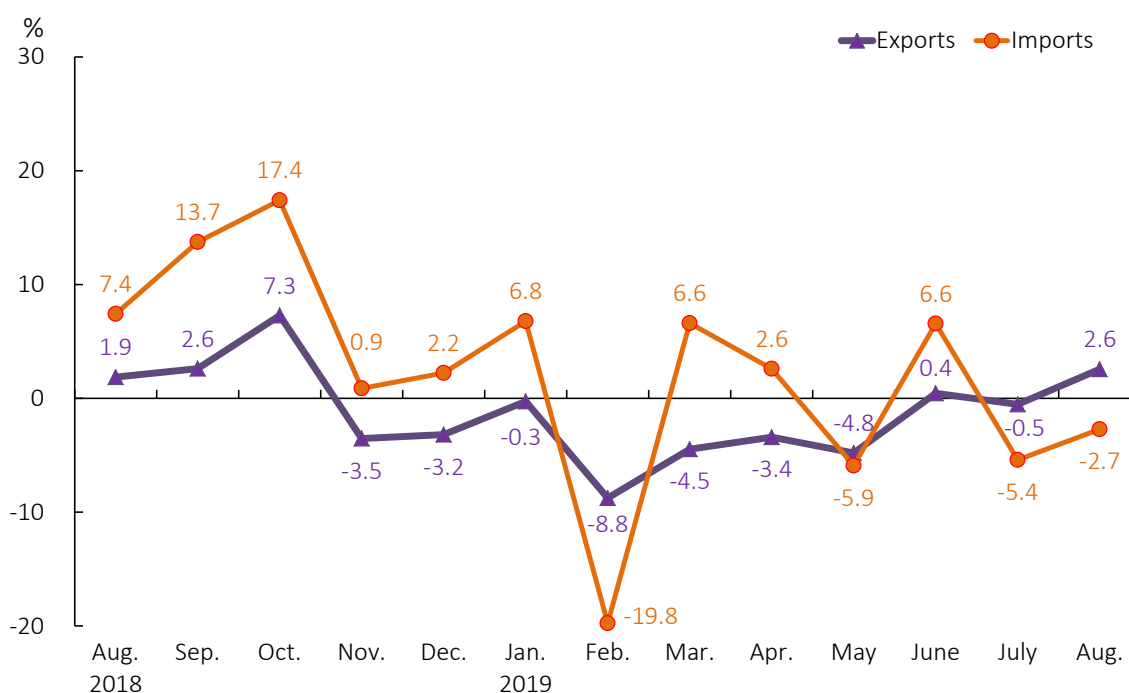
For Aug. 2019, total exports expanded 2.6% year on year to US\$ 29.00 billion; total imports fell 2.7% from a year earlier to US\$ 23.02 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$ 5.98 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for Aug. 2019

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Aug.		Jan. - Aug.	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	28,999	2.6	215,407	-2.3
Imports	23,023	-2.7	185,942	-1.1
Trade Balance	5,977	29.6	29,465	-9.3

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



Major Trading Commodities

● Exports

In Aug. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, exports of parts of electronic product, information, communication and audio-video products grew by 7.5% and 31.4%; however, exports of base metals and articles of base metal, machinery, plastics & rubber and articles thereof declined 5.5%, 9.2% and 11.0% respectively.

Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Aug.			Jan. - Aug.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	10,483	36.2	7.5	70,492	32.7	-1.5
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	3,804	13.1	31.4	27,142	12.6	21.7
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	2,307	8.0	-5.5	18,740	8.7	-12.1
Machinery	2,098	7.2	-9.2	17,058	7.9	-6.8
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,879	6.5	-11.0	15,262	7.1	-10.1

● Imports

In Aug. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, imports of parts of electronic product and machinery grew by 2.1% and 1.8%; however, imports of mineral products, chemicals, base metals and articles of base metal declined 5.9%, 15.7% and 15.2% respectively.

Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Aug.			Jan. - Aug.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	5,233	22.7	2.1	37,943	20.4	2.7
Mineral Products	4,315	18.7	-5.9	33,920	18.2	-4.5
Petroleum	2,002	8.7	8.8	14,972	8.1	0.4
Machinery	2,574	11.2	1.8	21,415	11.5	15.3
Chemicals	2,099	9.1	-15.7	18,028	9.7	-12.2
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,516	6.6	-15.2	13,322	7.2	-11.6

Major Trading Partners

● Exports

In Aug. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan and U.S.A. grew by 1.1%, 0.7%, 7.0% and 22.8% respectively; however, exports to Europe declined 2.2%.

Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Aug.			Jan. - Aug.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	11,850	40.9	1.1	84,193	39.1	-6.9
ASEAN	4,768	16.4	0.7	35,643	16.5	-8.0
Japan	1,978	6.8	7.0	15,309	7.1	1.0
U.S.A.	4,084	14.1	22.8	30,201	14.0	18.7
Europe	2,595	8.9	-2.2	20,108	9.3	-4.2

● Imports

In Aug. 2019, compared with the same month of last year, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong and Middle East grew by 10.3% and 0.1%; however, imports from ASEAN, Japan, U.S.A. and Europe declined 10.7%, 6.7%, 6.9% and 4.8% respectively.

Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Aug.			Jan. - Aug.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	4,632	20.1	10.3	37,393	20.1	4.4
ASEAN	2,799	12.2	-10.7	22,365	12.0	-1.4
Japan	3,266	14.2	-6.7	27,946	15.0	-5.4
U.S.A.	2,834	12.3	-6.9	24,141	13.0	8.1
Europe	2,800	12.2	-4.8	22,949	12.3	0.2
Middle East	2,178	9.5	0.1	16,935	9.1	-8.4