

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Figures for August 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2006				
	Domestic Exports	12,951		
	Re-exports	213,294		
	Total Exports	226,244		
	Imports	235,637		
	Trade balance	-9,392		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2006	August 2005	Value	%
Domestic Exports	12,951	14,139	-1,189	-8.4
(% of Total Exports)	(5.7%)	(6.9%)		
Re-exports	213,294	191,798	+21,496	+11.2
Total Exports	226,244	205,937	+20,307	+9.9
Imports	235,637	209,870	+25,767	+12.3
Trade balance	-9,392	-3,933	-5,460	
Current month compared with last month	August 2006	July 2006		
Domestic Exports	12,951	13,949	-999	-7.2
(% of Total Exports)	(5.7%)	(6.4%)		
Re-exports	213,294	205,622	+7,672	+3.7
Total Exports	226,244	219,571	+6,673	+3.0
Imports	235,637	224,725	+10,911	+4.9
Trade balance	-9,392	-5,154	-4,238	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2006	Jun-Aug 2005		
Domestic Exports	38,665	36,067	+2,598	+7.2
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(6.1%)		
Re-exports	608,893	557,316	+51,577	+9.3
Total Exports	647,558	593,383	+54,175	+9.1
Imports	675,749	607,001	+68,748	+11.3
Trade balance	-28,191	-13,618	-14,573	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2006	Jan-Aug 2005		
Domestic Exports	93,831	78,014	+15,818	+20.3
(% of Total Exports)	(6.0%)	(5.4%)		
Re-exports	1,473,708	1,360,014	+113,694	+8.4
Total Exports	1,567,539	1,438,028	+129,511	+9.0
Imports	1,662,234	1,496,131	+166,103	+11.1
Trade balance	-94,694	-58,103	-36,591	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2005 to Aug 2006	Sep 2004 to Aug 2005		
Domestic Exports	151,848	124,441	+27,408	+22.0
(% of Total Exports)	(6.4%)	(5.7%)		
Re-exports	2,227,837	2,040,365	+187,472	+9.2
Total Exports	2,379,685	2,164,805	+214,880	+9.9
Imports	2,495,572	2,238,293	+257,279	+11.5
Trade balance	-115,886	-73,487	-42,399	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to August 2006

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Domestic Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Re-exports	Year-on-year % Change	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2003	1	9,575.5	-6.8	125,452.3	+30.3	135,027.7	+26.7	133,224.9	+21.4
	2	7,102.7	-17.2	98,044.8	+13.1	105,147.6	+10.4	115,984.1	+18.3
	3	9,284.1	-8.4	133,803.1	+17.5	143,087.3	+15.4	154,211.6	+14.6
	4	8,414.3	-16.9	125,731.7	+11.3	134,146.0	+9.0	141,302.1	+8.4
	5	9,877.6	-7.8	133,144.0	+15.6	143,021.7	+13.6	145,795.7	+9.4
	6	10,289.0	-10.4	132,054.2	+16.5	142,343.2	+14.0	146,368.6	+11.5
	7	12,249.7	-7.1	145,324.6	+9.1	157,574.4	+7.6	159,883.0	+5.6
	8	11,791.4	-2.4	139,379.4	+7.9	151,170.7	+7.0	152,917.9	+6.0
	9	11,082.9	-6.9	146,434.8	+7.6	157,517.7	+6.4	162,163.8	+7.3
	10	10,791.3	-5.8	153,961.3	+10.7	164,752.6	+9.4	168,970.6	+10.2
	11	9,793.5	-3.0	143,980.4	+10.0	153,773.9	+9.0	161,762.2	+13.8
	12	11,536.1	+3.6	145,177.1	+16.9	156,713.2	+15.8	168,167.6	+17.9
2004	1	8,255.9	-13.8	127,055.8	+1.3	135,311.7	+0.2	134,472.5	+0.9
	2	7,849.7	+10.5	126,944.7	+29.5	134,794.4	+28.2	154,645.8	+33.3
	3	9,703.2	+4.5	153,214.9	+14.5	162,918.2	+13.9	177,986.8	+15.4
	4	8,969.0	+6.6	151,010.1	+20.1	159,979.1	+19.3	175,993.1	+24.6
	5	9,918.6	+0.4	155,512.7	+16.8	165,431.4	+15.7	174,786.6	+19.9
	6	11,082.8	+7.7	157,189.2	+19.0	168,272.0	+18.2	177,809.6	+21.5
	7	11,746.4	-4.1	171,879.5	+18.3	183,625.9	+16.5	189,261.3	+18.4
	8	12,091.6	+2.5	170,653.4	+22.4	182,745.0	+20.9	185,960.1	+21.6
	9	11,550.5	+4.2	168,113.4	+14.8	179,663.9	+14.1	186,158.8	+14.8
	10	12,300.9	+14.0	178,930.7	+16.2	191,231.6	+16.1	191,478.0	+13.3
	11	11,133.7	+13.7	168,525.4	+17.0	179,659.0	+16.8	179,906.2	+11.2
	12	11,449.8	-0.7	165,473.6	+14.0	176,923.4	+12.9	185,843.6	+10.5
2005	1	9,742.3	+18.0	172,705.7	+35.9	182,448.0	+34.8	184,492.1	+37.2
	2	6,250.2	-20.4	121,276.6	-4.5	127,526.8	-5.4	137,729.0	-10.9
	3	8,034.0	-17.2	160,647.1	+4.9	168,681.1	+3.5	182,490.5	+2.5
	4	8,046.7	-10.3	164,441.9	+8.9	172,488.6	+7.8	182,710.5	+3.8
	5	9,865.3	-0.5	183,508.6	+18.0	193,373.9	+16.9	202,685.5	+16.0
	6	10,126.2	-8.6	179,353.0	+14.1	189,479.2	+12.6	196,538.0	+10.5
	7	11,801.1	+0.5	186,635.2	+8.6	198,436.3	+8.1	201,646.7	+6.5
	8	14,139.1	+16.9	191,798.2	+12.4	205,937.3	+12.7	209,869.9	+12.9
	9	14,350.7	+24.2	195,814.3	+16.5	210,165.1	+17.0	214,350.1	+15.1
	10	15,697.3	+27.6	197,806.4	+10.5	213,503.7	+11.6	210,027.8	+9.7
	11	14,025.2	+26.0	186,325.4	+10.6	200,350.6	+11.5	204,372.0	+13.6
	12	13,992.1	+22.2	174,778.5	+5.6	188,770.6	+6.7	205,627.9	+10.6
2006	1	13,131.1	+34.8	176,888.8	+2.4	190,019.9	+4.2	185,652.5	+0.6
	2	9,523.2	+52.4	144,094.5	+18.8	153,617.7	+20.5	176,650.0	+28.3
	3	10,669.4	+32.8	182,795.7	+13.8	193,465.2	+14.7	211,701.0	+16.0
	4	10,265.3	+27.6	178,518.8	+8.6	188,784.2	+9.4	203,244.2	+11.2
	5	11,541.3	+17.0	181,705.4	-1.0	193,246.7	-0.1	207,816.2	+2.5
	6	11,793.4	+16.5	190,383.7	+6.2	202,177.1	+6.7	215,985.2	+9.9
	7	13,949.2	+18.2	205,621.8	+10.2	219,571.0	+10.7	224,725.3	+11.4
	8	12,950.5	-8.4	213,293.9	+11.2	226,244.4	+9.9	235,636.8	+12.3

Note : Value of domestic exports and value of re-exports may not add up to the value of total exports due to rounding

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Figures from January 2003 to August 2006

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2003	1	-4.7	+3.0	+2.4	+0.9
	2	-4.0	+0.9	+0.5	-0.4
	3	-0.8	+3.4	+3.1	+3.3
	4	-2.3	+2.4	+2.1	+2.1
	5	+0.7	+4.0	+3.8	+3.7
	6	-1.8	+0.5	+0.3	-1.0
	7	+3.5	+1.2	+1.3	+0.8
	8	+1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
	9	+3.4	+1.8	+1.9	+3.1
	10	-1.8	+2.0	+1.7	+3.4
	11	-3.4	+4.6	+4.0	+6.5
	12	-2.8	+6.1	+5.5	+7.4
2004	1	-2.6	+5.3	+4.8	+7.1
	2	+0.6	+5.8	+5.4	+5.9
	3	+0.8	+5.0	+4.7	+5.4
	4	+7.2	+8.5	+8.5	+7.5
	5	+4.8	+5.2	+5.1	+5.8
	6	+3.9	+4.4	+4.4	+4.4
	7	-1.7	+2.1	+1.9	+1.5
	8	-0.3	+3.5	+3.3	+1.6
	9	-0.7	+2.2	+2.0	+0.0
	10	+4.0	+1.6	+1.7	+0.1
	11	+4.7	+1.2	+1.4	-0.4
	12	+4.3	+3.5	+3.5	+2.0
2005	1	-1.8	+5.4	+4.9	+4.2
	2	-8.7	+4.4	+3.5	+3.8
	3	-11.9	+1.4	+0.6	+2.0
	4	-11.9	-2.1	-2.7	-2.2
	5	-3.1	+1.1	+0.9	+2.3
	6	+4.0	+5.3	+5.3	+5.3
	7	+9.0	+6.9	+7.0	+7.8
	8	+11.8	+4.2	+4.6	+3.0
	9	+20.1	+1.7	+2.7	+1.6
	10	+31.3	+2.3	+3.9	+2.1
	11	+28.7	+2.2	+3.7	+2.9
	12	+14.8	+0.8	+1.7	+2.5
2006	1	+2.1	+0.3	+0.4	+3.0
	2	-3.2	+0.9	+0.6	+4.8
	3	-3.4	+2.4	+2.0	+3.9
	4	-5.8	+2.5	+1.9	+2.0
	5	-8.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.8
	6	-7.8	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3
	7	-5.0	-0.3	-0.6	+0.6
	8	-2.8	+6.3	+5.7	+5.6

Table 4 : Re-exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	213,294	+11.2	1,473,708	+8.4
The mainland of China	103,915	+17.7	706,279	+14.3
United States of America	31,154	+0.7	210,702	+1.0
Japan	9,854	+4.7	75,290	+3.1
Germany	6,286	+8.9	44,871	+1.1
United Kingdom	6,509	+15.8	40,057	-1.0
Korea	4,356	+10.8	33,290	+12.9
Taiwan	4,283	+3.7	30,088	+2.4
Singapore	4,099	+20.8	28,444	+2.3
Netherlands	2,993	-10.9	20,483	-17.3
France	2,831	+6.9	20,211	+1.9

Table 5 : Domestic exports of goods to ten main destinations

Destination	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	12,951	-8.4	93,831	+20.3
The mainland of China	3,830	-19.0	27,145	-0.2
United States of America	3,142	-25.7	23,141	+8.1
Netherlands	911	+82.7	6,124	+156.5
United Kingdom	831	-1.4	5,676	+90.8
Germany	430	-21.9	3,773	+109.9
Japan	498	+28.8	3,526	+34.1
Taiwan	385	-9.0	2,889	-16.0
Singapore	400	+24.4	2,756	+0.6
Australia	274	+73.2	1,751	+55.6
Korea	174	+3.4	1,235	+19.7

Table 6 : Imports of goods from ten main suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	235,637	+12.3	1,662,234	+11.1
The mainland of China	109,181	+9.4	752,425	+12.9
Japan	23,099	+5.7	172,364	+2.9
Taiwan	18,143	+18.6	125,531	+19.9
Singapore	15,616	+25.6	105,143	+24.2
United States of America	10,787	+6.9	79,978	+0.3
Korea	9,817	+12.3	73,948	+14.1
Malaysia	6,020	+26.4	39,647	+6.7
Thailand	5,113	+20.4	34,423	+18.6
Germany	4,080	+12.4	29,658	+12.7
Philippines	4,654	+42.7	25,910	+5.6

Table 7 : Re-exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Re-exports	213,294	+11.2	1,473,708	+8.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	50,012	+18.2	340,300	+21.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	28,463	-6.7	222,698	+12.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,451	+35.6	180,856	+4.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,592	+5.4	113,321	-1.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,521	+16.9	103,980	-4.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,894	+1.4	69,640	+1.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,919	-2.5	51,408	-0.1
Plastics in primary forms	5,968	+12.0	39,838	+6.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4,077	+9.0	34,775	+12.8
Footwear	4,408	-6.4	32,213	-1.8

Table 8 : Domestic exports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Domestic Exports	12,951	-8.4	93,831	+20.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,942	-33.2	37,928	+34.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	2,227	+124.0	14,279	+90.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,325	-26.9	9,858	-17.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	1,178	-8.6	9,630	-0.2
Plastics in primary forms	532	+22.1	3,143	+1.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	341	-13.2	2,870	-10.8
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	308	+69.0	1,951	+23.4
Electric current	243	+110.0	1,421	+17.7
Metalworking machinery	149	+36.8	1,112	+32.4
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	140	+19.4	1,094	+6.2

Table 9 : Imports of ten principal commodity divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2006 over Aug 2005 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2006 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2006 over Jan-Aug 2005 (% change)
Total Imports	235,637	+12.3	1,662,234	+11.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	56,914	+11.9	395,320	+18.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,594	-3.5	209,197	+15.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,714	+43.2	175,049	+11.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	15,247	+16.1	95,655	+7.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15,167	+3.7	93,665	+0.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,045	+1.8	73,080	+1.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6,820	-4.0	58,911	+3.1
Plastics in primary forms	7,638	+11.7	53,432	+11.5
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,404	+35.6	41,821	+35.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,900	-13.0	38,865	-5.7