

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2007

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2007				
	Domestic Exports	9,675		
	Re-exports	233,477		
	Total Exports	243,152		
	Imports	256,828		
	Trade balance	-13,676		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2007	August 2006	Value	%
Domestic Exports	9,675	12,951	-3,276	-25.3
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(5.7%)		
Re-exports	233,477	213,294	+20,183	+9.5
Total Exports	243,152	226,244	+16,908	+7.5
Imports	256,828	235,637	+21,191	+9.0
Trade balance	-13,676	-9,392	-4,284	
Current month compared with last month	August 2007	July 2007		
Domestic Exports	9,675	10,454	-779	-7.5
(% of Total Exports)	(4.0%)	(4.4%)		
Re-exports	233,477	228,072	+5,405	+2.4
Total Exports	243,152	238,526	+4,626	+1.9
Imports	256,828	246,711	+10,117	+4.1
Trade balance	-13,676	-8,185	-5,491	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2007	Jun-Aug 2006		
Domestic Exports	29,736	38,665	-8,929	-23.1
(% of Total Exports)	(4.2%)	(6.0%)		
Re-exports	676,183	608,893	+67,290	+11.1
Total Exports	705,919	647,558	+58,361	+9.0
Imports	746,590	675,749	+70,841	+10.5
Trade balance	-40,671	-28,191	-12,480	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2007	Jan-Aug 2006		
Domestic Exports	69,760	93,831	-24,072	-25.7
(% of Total Exports)	(4.1%)	(6.0%)		
Re-exports	1,650,654	1,473,708	+176,946	+12.0
Total Exports	1,720,414	1,567,539	+152,874	+9.8
Imports	1,836,219	1,662,234	+173,985	+10.5
Trade balance	-115,805	-94,694	-21,111	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2006 to Aug 2007	Sep 2005 to Aug 2006		
Domestic Exports	110,455	151,848	-41,393	-27.3
(% of Total Exports)	(4.2%)	(6.4%)		
Re-exports	2,503,446	2,227,837	+275,609	+12.4
Total Exports	2,613,901	2,379,685	+234,216	+9.8
Imports	2,773,789	2,495,572	+278,218	+11.1
Trade balance	-159,888	-115,886	-44,001	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2004 to August 2007

(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
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
	9	10,949.5	-23.7	209,140.2	+6.8	220,089.7	+4.7	231,838.9	+8.2
	10	11,453.6	-27.0	218,932.2	+10.7	230,385.8	+7.9	233,494.2	+11.2
	11	9,932.6	-29.2	218,943.6	+17.5	228,876.2	+14.2	237,750.4	+16.3
	12	8,522.7	-39.1	206,163.4	+18.0	214,686.1	+13.7	235,495.1	+14.5
2007	1	8,432.5	-35.8	198,981.6	+12.5	207,414.0	+9.2	211,823.9	+14.1
	2	6,216.4	-34.7	165,172.4	+14.6	171,388.7	+11.6	178,935.3	+1.3
	3	7,569.9	-29.1	199,265.7	+9.0	206,835.5	+6.9	235,156.4	+11.1
	4	8,611.4	-16.1	203,994.0	+14.3	212,605.4	+12.6	233,203.4	+14.7
	5	9,241.8	-19.9	207,349.2	+14.1	216,591.0	+12.1	230,868.5	+11.1
	6	9,625.3	-18.4	215,046.5	+13.0	224,671.8	+11.1	244,100.7	+13.0
	7	10,453.6	-25.1	228,071.9	+10.9	238,525.6	+8.6	246,710.9	+9.8
	8	9,674.7	-25.3	233,477.4	+9.5	243,152.0	+7.5	256,828.2	+9.0

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 Statistics from January 2004 to August 2007

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2004	1	-3.0	+5.2	+4.6	+6.8
	2	-0.5	+5.0	+4.7	+5.2
	3	+0.4	+4.2	+3.9	+4.9
	4	+8.5	+8.5	+8.5	+7.7
	5	+7.9	+7.0	+7.1	+7.0
	6	+6.3	+6.5	+6.5	+5.4
	7	-0.6	+3.0	+2.8	+1.8
	8	-1.0	+2.5	+2.3	+1.0
	9	-2.4	+0.6	+0.4	-0.2
	10	+0.6	+0.6	+0.6	+0.2
	11	+1.8	+0.7	+0.8	-0.1
	12	+2.1	+3.8	+3.7	+1.8
2005	1	-2.3	+5.1	+4.7	+2.9
	2	-8.6	+4.2	+3.4	+2.9
	3	-10.8	+1.3	+0.6	+1.3
	4	-8.8	-1.8	-2.2	-1.3
	5	+1.3	+3.4	+3.2	+3.9
	6	+7.3	+6.3	+6.4	+6.7
	7	+10.3	+8.8	+8.9	+8.8
	8	+9.9	+2.6	+3.0	+2.4
	9	+17.7	+0.8	+1.7	+1.3
	10	+25.5	+0.4	+1.8	+1.3
	11	+24.6	+1.6	+3.0	+2.9
	12	+11.9	+0.2	+0.9	+1.7
2006	1	+2.3	+0.1	+0.2	+1.9
	2	-3.1	+0.9	+0.6	+3.1
	3	-3.8	+2.8	+2.3	+3.8
	4	-6.4	+2.7	+2.1	+2.9
	5	-8.0	+1.7	+1.0	+0.7
	6	-7.5	+1.5	+0.9	+0.8
	7	-5.6	+1.6	+1.2	+1.3
	8	-4.7	+4.4	+3.9	+4.1
	9	-8.7	+4.9	+4.1	+4.3
	10	-13.9	+5.1	+4.0	+4.4
	11	-16.6	+4.1	+2.9	+3.4
	12	-18.7	+4.8	+3.6	+4.3
2007	1	-17.5	+3.2	+2.2	+0.8
	2	-13.8	+4.3	+3.5	+1.4
	3	-0.8	+1.0	+0.9	-0.2
	4	+13.1	+4.3	+4.7	+7.0
	5	+17.5	-0.9	-0.2	+3.1
	6	+13.1	+2.3	+2.8	+4.2
	7	+0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
	8	-7.6	+3.5	+3.0	+2.4

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2007 over Aug 2006 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2007 over Jan-Aug 2006 (% change)
Total Exports	243,152	+7.5	1,720,414	+9.8
The mainland of China	120,377	+11.7	836,401	+14.0
United States of America	33,362	-2.7	234,676	+0.4
Japan	9,633	-7.0	78,853	+0.0
Germany	6,726	+0.1	51,685	+6.3
United Kingdom	6,694	-8.8	46,994	+2.8
Taiwan	4,440	-4.9	34,650	+5.1
Korea	4,653	+2.7	34,404	-0.3
Singapore	4,449	-1.1	32,246	+3.4
Netherlands	4,135	+5.9	28,935	+8.8
France	2,951	+0.3	23,050	+8.0

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2007 over Aug 2006 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2007 over Jan-Aug 2006 (% change)
Total Imports	256,828	+9.0	1,836,219	+10.5
The mainland of China	119,223	+9.2	846,479	+12.5
Japan	24,251	+5.0	185,140	+7.4
Taiwan	19,596	+8.0	130,497	+4.0
Singapore	17,446	+11.7	124,921	+18.8
United States of America	11,681	+8.3	88,937	+11.2
Korea	10,597	+8.0	75,578	+2.2
Malaysia	5,955	-1.1	40,406	+1.9
Thailand	6,338	+24.0	37,812	+9.8
India	4,598	+64.9	31,011	+29.9
Germany	4,036	-1.1	30,941	+4.3

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2007 over Aug 2006 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2007 over Jan-Aug 2006 (% change)
Total Exports	243,152	+7.5	1,720,414	+9.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	60,688	+18.5	416,606	+19.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	37,441	+29.6	264,572	+17.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	23,739	-24.3	169,844	-12.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,912	+15.1	152,256	+22.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	22,045	-1.9	145,223	+2.3
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,892	-3.7	70,613	-2.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,231	+3.4	55,750	+7.5
Plastics in primary forms	6,875	+5.8	47,384	+10.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6,004	+45.7	42,320	+20.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,233	+2.6	32,205	+15.9

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2007 over Aug 2006 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2007 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2007 over Jan-Aug 2006 (% change)
Total Imports	256,828	+9.0	1,836,219	+10.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	67,935	+19.5	469,215	+18.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	33,168	+18.1	234,670	+10.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	23,790	-13.0	163,618	-5.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,690	+28.4	130,207	+35.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	15,066	-0.7	96,703	+3.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,981	-0.7	71,518	-2.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,397	+23.1	65,637	+11.4
Plastics in primary forms	7,360	-3.6	53,806	+0.7
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,022	-6.0	45,269	+8.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,792	+18.3	44,883	+15.8