

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2008

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2008				
	Domestic Exports	8,023		
	Re-exports	239,850		
	Total Exports	247,873		
	Imports	260,754		
	Trade balance	-12,881		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2008	August 2007	Value	%
Domestic Exports	8,023	9,675	-1,652	-17.1
(% of Total Exports)	(3.2%)	(4.0%)		
Re-exports	239,850	233,477	+6,372	+2.7
Total Exports	247,873	243,152	+4,721	+1.9
Imports	260,754	256,828	+3,926	+1.5
Trade balance	-12,881	-13,676	+795	
Current month compared with last month	August 2008	July 2008		
Domestic Exports	8,023	8,752	-729	-8.3
(% of Total Exports)	(3.2%)	(3.3%)		
Re-exports	239,850	256,352	-16,502	-6.4
Total Exports	247,873	265,104	-17,231	-6.5
Imports	260,754	284,584	-23,830	-8.4
Trade balance	-12,881	-19,480	+6,599	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2008	Jun-Aug 2007		
Domestic Exports	24,417	29,736	-5,319	-17.9
(% of Total Exports)	(3.3%)	(4.2%)		
Re-exports	710,981	676,183	+34,798	+5.1
Total Exports	735,398	705,919	+29,478	+4.2
Imports	791,691	746,590	+45,101	+6.0
Trade balance	-56,294	-40,671	-15,623	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2008	Jan-Aug 2007		
Domestic Exports	62,539	69,760	-7,220	-10.4
(% of Total Exports)	(3.4%)	(4.1%)		
Re-exports	1,801,348	1,650,654	+150,694	+9.1
Total Exports	1,863,887	1,720,414	+143,473	+8.3
Imports	2,015,380	1,836,219	+179,161	+9.8
Trade balance	-151,493	-115,805	-35,687	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2007 to Aug 2008	Sep 2006 to Aug 2007		
Domestic Exports	101,901	110,455	-8,554	-7.7
(% of Total Exports)	(3.6%)	(4.2%)		
Re-exports	2,729,085	2,503,446	+225,639	+9.0
Total Exports	2,830,987	2,613,901	+217,085	+8.3
Imports	3,047,171	2,773,789	+273,382	+9.9
Trade balance	-216,185	-159,888	-56,297	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2005 to August 2008

(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
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
	9	9,818.7	-10.3	228,872.5	+9.4	238,691.2	+8.5	253,452.3	+9.3
	10	10,482.8	-8.5	242,534.7	+10.8	253,017.5	+9.8	261,673.2	+12.1
	11	10,007.7	+0.8	233,997.4	+6.9	244,005.1	+6.6	259,956.3	+9.3
	12	9,075.5	+6.5	223,180.4	+8.3	232,255.9	+8.2	259,652.4	+10.3
2008	1	8,500.2	+0.8	231,596.1	+16.4	240,096.2	+15.8	247,552.6	+16.9
	2	6,282.0	+1.1	178,107.7	+7.8	184,389.7	+7.6	200,212.6	+11.9
	3	7,490.8	-1.0	215,040.9	+7.9	222,531.6	+7.6	250,655.1	+6.6
	4	7,753.3	-10.0	235,647.4	+15.5	243,400.7	+14.5	259,621.4	+11.3
	5	8,128.5	-12.0	230,813.0	+11.3	238,941.6	+10.3	266,396.5	+15.4
	6	7,679.0	-20.2	215,544.4	+0.2	223,223.4	-0.6	247,196.0	+1.3
	7	8,752.3	-16.3	256,351.6	+12.4	265,103.9	+11.1	284,583.9	+15.4
	8	8,023.0	-17.1	239,849.8	+2.7	247,872.8	+1.9	260,754.3	+1.5

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 2005 to August 2008

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2005	1	-1.7	+5.3	+4.9	+3.4
	2	-8.1	+3.8	+3.1	+2.8
	3	-10.4	+0.4	-0.3	+1.3
	4	-9.7	-2.6	-3.1	-2.2
	5	-0.2	+3.8	+3.6	+4.3
	6	+5.3	+8.3	+8.1	+6.9
	7	+10.5	+10.0	+10.0	+9.6
	8	+11.6	+2.8	+3.3	+2.4
	9	+19.7	+0.3	+1.3	+1.4
	10	+25.0	+0.3	+1.6	+1.2
	11	+23.2	+1.5	+2.8	+2.6
	12	+12.2	-0.4	+0.4	+1.1
2006	1	+4.2	-0.4	-0.1	+1.8
	2	-1.4	+0.1	-0.0	+2.6
	3	-3.2	+3.0	+2.5	+3.9
	4	-7.7	+2.7	+1.9	+2.4
	5	-9.9	+2.6	+1.7	+1.7
	6	-10.7	+1.6	+0.8	+1.1
	7	-6.5	+2.2	+1.7	+2.1
	8	-4.5	+4.4	+3.8	+3.9
	9	-6.2	+5.3	+4.7	+4.7
	10	-13.0	+5.1	+4.0	+4.3
	11	-16.3	+3.9	+2.8	+3.2
	12	-18.4	+4.2	+3.0	+3.3
2007	1	-15.5	+3.1	+2.2	+1.0
	2	-11.3	+3.4	+2.7	+0.9
	3	-0.6	+0.9	+0.8	-0.2
	4	+8.3	+3.0	+3.3	+5.0
	5	+11.3	+0.2	+0.7	+3.9
	6	+8.4	+2.7	+3.0	+4.7
	7	+1.0	+1.4	+1.3	+1.3
	8	-5.2	+3.0	+2.7	+2.3
	9	-8.7	+1.3	+0.9	+1.1
	10	-6.8	+1.7	+1.3	+2.2
	11	+1.6	+1.7	+1.7	+2.7
	12	+1.2	+2.9	+2.8	+4.1
2008	1	+2.2	+4.5	+4.4	+5.0
	2	-4.7	+3.9	+3.6	+1.9
	3	-0.6	+2.1	+2.0	+0.0
	4	-1.2	+1.0	+0.9	-2.0
	5	+0.8	+3.0	+2.9	+4.3
	6	-6.4	+2.5	+2.1	+3.8
	7	-11.3	+0.5	+0.0	+4.9
	8	-16.1	-3.5	-4.0	-2.8

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2008 over Aug 2007 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2008 over Jan-Aug 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	247,873	+1.9	1,863,887	+8.3
The mainland of China	120,348	0.0	907,023	+8.4
United States of America	31,824	-4.6	230,565	-1.8
Japan	9,790	+1.6	79,127	+0.3
Germany	8,495	+26.3	61,024	+18.1
United Kingdom	7,104	+6.1	48,347	+2.9
Singapore	4,303	-3.3	37,489	+16.3
Taiwan	4,681	+5.4	36,391	+5.0
India	4,641	+23.5	36,278	+69.3
Korea	4,141	-11.0	34,814	+1.2
Netherlands	3,748	-9.3	30,030	+3.8

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2008 over Aug 2007 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2008 over Jan-Aug 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	260,754	+1.5	2,015,380	+9.8
The mainland of China	125,584	+5.3	919,206	+8.6
Japan	25,621	+5.7	202,098	+9.2
Taiwan	17,339	-11.5	132,754	+1.7
Singapore	14,364	-17.7	130,655	+4.6
United States of America	14,137	+21.0	101,723	+14.4
Korea	10,735	+1.3	83,084	+9.9
Malaysia	5,371	-9.8	43,579	+7.9
Thailand	5,552	-12.4	43,313	+14.5
India	4,993	+8.6	40,849	+31.7
Germany	4,685	+16.1	36,644	+18.4

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2008 over Aug 2007 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2008 over Jan-Aug 2007 (% change)
Total Exports	247,873	+1.9	1,863,887	+8.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	60,533	-0.3	448,445	+7.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	37,920	+1.3	309,780	+17.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	25,069	+5.6	177,121	+4.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	23,846	+4.1	164,329	+7.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	21,492	-2.5	142,027	-2.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,636	-14.1	66,343	-6.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,350	+22.4	62,196	+47.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,258	+14.2	60,926	+9.3
Plastics in primary forms	6,921	+0.5	50,626	+6.8
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,691	+10.8	36,706	+14.0

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2008 over Aug 2007 (% change)	Jan-Aug 2008 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Aug 2008 over Jan-Aug 2007 (% change)
Total Imports	260,754	+1.5	2,015,380	+9.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	66,533	-2.1	498,996	+6.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	33,235	+0.2	270,001	+15.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	23,507	-1.2	172,701	+5.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	20,878	+6.0	146,184	+12.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,909	-7.7	94,240	-2.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	9,129	+8.7	83,286	+26.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,647	-14.9	67,301	-5.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,589	+26.0	66,056	+45.9
Plastics in primary forms	8,229	+11.7	58,475	+8.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	6,536	+12.9	52,032	+15.9