

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for April 2009

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for April 2009				
	Domestic Exports	4,633		
	Re-exports	194,410		
	Total Exports	199,043		
	Imports	215,398		
	Trade balance	-16,355		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	April 2009	April 2008	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,633	7,753	-3,120	-40.2
(% of Total Exports)	(2.3%)	(3.2%)		
Re-exports	194,410	235,647	-41,238	-17.5
Total Exports	199,043	243,401	-44,358	-18.2
Imports	215,398	259,621	-44,224	-17.0
Trade balance	-16,355	-16,221	-134	
Current month compared with last month	April 2009	March 2009		
Domestic Exports	4,633	4,415	+218	+4.9
(% of Total Exports)	(2.3%)	(2.5%)		
Re-exports	194,410	171,057	+23,353	+13.7
Total Exports	199,043	175,472	+23,571	+13.4
Imports	215,398	193,656	+21,741	+11.2
Trade balance	-16,355	-18,184	+1,830	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Feb-Apr 2009	Feb-Apr 2008		
Domestic Exports	12,826	21,497	-8,671	-40.3
(% of Total Exports)	(2.5%)	(3.3%)		
Re-exports	503,156	628,316	-125,160	-19.9
Total Exports	515,982	649,813	-133,831	-20.6
Imports	573,798	710,074	-136,275	-19.2
Trade balance	-57,816	-60,261	+2,444	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Apr 2009	Jan-Apr 2008		
Domestic Exports	17,021	29,997	-12,976	-43.3
(% of Total Exports)	(2.4%)	(3.4%)		
Re-exports	686,728	859,912	-173,184	-20.1
Total Exports	703,750	889,909	-186,160	-20.9
Imports	754,338	957,626	-203,288	-21.2
Trade balance	-50,589	-67,717	+17,128	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	May 2008 to Apr 2009	May 2007 to Apr 2008		
Domestic Exports	77,781	108,318	-30,536	-28.2
(% of Total Exports)	(2.9%)	(3.9%)		
Re-exports	2,560,210	2,671,043	-110,833	-4.1
Total Exports	2,637,991	2,779,361	-141,369	-5.1
Imports	2,822,000	2,966,726	-144,726	-4.9
Trade balance	-184,009	-187,366	+3,357	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2006 to April 2009

(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
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
	9	7,853.5	-20.0	239,355.1	+4.6	247,208.6	+3.6	263,235.2	+3.9
	10	8,060.3	-23.1	268,853.0	+10.9	276,913.3	+9.4	291,204.2	+11.3
	11	6,853.0	-31.5	224,300.3	-4.1	231,153.3	-5.3	239,304.6	-7.9
	12	5,539.6	-39.0	200,276.1	-10.3	205,815.7	-11.4	217,579.7	-16.2
2009	1	4,195.6	-50.6	183,572.1	-20.7	187,767.8	-21.8	180,540.0	-27.1
	2	3,793.2	-39.6	138,144.5	-22.4	141,937.7	-23.0	165,148.2	-17.5
	3	4,414.9	-41.1	171,056.8	-20.5	175,471.8	-21.1	193,656.2	-22.7
	4	4,633.3	-40.2	194,409.7	-17.5	199,043.0	-18.2	215,397.7	-17.0

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 2006 to April 2009

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2006	1	+4.4	-0.7	-0.3	+1.5
	2	-1.4	+0.2	+0.1	+2.5
	3	-3.5	+3.2	+2.7	+3.7
	4	-8.8	+3.3	+2.4	+2.4
	5	-11.3	+2.0	+1.1	+1.1
	6	-11.0	+0.9	+0.1	+1.0
	7	-6.0	+1.5	+1.0	+2.3
	8	-3.1	+4.9	+4.4	+4.8
	9	-5.7	+6.0	+5.3	+5.4
	10	-12.5	+5.8	+4.7	+4.9
	11	-16.1	+4.4	+3.2	+3.4
	12	-17.0	+4.3	+3.2	+3.1
2007	1	-14.5	+2.2	+1.4	+0.2
	2	-10.4	+2.8	+2.2	+0.2
	3	-2.4	+1.2	+1.0	-0.4
	4	+5.8	+4.7	+4.7	+5.3
	5	+7.6	+0.0	+0.3	+3.4
	6	+7.3	+1.4	+1.7	+4.1
	7	+0.9	-0.7	-0.6	+0.7
	8	-3.2	+2.9	+2.6	+3.2
	9	-7.9	+1.6	+1.2	+1.7
	10	-5.8	+2.8	+2.5	+3.1
	11	+2.1	+2.9	+2.8	+3.0
	12	+4.0	+4.1	+4.1	+4.8
2008	1	+4.5	+4.4	+4.4	+4.7
	2	-4.3	+3.3	+3.0	+1.3
	3	-4.6	+1.8	+1.5	-0.6
	4	-6.4	+1.4	+1.1	-1.7
	5	-3.8	+2.8	+2.6	+3.8
	6	-7.9	+1.4	+1.0	+3.2
	7	-10.6	-0.7	-1.1	+4.0
	8	-13.9	-3.5	-3.9	-1.9
	9	-11.0	-0.2	-0.5	+0.1
	10	-8.6	+1.3	+0.9	-0.9
	11	-5.8	+1.6	+1.4	-0.6
	12	-11.8	-4.0	-4.2	-6.9
2009	1	-20.5	-12.0	-12.3	-15.8
	2	-25.9	-17.3	-17.6	-20.2
	3	-20.7	-17.8	-17.9	-18.3
	4	-8.4	-10.0	-9.9	-8.4

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external merchandise trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available. The figures shown in Table 3 have already been revised.

'0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2009 over Apr 2008 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2009 over Jan-Apr 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	199,043	-18.2	703,750	-20.9
The mainland of China	106,990	-12.5	345,941	-20.4
United States of America	21,689	-24.7	83,065	-22.0
Japan	8,177	-19.0	33,375	-14.9
Germany	6,086	-21.4	25,526	-11.1
United Kingdom	4,351	-27.6	17,505	-22.8
India	3,924	-19.3	15,893	-13.3
Taiwan	4,139	-14.8	13,620	-23.0
Singapore	3,191	-32.3	12,617	-32.6
Korea	3,445	-27.5	12,423	-29.4
Australia	3,067	+2.4	10,910	-8.1

Table 5 : Imports of Goods from Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2009 over Apr 2008 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2009 over Jan-Apr 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	215,398	-17.0	754,338	-21.2
The mainland of China	98,834	-16.3	350,706	-18.3
Japan	19,128	-28.3	61,382	-37.4
Singapore	14,339	-11.5	48,994	-23.3
Taiwan	14,298	-19.4	45,885	-28.4
United States of America	12,167	-4.9	43,717	-8.6
Korea	7,416	-26.2	26,024	-30.2
Malaysia	5,745	-1.0	20,003	-6.4
India	3,658	-29.8	15,857	-27.0
Thailand	4,214	-18.3	14,781	-29.0
Germany	3,752	-24.1	14,179	-17.9

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2009 over Apr 2008 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2009 over Jan-Apr 2008 (% change)
Total Exports	199,043	-18.2	703,750	-20.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	54,854	-7.6	180,758	-16.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32,300	-19.7	114,149	-23.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	21,166	-14.7	69,899	-23.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,948	-15.3	67,501	-10.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,868	-24.1	52,617	-12.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,629	-23.7	23,658	-24.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	5,053	-40.8	22,722	-27.9
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,745	-29.0	21,688	-24.1
Plastics in primary forms	5,092	-20.5	16,271	-29.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,339	-20.6	13,938	-19.6

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2009 over Apr 2008 (% change)	Jan-Apr 2009 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Apr 2009 over Jan-Apr 2008 (% change)
Total Imports	215,398	-17.0	754,338	-21.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	58,576	-9.4	190,831	-19.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	27,212	-20.0	99,386	-24.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	20,474	-12.9	69,539	-19.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	16,424	-10.6	61,242	-10.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,176	-21.7	34,889	-14.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,449	-27.9	29,631	-29.7
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,550	-27.3	23,263	-26.7
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,650	-29.6	18,775	-31.4
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,000	-25.4	18,055	-25.3
Plastics in primary forms	5,420	-23.0	16,544	-36.6