

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2012				
	Domestic Exports	5,507		
	Re-exports	306,150		
	Total Exports	311,657		
	Imports	347,689		
	Trade balance	-36,032		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2012	August 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,507	5,935	-428	-7.2
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(1.9%)		
Re-exports	306,150	303,953	+2,198	+0.7
Total Exports	311,657	309,888	+1,769	+0.6
Imports	347,689	344,664	+3,025	+0.9
Trade balance	-36,032	-34,776	-1,256	
Current month compared with last month	August 2012	July 2012		
Domestic Exports	5,507	5,128	+379	+7.4
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(1.9%)		
Re-exports	306,150	271,080	+35,071	+12.9
Total Exports	311,657	276,208	+35,450	+12.8
Imports	347,689	316,338	+31,351	+9.9
Trade balance	-36,032	-40,130	+4,099	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2012	Jun-Aug 2011		
Domestic Exports	15,597	16,543	-946	-5.7
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(1.9%)		
Re-exports	849,675	870,013	-20,339	-2.3
Total Exports	865,272	886,557	-21,285	-2.4
Imports	986,126	998,416	-12,290	-1.2
Trade balance	-120,854	-111,860	-8,995	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2012	Jan-Aug 2011		
Domestic Exports	38,577	45,708	-7,131	-15.6
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.1%)		
Re-exports	2,168,134	2,164,977	+3,157	+0.1
Total Exports	2,206,711	2,210,685	-3,974	-0.2
Imports	2,504,541	2,481,808	+22,734	+0.9
Trade balance	-297,831	-271,123	-26,708	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2011 to Aug 2012	Sep 2010 to Aug 2011		
Domestic Exports	58,531	70,415	-11,884	-16.9
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.1%)		
Re-exports	3,274,749	3,220,162	+54,587	+1.7
Total Exports	3,333,279	3,290,577	+42,703	+1.3
Imports	3,787,330	3,674,955	+112,375	+3.1
Trade balance	-454,051	-384,379	-69,672	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to August 2012

(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
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
	5	5,085.3	-37.4	199,289.7	-13.7	204,374.9	-14.5	215,360.6	-19.2
	6	4,703.8	-38.7	206,432.0	-4.2	211,135.8	-5.4	227,620.2	-7.9
	7	5,138.6	-41.3	207,140.3	-19.2	212,278.9	-19.9	233,947.0	-17.8
	8	5,031.5	-37.3	208,269.5	-13.2	213,301.0	-13.9	235,149.9	-9.8
	9	5,108.1	-35.0	220,789.9	-7.8	225,898.1	-8.6	255,039.5	-3.1
	10	5,405.1	-32.9	235,350.0	-12.5	240,755.2	-13.1	259,944.9	-10.7
	11	5,520.7	-19.4	228,573.9	+1.9	234,094.6	+1.3	254,820.6	+6.5
	12	5,152.2	-7.0	219,669.8	+9.7	224,822.0	+9.2	258,266.9	+18.7
2010	1	5,618.7	+33.9	216,659.8	+18.0	222,278.5	+18.4	251,787.4	+39.5
	2	4,106.7	+8.3	178,348.4	+29.1	182,455.0	+28.5	202,105.2	+22.4
	3	5,712.3	+29.4	226,042.7	+32.1	231,755.0	+32.1	270,641.0	+39.8
	4	5,545.6	+19.7	236,685.6	+21.7	242,231.1	+21.7	277,465.7	+28.8
	5	5,978.2	+17.6	248,256.3	+24.6	254,234.5	+24.4	279,321.3	+29.7
	6	5,894.6	+25.3	261,666.2	+26.8	267,560.9	+26.7	298,161.2	+31.0
	7	5,980.2	+16.4	255,818.2	+23.5	261,798.3	+23.3	292,305.3	+24.9
	8	6,199.2	+23.2	283,922.2	+36.3	290,121.4	+36.0	302,039.6	+28.4
	9	5,980.2	+17.1	274,249.5	+24.2	280,229.8	+24.1	304,678.2	+19.5
	10	6,008.8	+11.2	268,159.7	+13.9	274,168.5	+13.9	296,436.0	+14.0
	11	6,355.3	+15.1	266,687.4	+16.7	273,042.7	+16.6	296,551.2	+16.4
	12	6,398.8	+24.2	246,604.3	+12.3	253,003.1	+12.5	296,545.9	+14.8
2011	1	6,127.5	+9.1	277,555.1	+28.1	283,682.7	+27.6	299,645.8	+19.0
	2	4,580.1	+11.5	223,261.5	+25.2	227,841.6	+24.9	252,955.7	+25.2
	3	6,377.3	+11.6	275,110.0	+21.7	281,487.4	+21.5	321,570.6	+18.8
	4	5,972.7	+7.7	246,069.7	+4.0	252,042.4	+4.1	294,479.6	+6.1
	5	6,123.5	+2.4	273,820.6	+10.3	279,944.2	+10.1	315,636.9	+13.0
	6	5,552.1	-5.8	286,664.3	+9.6	292,216.4	+9.2	332,477.7	+11.5
	7	5,110.8	-14.5	281,041.1	+9.9	286,151.9	+9.3	322,077.1	+10.2
	8	5,935.2	-4.3	303,952.8	+7.1	309,888.0	+6.8	344,663.7	+14.1
	9	4,867.7	-18.6	266,931.6	-2.7	271,799.4	-3.0	311,760.5	+2.3
	10	5,260.2	-12.5	300,425.0	+12.0	305,685.1	+11.5	328,823.5	+10.9
	11	5,146.7	-19.0	273,415.8	+2.5	278,562.5	+2.0	322,667.3	+8.8
	12	4,703.6	-26.5	267,079.4	+8.3	271,783.0	+7.4	320,693.1	+8.1
2012	1	3,691.9	-39.7	255,608.1	-7.9	259,300.0	-8.6	268,156.2	-10.5
	2	4,357.7	-4.9	255,392.2	+14.4	259,749.9	+14.0	305,535.6	+20.8
	3	4,911.8	-23.0	257,513.7	-6.4	262,425.5	-6.8	306,300.8	-4.7
	4	4,725.4	-20.9	261,527.4	+6.3	266,252.8	+5.6	309,125.9	+5.0
	5	5,296.1	-13.5	289,209.4	+5.6	294,505.5	+5.2	330,071.8	+4.6
	6	4,978.4	-10.3	273,249.2	-4.7	278,227.6	-4.8	322,932.3	-2.9
	7	5,127.9	+0.3	271,079.9	-3.5	276,207.8	-3.5	316,338.2	-1.8
	8	5,506.8	-7.2	306,150.5	+0.7	311,657.3	+0.6	347,689.0	+0.9

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 2009 to August 2012

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2009	1	-22.9	-11.7	-12.0	-16.7
	2	-25.7	-15.5	-15.8	-18.5
	3	-23.7	-15.9	-16.1	-16.0
	4	-12.9	-9.8	-9.9	-5.9
	5	-5.2	+0.7	+0.5	+1.8
	6	-1.0	+7.8	+7.5	+8.4
	7	-2.1	+8.1	+7.8	+9.2
	8	-5.0	+1.5	+1.3	+7.2
	9	-2.7	-0.1	-0.2	+6.9
	10	+1.4	+3.5	+3.5	+8.2
	11	+8.1	+9.9	+9.9	+10.3
	12	+10.1	+11.0	+11.0	+7.4
2010	1	+12.1	+7.9	+8.0	+5.6
	2	+13.1	+5.5	+5.7	+4.9
	3	+13.7	+4.8	+5.0	+6.6
	4	+8.2	+6.5	+6.5	+7.4
	5	+3.0	+6.2	+6.2	+6.1
	6	-1.5	+6.4	+6.2	+5.3
	7	-1.7	+4.5	+4.4	+3.5
	8	-1.1	+4.7	+4.6	+4.2
	9	-0.7	+3.6	+3.5	+2.9
	10	-0.2	+3.1	+3.0	+2.4
	11	+1.5	+1.0	+1.0	+0.7
	12	+6.6	-0.3	-0.2	+0.5
2011	1	+10.2	+4.2	+4.4	+4.6
	2	+9.0	+7.6	+7.6	+7.0
	3	+4.3	+12.1	+11.9	+9.8
	4	+0.1	+3.1	+3.1	+2.7
	5	-2.5	-2.0	-2.0	+0.1
	6	-8.8	-7.3	-7.3	-3.3
	7	-14.8	-1.5	-1.8	+1.1
	8	-15.3	+1.1	+0.8	+2.8
	9	-13.0	+1.3	+1.0	+2.5
	10	-5.8	-0.8	-0.9	+0.6
	11	-6.6	-2.6	-2.7	-2.2
	12	-2.6	+1.9	+1.8	+0.3
2012	1	-9.0	+1.0	+0.8	-0.3
	2	-2.9	+7.3	+7.2	+4.1
	3	-1.3	+3.4	+3.3	+1.1
	4	+10.6	+3.7	+3.8	+1.7
	5	+5.4	-4.1	-4.0	-3.5
	6	+2.2	-3.8	-3.7	-1.5
	7	-1.8	-3.8	-3.7	-1.4
	8	+0.5	-1.5	-1.5	+1.5

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.

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2012 over Aug 2011 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2012 over Jan - Aug 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	311,657	+0.6	2,206,711	-0.2
The mainland of China	173,708	+8.5	1,183,190	+1.8
United States of America	30,917	-5.4	216,892	+1.3
Japan	12,727	+4.8	92,325	+6.2
India	5,742	-14.4	52,497	-18.4
Taiwan	6,430	-24.5	51,498	-9.1
Germany	7,012	-19.9	49,213	-16.7
Korea	5,190	-7.9	39,237	-5.0
Singapore	5,116	-2.8	36,717	-3.3
United Kingdom	4,969	-19.8	35,137	-10.9
Vietnam	3,957	-1.4	32,811	+16.7

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2012 over Aug 2011 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2012 over Jan - Aug 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	347,689	+0.9	2,504,541	+0.9
The mainland of China	170,411	+7.5	1,155,387	+3.9
Japan	28,294	-5.6	204,030	-2.9
Taiwan	21,787	-2.1	158,437	-0.5
Singapore	19,896	-12.1	158,217	-6.1
United States of America	19,117	-2.3	135,895	-1.0
Korea	13,240	+6.7	95,960	-4.9
Malaysia	7,309	-2.3	56,757	-5.9
India	6,181	-18.4	54,816	-6.6
Switzerland	5,094	-25.7	52,244	+4.4
Thailand	7,010	-11.5	46,963	-13.4

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2012 over Aug 2011 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2012 over Jan - Aug 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	311,657	+0.6	2,206,711	-0.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	84,090	+8.3	593,097	+0.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	56,065	-3.8	397,525	+7.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	41,090	+11.0	273,175	+6.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	23,169	+3.1	149,257	-1.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,438	-14.2	114,983	-8.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,737	-18.3	85,871	-6.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	10,584	+6.1	73,182	+5.1
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,771	-2.2	54,940	-9.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,053	+24.8	52,027	+10.2
Plastics in primary forms	6,303	+5.1	45,407	-5.7

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2012 over Aug 2011 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2012 over Jan - Aug 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	347,689	+0.9	2,504,541	+0.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	93,459	+5.8	648,784	-3.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	54,846	+5.4	387,743	+14.8
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	39,523	+17.0	259,575	+8.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	22,369	-6.1	168,674	+0.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,928	-12.8	112,722	-4.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,682	-7.7	82,588	-6.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,861	+0.3	78,312	+10.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	10,815	-9.5	78,171	-4.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,551	+28.4	56,323	+14.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,447	-4.8	53,694	-9.7