

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for April 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for April 2012				
	Domestic Exports		4,725	
	Re-exports		261,527	
	Total Exports		266,253	
	Imports		309,126	
	Trade balance		-42,873	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	April 2012	April 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	4,725	5,973	-1,247	-20.9
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.4%)		
Re-exports	261,527	246,070	+15,458	+6.3
Total Exports	266,253	252,042	+14,210	+5.6
Imports	309,126	294,480	+14,646	+5.0
Trade balance	-42,873	-42,437	-436	
Current month compared with last month	April 2012	March 2012		
Domestic Exports	4,725	4,912	-186	-3.8
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(1.9%)		
Re-exports	261,527	257,514	+4,014	+1.6
Total Exports	266,253	262,425	+3,827	+1.5
Imports	309,126	306,301	+2,825	+0.9
Trade balance	-42,873	-43,875	+1,002	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Feb-Apr 2012	Feb-Apr 2011		
Domestic Exports	13,999	16,930	-2,932	-17.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	773,906	743,937	+29,969	+4.0
Total Exports	787,905	760,868	+27,037	+3.6
Imports	920,381	868,317	+52,064	+6.0
Trade balance	-132,477	-107,449	-25,027	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Apr 2012	Jan-Apr 2011		
Domestic Exports	17,691	23,058	-5,367	-23.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	1,029,514	1,021,493	+8,022	+0.8
Total Exports	1,047,205	1,044,550	+2,654	+0.3
Imports	1,188,537	1,167,963	+20,575	+1.8
Trade balance	-141,333	-123,412	-17,920	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	May 2011 to Apr 2012	May 2010 to Apr 2011		
Domestic Exports	60,294	71,787	-11,493	-16.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	3,279,613	3,125,664	+153,950	+4.9
Total Exports	3,339,908	3,197,451	+142,457	+4.5
Imports	3,785,171	3,531,266	+253,905	+7.2
Trade balance	-445,263	-333,815	-111,448	

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

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 April 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

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	Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2012 over Apr 2011 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2012 over Jan - Apr 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	266,253	+5.6	1,047,205	+0.3
The mainland of China	140,176	+6.2	558,727	-0.2
United States of America	27,183	+15.4	99,716	+3.7
Japan	11,015	+7.4	44,532	+6.5
India	6,112	-15.8	26,481	-16.2
Taiwan	8,417	+2.1	24,548	-12.5
Germany	5,621	-21.5	23,485	-14.4
Korea	4,971	+3.2	19,495	-2.4
Vietnam	4,139	+27.5	17,343	+36.8
Singapore	4,690	+7.2	17,198	-5.4
United Kingdom	3,922	-2.5	16,856	+0.7

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2012 over Apr 2011 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2012 over Jan - Apr 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	309,126	+5.0	1,188,537	+1.8
The mainland of China	139,322	+7.1	534,988	+4.0
Japan	26,359	+11.5	97,992	-2.3
Singapore	19,947	-2.2	78,865	-6.2
Taiwan	19,940	+0.5	72,326	-7.2
United States of America	16,093	-2.3	65,481	+3.2
Korea	12,441	-3.1	44,704	-9.4
India	6,951	-7.7	28,644	+0.4
Malaysia	7,268	+0.1	27,367	-7.1
Switzerland	7,311	+27.8	26,328	+34.5
Thailand	6,031	+5.4	21,422	-17.6

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2012 over Apr 2011 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2012 over Jan - Apr 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	266,253	+5.6	1,047,205	+0.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	72,175	+4.6	280,532	-4.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	44,042	+20.0	191,175	+13.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,016	+35.8	133,476	+7.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	17,654	-8.1	69,185	-1.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	11,246	-7.4	49,243	-6.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	9,142	-13.6	44,293	+1.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,250	+2.1	33,887	+8.5
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,812	-13.3	26,400	-12.8
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,135	-22.2	21,562	+8.4
Plastics in primary forms	5,395	-10.2	21,434	-8.7

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2012 over Apr 2011 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2012 over Jan - Apr 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	309,126	+5.0	1,188,537	+1.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	80,363	+1.1	296,300	-10.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	44,734	+24.3	187,249	+21.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	33,337	+22.4	122,309	+6.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	20,540	+1.5	83,988	+8.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,720	-5.8	56,105	+3.9
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	11,346	+0.4	41,719	+8.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,148	+10.0	36,957	+16.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8,175	-12.1	35,326	-6.8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,869	-11.7	25,813	-14.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	4,858	-16.8	23,408	+8.3