

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for July 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for July 2012				
	Domestic Exports		5,128	
	Re-exports		271,080	
	Total Exports		276,208	
	Imports		316,338	
	Trade balance		-40,130	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	July 2012	July 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,128	5,111	+17	+0.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	271,080	281,041	-9,961	-3.5
Total Exports	276,208	286,152	-9,944	-3.5
Imports	316,338	322,077	-5,739	-1.8
Trade balance	-40,130	-35,925	-4,205	
Current month compared with last month	July 2012	June 2012		
Domestic Exports	5,128	4,978	+149	+3.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.9%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	271,080	273,249	-2,169	-0.8
Total Exports	276,208	278,228	-2,020	-0.7
Imports	316,338	322,932	-6,594	-2.0
Trade balance	-40,130	-44,705	+4,574	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	May-Jul 2012	May-Jul 2011		
Domestic Exports	15,381	16,716	-1,334	-8.0
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.0%)		
Re-exports	832,800	839,804	-7,004	-0.8
Total Exports	848,181	856,519	-8,338	-1.0
Imports	968,652	969,597	-945	-0.1
Trade balance	-120,471	-113,078	-7,393	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Jul 2012	Jan-Jul 2011		
Domestic Exports	33,072	39,773	-6,702	-16.8
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.1%)		
Re-exports	1,862,314	1,861,296	+1,018	+0.1
Total Exports	1,895,386	1,901,070	-5,684	-0.3
Imports	2,157,189	2,137,560	+19,630	+0.9
Trade balance	-261,803	-236,490	-25,313	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Aug 2011 to Jul 2012	Aug 2010 to Jul 2011		
Domestic Exports	58,960	70,667	-11,707	-16.6
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	3,272,610	3,200,264	+72,346	+2.3
Total Exports	3,331,570	3,270,931	+60,638	+1.9
Imports	3,784,226	3,631,835	+152,391	+4.2
Trade balance	-452,656	-360,904	-91,752	

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

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 July 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

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	Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2012 over Jul 2011 (% change)	Jan - Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Jul 2012 over Jan - Jul 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	276,208	-3.5	1,895,386	-0.3
The mainland of China	145,397	+0.5	1,009,575	+0.8
United States of America	30,070	+3.7	186,095	+2.5
Japan	11,907	+1.4	79,602	+6.4
India	6,454	-30.4	46,750	-18.8
Taiwan	6,067	-6.2	45,083	-6.4
Germany	6,323	-18.0	42,218	-16.1
Korea	4,863	-2.7	34,063	-4.5
Singapore	4,490	-8.3	31,622	-3.3
United Kingdom	4,334	-33.4	30,174	-9.2
Vietnam	3,661	-0.9	28,845	+19.6

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2012 over Jul 2011 (% change)	Jan - Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Jul 2012 over Jan - Jul 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	316,338	-1.8	2,157,189	+0.9
The mainland of China	148,534	+1.6	985,068	+3.3
Japan	25,730	-7.1	175,785	-2.4
Singapore	18,351	-4.9	138,326	-5.2
Taiwan	21,614	+10.0	136,665	-0.3
United States of America	17,103	+2.0	116,801	-0.7
Korea	11,967	-8.8	82,724	-6.6
Malaysia	6,647	-12.7	49,449	-6.5
India	5,456	-20.5	48,658	-4.8
Switzerland	6,182	-19.3	47,151	+9.2
Thailand	5,821	-14.7	39,957	-13.8

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2012 over Jul 2011 (% change)	Jan - Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Jul 2012 over Jan - Jul 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	276,208	-3.5	1,895,386	-0.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	76,998	+8.0	508,687	-1.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	47,181	-1.6	341,577	+9.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	28,657	-7.0	232,502	+5.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,611	-7.2	126,102	-2.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19,154	-3.4	97,556	-7.2
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	9,508	-24.6	77,149	-5.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,941	+2.4	62,602	+5.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6,984	-3.5	48,171	-10.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,254	-13.1	43,987	+7.9
Plastics in primary forms	5,822	-10.6	39,106	-7.2

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jul 2012 over Jul 2011 (% change)	Jan - Jul 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Jul 2012 over Jan - Jul 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	316,338	-1.8	2,157,189	+0.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	86,996	+5.3	555,359	-5.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	48,214	+9.7	332,975	+16.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,508	-2.5	220,094	+7.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	21,277	-0.0	146,328	+1.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,244	-25.3	99,833	-3.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,679	-3.1	69,910	-6.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	10,652	+1.9	68,454	+12.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,460	-38.0	67,356	-3.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,330	-9.1	47,775	+12.0
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,017	-1.3	47,254	-10.4