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Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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Introduction

This report presents statistics on the value of non-oil merchandise trade which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports) in August 2012. It should be noted that the goods captured in the report do not belong entirely to the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and do not fully represent Abu Dhabi non-oil merchandise trade as some of these goods might belong to other Emirates. This report does not record Abu Dhabi trade through ports of the other Emirates.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The report highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 4, the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), and by country. In addition, a monthly time series of historical data for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports is presented.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this report defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the report.

Key Points

Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, August 2012

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in August 2012 was AED 12,035 million, with imports of AED 8,764 million (72.8% of total), non-oil exports of AED 2,189 million (18.2% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,082 million (9.0% of total).

The August 2012 total increased by AED 294 million (2.5%) compared with July 2012, with non-oil exports increasing by AED 1,130 million (>100%) while imports decreased by AED 656 million (-7.0%) and re-exports by AED 180 million (-14.2%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (August 2011 to August 2012) shows an increase of AED 2,011 million (20.1%) in total trade, with non-oil exports increasing by AED 1,781 million (>100%) and re-exports by AED 355 million (48.9%), while the value of imports decreased by AED 125 million (-1.4%) over the same period.

Non-oil merchandise trade, August 2012

Value in million AED

	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Change (%)	
				August 2011 to August 2012	July 2012 to August 2012
Imports	8,889	9,420	8,764	-1.4	-7.0
Non-oil exports	409	1,059	2,189	>100	>100
Re-exports	727	1,262	1,082	48.9	-14.2
Total	10,024	11,741	12,035	20.1	2.5

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Non-oil merchandise trade from July 2012 to August 2012

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for July 2012 to August 2012, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports decreased 7.0%, with decreases of AED 288 million (-12.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 249 million (-5.4%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by over 100%, with increases of AED 642 million (>100%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 266 million (69.7%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 192 million (>100%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.
- The value of re-exports decreased 14.2%, primarily due to a decrease of AED 165 million (-18.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from August 2011 to August 2012

An analysis of the SITC data from August 2011 to August 2012 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports decreased by 1.4%, with decreases of AED 283 million (-34.8%) in “Other” commodities and AED 96 million (-2.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” being partially offset by increases of AED 155 million (22.9%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 72 million (3.6%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by over 100%, with increases of AED 731 million (>100%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 553 million (>100%) in “Chemicals and related products”, AED 227 million (93.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 199 million (>100%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 48.9%, with increases of AED 254 million (54.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 58 million (41.2%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, August 2012

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for August 2012, shown in Statistical Table 3, reveals the following:

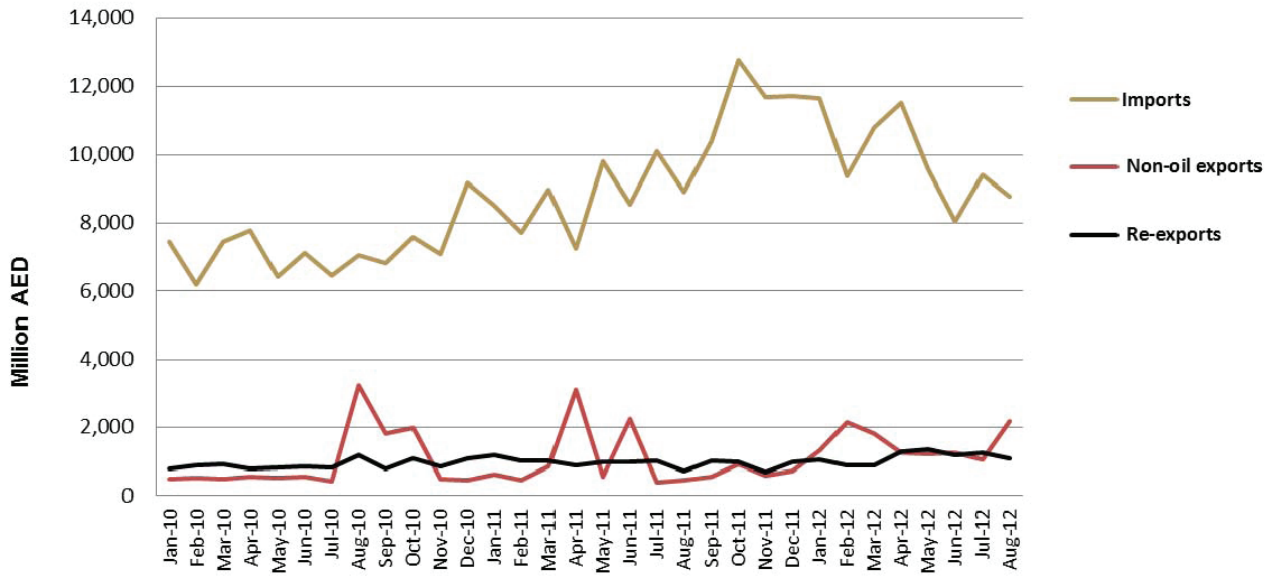
- The three main countries of origin for imports were South Korea (AED 1,170 million), USA (AED 990 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 865 million). These three countries represented 34.5% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 542 million), Bahrain (AED 295 million) and Qatar (AED 243 million). These three countries represented 49.3% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 273 million), Qatar (AED 192 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 178 million). These three countries represented 59.5% of total re-exports.

Monthly non-oil merchandise trade historical series, January 2010 to August 2012

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2010 to August 2012. The detailed data is shown in the attached Statistical Table 4.

The largest totals recorded were AED 12,777 million for imports (October 2011), AED 3,261 million for non-oil exports (August 2010) and AED 1,360 million for re-exports (May 2012).

Figure 1: Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, January 2010 to August 2012



Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Statistical Tables

Table 1: Non-oil merchandise trade by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), August 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Change (%) *	
				August 2011 to August 2012	July 2012 to August 2012
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	4,432	4,585	4,336	-2.2	-5.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,018	2,378	2,090	3.6	-12.1
Chemicals and related products	678	779	832	22.9	6.9
Food and live animals	556	643	579	4.1	-10.0
Miscellaneous manufactured items	393	449	397	1.0	-11.5
Other	812	586	530	-34.8	-9.7
Total imports	8,889	9,420	8,764	-1.4	-7.0
Non-oil exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	26	114	756	>100	>100
Chemicals and related products	94	382	647	>100	69.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	244	483	470	93.0	-2.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	15	22	214	>100	>100
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	0	0	45	>100	>100
Other	30	57	56	89.3	89.3
Total non-oil exports	409	1,059	2,189	>100	>100
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	464	883	718	54.8	-18.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	142	187	200	41.2	6.9
Chemicals and related products	37	63	67	81.3	5.8
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	42	57	45	7.3	-21.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	33	59	43	32.1	-27.2
Other	10	12	9	-4.9	-21.7
Total re-exports	727	1,262	1,082	48.9	-14.2

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 2: Non-oil merchandise trade by Broad Economic Category (BEC), August 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Change (%) *	
				August 2011 to August 2012	July 2012 to August 2012
Imports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	2,666	2,800	2,987	12.0	6.7
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,357	3,555	2,876	-14.3	-19.1
Transport equipment and parts	1,750	1,679	1,749	0.0	4.2
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	559	635	612	9.5	-3.5
Food and Beverages	472	566	431	-8.7	-23.9
Other	85	186	108	27.1	-42.0
Total imports	8,889	9,420	8,764	-1.4	-7.0
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	331	848	1,047	>100	23.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	25	30	548	>100	>100
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	28	40	339	>100	>100
Transport equipment and parts	2	90	207	>100	>100
Food and Beverages	22	49	43	99.2	-10.8
Other	1	3	5	>100	72.9
Total non-oil exports	409	1,059	2,189	>100	>100
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	294	561	514	74.4	-8.5
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	256	311	303	18.5	-2.5
Transport equipment and parts	119	302	202	69.6	-33.3
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	48	77	57	17.5	-26.1
Other	9	10	7	-27.4	-35.2
Total re-exports	727	1,262	1,082	48.9	-14.2

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 3: Non-oil merchandise trade by country, August 2012

Value in million AED

Country	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Change (%) *	
				August 2011 to August 2012	July 2012 to August 2012
Imports					
South Korea	1,123	981	1,170	4.2	19.3
USA	696	1,020	990	42.3	-2.9
Saudi Arabia	955	1,050	865	-9.4	-17.6
Germany	798	547	833	4.4	52.3
Japan	744	837	665	-10.6	-20.5
Other	4,573	4,985	4,241	-7.3	-14.9
Total imports	8,889	9,420	8,764	-1.4	-7.0
Exports					
Saudi Arabia	212	390	542	>100	38.8
Bahrain	18	27	295	>100	>100
Qatar	36	77	243	>100	>100
China	0	105	205	>100	96.2
Kuwait	16	46	187	>100	>100
Other	127	414	718	>100	73.4
Total non-oil exports	409	1,059	2,189	>100	>100
Re-exports					
Bahrain	202	343	273	35.6	-20.3
Qatar	127	160	192	51.2	20.4
Saudi Arabia	104	278	178	71.0	-36.0
Kuwait	79	152	146	85.1	-4.1
India	29	43	40	38.3	-5.2
Other	186	286	252	35.6	-12.0
Total re-exports	727	1,262	1,082	48.9	-14.2

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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Table 4: Non-oil merchandise trade historical series

Value in million AED

Month	Imports	Non-oil Exports	Re-exports	Total Non-oil Trade
2010				
January	7,438	492	787	8,717
February	6,187	521	910	7,617
March	7,439	507	932	8,879
April	7,777	547	802	9,127
May	6,437	538	829	7,803
June	7,107	558	877	8,543
July	6,461	420	831	7,712
August	7,057	3,261	1,185	11,504
September	6,830	1,838	806	9,473
October	7,584	1,976	1,091	10,650
November	7,085	493	861	8,440
December	9,172	460	1,080	10,711
2011				
January	8,506	642	1,183	10,331
February	7,719	473	1,019	9,211
March	8,983	872	1,040	10,895
April	7,271	3,109	906	11,286
May	9,800	578	992	11,371
June	8,540	2,262	997	11,798
July	10,094	408	1,037	11,539
August	8,889	409	727	10,024
September	10,387	558	1,012	11,957
October	12,777	924	980	14,681
November	11,706	582	690	12,978
December	11,734	726	985	13,444
2012				
January	11,674	1,328	1,071	14,073
February	9,382	2,146	903	12,431
March	10,794	1,832	898	13,524
April	11,540	1,250	1,290	14,080
May	9,582	1,210	1,360	12,152
June	8,035	1,253	1,199	10,486
July	9,420	1,059	1,262	11,741
August	8,764	2,189	1,082	12,035

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This report contains certain terms specific to merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

Merchandise Trade

Merchandise Trade statistics record goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this report, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

Imports

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

Re-exports

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi may include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

Classifications

The non-oil merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

- SITC groups goods according to their level of manufacturing or processing
- BEC groups goods according to their main end use, namely capital, intermediate consumption and consumption goods

If users require statistics by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is primarily an input classification, and is the basis on which goods are recorded with Customs by traders.

Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

Valuation

In line with the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (cif) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

Notes on Tables

Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.

Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.

Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.

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Symbols Used

“> 100%” rate of change exceeds one hundred per cent.

More information

For more information about foreign trade and other official statistics for Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

