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This monthly release is based on the data available from National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Bangladesh Bank (BB). NBR provides export and import data on goods/ merchandise while BB provides such data on services. We are thankful to NBR and BB which have continued to help us in providing data in bringing out this publication.

Data presented in this publication are provisional and subject to revision. All these provisional data will be subsequently reviewed and revised and the revised data will be presented in the upcoming issues.

I firmly believe this Release will play a significant role as an effective market research tool to planners, policy makers, researchers, the business community and others. Comments and suggestions from users regarding any inclusion, omission or presentation of data for improvement of the Release are most welcome.

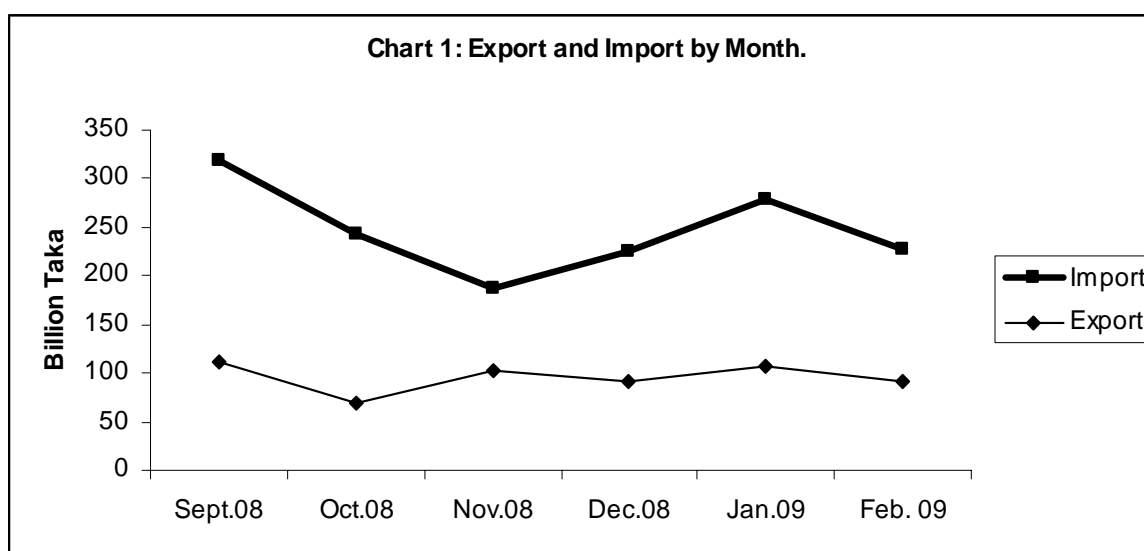
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Table 1. Export, Import and Trade deficits

(Billion Taka)

Period	Export			Import			Trade deficits		
	Total	Goods	Services	Total	Goods	Services	Total	Goods	Services
2007-08	1087.06	963.79	123.27	1727.04	1496.72	230.32	-639.98	-532.93	-107.05
<u>2008-09</u>									
Sept.08	111.20	101.04	10.16	206.59	173.84	32.75	-95.39	-72.8	-22.59
Oct.08	68.23	59.72	8.51	175.33	150.82	24.51	-107.1	-91.1	-16.0
Nov.08	102.61	89.41	13.20	84.44	51.94	32.50	18.17	37.47	-19.3
Dec.08	91.60	82.68	8.92	134.06	115.16	18.9	-42.46	-32.48	-9.98
Jan.09	106.53	97.05	9.48	172.76	151.08	21.68	-66.23	-54.03	-12.2
Feb. 09	92.11	85.01	7.10	134.62	118.49	16.13	-42.51	-33.48	-9.03

**Table 2: Export, Import and Trade deficits**

(Million U.S. \$)

Period	Export			Import			Trade deficits		
	Total	Goods	Service	Total	Goods	Service	Total	Goods	Service
2007-08	15864.8	14065.8	1799.0	25205.0	21843.6	3361.4	-9358.2	-7777.8	-1562.4
<u>2008-09</u>									
Sept.08	1619.8	1471.8	148.0	3009.3	2532.3	477.0	-1389.5	-1060.5	-329.0
Oct.08	994.0	870.0	124.0	2554.0	2197.0	357.0	-1560.0	-1327.0	-233.0
Nov.08	1495.7	1303.3	192.4	1230.9	757.1	473.8	264.8	546.2	-281.4
Dec.08	1335.1	1205.1	130.0	1954.5	1678.5	276.0	-619.4	-473.4	-146.0
Jan.09	1545.2	1407.7	137.5	2505.9	2191.5	314.4	-960.7	-783.8	-176.9
Feb. 09	1335.9	1232.9	103.0	1952.5	1718.5	234.0	-616.6	-485.6	-131.0

Table 3. Monthly Merchandise Exports (2 digit HS code)

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
1	Live animals	-	-	-
2	Meat and edible meat offal	-	-	-
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	2837.12	1488.28	-47.54
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	1.46	3.57	144.52
5	Products of animal origin	19.93	11.64	-41.60
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	198.21	198.47	0.13
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	168.77	155.6	-7.80
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	53.73	147.49	174.50
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	102.35	104.89	2.48
10	Cereals	37.52	35.26	-6.02
11	Product of milling industry : malt etc.	-	-	-
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	14.51	10.22	-29.57
13	Lac, gum resin vegetable sap/ extract	-	-	-
14	Vegetable plaiting materials	0.65	0.11	-83.08
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	30.62	30.99	1.21
16	Prepared of meat or fish etc.	13.38	17.17	28.33
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	4.79	24.82	418.16
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	-	-	-
19	Prepared of cereals, flour, starch etc.	71.47	61.03	-14.61
20	Prepared of vegetable fruits, nuts, etc.	71.29	62.72	-12.02
21	Misc. edible preparations	1.6	3.16	97.50
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1.56	7.36	371.79
23	Residues & waste from the food industry	14.93	15.94	6.76
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	95.92	87.36	-8.92
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	19.93	14.28	-28.35
26	Ores, slag and ash	1.51	-	-
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	411.88	1696.93	312.00
28	Inorganic. chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	170.45	220.27	29.23
29	Organic chemicals	3.93	1.02	-74.05
30	Pharmaceutical products	176.71	224.28	26.92
31	Fertilizers	184.78	-	-
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	2.45	4.16	69.80
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	2.21	0.89	-59.73

Table 3. Monthly Merchandise Exports (2 digit HS code)

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
34	Soap, organic Surface-active agents etc.	3.45	1.65	-52.17
35	Albuminoidal substitute starches, glues etc.	13.24	22.21	67.75
36	Explosive Pyrotechnic Products	-	-	-
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	-	0.28	-
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	0.17	4.2	2370.59
39	Plastics and articles thereof	279.79	287.21	2.65
40	Rubber and articles thereof	21.85	23.91	9.43
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	774.57	617.04	-20.34
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	58.66	164.56	180.53
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	-	-	-
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	5.11	5.26	2.94
45	Cork and articles of cork	-	-	-
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	16.57	20.45	23.42
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulose materials etc.	-	-	-
48	Paper & paper board; art. P. pulp etc.	137.87	93.2	-32.40
49	Printed books, news papers, pictures etc.	18.79	7	-62.75
50	Silk	-	-	-
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	1.86	9.26	397.85
52	Cotton	516.54	545.55	5.62
53	Other vegetable, textile fibres, paper/yarn etc.	1556.36	1701.81	9.35
54	Man-made filaments	76.11	79.67	4.68
55	Man-made staple fibres	95.64	105.65	10.47
56	Wadding felts nonwovens, special yarn etc.	253.39	276.18	8.99
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	38.78	16.35	-57.84
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted tex.fabrics etc.	675.13	637.99	-5.50
59	Impregnated, coated, textile fabrics etc.	48.47	44.29	-8.62
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	68.94	81.24	17.84
61	Article of appl. clothing accesso. knit / crocht.	38909.94	32181.15	-17.29
62	Article of appl. clothing accesso. knit/ crocht.	40384.12	36729.57	-9.05
63	Other made up textile articles etc.	3531.32	3785.08	7.19
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	1180.36	1076.93	-8.76
65	Headgear and parts thereof	282.66	245.18	-13.26

Table 3. Monthly Merchandise Exports (2 digit HS code)

HS Chapter	Commodities	(Million Taka)		
		2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	-	-	-
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	5.63	1.17	-79.22
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	4.86	0.01	-99.79
69	Ceramic products	136.19	135.49	-0.51
70	Glass and glassware	10.97	14.91	35.92
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc.	-	-	-
72	Iron or steel	180.15	153.07	-15.03
73	Articles of iron or steel	28.36	88.31	211.39
74	Copper and articles thereof	49.75	133.72	168.78
76	Aluminum and article thereof	1.07	0.76	-28.97
78	Lead and articles thereof	-	-	-
79	Zinc and articles thereof	21.38	3.68	-82.79
80	Tin and articles thereof	-	2.03	-
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	-	-	-
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	19.66	6.08	-69.07
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	4.91	1.13	-76.99
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	193.59	219.59	13.43
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	311.41	145.86	-53.16
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	973.72	0.57	-99.94
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	1177.98	491.52	-58.27
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	13.77	0.86	-93.75
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	3.23	17.63	445.82
90	Optical, photograph, cinematgph. Medical inst. etc.	79.51	62.63	-21.23
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	-	2.2	-
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	-	0.34	-
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	-	-	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	87.08	73.82	-15.23
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	27.32	27.6	1.02
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	52.03	30.6	-41.19
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	4.25	3.25	-23.53
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	0.11	0.01	-90.91
	Total	97050.3	85007.6	-12.40

Table 4. Monthly Export of major commodities (4 digits)

(Million Taka)

HS Code	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
0303	Fish frozen	265.82	253.09	-4.79
0304	Fish fillet, other fish meal	14.57	16.66	14.34
0305	Fish dried	43.5	32.54	-25.20
0306	Shrimps & prawns frozen	2392.53	1096.74	-54.16
0307	Molluscs	26.41	31.25	18.33
0506	Bone and horn- cores	0.82	3.85	369.51
0709	Vegetable fresh, chilled other	158.82	127.67	-19.61
0902	Tea	68.16	65.77	-3.51
1006	Rice	37.52	35.14	-6.34
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	93.91	65.33	-30.43
2710	Naphtha	151.03	1351.86	795.09
30,033,004	Pharmaceutical product	175.46	218.16	24.34
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	279.79	287.21	2.65
4102	Raw hides & skin of sheep's or lambs	-	-	-
4103	Raw hides and skin other	0.45	0.04	-91.11
4104	Tanned or crust hides and skin of bobbin	270.74	208.55	-22.97
4105	Tanned or crust skins of sheep or lambs	-	6.96	-
4106	Tanned or crust hides and skins or other animals	76.12	64.53	-15.23
4107	Leather hole hides and skins or crusting	396.53	304.91	-23.11
4113	Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting including parchment-dressed leather of other animals	30.74	32.03	4.20
4202	Trunks, suit-case, vanity-cases, brief cases, and other	40.77	67.86	66.45
4602	Basket work, wicker work, and other articles	16.59	20.45	23.27
5303	Jute and other textile bast fibres, raw or retted	383.53	504.08	31.43
5307	Jute yarn	915.09	986.21	7.77
5310	Woven fabrics and jutes or of other textile bast fibres	241.73	197.52	-18.29
5607	Jute twine, cordage, roofs and cables	147.76	140.05	-5.22
6101-6117	Readymade garments men's women's and girls knitted and crocheted	38909.94	32181.15	-17.29
6201-6217	Readymade garments men's women's and girls not knitted and crocheted	40384.12	36749.56	-9.00
6305	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods	819.49	628.57	-23.30
6401-6406	Foot ware with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics and other	1182.36	1076.93	-8.92
6505	Heads and other headgear, knitted or crocheted	278.33	239.18	-14.07
	Total	87802.6	76993.85	-12.31

Table 5. Monthly Merchandise import (2 digit HS Code)

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
1	Live animals	33.87	23.09	-31.83
2	Meat and edible meat offal	0.83	0.93	12.05
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	85.24	87.61	2.78
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	846.14	763.25	-9.80
5	Products of animal origin	63	97.96	55.49
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	0.64	1.07	67.19
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	731.93	961.04	31.30
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	413.02	582.95	41.14
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	251.56	179.23	-28.75
10	Cereals	5041.65	4777.67	-5.24
11	Product of milling industry: malt etc.	94.94	66.37	-30.09
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1690.33	409.5	-75.77
13	Lac, gums, resins , vegetable saps & extra	22.57	12.36	-45.24
14	Vegetable plaiting materials	0.12	0.81	575.00
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	10531.41	10234.29	-2.82
16	Preparations of meat or fish etc.	2.35	3.51	49.36
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	1466.89	1880.65	28.21
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparation	7.76	5.44	-29.90
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch etc.	172.4	124.42	-27.83
20	Preparations of vegetable, fruits, nuts, etc.	59.24	83.3	40.61
21	Misc. edible preparations	123.27	124.49	0.99
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	98.93	34.64	-64.99
23	Residues & waste from the food industries	511.54	511.93	0.08
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	39.29	96.17	144.77
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	2213.5	1569.2	-29.11
26	Ores, slag and ash	173.85	179.97	3.52
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	30077.19	15938.35	-47.01
28	Inorganic. Chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	1024.79	972.2	-5.13
29	Organic Chemicals	1841.71	1623.28	-11.86
30	Pharmaceutical products	1191.14	577.59	-51.51
31	Fertilizers	1969.67	2825.42	43.45
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	1292.95	1198.35	-7.32
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	205.36	210.51	2.51

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(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents etc.	308.42	286.49	-7.11
35	Albuminoidal substitute starches, glues etc.	166.24	156.81	-5.67
36	Explosives pyrotechnic products etc.	0.73	1.68	130.14
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	167.6	155.08	-7.47
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	1448.09	1281.33	-11.52
39	Plastics and articles thereof	4485.29	3438.52	-23.34
40	Rubber and articles thereof	770.36	763.05	-0.95
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	264.48	209.74	-20.70
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	65.76	35.52	-45.99
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	0.32	-	-
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	266.12	213.09	-19.93
45	Cork and articles of cork	1.02	4.18	309.80
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	0.71	0.35	-50.70
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulosic materials etc.	795.05	649.73	-18.28
48	Paper & paper board; art. Paper pulps etc.	1877.94	1705.27	-9.19
49	Printed Book, News paper & picture	51.46	55.43	7.71
50	Silk	109.56	29.26	-73.29
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	212.5	135.13	-36.41
52	Cotton	17272.06	16746.86	-3.04
53	Other vegetable, textile fibres, paper/yarn etc.	33.68	34.67	2.94
54	Man-made filaments	2624.93	2086.93	-20.50
55	Man-made staple fibres	3901.94	3664.07	-6.10
56	Wadding felts non-wovens, special yarn etc.	70.43	100.15	42.20
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	11.18	22.51	101.34
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics etc.	357.91	232.1	-35.15
59	Impregnated, coated, textile fabrics etc.	393.96	242.1	-38.55
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	934.91	778.09	-16.77
61	Article of apparel clothing accessories knit /crocht.	42.94	52.01	21.12
62	Article of apparel clothing accessories n-knit/crocht.	3405.17	2208.62	-35.14
63	Other made up textile articles etc.	88.41	121.89	37.87
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	355.31	324.4	-8.70
65	Headgear and parts thereof	18.94	14.64	-22.70

Table 5. Monthly Merchandise import (2 digit HS Code)

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HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	19.83	23.74	19.72
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	4.31	33.77	683.53
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	94.09	81.14	-13.76
69	Ceramic products	214.62	137.45	-35.96
70	Glass and glassware	250.64	189.58	-24.36
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc/	137.77	46.67	-66.12
72	Iron or steel	7604.74	5807.81	-23.63
73	Articles of iron or steel	692.22	624.72	-9.75
74	Copper and articles thereof	607.48	280.5	-53.83
75	Nickel and articles thereof	9.48	16.12	70.04
76	Aluminum and article thereof	502.6	860.64	71.24
78	Lead and articles thereof	107.45	55.38	-48.46
79	Zinc and articles thereof	215.75	373.6	73.16
80	Tin and articles thereof	0.24	8.34	3375.00
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	10.01	12.37	23.58
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	85.21	92.46	8.51
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	148.65	150.52	1.26
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	12717.78	9153.17	-28.03
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	10355.9	8767.31	-15.34
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	16.32	11.89	-27.14
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	5167.07	3449.69	-33.24
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	465.21	441.97	-5.00
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	6302.64	3388.54	-46.24
90	Optical, photograph. Cinematograph Medical inst.	1443.86	1440.41	-0.24
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	21.15	23.65	11.82
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	1.53	4.91	220.92
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	-	173.31	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	289.76	306.43	5.75
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	93.83	76.87	-18.08
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	721.91	549.11	-23.94
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	0.39	0.36	-7.69
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	-	0.05	-
	Total	151086.0	118489.5	-21.58

Table 6. Monthly import of major commodities (4 digits)

(Million Taka)

HS Code	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Jan.	Feb.	
0401	Milk & cream	0.32	0.12	-62.50
0703	Onion & Garlic	89.44	349.76	291.06
0713	Dried leguminous vegetable	642.19	610	-5.01
0804	Dates	24.19	21.07	-12.90
0806	Grapes	7.74	72.79	840.44
0808	Apples	294.83	289.75	-1.72
0904	Pepper	2	3.46	73.00
1001	Wheat	3553.04	4166.45	17.26
1006	Rice	1433.26	585.07	-59.18
1108	Starches	82.74	62.05	-25.01
1201-1212	Oil seeds	1690.33	409.5	-75.77
1507	Soyabean oil	3890.17	3560.04	-8.49
1511	Palm Oil	6440.05	6525.5	1.33
1701	Sugar	1408.26	1839.11	30.59
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	36.61	85.11	132.48
2523	Cement	1184.29	1272.4	7.44
2710	Petroleum product	29780.32	15346.46	-48.47
2801-2851	In organic Chemicals	1023.8	972.14	-5.05
2901-2942	Organic Chemicals	1841.71	2825.43	53.41
3101-3105	Fertilizers	1969.68	1623.28	-17.59
3201-3215	Tanning & dyeing	1292.95	1198.35	-7.32
3801-3825	Chemical product	1448.06	1281.33	-11.51
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	4769.65	3438.52	-27.91
4801-4823	Paper & paper board	1877.94	1705.27	-9.19
5201-5203	Raw cotton	4131.94	6713.42	62.48
5205-5207	Cotton yarn	3036.17	3138.62	3.37
5208-5212	Cotton fabric	10047.25	6848.51	-31.84
5402-5406	Synthetic yarn	939.89	585.22	-37.74
5407-5408	Synthetic fabric	1381.37	1165.06	-15.66
5504-5507	Staple fibre	50.92	100.43	97.23
5509-5511	Yarn of staple fibre	865.8	1111.41	28.37
5512-5516	Fabric of staple fibre	2377.5	1593.43	-32.98
7201-7229	Iron & steel	7604.74	5807.81	-23.63
7301-7326	Article of iron & steel	692.22	624.72	-9.75
7601-7616	Aluminum & article thereof	502.6	860.64	71.24
8402-8485	Machinery & parts	12471.48	9149.16	-26.64
8501-8548	Electrical goods	10348.99	8942.28	-13.59
8607-8609	Rail, tramway, locomotive	16.32	11.89	-27.14
8701-8716	Vehicle	5167.07	3091.09	-40.18
8902,8903,8908	Ships, boat, floating structure	6280.08	3388.54	-46.04
9001-9033	Optical, Photo, Cinema etc.	1448.86	1440.41	-0.58
	Total	132147	102815.6	-22.20