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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.

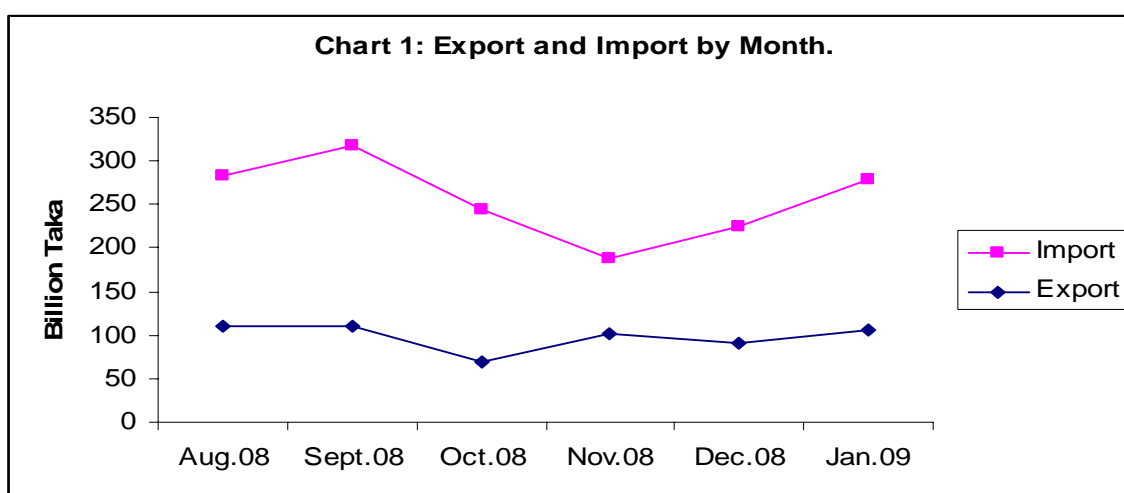
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Table 1. Export, Import and Trade deficits

(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>									
Aug.08	109.72	93.07	16.65	174.03	136.75	37.28	-64.31	-43.68	-20.63
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

**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>									
July.08	1648.2	1518.2	130.0	2721.1	2416.1	305.0	-1072.9	-897.9	-175.0
Aug.08	1601.2	1358.2	243.0	2539.8	1995.8	544.0	-938.6	-637.6	-301.0
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

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

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
1	Live animals	-	-	-
2	Meat and edible meat offal	-	-	-
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	1826.18	2837.12	55.36
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	0.376	1.46	288.30
5	Products of animal origin	22.44	19.93	-11.19
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	159.79	198.21	24.04
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	124.52	168.77	35.54
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	51.6	53.73	4.13
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	69.75	102.35	46.74
10	Cereals	16.89	37.52	122.14
11	Product of milling industry : malt etc.	1.11	-	
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.81	14.51	280.84
13	Lac, gum resin vegetable sap/ extract	-	-	-
14	Vegetable plaiting materials	1.28	0.65	-49.22
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	33.82	30.62	-9.46
16	Prepared of meat or fish etc.	23.46	13.38	-42.97
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	1.2	4.79	299.17
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	-	-	-
19	Prepared of cereals, flour, starch etc.	44.37	71.47	61.08
20	Prepared of vegetable fruits, nuts, etc.	52.15	71.29	36.70
21	Misc. edible preparations	0.62	1.6	158.06
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1.85	1.56	-15.68
23	Residues & waste from the food industry	19.58	14.93	-23.75
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	87.64	95.92	9.45
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	12.64	19.93	57.67
26	Ores, slag and ash	-	1.51	-
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	616.25	411.88	-33.16
28	Inorganic. chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	41.48	170.45	310.92
29	Organic chemicals	-	3.93	-
30	Pharmaceutical products	184.27	176.71	-4.10
31	Fertilizers	-	184.78	-
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	4.76	2.45	-48.53
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	9.09	2.21	-75.69

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

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
34	Soap, organic Surface-active agents etc.	0.61	3.45	465.57
35	Albuminoidal substitute starches, glues etc.	3.75	13.24	253.07
36	Explosive Pyrotechnic Products	6.78	-	-
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	-	-	-
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	6.61	0.17	-97.43
39	Plastics and articles thereof	206.49	279.79	35.50
40	Rubber and articles thereof	19.94	21.85	9.58
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	876.03	774.57	-11.58
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	56.56	58.66	3.71
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	0.17	-	-
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	5.37	5.11	-4.84
45	Cork and articles of cork	-	-	-
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	13.37	16.57	23.93
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulose materials etc.	0.32	-	-
48	Paper & paper board; art. P. pulp etc.	85.13	137.87	61.95
49	Printed books, news papers, pictures etc.	12.42	18.79	51.29
50	Silk	-	-	-
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	12.21	1.86	-84.77
52	Cotton	377.2	516.54	36.94
53	Other vegetable, textile fibres, paper/yarn etc.	1612.14	1556.36	-3.46
54	Man-made filaments	103.43	76.11	-26.41
55	Man-made staple fibres	31.92	95.64	199.62
56	Wadding felts nonwovens, special yarn etc.	214.71	253.39	18.01
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	12.44	38.78	211.74
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted tex.fabrics etc.	605.53	675.13	11.49
59	Impregnated, coated, textile fabrics etc.	53.55	48.47	-9.49
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	80.9	68.94	-14.78
61	Article of appl. clothing accesso. knit / crocht.	34610.04	38909.94	12.42
62	Article of appl. clothing accesso. knit/ crocht.	34389.55	40384.12	17.43
63	Other made up textile articles etc.	2785.38	3531.32	26.78
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	959.74	1180.36	22.99
65	Headgear and parts thereof	407.2	282.66	-30.58

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

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-2009		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	-	-	-
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	0.75	5.63	650.67
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	0.15	4.86	3140.00
69	Ceramic products	181	136.19	-24.76
70	Glass and glassware	18.89	10.97	-41.93
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc.	-	-	-
72	Iron or steel	9.61	180.15	1774.61
73	Articles of iron or steel	29.68	28.36	-4.45
74	Copper and articles thereof	3.96	49.75	1156.31
76	Aluminum and article thereof	0.71	1.07	50.70
78	Lead and articles thereof	-	-	-
79	Zinc and articles thereof	2.41	21.38	787.14
80	Tin and articles thereof	-	-	-
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	-	-	-
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	13.64	19.66	44.13
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	-	4.91	-
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	227.21	193.59	-14.80
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	91.25	311.41	241.27
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	4.07	973.72	23824.32
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	231.69	1177.98	408.43
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	268.96	13.77	-94.88
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	418.9	3.23	-99.23
90	Optical, photograph, cinematgph. Medical inst. etc.	97.06	79.51	-18.08
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	2.6	-	-
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	-	-	-
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	-	-	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	22.98	87.08	278.94
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	56.72	27.32	-51.83
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	35.71	52.03	45.70
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	1.22	4.25	248.36
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	-	0.11	-
	Total	82679.9	97050.3	17.38

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

HS Code	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
0303	Fish frozen	274.04	265.82	-3.00
0304	Fish fillet, other fish meal	8.61	14.57	69.22
0305	Fish dried	47.55	43.5	-8.52
0306	Shrimps & prawns frozen	1418.32	2392.53	68.69
0307	Molluscs	20.24	26.41	30.48
0506	Bone and horn- cores	3.36	0.82	-75.60
0709	Vegetable fresh, chilled other	113.59	158.82	39.82
0902	Tea	46.02	68.16	48.11
1006	Rice	16.89	37.52	122.14
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	72.01	93.91	30.41
2710	Naphtha	151.23	151.03	-0.13
30,033,004	Pharmaceutical product	182.52	175.46	-3.87
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	206.49	279.79	35.50
4102	Raw hides & skin of sheep's or lambs	-	-	
4103	Raw hides and skin other	6.34	0.45	-92.90
4104	Tanned or crust hides and skin of bobbin	302.67	270.74	-10.55
4105	Tanned or crust skins of sheep or lambs	4.36	-	
4106	Tanned or crust hides and skins or other animals	102.61	76.12	-25.82
4107	Leather hole hides and skins or crusting	422.19	396.53	-6.08
4113	Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting including parchment-dressed leather of other animals	34.48	30.74	-10.85
4202	Trunks, suit-case, vanity-cases, brief cases, and other	42.76	40.77	-4.65
4602	Basket work, wicker work, and other articles	13.37	16.59	24.08
5303	Jute and other textile bast fibres, raw or retted	677.06	383.53	-43.35
5307	Jute yarn	755.18	915.09	21.18
5310	Woven fabrics and jutes or of other textile bast fibres	179.54	241.73	34.64
5607	Jute twine, cordage, roofs and cables	112.38	147.76	31.48
6101-6117	Readymade garments men's women's and girls knitted and crocheted	34610.04	38909.94	12.42
6201-6217	Readymade garments men's women's and girls not knitted and crocheted	34389.55	40384.12	17.43
6305	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods	600.1	819.49	36.56
6401-6406	Foot ware with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics and other	959.74	1182.36	23.20
6505	Heads and other headgear, knitted or crocheted	402.11	278.33	-30.78
	Total	76175.4	87802.6	15.26

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

(Million Taka)

HS Chapter	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
1	Live animals	41.64	33.87	-18.66
2	Meat and edible meat offal	1.44	0.83	-42.36
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	15.85	85.24	437.79
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	468.45	846.14	80.63
5	Products of animal origin	6.03	63	944.78
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	1.31	0.64	-51.15
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	535.2	731.93	36.76
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	378.19	413.02	9.21
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	159.46	251.56	57.76
10	Cereals	3037.92	5041.65	65.96
11	Product of milling industry: malt etc.	102.86	94.94	-7.70
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	234.81	1690.33	619.87
13	Lac, gums, resins , vegetable saps & extra	6.43	22.57	251.01
14	Vegetable plaiting materials	2.24	0.12	-94.64
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	9729.2	10531.41	8.25
16	Preparations of meat or fish etc.	3.85	2.35	-38.96
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	921.14	1466.89	59.25
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparation	2.96	7.76	162.16
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch etc.	102.75	172.4	67.79
20	Preparations of vegetable, fruits, nuts, etc.	27.37	59.24	116.44
21	Misc. edible preparations	107.92	123.27	14.22
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	43.86	98.93	125.56
23	Residues & waste from the food industries	442.21	511.54	15.68
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	22.01	39.29	78.51
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	2212.55	2213.5	0.04
26	Ores, slag and ash	19.71	173.85	782.04
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	1651.68	30077.19	1721.01
28	Inorganic. Chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	868	1024.79	18.06
29	Organic Chemicals	1774.58	1841.71	3.78
30	Pharmaceutical products	132.79	1191.14	797.01
31	Fertilizers	5174.13	1969.67	-61.93
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	1281.85	1292.95	0.87
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	227.87	205.36	-9.88

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HS Chapter	Commodities	(Million Taka)		Percent change from prior month
		2008-09		
		Dec.	Jan.	
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents etc.	411.46	308.42	-25.04
35	Albuminoidal substitute starches, glues etc.	162.37	166.24	2.38
36	Explosives pyrotechnic products etc.	46.29	0.73	-98.42
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	79.76	167.6	110.13
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	1845.54	1448.09	-21.54
39	Plastics and articles thereof	3460.69	4485.29	29.61
40	Rubber and articles thereof	760.08	770.36	1.35
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	250.33	264.48	5.65
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	65.67	65.76	0.14
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	0.77	0.32	-58.44
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	347.97	266.12	-23.52
45	Cork and articles of cork	5.82	1.02	-82.47
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	0.19	0.71	273.68
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulosic materials etc.	596.54	795.05	33.28
48	Paper & paper board; art. Paper pulps etc.	1802.12	1877.94	4.21
49	Printed Book, News paper & picture	164.35	51.46	-68.69
50	Silk	47.27	109.56	131.77
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	100.13	212.5	112.22
52	Cotton	19491.67	17272.06	-11.39
53	Other vegetable, textile fibres, paper/yarn etc.	40.8	33.68	-17.45
54	Man-made filaments	2251.07	2624.93	16.61
55	Man-made staple fibres	3747.35	3901.94	4.13
56	Wadding felts non-wovens, special yarn etc.	63.01	70.43	11.78
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	7.44	11.18	50.27
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics etc.	318.77	357.91	12.28
59	Impregnated, coated, textile fabrics etc.	330.45	393.96	19.22
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1118.23	934.91	-16.39
61	Article of apparel clothing accessories knit /crocht.	30.3	42.94	41.72
62	Article of apparel clothing accessories n-knit/crocht.	3331.61	3405.17	2.21
63	Other made up textile articles etc.	104.35	88.41	-15.28
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	225.97	355.31	57.24
65	Headgear and parts thereof	8.19	18.94	131.26

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

HS Chapter	Commodities	(Million Taka)		Percent change from prior month
		2008-09		
		Dec.	Jan.	
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	7.74	19.83	156.20
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	5.57	4.31	-22.62
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	111.17	94.09	-15.36
69	Ceramic products	140.05	214.62	53.25
70	Glass and glassware	195.46	250.64	28.23
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc/	70.8	137.77	94.59
72	Iron or steel	4566.78	7604.74	66.52
73	Articles of iron or steel	699.03	692.22	-0.97
74	Copper and articles thereof	470.34	607.48	29.16
75	Nickel and articles thereof	4.37	9.48	116.93
76	Aluminum and article thereof	547.2	502.6	-8.15
78	Lead and articles thereof	128.83	107.45	-16.60
79	Zinc and articles thereof	182.05	215.75	18.51
80	Tin and articles thereof	11.26	0.24	-97.87
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	6.39	10.01	56.65
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	71.82	85.21	18.64
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	115.75	148.65	28.42
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	11242.86	12717.78	13.12
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	11805.01	10355.9	-12.28
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	38.1	16.32	-57.17
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	3117.1	5167.07	65.77
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	211.59	465.21	119.86
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	6920.38	6302.64	-8.93
90	Optical, photograph. Cinematograph Medical inst.	1325.03	1443.86	8.97
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	21.05	21.15	0.48
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	2.13	1.53	-28.17
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	126.91	-	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	155.07	289.76	86.86
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	93.63	93.83	0.21
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	580.39	721.91	24.38
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	0.21	0.39	85.71
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	-	-	-
	Total	115159.0	151086.0	31.19

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

(Million Taka)

HS Code	Commodities	2008-09		Percent change from prior month
		Dec.	Jan.	
0401	Milk & cream	0.47	0.32	-31.91
0703	Onion & Garlic	310.23	89.44	-71.17
0713	Dried leguminous vegetable	222.08	642.19	189.17
0804	Dates	9.97	24.19	142.63
0806	Grapes	32.36	7.74	-76.08
0808	Apples	214.38	294.83	37.53
0904	Pepper	5.31	2	-62.34
1001	Wheat	2138.03	3553.04	66.18
1006	Rice	865.74	1433.26	65.55
1108	Starches	70.52	82.74	17.33
1201-1212	Oil seeds	234.81	1690.33	619.87
1507	Soyabean oil	1967.99	3890.17	97.67
1511	Palm Oil	7572.29	6440.05	-14.95
1701	Sugar	880.2	1408.26	59.99
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	21.8	36.61	67.94
2523	Cement	1858.93	1184.29	-36.29
2710	Petroleum product	1240.84	29780.32	2300.01
2801-2851	In organic Chemicals	868	1023.8	17.95
2901-2942	Organic Chemicals	1774.58	1841.71	3.78
3101-3105	Fertilizers	5173.94	1969.68	-61.93
3201-3215	Tanning & dyeing	1281.5	1292.95	0.89
3801-3825	Chemical product	1845.54	1448.06	-21.54
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	3460.69	4769.65	37.82
4801-4823	Paper & paper board	1802.12	1877.94	4.21
5201-5203	Raw cotton	8300.56	4131.94	-50.22
5205-5207	Cotton yarn	3110.21	3036.17	-2.38
5208-5212	Cotton fabric	10041.08	10047.25	0.06
5402-5406	Synthetic yarn	735.53	939.89	27.78
5407-5408	Synthetic fabric	1206.04	1381.37	14.54
5504-5507	Staple fibre	59.03	50.92	-13.74
5509-5511	Yarn of staple fibre	570.01	865.8	51.89
5512-5516	Fabric of staple fibre	2337.27	2377.5	1.72
7201-7229	Iron & steel	4566.78	7604.74	66.52
7301-7326	Article of iron & steel	699.03	692.22	-0.97
7601-7616	Aluminum & article thereof	547.2	502.6	-8.15
8402-8485	Machinery & parts	11238.76	12471.48	10.97
8501-8548	Electrical goods	11805.01	10348.99	-12.33
8607-8609	Rail, tramway, locomotive	38.1	16.32	-57.17
8701-8716	Vehicle	3117.1	5167.07	65.77
8902,8903,8904	Ships, boat, floating structure	6920.38	6280.08	-9.25
9001-9033	Optical, Photo, Cinema etc.	1325.03	1448.86	9.35
	Total	100469.8	132146.8	31.53