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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.

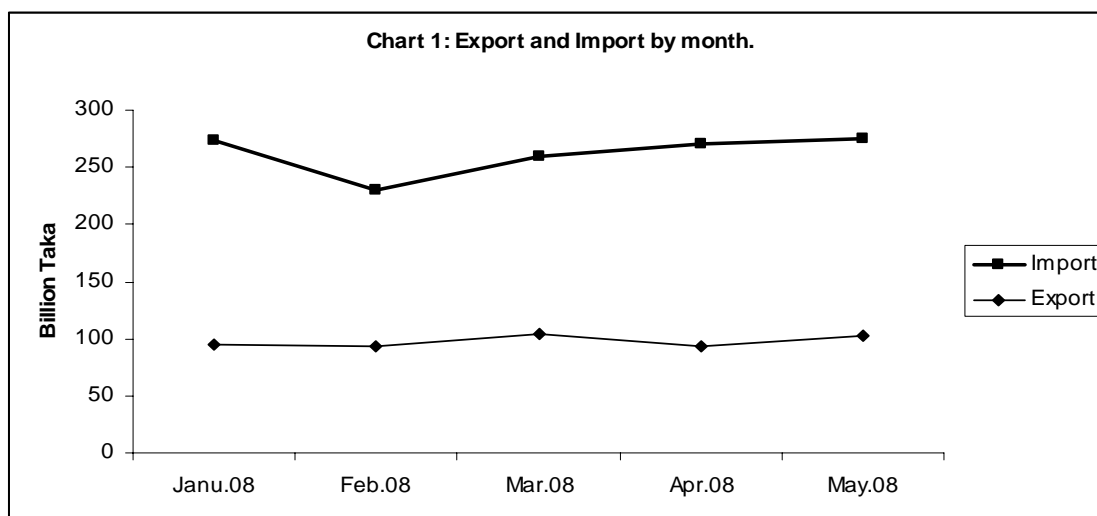
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Director

Table 1: Export, Import and Trade deficits.

(Billion Taka)

Period	Export			Import			Trade deficits		
	Total	Goods	Services	Total	Goods	Services	Total	Goods	Services
2003-04	496.68	437.09	59.59	733.76	630.36	103.40	-237.08	-193.27	-43.81
2004-05	607.89	532.83	75.06	894.82	769.95	124.87	-286.93	-237.12	-49.81
2005-06	781.64	691.95	89.69	1117.74	962.34	155.40	-336.10	-270.39	-65.71
2006-07	945.31	850.31	95.00	1303.46	1118.66	184.8	-358.14	-268.35	-89.8
<u>2007-08</u>									
Janu.08	94.68	86.48	8.20	179.14	156.23	22.91	-84.46	-69.75	-14.71
Feb.08	92.50	84.89	7.61	138.26	120.78	17.48	-45.78	-35.89	-9.87
Mar.08	103.64	86.15	17.49	156.59	134.58	22.01	-52.95	-48.42	-4.52
Apr.08	92.56	84.34	8.22	177.28	154.68	22.60	-84.72	-70.30	-14.38
May.08	101.91	87.72	14.19	173.01	152.58	20.43	-71.10	-64.86	-6.24

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

(Million U.S. \$)

Period	Export			Import			Trade deficits		
	Total	Goods	Serv.	Total	Goods	Serv.	Total	Goods	Serv.
2003-04	8427.0	7416.0	1011.0	12449.9	10695.0	1754.9	-4022.9	-3279	-743.9
2004-05	9902.1	8679.4	1222.7	14576.1	12542.0	2034.1	-4674	-3862.6	-811.4
2005-06	11652.0	10315.0	1337.0	16662.8	14346.2	2316.6	-5010.8	-4031.2	-979.6
2006-07	13785.9	12400.5	1385.4	19009.2	16314.2	2695.0	-5223.3	-3913.7	-1309.6
<u>2007-08</u>									
Janu.08	1381.0	1261.0	120.0	2612.0	2278.0	334.0	-1231	-1017.0	-214.0
Feb.08	1349.0	1238.0	111.0	2016.4	1761.4	255.0	-667.4	-523.4	-144.0
Mar.08	1511.2	1256.2	255.0	2283.4	1962.4	321.0	-772.2	-706.2	-66.0
Apr.08	1349.9	1229.9	120.0	2585.5	2255.5	330.0	-1235.6	-1355.6	-210.0
May.08	1486.6	1279.6	207.0	2523.9	2225.9	298.0	-1037.3	-946.3	-91.0

Table 3: Monthly merchandise exports (2 digit HS code)

Million Taka

HS Chapter	Commodities	2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
1	Live animals	-	-	-
2	Meat and edible meat offal	4.65	2.85	-38.71
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	4404.65	2851.85	-35.25
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	4.38	0.17	-96.12
5	Products of animal origin	24.66	30.28	22.79
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	186.71	162.41	-13.01
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	281.65	318.21	12.98
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	90.12	84.43	-6.31
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	92.34	55.5	-39.90
10	Cereals	38.16	30	-21.38
11	Product of milling industry : malt etc.	0.67	2.19	226.87
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	0.14	1.36	871.43
13	Lac, gum resin veg sap/ extract	-	-	-
14	Vegetable plaiting materials	0.16	0.66	312.50
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	12.52	24.31	94.17
16	Prepared of meat or fish etc.	22.71	11.68	-48.57
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	1.64	3.6	119.51
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	-	0.36	-
19	Prepared of cereals, flour, starch etc.	131.53	130.17	-1.03
20	Prepared of vegetable fruits, nuts, etc.	63.78	35.18	-44.84
21	Misc. edible preparations	2.13	3.27	53.52
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	15.23	15.24	0.07
23	Residues & waste from the food industry	8.85	27.36	209.15
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	38.43	70.75	84.10
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	18.01	9.29	-48.42
26	Ores, slag and ash	-	12.78	-
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	1370.82	1581.93	15.40
28	Inorganic. chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	780.2	368.26	-52.80
29	Organic chemicals	0.05	1.31	2520.00
30	Pharmaceutical products	211.7	223.94	5.78
31	Fertilizers	-	457.68	-
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	3.4	1.95	-42.65
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	1.79	12.33	588.83
34	Soap, orga. Surface-active agents etc.	9.26	15.18	63.930886

Table 3: Monthly merchandise exports (2 digit HS code)

HS Chapter	Commodities	Million Taka		
		2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
35	Albuminoidal subst. starches, glues etc.	7.91	7.5	-5.18
36	Explosives pyrotechnic products etc.	19.59	30	53.14
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	19.4	12.94	-33.30
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	0.07	2.49	3457.14
39	Plastics and articles thereof	366.29	429.03	17.13
40	Rubber and articles thereof	11.34	12.93	14.02
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	1653.49	1708.87	3.35
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	43.14	54.71	26.82
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	-	-	-
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	20.2	21.7	7.43
45	Cork and articles of cork	-	-	-
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	26.04	39.87	53.11
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulose materials etc.	-	-	-
48	Paper & paper board; art. P. pulp etc.	127.63	112.37	-11.96
49	Printed books, news papers, pictures etc.	763.92	460.58	-39.71
50	Silk	-	-	-
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	0.15	1.93	1186.67
52	Cotton	395.39	325.33	-17.72
53	Other veg. tex. fibres, paper/yarn etc.	3437.63	2674.7	-22.19
54	Man-made filaments	149.47	119.92	-19.77
55	Man-made staple fibres	181	191.92	6.03
56	Wadding felts nonwovens, speci. yarn etc.	332.45	237.67	-28.51
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	74.16	42.01	-43.35
58	Special woven fab; tufted tex.fabrics etc.	745.23	625.03	-16.13
59	Impregnated, coated, tex fab. etc.	44.52	39.93	-10.31
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	113.94	91.8	-19.43
61	Art. of aprl. Cloth acsor. knit/crocht.	32856.59	36816.35	12.05
62	Art. of aprl. cloth acsor. n-knit/ crocht	28487.08	30306.3	6.39
63	Other made up tex. articles etc.	3363.16	2752.74	-18.15
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	773.37	934.49	20.83
65	Headgear and parts thereof	517.67	568.45	9.81
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	-	-	-
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	4.54	1.21	-73.35

Table 3: Monthly merchandise exports (2 digit HS code)

Million Taka

HS Chapter	Commodities	2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	15.57	5.62	-63.90
69	Ceramic products	228.3	221.46	-3.00
70	Glass and glassware	13.1	27.61	110.76
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc.	55.86	36.08	-35.41
72	Iron or steel	124.02	260.09	109.72
73	Articles of iron or steel	38.04	24.89	-34.57
74	Copper and articles thereof	291.85	389.46	33.45
76	Aluminum and article thereof	0.42	0.92	119.05
78	Lead and articles thereof	98.41	46.91	-52.33
79	Zinc and articles thereof	2.08	3.23	55.29
80	Tin and articles thereof	1.6	-	-
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	-	3.03	-
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	2.34	9.96	325.64
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	0.58	2.42	317.24
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	199.5	396.4	98.70
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	217.3	206.58	-4.93
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	1.49	2.48	66.44
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	385.92	581.4	50.65
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	1.78	0.48	-73.03
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	15.38	15.85	3.06
90	Optical, photograph, cinematgph. Medical inst. etc.	99.11	107.07	8.03
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	-	1.46	-
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	-	0.03	-
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	0.13	-	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	24.1	50.82	110.87
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	88.76	93.73	5.60
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	84.94	63.51	-25.23
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	0.39	0.66	69.23
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	-	-	-
	Total	84346.68	87720.19	4.00

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

Million Taka

HS Code	Commodities	2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
0303	Fish frozen	351.12	329.71	-6.10
0304	Fish fillet, other fish meal	7.91	7.91	0.00
0305	Fish dried	27.44	28.01	2.08
0306	Shrimps & prawns frozen	3950.67	2389.98	-39.50
0307	Molluscs	20.17	22.64	12.25
0506	Bone and horn- cores	1.09	1.74	59.63
0709	Veg. fresh, chilled other	230.93	274.18	18.73
0902	Tea	30.01	17.76	-40.82
1006	Rice	38.16	29.93	-21.57
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	22.37	69.26	209.61
2710	Naphtha	1295.86	1496.73	15.50
30,033,004	Pharmaceutical product	195.82	221	12.86
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	366.29	429.03	17.13
4102	Raw hides & skin of sheep's or lambs	-	-	-
4103	Raw hides and skin other	12.82	5.88	-54.13
4104	Tanned or crust hides and skin of bobbin	742	803.25	8.25
4105	Tanned or crust skins of sheep or lambs	3.7	17.78	380.54
4106	Tanned or crust hides and skins or other animals	172.61	152.11	-11.88
4107	Leather hole hides and skins or crusting	631.59	651.82	3.20
4113	Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting including parchment-dressed leather of other animals	82.6	71.13	-13.89
4202	Trunks, suit-case, vanity-cases, brief cases, and other	41.32	50.67	22.63
4602	Basket work, wicker work, and other articles	26.04	39.75	52.65
5303	Jute and other textile bast fibres, raw or retted	1357.49	893.34	-34.19
5307	Jute yarn	1552.96	1327.5	-14.52
5310	Woven fabrics and jutes or of other textile bast fibres	517.35	423.72	-18.10
5607	Jute twine, cordage, roofs and cables	103.93	71.92	-30.80
6101-6117	Readymade garments men's women's and girls knitted and crocheted	32856.59	36816.35	12.05
6201-6217	Readymade garments men's women's and girls not knitted and crocheted	28487.08	30306.3	6.39
6305	Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods	657.56	521.46	-20.70
6401-6406	Foot ware with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics and other	773.37	934.49	20.83
6505	Heads and other headgear, knitted or crocheted	505.95	557.95	10.28
	Total	75062.8	78963.3	5.20

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

Million Taka

HS Chapter	Commodities	2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
1	Live animals	20.18	39.82	97.32
2	Meat and edible meat offal	27.25	0.67	-97.54
3	Fishes, crustacean and other aquatic	28.57	21.95	-23.17
4	Dairy produces edible product of animal origin.	1008.04	594.22	-41.05
5	Products of animal origin	177.19	59.5	-66.42
6	Live tree and other plants etc.	0.84	2.11	151.19
7	Edible vegetables, roots as tubers	2797.54	1580.25	-43.51
8	Edible fruits and nuts citrus fruits	514.47	477.4	-7.21
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	141.13	186.79	32.35
10	Cereals	3506.66	3789.88	8.08
11	Product of milling industry: malt etc.	154.9	56.98	-63.21
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4087.77	72.7	-98.22
13	Lac, gums, resins , veg. saps & extra	18.36	11.59	-36.87
14	Veg. plaiting materials	1.17	-	-
15	Animal or veg. fats and oils	11231.27	10792.1	-3.91
16	Preparations of meat or fish etc.	2.81	0.06	-97.86
17	Sugar and sugar confectionery	4944.36	6944.28	40.45
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparation	45.09	5.21	-88.45
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch etc.	434.61	251.04	-42.24
20	Preparations of veg. fruits, nuts, etc.	32.75	32.54	-0.64
21	Misc. edible preparations	157.46	146.14	-7.19
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	61.59	78.04	26.71
23	Residues & waste from the food indus.	943.53	394.99	-58.14
24	Tobacco mfg tobacco substitutes	73.75	115.23	56.24
25	Salt, sulphur, etc. and plastering metals stone cement	3313.45	3554.69	7.28
26	Ores, slag and ash	124	649.85	424.07
27	Mineral, fuels/oils etc.	8232.6	12503.72	51.88
28	Inorganic. Chem.: compounds of specious metals etc.	1917.42	1487.45	-22.42
29	Organic Chemicals	2091.4	2183.73	4.41
30	Pharmaceutical products	1045.01	835	-20.10
31	Fertilizers	2524.16	5471.82	116.78
32	Tanning/dyeing ext; dye pigments etc.	1717.05	1867.81	8.78

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

HS Chapter	Commodities	Million Taka		Percent change from prior month
		2007-08		
		Apr.	May	
33	Essential Oils, perfumery/toilet pre.	269.02	212.17	-21.13
34	Soap, orga. Surface-active agents etc.	571.25	523.1	-8.43
35	Albuminoidal subst. starches, glues etc.	222.85	167.03	-25.05
36	Explosives pyrotechnic products etc.	1.81	-	-
37	Photographic/cinematographic goods	128.41	76.42	-40.49
38	Miscellaneous chem. products	1370.26	1270.39	-7.29
39	Plastics and articles thereof	5443.81	4472.9	-17.84
40	Rubber and articles thereof	774.49	755.75	-2.42
41	Raw hides & skins, leather	206.37	374.47	81.46
42	Art of saddlery & harness etc.	60.6	78.38	29.34
43	Fur skins & artificial fur. Mfg.	0.41	5.16	1158.54
44	Wood & art. of wood; wood charcoal	460.02	240.82	-47.65
45	Cork and articles of cork	2.69	0.78	-71.00
46	Manufactures of straw etc.	0.09	0.09	0.00
47	Pulp/ wood/fibrous cellulosic materials etc.	391.59	400.22	2.20
48	Paper & paper board; art. Paper pulps etc.	2098.48	2302.23	9.71
49	Printed Book, News paper & picture	294.38	247.08	-16.07
50	Silk	78.22	69.08	-11.68
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair etc.	568.51	569.94	0.25
52	Cotton	26271.69	24870.36	-5.33
53	Other veg. tex. fibres, paper/yarn etc.	24.01	25.8	7.46
54	Man-made filaments	3260.48	3328.36	2.08
55	Man-made staple fibres	5917.06	6576.22	11.14
56	Wadding felts non-wovens, special yarn etc.	150.69	135.74	-9.92
57	Carpet other text. floor coverings	9.64	14.45	49.90
58	Special woven fab; tufted tex. fabrics etc.	452.31	533.19	17.88
59	Impregnated, coated, tex fab. etc.	274.16	302.28	10.26
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1144.76	1071.71	-6.38
61	Art. of aprl. cloth acsor. Knit /crocheted	33.77	54.03	59.99
62	Art. of aprl. cloth acsor. n-knit/ crocheted	3990.78	3365.57	-15.67
63	Other made up tex. articles etc.	65.27	119.35	82.86
64	Footwear, gaiter & like etc.	301.22	339.34	12.66
65	Headgear and parts thereof	17.23	27.91	61.98

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

HS Chapter	Commodities	2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Million Taka		
		Apr.	May	
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walk sticks etc.	27.61	37.68	36.47
67	Prepared feathers & down/articles etc.	58.11	13.23	-77.23
68	Art of stone, plastic, cement etc.	155.92	88.06	-43.52
69	Ceramic products	124.35	172	38.32
70	Glass and glassware	187.7	186.65	-0.56
71	Natural/culture pearls & precious stones etc/	76.96	132.59	72.28
72	Iron or steel	4716.09	7257.88	53.90
73	Articles of iron or steel	885.91	635.34	-28.28
74	Copper and articles thereof	492.41	494.8	0.49
75	Nickel and articles thereof	32.28	18.23	-43.53
76	Aluminum and article thereof	664.38	631.19	-5.00
78	Lead and articles thereof	64.81	105.3	62.47
79	Zinc and articles thereof	410.28	475.41	15.87
80	Tin and articles thereof	4.8	0.05	-98.96
81	Other base metals, cermets etc.	12.53	5.32	-57.54
82	Tools, implements, cutlery etc.	82.95	150.93	81.95
83	Miscellaneous art of base metal.	140.24	160.79	14.65
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers etc.	12861.19	12198.25	-5.15
85	Electrical mach. & equipment, parts etc.	10686.93	10017.71	-6.26
86	Rail/tramway locomotives etc.	471.99	3.61	-99.24
87	Vehicles, other than rail/tram way's & parts etc.	4730.51	3481.92	-26.39
88	Aircraft, space craft and parts.	52.87	204.27	286.36
89	Ships, boats & floating structures	9075.55	7582.25	-16.45
90	Optical, photgph. Cinematgph. Medical inst. etc.	995.47	783.47	-21.30
91	Clocks & watches & parts.	44.28	22.81	-48.49
92	Musical /instruments and parts etc.	2.24	4.44	98.21
93	Arms, & ammunition and parts & accessories	196.24	-	-
94	Furniture, bedding, mattresses etc.	296.75	170.19	-42.65
95	Toys, games & sports requisites & parts etc.	81.5	77.69	-4.67
96	Miscellaneous mfg. articles	820.32	732.78	-10.67
97	Works/ art, collectors & antiques	17.47	1.02	-94.16
98	Miscellaneous national provisions	0.21	0.11	-47.62
	Total	154693.4	152583.8	-1.36

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

HS Code	Commodities	Million Taka		
		2007-08		Percent change from prior month
		Apr.	May	
0401	Milk & cream	0.92	1.46	58.70
0703	Onion & Garlic	285.32	159.1	-44.24
0713	Dried leguminous veg.	2510.71	1405.64	-44.01
0804	Dates	25.02	37.22	48.76
0806	Grapes	34.5	20.15	-41.59
0808	Apples	226.73	139.89	-38.30
0904	Pepper	5.37	-	-
1001	Wheat	943.92	2355.14	149.51
1006	Rice	2562.41	1434.71	-44.01
1108	Starches	145.7	51.83	-64.43
1201-1212	Oil seeds	4087.97	72.7	-98.22
1507	Soyabean oil	2305.44	170.54	-92.60
1511	Palm Oil	8595.93	9496.2	10.47
1701	Sugar	4880.08	6888.86	41.16
2401	Un-manufactured tobacco	59.11	114.92	94.42
2523	Cement	2910.56	2492.33	-14.37
2709	Petroleum oil crude	-	2059.26	-
2710	Petroleum product	7805.41	10190.27	30.55
2801-2851	In organic Chemicals	1916.41	1487.19	-22.40
2901-2942	Organic Chemicals	2091.43	2183.82	4.42
3101-3105	Fertilizers	2524.16	5471.82	116.78
3201-3215	Tanning & dyeing	1717.14	1867.81	8.77
3801-3825	Chemical product	1370.26	1270.39	-7.29
3901-3926	Plastic & articles thereof	5543.81	4472.9	-19.32
4801-4823	Paper & paper board	2098.48	2302.23	9.71
5201-5203	Raw cotton	10555.43	9263.27	-12.24
5205-5207	Cotton yarn	4666.63	3966	-15.01
5208-5212	Cotton fabric	10980.81	11568.33	5.35
5402-5406	Synthetic yarn	1032.95	1021.83	-1.08
5407-5408	Synthetic fabric	1886.85	1884.94	-0.10
5504-5507	Staple fibre	125.1	238.76	90.86
5509-5511	Yarn of staple fibre	2127.97	2810.15	32.06
5512-5516	Fabric of staple fibre	2577.06	2288.55	-11.20
7201-7229	Iron & steel	4716.09	7257.88	53.90
7301-7326	Article of iron & steel	885.91	635.34	-28.28
7601-7616	Aluminum & article thereof	664.38	631.19	-5.00
8402-8485	Machinery & parts	12829.63	12177.66	-5.08
8501-8548	Electrical goods	10688.97	10017.71	-6.28
8607-8609	Rail, tramway, locomotive	132.56	3.61	-97.28
8701-8716	Vehicle	4730.51	3481.92	-26.39
8902,8903,8908	Ships, boat, floating structure	9075.24	7582.24	-16.45
9001-9033	Optical, Photo, Cinema etc.	997.47	783.47	-21.45
	Total	133320.3	131759.2	-1.17