

Iran's Foreign Trade during the First 5 Months of 1386

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A. Export

According to the report of I.R. Iran's Customs Department, 12696.7 thousand tons of non-oil goods with an approximate value of 5763.3 million dollars (4253.4 million euros) has been exported during the first 5 months of 1386,

representing an increase of 5.21% in tonnage and 5.46% in value. The total non-oil export value during the similar period in 1385 was 5464.9 million dollars (4329.4 million euros). Of the total non-oil export value, 22.3 million dollars was earned from out-going passenger and 126 million dollars was the share of frontier

markets. The average tonnage price of exports in the said period has been 453.9 dollars which, compared to the 452.8 dollars of the previous year, shows 0.24% increase.

As shown in chart 1, of the total exported groups of goods, mineral products enjoyed a share of 23.65% of value;

claiming first in rank, followed by base metals and articles of base metal with 13.43% of value; products of the chemical or allied industries with 12.59% of value; vegetable products with 10.25% of value; and plastics and articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof with 6.51% of value in descending order.

Chart 1 shows the main non-oil export items. Accordingly, export of “liquefied propane” with 380.7 million dollars or 6.61% of total exports, ranks first. “Pistachios” with 302.1 million dollars and 5.24%; “liquefied butanes” with 252.1 million dollars or 4.38%; and “other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures” with 206.4 million dollars and 3.58% assume the descending ranks.

Other main figures includes, “flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel”, 2.54%; “textile grade”, 2.46%; “cathodes and sections of cathodes”, 2.34%; “motor cars with piston engine”, 2.19%; “carpets of wool or fine animal hair”, 2.16%; and “other petroleum gases”, 2.09% of total exports.

During the first 5 months of 1386, the total share of 10 items above, has been 33.6% of value and 18.4% of weight of the total non-oil exports, whereas the same items in 1385 represented 30.4% of

total value and 17.1% of total weight of exports.

According to the present statistics, the highest amount of Iran’s total exports, 809.1 million dollars (14.04%) and 1955.5 thousand tons (15.4%) have been sent off to the United Arab Emirates; Iraq with 1296 thousand tons (10.21%) and 624.8 million dollars (10.84%) ranks second, followed by China (8.02%), Japan (5.92%), India (4.05%), Italy (3.85%), Turkey (3.41%), Afghanistan (3.17%), Korea Republic (3.13%), Kuwait (2.67%). Thus the 10 country’s share of Iran’s total export values amounts to 59.1%.

B. Imports

According to the statistics published by the I.R.Iran’s Customs Department for the first 5 months of 1386, 17614.8 thousand tons of various goods worth 18113.1 million dollars (13399.5 million euros) have been imported which, compared to the similar period in 1385, shows 1.1% increase in weight and 8.23% increase in value. Average price per ton of imported goods is 1000 dollars, as similar as last year.

Chart 2 shows significant import items during the first 5 months of 1386. The greatest value and share of the total import belong to “Gasoline”,

worth 1378 million dollars, 7.61%. “Ingots of iron and non-alloy steel” and “Other light oils and preparations” occupy 2nd and 3rd position with 4.71% and 2.27% share respectively.

Other important items include: “Bars of iron or non-alloy steel”, 1.63%; “maize (corn)” 1.44%; “Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel”, 1.4%; “I sections of iron or non-alloy steel”, 1.38%; “C.K.D parts for manufacturing motor vehicles”, 1.11%; “Soya beans”, 1.1%; “Semi-milled or wholly milled rice”, 1.04%; All mentioned items constituted 23.7% of the value and 44.5% of the total weight of the imports.

During the first 5 months of 1386, the greatest share of imported goods with 4803 thousand tons and 4385.8 million dollars have been imported from United Arab Emirates, representing 27.3% share of the weight and 24.2% of value of total import.

Imports of goods from Germany stand 2nd, about 925.6 thousand tons, 5.25% and 2013.3 million dollars, 11.12%.

In terms of value, other ranks belong to china, 7.86%; Switzerland, 6.06%; India, 4.79%; Republic of Korea, 4.76%; France, 4.31%; UK, 4.18%; Italy, 3.86%; and Japan, 2.59%; The total share of imports by the 10 countries mentioned above amounts to 73.74%.

Table 1
Export of non-oil goods and their main items in first 5 months

Goods	March 2007-August2007					March 2006-August2006					% of change	
	Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Average price per kilo (dollars)	% share of each goods		Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Average price per kilo (dollars)	% share of each countries		Weight	value
				Weight	value				Weight	value		
Liquefied propane	736.6	380.7	0.5	5.81	6.61	638.8	284.3	0.4	5.29	5.2	15.46	33.92
Pistachios	46.8	302.1	6.5	0.37	5.24	49.7	315.6	6.3	0.41	5.78	-5.82	-4.27
Liquefied butanes	523.6	252.1	0.5	4.12	4.38	251.6	113.5	0.5	2.08	2.08	108.09	122.21
Other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures	362.4	206.4	0.6	2.85	3.58	336.8	167	0.5	2.79	3.06	7.62	23.58
Flat-rolled products of iron	250.4	146.7	0.6	1.97	2.54	562.3	244.9	0.4	4.66	4.48	-55.48	-40.1
Textile grade	152.4	141.5	0.9	1.2	2.46	136.5	120	0.9	1.13	2.2	11.59	17.99
Cathodes& sections of cathodes	18.9	135.1	7.1	0.15	2.34	46.8	253.9	5.4	0.39	4.65	-59.54	-46.79
Motor cars with piston engine	17.6	125.9	7.2	0.14	2.19	0.1	0.4	8.4	0	0.01	33143.75	28359.94
Carpets of wool or fine animal hair	3.7	124.6	33.6	0.03	2.16	5	141	28	0.04	2.58	-26.37	-11.63
Other petroleum gases	221.7	120.3	0.5	1.75	2.09	33.4	19.9	0.6	0.28	0.36	563.16	504.75
Total	8659.8	4048.4	0.5	68.2	70.24	8121.9	3593.1	0.4	67.3	67.75	6.62	12.67
Others from other customs	3770.4	1566.6	0.4	29.7	27.18	3564.9	1689.2	0.5	29.54	30.91	5.77	-7.26
Export from out-going passenger	20.6	22.3	1.1	0.16	0.39	13.6	20.1	1.5	0.11	0.37	52.12	11.06
Export from frontier markets	245.9	126	0.5	1.94	2.19	367.7	162.4	0.4	3.05	2.97	-33.12	-22.4
Grand total	12696.7	5763.3	0.5	100	100	12068	5464.9	0.5	100	100	5.21	5.46

Table 2
Import of non-oil goods and their main items in first 5 months

Goods	March 2007-August2007					March 2006-August2006					% of change	
	Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Average price per kilo (dollars)	% share of each goods		Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Average price per kilo (dollars)	% share of each countries		Weight	value
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Gasoline	2058.5	1378	0.7	11.69	7.61	3392.7	2368.8	0.7	19.47	14.15	-39.33	-41.83
Ingots of iron & non-alloy steel	1606.9	853.4	0.5	9.12	4.71	835.9	333.3	0.4	4.8	1.99	92.23	156
Other light oils & preparations	659.1	411.1	0.6	3.74	2.27	138.9	79.2	0.6	0.8	0.47	374.41	418.75
Bars of iron or non-alloy steel	586	294.5	0.5	3.33	1.63	44.6	19.5	0.4	0.26	0.12	1213.17	1410.87
Maize(corn)	1127.2	260.2	0.2	6.4	1.44	906	142.7	0.2	5.2	0.85	24.42	82.34
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy	250.6	253.5	1	1.42	1.4	331.6	309.2	0.9	1.9	1.85	-24.43	-18.01
I sections of iron or non-alloy steel	423.4	249.7	0.6	2.4	1.38	92.5	51.1	0.6	0.53	0.31	357.93	388.23
C.K.D parts for manufacturin	18.5	201.5	10.9	0.1	1.11	15.5	171.8	11.1	0.09	1.03	18.91	17.29
Soya beans	626.4	198.6	0.3	3.56	1.1	319.4	91.6	0.3	1.83	0.55	96.15	116.94
Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	481.8	187.8	0.4	2.74	1.04	562.3	185.1	0.3	3.23	1.11	-14.31	1.47
Total	12755.4	9782.5	0.8	72.41	54.01	12939.3	9145.5	0.7	74.27	54.64	-1.42	6.97
Goods from other customs	4859.4	8330.6	1.7	27.59	45.99	4483.6	7591	1.7	25.73	45.36	8.38	9.74
Grand total	17614.8	18113.1	1	100	100	17422.8	16736.5	1	100	100	1.1	8.23