

Iran's Foreign Trade during the First 10 Months of 1386 (21 March – 21 January 2008)



According to the report of I.R. of Iran's Custom Department, the Iran's trade volume with other countries during the first 10 months of 1386 is equal to 57.08 million tons with a value of 48530.7 million dollars (34208.2 million euros) which compared to the

similar period in the last year shows a decrease of 1.15% in weight and an increase of 9.14% in value.

The greatest amount of Iran's trade during this period has been first with United Arab Emirates and then China. Iran's trade balance with these

2 countries is negative and amounts to 6.22 and 2.26 million dollars, respectively. Most of the trade balance is with Iraq which equals to 1223.8 million dollars.

A. Export

According to the report of I.R. Iran's Customs Depart-

ment, 26.32 million tons of non-oil goods with an approximate value of 12462.5 million dollars (8703 million euros) has been exported during the first 10 months of 1386 which compared to the similar period in 1385 (23.3 million tons of goods with a value of 10955.6 million dollars) shows an increase of 12.93% in weight and 13.75% in value.

Of total non-oil export goods during the first 10 months of 1386, 40.5 thousand tons with a value of 45.1 million dollars (32.4 million euros) have been exported from out-going passenger and 572.6 thousand tons with a value of 276.2 million dollars (198.1 million euros) from frontier markets.

The main non-oil export items during the first 10 months of 1386 are respectively as follows:

“Pistachios” with 992.7 million dollars, “liquefied propane” with 795.5 million dollars, “other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures” with 516.1 million dollars, “liquefied butanes” with 516 million dollars, “methanol” with 470.6 million dollars, “carpets and other textile floor coverings” with 327.4 million dollars, “flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel” with 302.5 million dollars, “ethylene” with 251.5 million dollars, “cathodes and sections of cathodes from refined copper” with 247.7 million dollars and vehicles with piston engine

with 243.8 million dollars. The total share of 10 items above has been 37.44% of value and 23.28% of weight of the total non-oil exports.

During the first 10 months of 1386, 10 countries that had main share in the Iran’s exports are respectively as follows:

The United Arab Emirates with 1816.2 million dollars, Iraq with 1261.5 million dollars, China 978.8 million dollars, Japan with 778.7 million dollars, India with 630.1 million dollars, Turkey with 443.3 million dollars, Italy with 443.5 million dollars, Afghanistan with 359.8 million dollars, Republic of Korea with 353.5 million dollars and Germany with 300.3 million dollars. Thus the 10 country’s share of Iran’s total export values amounts to 59.12%.

B. Imports

According to the statistics of the I.R of Iran’s Customs Department for the first 10 months of 1386, 30.8 million tons of goods with a value of 36068.2 million dollars (25505.2 million euros) have been imported from other countries to Iran which compared to the similar period in 1385(34.4 million tons with a value of 33510 million dollars (26343.1 million euros)), represents 7.63% increase in value and 10.68% decrease in weight.

The 10 significant import

items which their values are 19.13% of total import values during the first 10 months of 1386 are as follows:

“Ingots of iron and non-alloy steel” with 1750 million dollars, “Gasoline” with 1575.2 million dollars, “I sections of iron or non-alloy steel” with 639.7 million dollars, “hot-rolled bars of iron or steel” with 551 million dollars, “C.K.D parts for manufacturing motor vehicles ” with 443.9 million dollars, “not in coil products of iron or non-alloy steel” with 432.8 million dollars, “Other light oils and preparations” with 389.1 million dollars, “in coil products of iron or non-alloy steel” with 388.7 million dollars, “maize(corn)” with 366.7 million dollars and “Semi-milled or wholly milled rice” with 362.4 million dollars.

The first 10 countries that have 72.48% of imported goods to Iran during the first 10 months of 1386 are respectively as follows:

The United Arab Emirates with 8041.3 million dollars, Germany with 4175.2 million dollars, China with 3244.4 million dollars, Switzerland with 1994.8 million dollars, Republic Of Korea with 1899 million dollars, England with 1520.2 million dollars, France with 1488.2 million dollars, Italy with 1463.7 million dollars, India with 1220.1 million dollars and Japan with 1091.7 million dollars.

Table 1
Iran non-oil Export during the first 10 months of 1385-1386

Goods	March 2007-January 2008					March 2006- January 2007					% of change	
	Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Value (million euros)	% share of each goods		Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Value (million euros)	% share of each goods		Weight	value
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Pistachios	160.1	992.7	673.7	0.61	7.97	140.3	869.7	678.3	0.6	7.94	14.15	14.15
Liquefied propane	1413.3	795.5	566.9	5.37	6.38	1224.2	552.2	433.3	5.25	5.04	15.45	44.06
Other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures	912.2	516.1	351.1	3.47	4.14	558.7	270.1	211.4	2.4	2.47	63.27	91.1
Liquefied butanes	944.2	516	361.2	3.59	4.14	535.2	261.8	204.7	2.3	2.39	76.4	97.05
Methanol	1806.7	470.6	316.6	6.86	3.78	819.4	134.3	105.2	3.52	1.23	120.5	250.48
Carpets and other textile floor coverings	9	327.4	228.9	0.03	2.63	11.6	350.9	274.3	0.05	3.2	-22.20	-6.68
Flat-rolled products of iron ethylene	516.4	302.5	210.3	1.96	2.43	918.3	434	341.3	3.94	3.96	-43.76	-30.28
Cathodes& sections of cathodes from refined copper	296.9	251.5	175.6	1.13	2.02	66.1	56.2	44.4	0.28	0.51	349.22	347.65
Vehicles with piston engine	34.4	247.7	180.3	0.13	1.99	72	436	346	0.31	3.98	-52.22	-43.2
Total	33.5	243.8	171	0.13	1.96	3.2	21	16.1	0.01	0.19	959.85	1059.77
Others from other customs	18688.2	9238.1	6439.5	71	74.13	15342.2	6878	5396.5	65.83	62.78	21.81	34.31
Export from out-going passenger	7018.7	2903.1	2033.1	26.67	23.29	7157.4	3673.1	2883.8	30.71	33.53	-1.94	-20.96
Export from frontier markets	40.5	45.1	32.4	0.15	0.36	31.7	46.3	36.3	0.14	0.42	27.81	-2.61
Grand total	572.6	276.2	198.1	2.18	2.22	774.1	358.2	281.1	3.32	3.27	-26.03	-22.89
	26320	12462.5	8703	100	100	23305.5	10955.6	8597.6	100	100	12.93	13.75

Table 2
Iran's import during the first 10 months of 1385-1386

Goods	March 2007-January 2008					March 2006- January 2007					% of change	
	Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Value (million euros)	% share of each goods		Weight (thousand tons)	Value (million dollars)	Value (million euros)	% share of each goods		Weight	value
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Ingots of iron & non-alloy steel	3106.4	1750	1244.6	10.10	4.85	2071.3	905.7	707.5	6.01	2.7	49.97	93.21
Gasoline	2387.8	1575.2	1158.4	7.76	4.37	5893.5	3768.2	2968.5	17.11	11.24	-59.48	-58.2
I sections of iron or non-alloy steel	1015.8	639.7	455	3.3	1.77	294.5	156.5	123.4	0.86	0.47	244.91	308.64
Hot-rolled Bars of iron or non-alloy steel	1006.8	551	395.1	3.27	1.53	197.3	92.7	71.8	0.57	0.28	410.18	494.31
C.K.D parts for manufacturing motor vehicles	38.4	443.9	316	0.12	1.23	33.7	376.2	294.5	0.1	1.12	13.8	17.98
Not in-coil products of iron or non-alloy	436.2	432.8	315.2	1.42	1.2	444.7	416.5	331.5	1.29	1.24	-1.91	3.9
Other light oils & preparations	639.1	389.1	264.3	2.08	1.08	906.9	490.8	383.3	2.63	1.46	-29.53	-20.72
in-coil products of iron or non-alloy steel	623.3	388.7	265.3	2.03	1.08	469.1	210.4	168.5	1.36	0.63	32.86	84.73
Maize(corn)	1594.2	366.7	269.8	5.18	1.02	1768.8	290.1	229.4	5.14	0.87	-9.87	26.4
Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	901.7	362.4	261.5	2.93	1	1108.1	368.2	288.7	3.22	1.10	-18.62	-1.57
Total	20943.6	18012.3	12817.2	68.08	49.94	23637.3	17641.4	13860.8	68.64	52.65	-11.40	2.10
Goods from other customs	9817.7	18056	12688	31.92	50.06	10800.8	15868.6	12482.3	31.36	47.35	-9.1	13.78
Grand total	30761.3	36068.2	25505.2	100	100	34438	33510	26343.1	100	100	-10.68	7.63