

Iran's Foreign Trade during the First 5 Months of 1387

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According to the report of I.R. of Iran's Custom Department, the Iran's trade volume with other countries during the first 5 months of 1387 is equal to 29.77 million tons with a value of 31432.38 million dollars (20213.35 million euros) which compared to the similar period in the last year shows a decrease of 4.2% in weight and an increase of 30% 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 4.99 and 1.30 billion dollars, respectively. Most amount of the trade balance has been with Iraq which equals to 676.5 million dollars.

A. Export:

Of total non-oil export goods during the first 5 months of 1387, 14.2 thousand tons with a value of 17.29 million dollars (11.08 million euros) have been exported from out-going passenger and 286.2 thousand tons with a value of 121.4 million dollars (77.9 million euros) from frontier markets.

According to the report

of I.R. Iran's Customs Department, 13.5 million tons of non-oil goods with a value of 7758.14 million dollars (4967.97 million euros) has been exported during the first 5 months of 1387 which compared to the similar period in 1386 ,12.8 million tons of goods with a value of 5582.96 million dollars (4123.40 million euros), shows an increase of 5.47% in weight and 38.96% in dollar value.

The main non-oil export items during the first 5 months of 1387 are respectively as follows:

“Liquefied propane” with 527.8 million dollars, “Methanol” with 457.8 million dollars, “Liquefied butanes” with 363.2 million dollars, “Ethylene” with 329.9 million dollars, “Pistachios” with 308.7 million dollars, “P-Xylene” with 293.1 million dollars, “other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures” with 280 million dollars, “Liquefied natural gas” with 233.5 million dollars, “Benzene” with 187.7 million dollars and “Anhydrous Ammonia” with 164.3 million dollars. The total share of 10 items above has been 40.55% of value and 29.35% of weight of the total non-oil exports.

During the first 5 months of 1387, 10 countries that had main share in the Iran's exports are respectively as follows:

The United Arab Emirates with 1033.6 million dollars, China with 940 million dollars, Iraq with 709.5 million dollars, India with 574.6 million dollars, Republic of Korea with 461.5 million dollars, Japan with 308.6 million dollars, Turkey with 295.6 million dollars, Ecuador with 203.8 million dollars, Afghanistan with 197.5 million dollars and Taiwan with 193.6 million dollars. Thus the 10 country's share of Iran's total export values amounts to 63.42%.

B. Imports:

According to the statistics of the I.R of Iran's Customs Department for the first 5 months of 1387, 16.3 million tons of goods with a value of 23674.2 million dollars (15245.4 million euros) have been imported from other countries to Iran which compared to the similar period in 1386 ,18.3 million tons with a value of 18588.1 million dollars (13747.8 million euros), represents 27.36% increase in value and 10.91% decrease in weight.

The 10 significant import items which their values are 24.29% of total import values during the first 5 months of 1387 are as follows:

“ Gasoline” with 1856.4 million dollars, “ Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots” with 1147.5 million dollars, “Other light oils and preparations”

with 639.3 million dollars, “Maize(corn)” with 439.1 million dollars, “ Hot-rolled bars and rods of iron or steel” with 354.9 million dollars, “Flat-rolled products of iron and non-alloy steel” with 346.5 million dollars, “C.K.D parts for manufacturing motor vehicles, excluding tires ” with 261.2 million dollars, “Soya beans, whether or not broken” with 239.7 million dollars, “Other machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions” with 239.3 million dollars and “Vehicles with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine” with 230.5 million dollars.

The first 10 countries that have 73.35% of imported goods to Iran during the first 5 months of 1387 are respectively as follows:

The United Arab Emirates with 6026.9 million dollars, Germany with 2533.6 million dollars, China with 2239.3 million dollars, Republic Of Korea with 1284.1 million dollars, Switzerland with 1221.4 million dollars, England with 937.9 million dollars, India with 892.6 million dollars, Italy with 819.5 million dollars, France with 818.2 million dollars and Turkey with 591.7 million dollars.

Table 1 - Iran non-oil Export during the first 2 months of 1386-1387

Goods	March 2008-Aug 2008					March 2007- Aug 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
				Weight	value				Weight	value		
Liquefied propane	658.9	527.8	337.7	4.88	6.8	744.1	384.2	283.8	5.81	6.88	-11.45	37.39
Methanol	1168.4	457.8	293.8	8.66	5.9	811.4	124.4	91.9	6.34	2.23	43.98	267.88
Liquefied butanes	434	363.2	231.8	3.22	4.68	512.2	248.5	183.8	4	4.45	-15.26	46.16
Ethylene	341.9	329.9	211.1	2.53	4.25	128.6	108.7	80.1	1	1.95	165.96	203.53
Pistachios	48.5	308.9	197.6	0.36	3.98	47	303.3	223.8	0.37	5.43	3.01	1.78
P- Xylene	220.8	293.1	188.2	1.64	3.78	57.4	35	25.8	0.45	0.63	284.55	736.29
Other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures	286.4	280	178.6	2.12	3.61	475.2	254.5	188	3.71	4.56	-39.74	10.02
Liquefied natural gas	284	233.5	149.8	2.1	3.01	151.1	83	61.1	1.18	1.49	87.94	181.17
Benzene	167.3	187.7	120	1.24	2.42	99.8	59.5	44	0.78	1.06	67.65	215.69
Anhydrous Ammonia	350.7	164.3	104.9	2.6	2.12	187.1	46.7	34.4	1.46	0.84	87.37	251.99
Total	9626.9	6223.3	3984.9	71.32	80.22	8924.5	3864.9	2854.3	69.73	69.23	7.87	61.02
Others from other customs	3571.3	1396.1	894	26.46	18	3607.9	1569.1	1159.1	28.19	28.11	-1.01	-11.03
Export from outgoing passenger	14.2	17.3	11.1	0.11	0.22	19.1	21.7	16	0.15	0.39	-25.86	-20.32
Export from frontier markets	286.2	121.4	77.9	2.12	1.56	246.6	127.2	93.9	1.93	2.28	16.06	-4.55
Grand total	13498.6	7758.1	4968	100	100	12798.1	5583	4123.4	100	100	5.47	38.96

Table 2 - Iran's import during the first 2 months of 1386-1387

Goods	March 2008-Aug 2008					March 2007- Aug 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
				Weight	value				Weight	value		
Gasoline	1936.5	1856.4	1205.1	11.9	7.84	2187.8	1437.6	1064.9	11.98	7.73	-11.49	29.13
Iron & non-alloy steel in ingots	1442.7	1147.5	736	8.86	4.85	1658.8	877	648.1	9.08	4.72	-13.03	30.85
Other light oils & preparations	598.9	639.3	407	3.68	2.7	487.1	275.3	204.3	2.67	1.48	22.97	132.24
Maize(corn)	1346.1	439.1	281.5	8.27	1.85	1216.1	283.4	208.9	6.66	1.52	10.69	54.92
Hot-rolled bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	482.6	354.9	230.9	2.97	1.5	640.3	324.8	240.4	3.5	1.75	-24.64	9.27
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel	457.4	346.5	222.9	2.81	1.46	146.1	84.5	62.6	0.8	0.45	212.95	310.12
C.K.D parts for manufacturing motor vehicles	16	261.2	167.3	0.1	1.1	19.2	209.5	154.8	0.1	1.13	-16.77	24.71
Soya beans, whether or not broken	439.4	239.7	152.8	2.7	1.01	626.4	198.6	148.3	3.43	1.07	-29.86	20.68
Other machines and mechanical appliances	12.8	239.3	162.8	0.08	1.01	5.9	135.9	100.5	0.03	0.73	116.75	76.15
Vehicles with spark-ignition piston engine	18.1	230.5	148.3	0.11	0.97	8.7	117.9	87.1	0.05	0.63	106.99	95.5
Total	11688.5	13167.3	8507.9	71.82	55.62	12187	9035.6	6684.7	66.71	48.61	-4.09	45.73
Goods from other customs	4586.4	10506.9	6737.5	28.18	44.38	6081.2	9552.5	7063.2	33.29	51.39	-24.58	9.99
Grand total	16274.9	23674.2	15245.4	100	100	18268.3	18588.1	13747.8	100	100	-10.91	27.36