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Introduction

This report presents an analytical overview of the developments in foreign trade of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in goods for the third quarter (Q3) of 2019, the quarter with the most recent data available, with the help of summary tables and charts. It includes time series data for the main indicators covering the past five quarters to observe the latest trends and also provides comparisons with the same quarter of the previous year, Q3 2018, under various classifications to trace the changes in exports and imports from different perspectives.

Because of the important role that oil exports play in the Saudi economy, total exports are divided into oil exports and non-oil exports and analyzed separately. Non-oil exports as well as imports are further broken down under various classifications, such as sections, groups of countries, partner countries, transportation means, and customs ports. In addition to the summary tables presented throughout the report, tables with detail data are made available in the attached annex in spreadsheet format that could be downloaded from [GaStat website](#).



The data, which are collected from the Saudi Customs and the Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, go through a comprehensive process at GaStat before summarized into tables and charts in this report, as expressed in the Methodology section. It is worth mentioning that the statistics presented in this report are preliminary, and they might be modified in the next issues of the report in case there is an update to the information. Sometimes, differences in aggregates or percentages occur as a result of rounding numbers.

GaStat is pleased to thank all those who contributed to this work including all concerned parties, as their cooperation has greatly influenced the release of this bulletin. For comments or suggestions, kindly send them via e-mail to info@stats.gov.sa as they may improve the content of the bulletin and further develop future bulletins.



Methodology

1. Data sources

The report of "Merchandise Exports and Imports of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" depends on administrative records of Saudi Arabia's foreign trade in goods, provided to GaStat by concerned governmental entities in order to use them in calculating the foreign trade statistics and indicators and release them in this report. Administrative records mean data and information that are registered and updated by governmental entities concerned with exports and imports of goods, and result from the operation of official electronic registration and documentation of these entities.

GaStat's statistics on merchandise exports and imports are currently built upon the records from the following two governmental entities:

- The Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources: The data source for oil exports.
- Saudi Customs: The data source for non-oil merchandise exports and imports.

2. Objectives

1. Supporting decision and policy makers, reserachers, and those who are concerned with up-to-date and comprehensive statistics and indicators that are related to Saudi Arabia's merchandise exports and imports.
2. Following up with the changes in the movement of exports and imports between Saudi Arabia and major partner countries within two different periods of time.
3. Identifying the amount of trade surplus or deficit between Saudi Arabia and other countries.
4. Identifying key goods imported from or exported to each partner country.
5. Developing important economic indicators for the components of national accounts and balance of payments.
6. Contributing to the creation of a commercial policy to protect and encourage local goods and industries competing with imported ones.

3. Concepts and Definitions

3.1. Exports (Total):

Exports consist of exports of domestic goods (national exports) and exports of foreign goods (re-exports). Valuation is on Free-on-Board (FOB) basis.

3.2. National Exports:

Exports of all goods fully produced or manufactured in the country or undergone some modifications that lead to a change in their shapes and values.

3.3. Re-exports:

Refers to the sale of previously imported goods abroad without any clear modifications on them.





3.4. Oil Exports:

Exports of goods classified in Chapter 27 (mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS).

3.5. Non-oil Exports:

Total exports minus exports of goods classified in Chapter 27 (mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS).

3.6. Imports:

Refer to all goods entering the country after passing through the customs procedures to meet its local needs. Valuation is on Cost, Insurance, and Freight (CIF) basis.

3.7. Indicators

Indicator	Description
Trade Volume	The sum of exports and imports.
Trade Balance	Exports minus Imports.
Quarterly Change	Change from the previous quarter.
Annual Change	Change from the same quarter of the previous year.



4. Coverage

Spatial coverage:

The statistics on merchandise exports and imports cover all goods (oil and non-oil exports as well as imports) passing through customs ports in Saudi Arabia.

Temporal coverage:

The statistics on merchandise exports and imports are collected from administrative records on a monthly basis according to the Gregorian calendar.

5. Statistical Classification Used:

Saudi Arabia's exports and imports are classified according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (2017), also known as the Harmonized System (HS), which is maintained by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The HS allows countries to classify traded products in an internationally standardized system of product names and codes.

6. Obtaining Data :

The records received from Saudi Customs and the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources are saved in the databases of GaStat and are audited and reviewed in accordance with the scientific statistical methods and quality standards recognized in coordination with the entity issuing the data.



7. Preparation and Review of Results:

After reviewing the collected administrative records in the previous steps, the results are calculated, extracted, uploaded, and stored in the database. Then, the final review is carried out by specialists in foreign trade statistics using modern techniques and software designed for auditing purposes.

8. Data Dissemination:

First: Preparation of Results Designed for Publishing:

At this stage, GaStat coordinates, organizes, and reviews the data contained in the report. Tables, charts, and indicators are then prepared. Finally, the metadata and the methodology are added to the report, which is prepared in both Arabic and English.

Second: Preparation of Media Materials and the Announcement of Release Date:

After GaStat publishes the release date of the report on its official website at the beginning of the Gregorian calendar year, it prepares special media materials to announce its release through all media in addition to its various platforms on the social media sites. The announcement is made on the predetermined day of publishing. The publishing starts from the official website in different formats to ensure that it spreads and reaches all customers and those interested in merchandise exports and imports of Saudi Arabia; the report and the attached data file are published on the Statistical Library on the website.

Third: Communicating with Clients and Providing Them with the Report:

GaStat believes in the importance of communicating with the clients. Therefore, once the report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is released, it immediately communicates with the clients and provides them with the report. It also receives questions and queries from clients about the report and its results through various communication channels where clients can request data as well. Requests and enquiries are received through:

- GaStat official website: www.stats.gov.sa
- GaStat official e-mail: info@stats.gov.sa
- Client support's e-mail: cs@stats.gov.sa
- Official visits to GaStat head office in Riyadh or to one of its branches in Saudi Arabia
- Official letters
- Statistical helpline (920020081)





9. Applied Quality Procedures:

The results of the report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is subject to many technical quality procedures to ensure the quality of the data. These include;

1. Reviewing the data constructed from administrative records, verifying their comprehensiveness, and communicating with data providers if clarifications are needed on concerned data.
2. Verifying outputs' logic by comparing them with historical figures as well as their conformity with the actuality of the merchandise exports and imports of Saudi Arabia.
3. Publishing the results according to the predetermined publication dates.

10. Users and Benefits of the Report:

The report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia benefits all governmental sectors related to the development work in Saudi Arabia. The most important beneficiaries of the report are the Ministry of Economy and Planning, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, and the National Accounts Statistics Department of GaStat as well as international and regional organizations, researchers and planners concerned with merchandise exports and imports. Data and indicators of merchandise exports and imports are among the most important statistical products that contribute to the formulation of trade policy, which supports and protects local goods from competitive imported goods. Moreover, the report contributes to identifying the amount of surplus or deficit in the balance of trade between Saudi Arabia and other countries, and building economic indicators that are important for the components of the national accounts and the balance of payments, which all support decision-making in this field.





1. Merchandise Exports

Total merchandise exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 236 billion 80 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 288 billion 432 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 52 billion 352 million riyals or 18.2% over that period. Merchandise exports in Q3 2019 were also lower than those in the preceding quarter (Q2 2019) by 19 billion 633 million riyals or 7.7%.

Exports, Quarterly (Million Riyals)



Change in Exports (%)

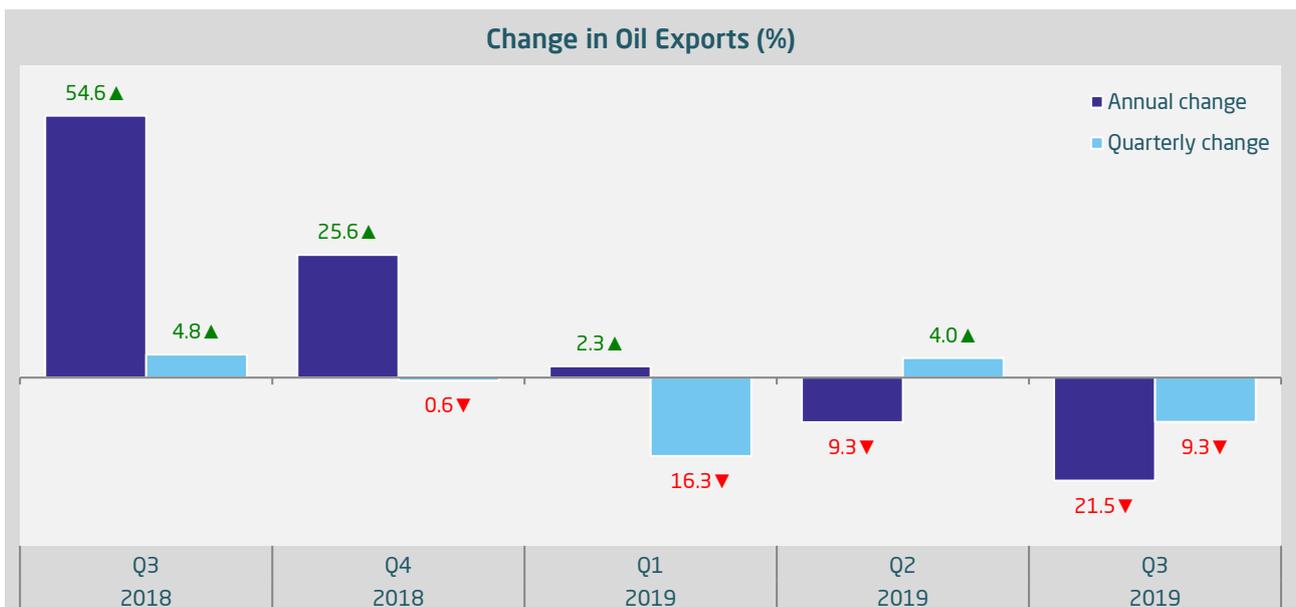




1.1. Oil Exports

Oil exports of Saudi Arabia valued at 181 billion 319 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 230 billion 941 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 49 billion 622 million riyals or 21.5% over that period. The share of oil exports in total merchandise exports also decreased from 80.1% in Q3 2018 to 76.8% in Q3 2019.

Compared to the previous quarter (Q2 2019), the value of oil exports decreased by 18 billion 482 million riyals or 9.3% in Q3 2019.





1.2. Non-oil Merchandise Exports

1.2.1. Developments in Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 54 billion 761 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 57 billion 490 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 2 billion 730 million riyals or 4.7% over that period. The share of non-oil exports in total merchandise exports, however, increased from 19.9% in Q3 2018 to 23.2% in Q3 2019.

Compared to the previous quarter (Q2 2019), the value of non-oil exports decreased by 1 billion 151 million riyals or 2.1% in Q3 2019.

Non-oil Exports, Quarterly



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Change in Non-oil Exports (%)



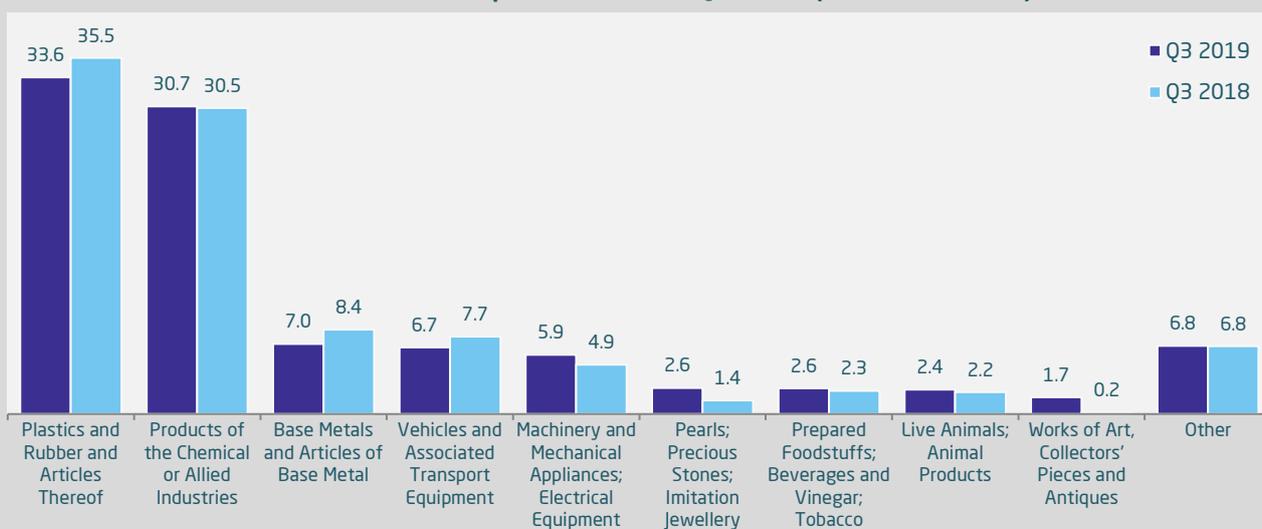


1.2.2. Non-oil Exports by Section

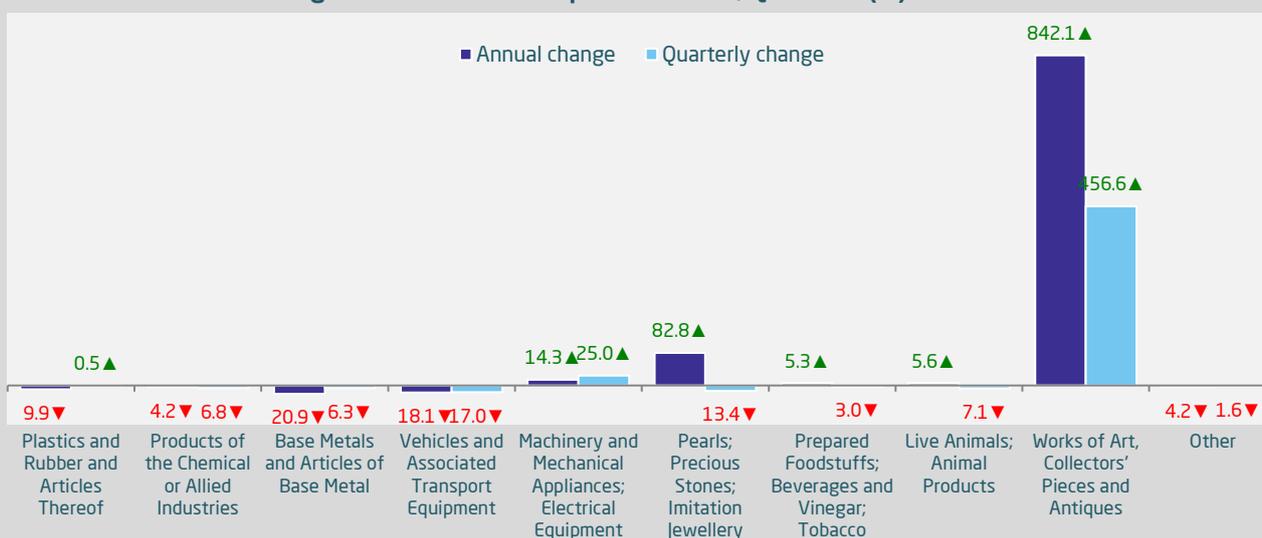
Main Non-oil Export Products (Million Riyals)

Exported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	20,423	18,394	2,029▼	9.9▼
2 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	17,551	16,808	743▼	4.2▼
3 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	4,854	3,837	1,017▼	20.9▼
4 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	4,448	3,644	805▼	18.1▼
5 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	2,836	3,243	406▲	14.3▲
6 Pearls; Precious Stones; Imitation Jewellery	783	1,431	648▲	82.8▲
7 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	1,337	1,408	71▲	5.3▲
8 Live Animals; Animal Products	1,262	1,333	71▲	5.6▲
9 Works of Art, Collectors' Pieces and Antiques	98	927	829▲	842.1▲
10 Other	3,898	3,735	162▼	4.2▼
Total	57,490	54,761	2,730▼	4.7▼

Main Non-oil Export Products in Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Main Non-oil Export Products, Q3 2019 (%)





1.2.3. Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port (Million Riyals)

Mode of Transport and Customs Port	Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	44,198	40,553	3,645 ▼	8.2 ▼
Jubail Port	19,923	18,762	1,161 ▼	5.8 ▼
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	8,268	7,171	1,097 ▼	13.3 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	6,008	5,947	61 ▼	1.0 ▼
Other Seaports	9,999	8,673	1,326 ▼	13.3 ▼
Air	3,726	5,480	1,754 ▲	47.1 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	1,599	1,670	71 ▲	4.5 ▲
King Khalid International Airport	685	1,524	840 ▲	122.6 ▲
King Fahad Airport	656	1,430	774 ▲	118.0 ▲
Other Airports	787	856	69 ▲	8.8 ▲
Land	9,566	8,727	839 ▼	8.8 ▼
Bat'ha	4,569	4,207	361 ▼	7.9 ▼
Haditha	1,349	1,350	0 ▲	0.0 ▲
Al Kaffjei	1,441	1,078	363 ▼	25.2 ▼
Other Land Ports	2,208	2,092	115 ▼	5.2 ▼
Total	57,490	54,761	2,730 ▼	4.7 ▼



Non-oil Exports by Customs Port
(% of total)



Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport
(% of total)





1.2.4. Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries

Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	19,485	19,574	89▲	0.5▲
2 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	11,774	11,096	678▼	5.8▼
3 Arab League, excl. the GCC	7,842	6,757	1,086▼	13.8▼
4 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	6,045	5,835	210▼	3.5▼
5 European Union (EU)	6,415	5,829	586▼	9.1▼
6 Other Countries	5,929	5,671	259▼	4.4▼
Total	57,490	54,761	2,730▼	4.7▼

Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries, Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries, Q3 2019 (%)



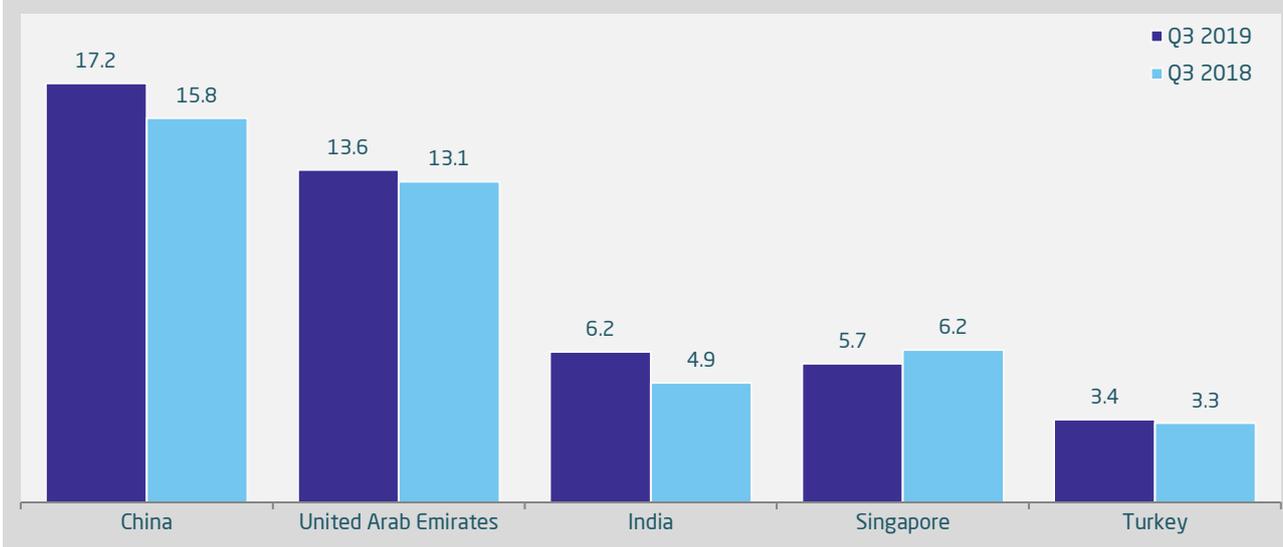


1.2.5. Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports

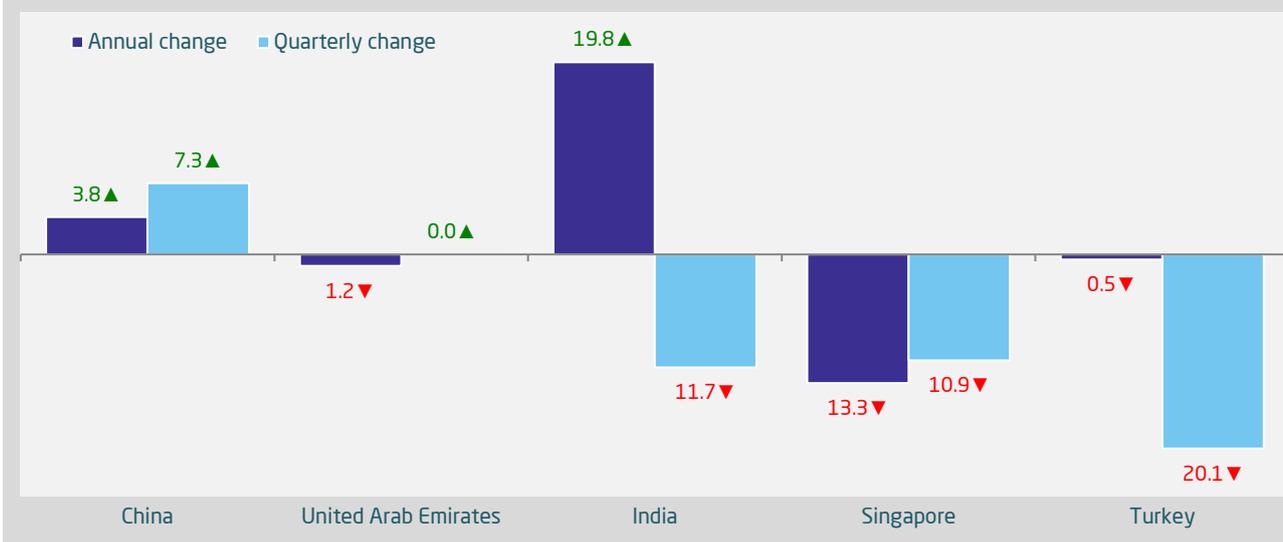
Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports (Million Riyals)

Countries	Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 China	9,057	9,406	348▲	3.8▲
2 United Arab Emirates	7,557	7,467	90▼	1.2▼
3 India	2,820	3,379	559▲	19.8▲
4 Singapore	3,591	3,114	477▼	13.3▼
5 Turkey	1,868	1,859	10▼	0.5▼
Total	24,894	25,224	331▲	1.3▲
Share of the top 5 countries in total non-oil exports (%)	43.3	46.1		

Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports, Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Non-oil Exports to Top 5 Countries, Q3 2019 (%)

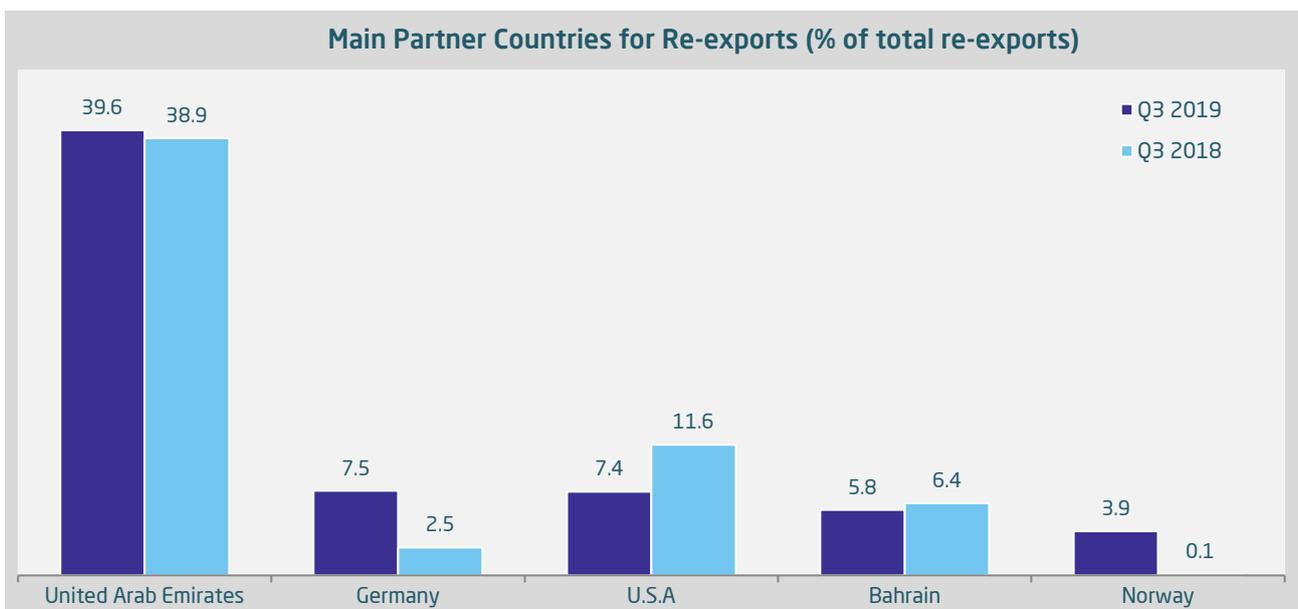




1.2.6. Re-exports

Products re-exported by Saudi Arabia amounted to 8 billion 771 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 7 billion 950 million riyals in Q3 2018, up by 821 million riyals or 10.3% over that period.

United Arab Emirates was the main destination for the re-exports, accounting for 39.6% of the total re-exports of the Kingdom in Q3 2019, followed by Germany with a share of 7.5%.





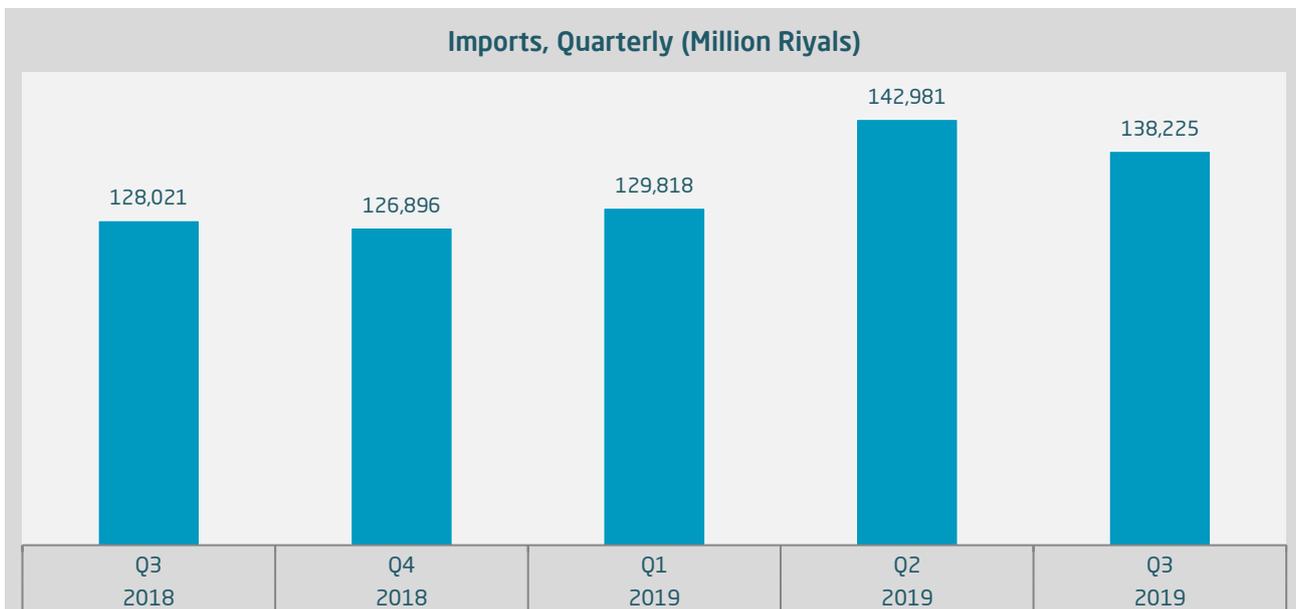
2. Merchandise Imports

2.1. Developments in Imports

Total merchandise imports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 138 billion 225 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 128 billion 21 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to an increase of 10 billion 203 million riyals or 8.0% over that period.

Merchandise imports in Q3 2019 were, however, lower than those in the preceding quarter (Q2 2019) by 4 billion 756 million riyals or 3.3%.

Imports, Quarterly (Million Riyals)



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Change in Imports (%)

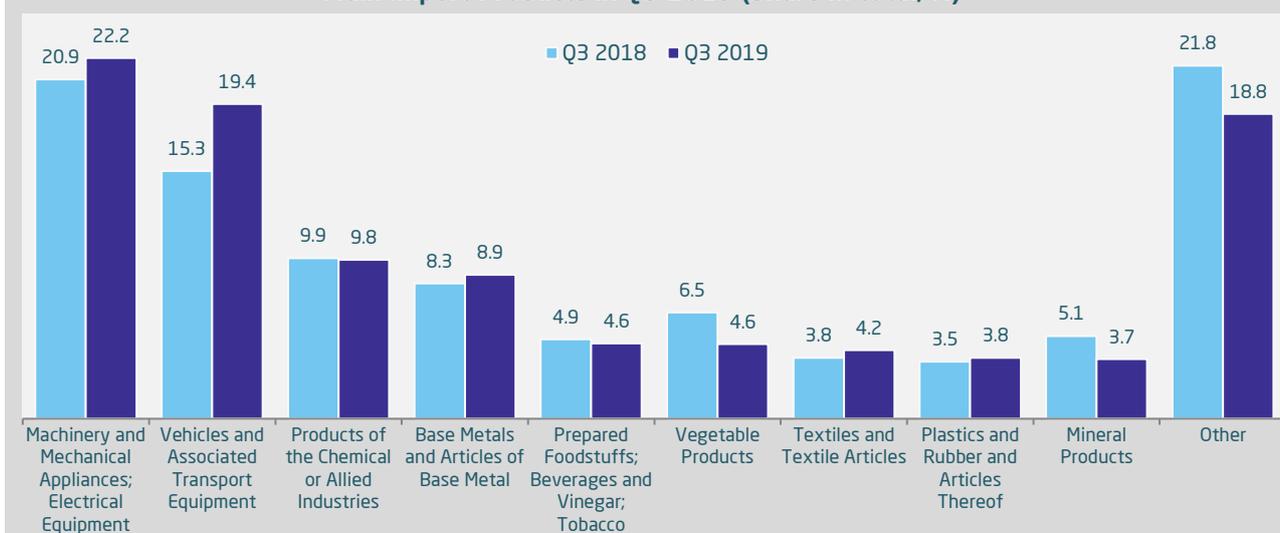




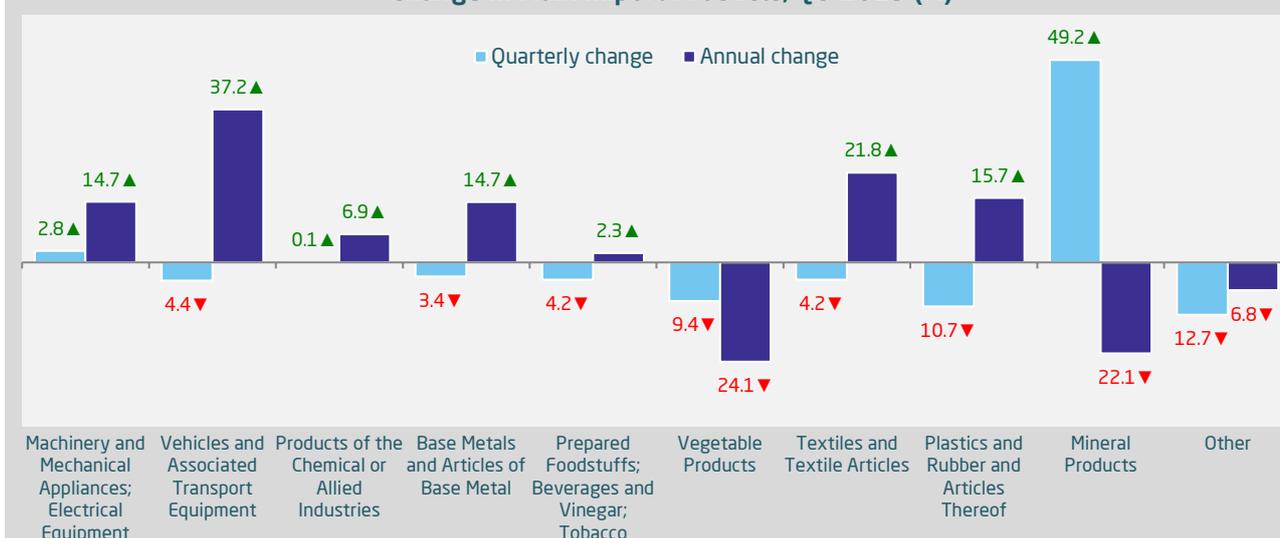
2.2. Imports by Section

Main Import Products (Million Riyals)					
Imported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)		Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	26,787	30,733	3,946▲	14.7▲
2	Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	19,554	26,825	7,271▲	37.2▲
3	Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	12,669	13,537	868▲	6.9▲
4	Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	10,686	12,255	1,569▲	14.7▲
5	Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	6,261	6,403	142▲	2.3▲
6	Vegetable Products	8,382	6,363	2,019▼	24.1▼
7	Textiles and Textile Articles	4,804	5,852	1,048▲	21.8▲
8	Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	4,495	5,201	706▲	15.7▲
9	Mineral Products	6,527	5,084	1,443▼	22.1▼
10	Other	27,856	25,971	1,885▼	6.8▼
Total		128,021	138,225	10,203▲	8.0▲

Main Import Products in Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Main Import Products, Q3 2019 (%)





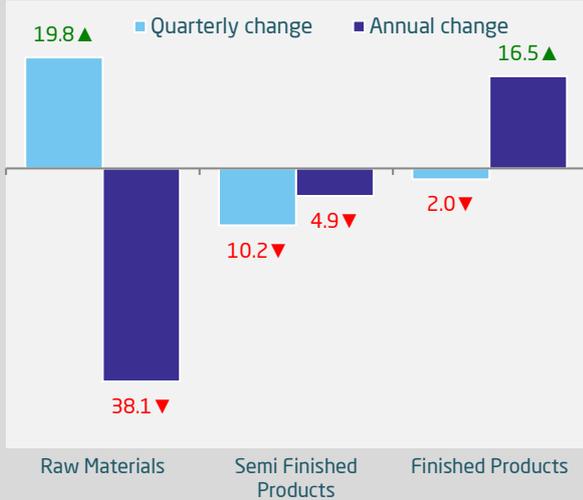
2.3. Imports by Nature and Utilization of Items

Imports by Nature of Items

Value (Million Riyals)



Change in Q3 2019 (%)

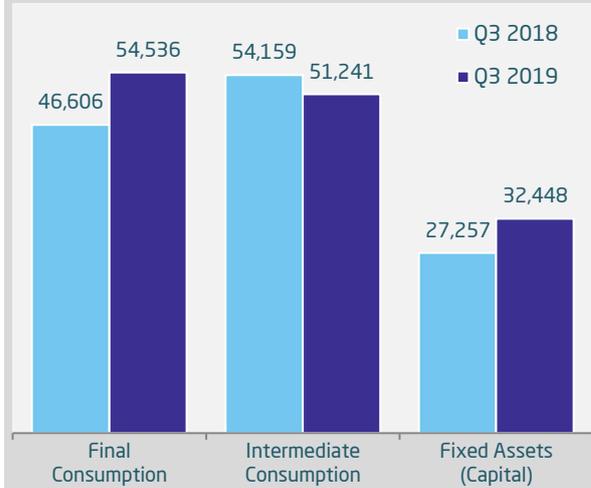


Share in Total Imports



Imports by Utilization of Items

Value (Million Riyals)



Change in Q3 2019 (%)



Share in Total Imports





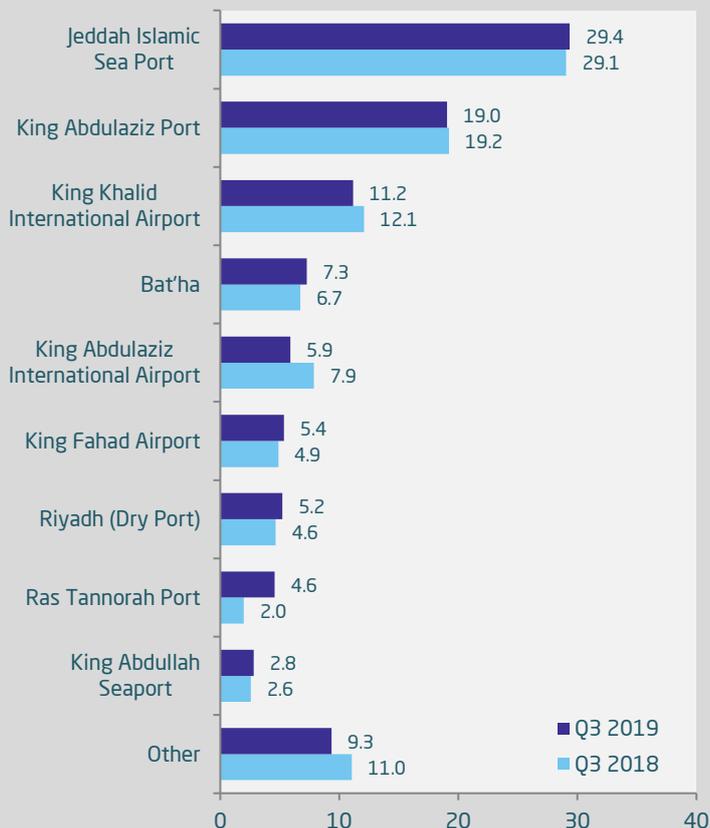
2.4. Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port (Million Riyals)

Mode of Transport and Customs Port	Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	77,588	86,004	8,416▲	10.8▲
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	37,191	40,571	3,379▲	9.1▲
King Abdulaziz Port	24,593	26,324	1,731▲	7.0▲
Ras Tannorah Port	2,536	6,307	3,772▲	148.7▲
Other Seaports	13,268	12,802	466▼	3.5▼
Air	31,970	31,172	798▼	2.5▼
King Khalid International Airport	15,442	15,425	18▼	0.1▼
King Abdulaziz International Airport	10,067	8,144	1,923▼	19.1▼
King Fahad Airport	6,242	7,403	1,161▲	18.6▲
Other Airports	218	200	19▼	8.5▼
Land	18,464	21,048	2,585▲	14.0▲
Bat'ha	8,601	10,039	1,438▲	16.7▲
Riyadh (Dry Port)	5,939	7,213	1,274▲	21.5▲
King Fahad Bridge	2,515	1,745	770▼	30.6▼
Other Land Ports	1,409	2,052	643▲	45.6▲
Total	128,021	138,225	10,203▲	8.0▲



Imports by Customs Port
(% of total imports)



Imports by Mode of Transport
(% of total imports)

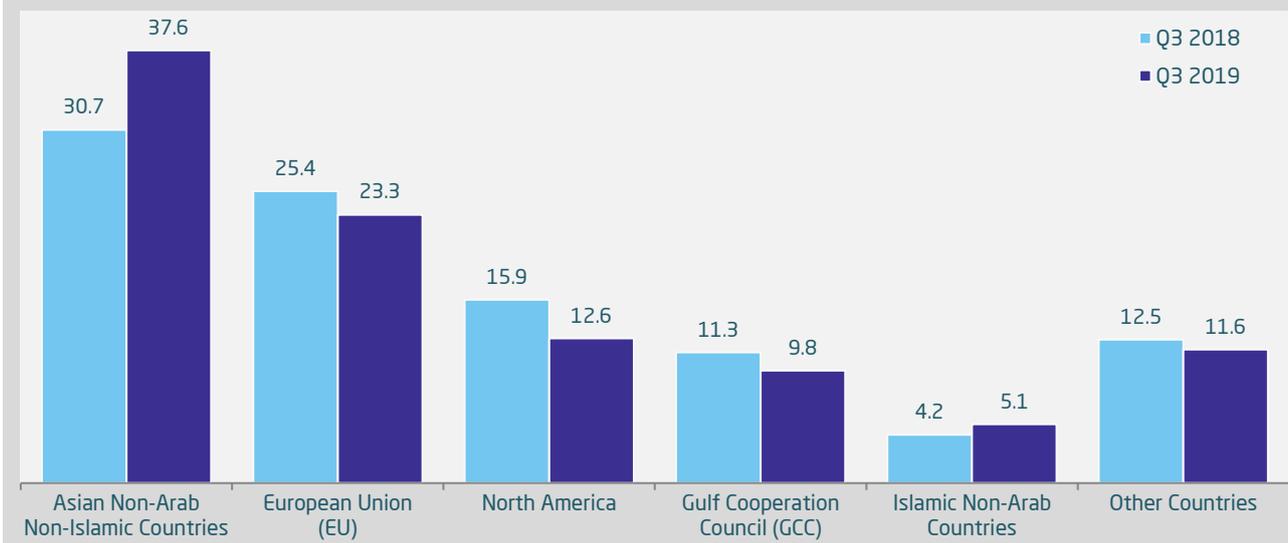




2.5. Imports by Group of Countries

Imports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)					
Groups of Countries		Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	39,309	51,964	12,656▲	32.2▲
2	European Union (EU)	32,466	32,248	218▼	0.7▼
3	North America	20,398	17,393	3,006▼	14.7▼
4	Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	14,527	13,504	1,023▼	7.0▼
5	Islamic Non-Arab Countries	5,367	7,086	1,719▲	32.0▲
6	Other Countries	15,954	16,030	76▲	0.5▲
Total		128,021	138,225	10,203▲	8.0▲

Imports by Group of Countries, Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Imports by Group of Countries, Q3 2019 (%)

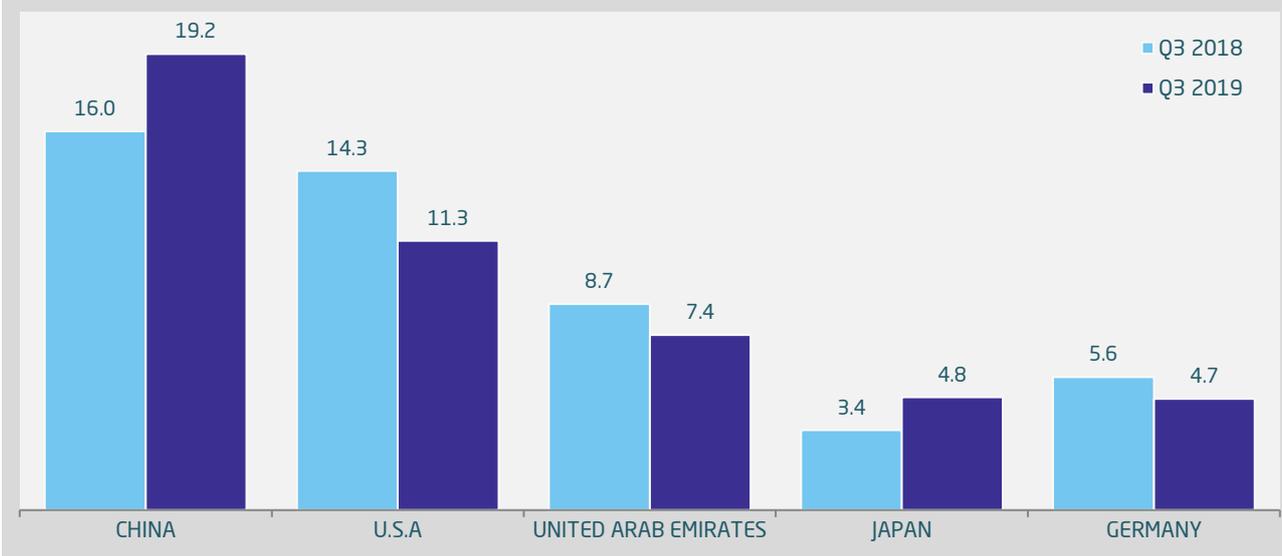




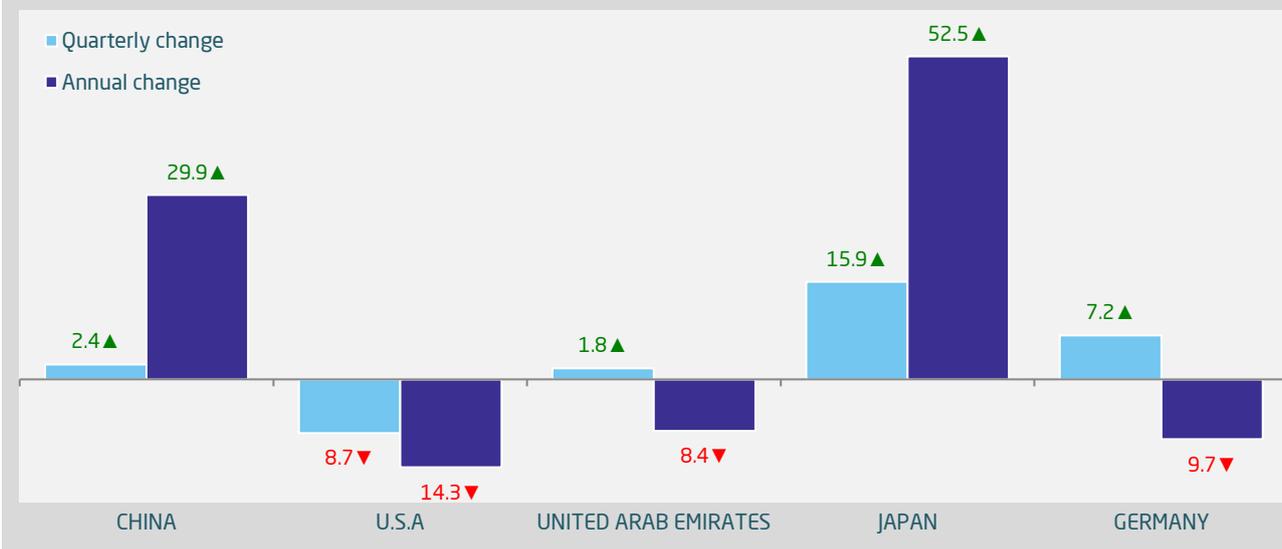
2.6. Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports

Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports (Million Riyals)					
Countries		Q3 2018	Q3 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	China	20,435	26,552	6,116▲	29.9▲
2	U.S.A	18,295	15,682	2,614▼	14.3▼
3	United Arab Emirates	11,121	10,190	931▼	8.4▼
4	Japan	4,314	6,577	2,263▲	52.5▲
5	Germany	7,171	6,473	698▼	9.7▼
Total		61,336	65,474	4,137▲	6.7▲
Share of the top 5 countries in total imports (%)		47.9	47.4		

Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports, Q3 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Imports from Top 5 Countries, Q3 2019 (%)





3. Trade Volume and Trade Balance

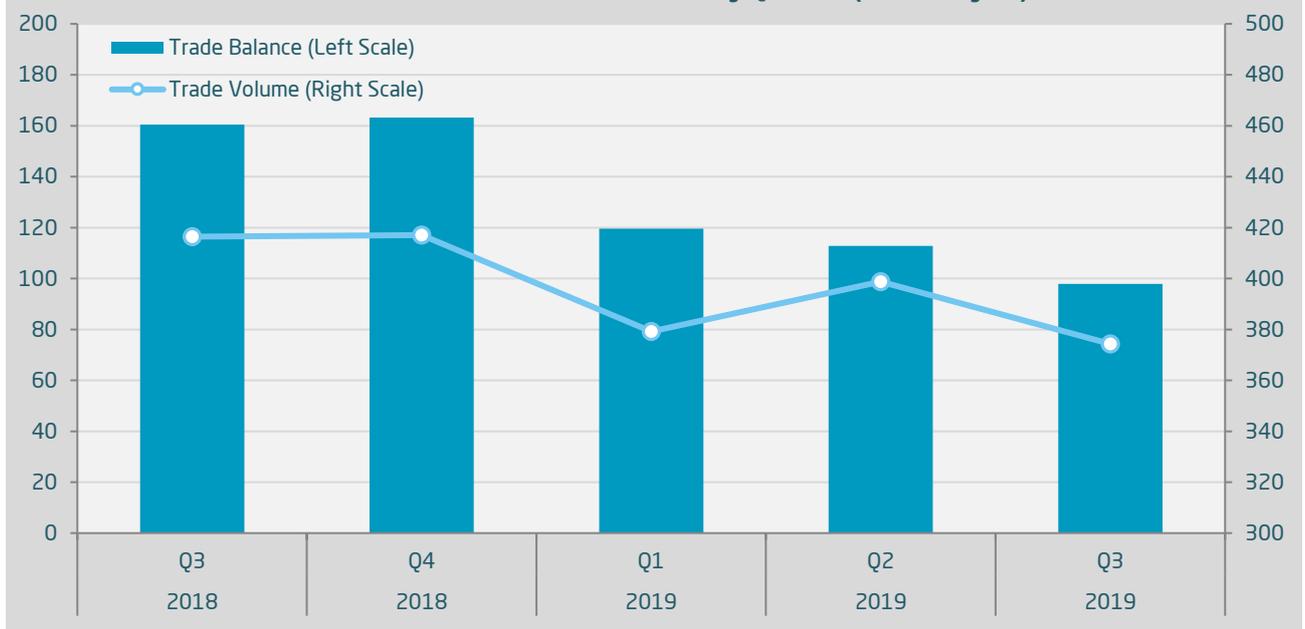
Merchandise trade volume of Saudi Arabia amounted to 374 billion 304 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 416 billion 453 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 42 billion 149 million riyals or 10.1% over that period. On the other hand, the Kingdom recorded a surplus of 97 billion 855 million riyals in its merchandise trade in Q3 2019, down by 62 billion 555 million riyals from the surplus of 160 billion 410 million riyals registered in Q3 2018.

Exports, Imports, Trade Volume, and Trade Balance, Monthly (Million Riyals)

Year	Quarter	Merchandise Exports	Merchandise Imports	Trade Volume	Trade Balance
2018	Q3	288,432	128,021	416,453	160,410
2018	Q4	290,140	126,896	417,036	163,244
2019	Q1	249,362	129,818	379,180	119,544
2019	Q2	255,713	142,981	398,694	112,732
2019	Q3	236,080	138,225	374,304	97,855



Trade Balance and Trade Volume by Quarter (Billion Riyals)

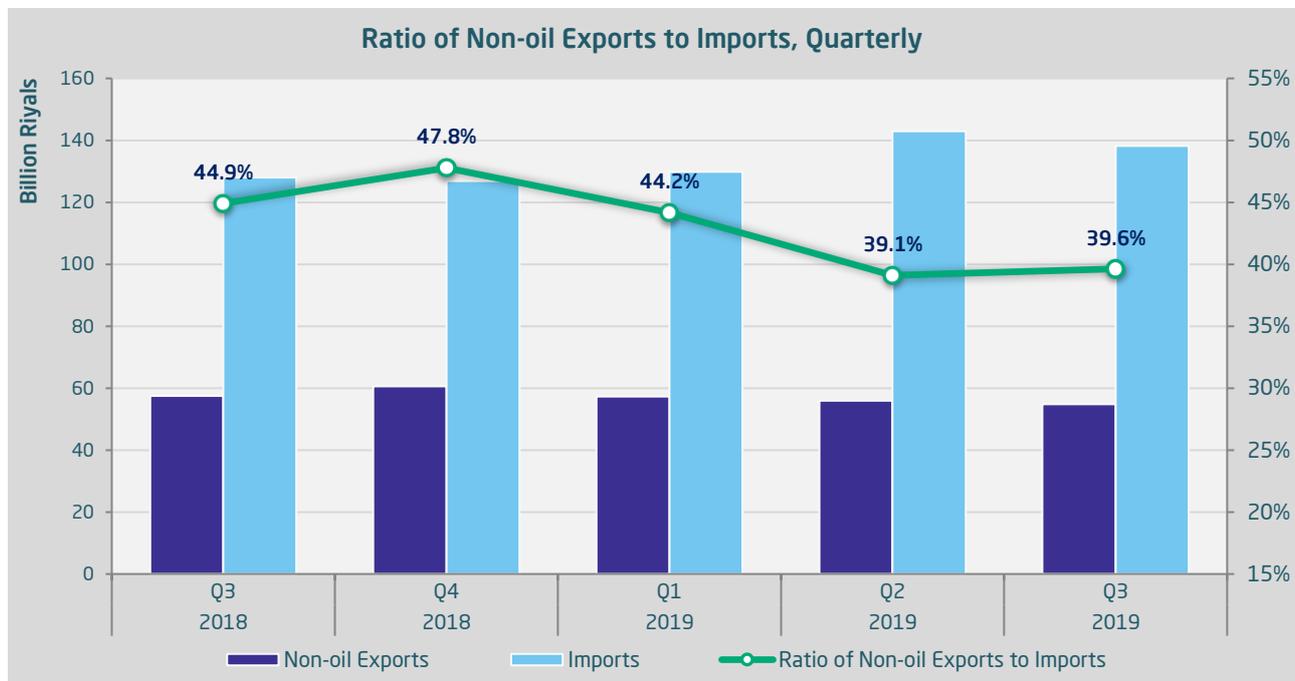




4. Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Quarterly

Non-oil exports decreased from 57 billion 490 million riyals in Q3 2018 to 54 billion 761 million riyals in Q3 2019 while imports increased from 128 billion 21 million riyals to 138 billion 225 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports decreased to 39.6% in Q3 2019 from 44.9% in Q3 2018 as a result of a decrease in non-oil exports (4.7%) in contrast to an increase in imports (8.0%) over that period.

Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Quarterly						
Year	Quarter	Non-oil Merchandise Exports		Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Exports to Imports (%)
		Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	
2018	Q3	57,490	22.6▲	128,021	3.4▲	44.9
2018	Q4	60,623	8.8▲	126,896	1.0▼	47.8
2019	Q1	57,336	1.3▲	129,818	3.0▲	44.2
2019	Q2	55,912	8.0▼	142,981	7.5▲	39.1
2019	Q3	54,761	4.7▼	138,225	8.0▲	39.6

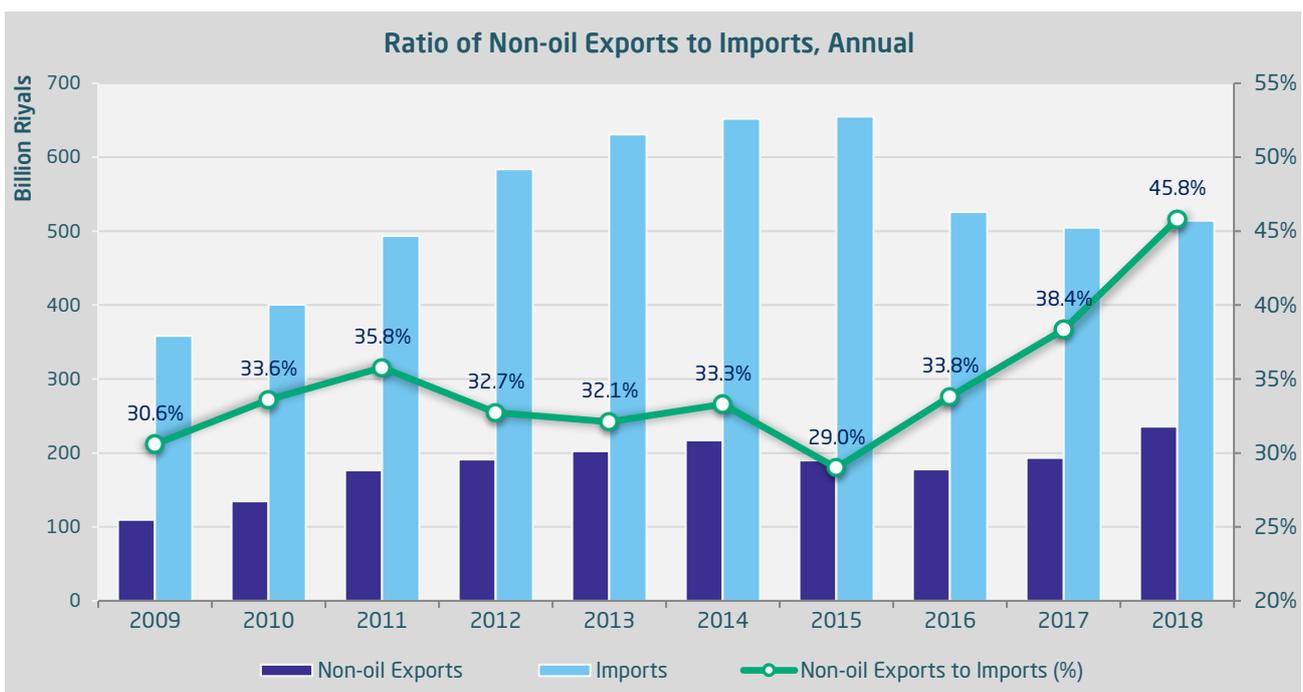




5. Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Annual

Non-oil exports increased from 193 billion 479 million riyals in 2017 to 235 billion 458 million riyals in 2018 while imports increased from 504 billion 447 million riyals to 513 billion 993 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports increased to 45.8% in 2018 from 38.4% in the previous year as a result of a higher increase in non-oil exports (21.7%) than in imports (1.9%) over the previous year.

Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Annual					
Year	Non-oil Merchandise Exports		Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Exports to Imports (%)
	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	
2009	109,619	9.9▼	358,290	17.0▼	30.6
2010	134,610	22.8▲	400,736	11.8▲	33.6
2011	176,568	31.2▲	493,449	23.1▲	35.8
2012	190,952	8.1▲	583,473	18.2▲	32.7
2013	202,443	6.0▲	630,582	8.1▲	32.1
2014	217,030	7.2▲	651,876	3.4▲	33.3
2015	189,901	12.5▼	655,033	0.5▲	29.0
2016	177,694	6.4▼	525,636	19.8▼	33.8
2017	193,479	8.9▲	504,447	4.0▼	38.4
2018	235,458	21.7▲	513,993	1.9▲	45.8





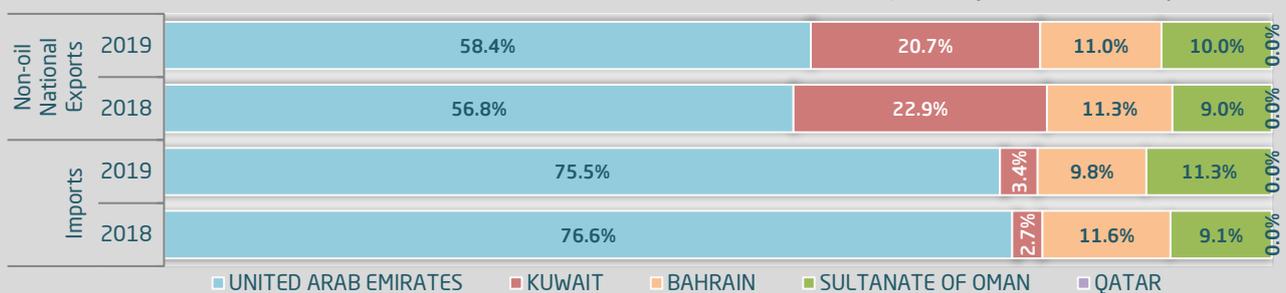
6. Trade between Saudi Arabia and GCC Countries

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia of national origin to the GCC countries amounted to 6 billion 846 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 7 billion 863 million riyals in Q3 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 1 billion 17 million riyals or 12.9% over that period. Saudi Arabia's imports of goods from the GCC countries amounted to 13 billion 504 million riyals in Q3 2019 compared to 14 billion 527 million riyals in Q3 2018, with a decrease of 1 billion 23 million riyals or 7.0% over that period.

Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries in the Third Quarter (Million Riyals)

Partner Country	Non-oil Merchandise Exports						Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Trade Balance	
	National Exports		Re-exports		Total		2018	2019	2018	2019
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019				
United Arab Emirates	4,467	3,996	3,091	3,470	7,557	7,467	11,121	10,190	-3,564	-2,723
Kuwait	1,801	1,417	186	199	1,987	1,616	399	461	1,587	1,155
Bahrain	889	751	511	510	1,401	1,261	1,678	1,325	-277	-64
Sultanate Of Oman	706	681	123	71	829	752	1,329	1,529	-500	-777
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,863	6,846	3,911	4,250	11,774	11,096	14,527	13,504	-2,754	-2,409

Distribution of Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries, Third Quarter (Share in Total, %)



Change in Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries, Q3 2019 (%)





Appendix

1- Exports and Imports of Saudi Arabia by Section

Merchandise Exports and Imports by Section* (Million Riyals)					
Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		Q3 2018	Q3 2019	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
1	Live animals; animal products	1,261.8	1,333.0	4,206.0	4,853.3
2	Vegetable products	258.3	265.7	8,382.1	6,363.1
3	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	206.8	203.9	794.1	694.9
4	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,336.8	1,408.1	6,260.8	6,403.2
5	Mineral products	231,792.7	182,094.8	6,527.3	5,084.4
6	Products of the chemical or allied industries	17,551.5	16,808.4	12,668.8	13,536.8
7	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	20,422.7	18,393.7	4,495.4	5,201.5
8	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	56.6	68.2	514.4	653.2
9	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	84.9	74.2	1,155.2	1,196.0
10	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	673.1	607.4	1,807.5	1,852.9
11	Textiles and textile articles	487.9	448.7	4,804.0	5,852.3
12	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	16.1	10.7	891.4	1,066.3
13	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	550.0	477.8	1,694.9	1,946.1
14	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	783.1	1,431.4	5,240.5	1,841.0
15	Base metals and articles of base metal	4,853.6	3,837.0	10,685.7	12,255.0
16	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	2,836.5	3,243.0	26,786.8	30,732.7
17	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	4,448.4	3,643.5	19,554.3	26,824.9
18	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	336.2	354.9	3,599.9	4,132.2
19	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	10.7	85.8	3,843.8	2,461.1
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	365.6	362.0	3,036.0	3,457.0
21	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	98.4	927.4	1,072.5	1,816.8
	Total	288,431.6	236,079.6	128,021.4	138,224.5

* Sections of the Harmonized System (HS)





2- Non-oil Exports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals) ¹			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
1	CHINA	9,057.5	9,405.6
2	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	7,557.2	7,466.8
3	INDIA	2,819.8	3,379.2
4	SINGAPORE	3,590.8	3,114.3
5	TURKEY	1,868.5	1,858.6
6	KUWAIT	1,986.8	1,615.6
7	EGYPT	2,117.0	1,550.3
8	U.S.A	1,946.9	1,535.0
9	MALAYSIA	1,676.3	1,476.5
10	JORDAN	1,511.2	1,406.2
11	BELGIUM	2,171.1	1,352.3
12	BAHRAIN	1,400.7	1,261.1
13	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	935.8	917.1
14	SOUTH KOREA	758.5	810.7
15	IRAQ	636.7	772.3
16	SWITZERLAND	683.6	754.5
17	SULTANATE OF OMAN	829.0	752.0
18	BRAZIL	513.6	723.5
19	JAPAN	731.4	717.4
20	GERMANY	328.9	702.5
21	NETHERLANDS	743.1	689.6
22	SPAIN	611.5	679.0
23	BANGLADESH	536.9	661.1
24	SOUTH AFRICA	785.7	643.5
25	SUDAN	724.8	618.1
26	VIETNAM	784.1	606.8
27	INDONESIA	490.8	601.7
28	PAKISTAN	713.7	585.0
29	THAILAND	589.8	574.8
30	ITALY	724.8	559.6
31	TAIWAN	599.1	486.1
32	UNITED KINGDOM	589.0	472.9
33	ALGERIA	634.9	441.0
34	NORWAY	10.2	347.2
35	FRANCE	240.0	321.5
36	KENYA	311.2	296.7
37	AUSTRALIA	282.0	293.0

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
38	MOROCCO	392.8	292.5
39	NIGERIA	279.6	267.4
40	LEBANON	423.4	265.2
41	POLAND	424.1	255.2
42	PORTUGAL	143.6	235.4
43	HONG KONG	272.0	224.5
44	GREECE	187.7	192.0
45	TUNISIA	185.7	189.0
46	NEW ZEALAND	119.3	161.2
47	DJIBOUTI	104.2	153.3
48	TANZANIA	202.6	131.1
49	MOZAMBIQUE	95.5	110.5
50	SWEDEN	76.2	92.0
51	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	30.1	88.5
52	MYANMAR	72.2	87.3
53	COTE D'IVOIRE	98.0	86.4
54	PHILIPPINES	112.2	77.1
55	LIBYA	89.8	75.4
56	CANADA	105.8	74.7
57	ETHIOPIA	66.1	74.3
58	GHANA	113.8	72.3
59	SRI LANKA	71.5	57.3
60	UKRAINE	72.4	57.1
61	ARGENTINA	134.6	54.3
62	ESTONIA	37.0	54.2
63	PERU	129.1	46.1
64	MALTA	26.1	42.0
65	TOGO	69.2	40.4
66	MEXICO	24.6	39.1
67	UGANDA	30.3	37.3
68	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	-	35.6
69	GUATEMALA	66.8	34.5
70	MALAWI	1.9	33.8
71	DENMARK	9.0	32.4
72	SOMALIA	45.6	32.1
73	COLOMBIA	41.2	30.2
74	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC I	30.5	24.6



(1) Country ranking is based on Q3 2019. "0.0" indicates a value less than 50 thousands while a dash (-) indicates nil.



Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
75	GUINEA	21.0	23.9
76	SENEGAL	29.0	22.8
77	SLOVENIA	15.9	20.3
78	PALESTINE	19.4	19.7
79	MAURITANIA	17.6	19.1
80	CAMEROON	18.4	19.0
81	CUBA	5.1	17.1
82	ECUADOR	42.9	17.0
83	ANGOLA	32.9	16.4
84	MADAGASCAR	9.3	15.1
85	GEORGIA	8.8	14.2
86	HUNGARY	9.5	13.3
87	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	14.4	10.5
88	NEPAL	9.9	10.2
89	LUXEMBOURG	4.0	10.1
90	IRELAND	12.0	9.8
91	CZECH REPUBLIC	7.2	9.8
92	BULGARIA	8.8	9.6
93	ROMANIA	8.7	9.1
94	CROATIA	4.5	8.4
95	CYPRUS	6.9	8.1
96	AZERBAIJAN	4.3	7.4
97	LIBERIA	8.1	7.2
98	CHILE	12.7	6.8
99	FINLAND	14.0	6.3
100	AUSTRIA	8.9	6.2
101	PARAGUAY	16.0	5.8
102	SIERRA LEONE	7.6	5.6
103	CAMBODIA	6.1	5.4
104	REUNION	1.8	5.2
105	NAMIBIA	4.7	4.8
106	EL SALVADOR	18.9	4.8
107	COMOROS	1.7	4.5
108	CONGO	9.9	4.4
109	MAURITIUS	11.0	4.4
110	AFGHANISTAN	4.3	4.0
111	GAMBIA	2.8	3.9
112	URUGUAY	7.6	3.5
113	NIGER	1.8	3.5

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
114	GUINEA-BISSAU	0.8	3.3
115	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	0.7	3.1
116	ERITREA	9.3	3.0
117	HAITI	3.0	2.8
118	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	1.1	2.6
119	ZAMBIA	4.6	2.5
120	TIMOR LESTE	0.0	2.5
121	MALDIVES	2.8	2.4
122	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	-	2.1
123	KAZAKHSTAN	10.4	2.0
124	MALI	4.0	1.9
125	COSTA RICA	5.9	1.9
126	NICARAGUA	3.3	1.7
127	GABON	4.1	1.7
128	MAYOTTE	0.0	1.7
129	RWANDA	5.8	1.6
130	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUB	1.4	1.6
131	BENIN	1.9	1.4
132	LITHUANIA	2.4	1.3
133	CHAD	2.3	1.3
134	DOMINICA	8.1	1.3
135	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	4.7	1.1
136	KYRGYZSTAN	0.1	0.8
137	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.5	0.8
138	ALBANIA	1.7	0.8
139	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	0.0	0.7
140	SYRIA	1.9	0.6
141	LESOTHO	1.5	0.6
142	SEYCHELLES	0.2	0.5
143	SERBIA	1.3	0.4
144	PANAMA	5.1	0.4
145	TURKMENISTAN	54.8	0.4
146	ZIMBABWE	0.5	0.4
147	SOUTH SUDAN	0.7	0.4
148	PUERTO RICO	0.1	0.4
149	UZBEKISTAN	7.8	0.4
150	VENEZUELA	0.8	0.3
	OTHER COUNTRIES	11.0	5.0
	TOTAL	57,490.5	54,760.7





3- Imports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Imports by Country (Million Riyals) ²			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
1	CHINA	20,435.5	26,551.8
2	U.S.A	18,295.4	15,681.9
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11,120.8	10,189.9
4	JAPAN	4,313.5	6,577.0
5	GERMANY	7,171.2	6,473.0
6	INDIA	4,893.0	6,022.4
7	FRANCE	4,039.6	4,660.1
8	ITALY	3,997.2	4,465.2
9	SOUTH KOREA	2,926.1	4,129.0
10	TURKEY	2,272.6	2,720.9
11	UNITED KINGDOM	2,567.2	2,700.7
12	THAILAND	2,037.5	2,629.8
13	EGYPT	1,369.7	2,571.4
14	INDONESIA	1,215.0	2,426.3
15	BRAZIL	1,853.7	2,085.3
16	SINGAPORE	1,655.8	1,925.1
17	SPAIN	2,403.2	1,887.0
18	NETHERLANDS	1,876.1	1,790.3
19	CANADA	2,102.9	1,710.8
20	BELGIUM	1,098.1	1,605.3
21	VIETNAM	1,607.5	1,549.9
22	SULTANATE OF OMAN	1,329.0	1,528.6
23	BAHRAIN	1,678.0	1,324.9
24	SWITZERLAND	1,987.4	1,211.7
25	TAIWAN	887.1	1,198.9
26	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	1,653.9	1,174.9
27	SWEDEN	899.1	1,111.7
28	IRELAND	1,062.5	1,059.8
29	JORDAN	753.7	1,055.6
30	MALAYSIA	1,113.5	1,037.6
31	ARGENTINA	1,006.6	957.3
32	MEXICO	782.6	903.3
33	POLAND	1,442.7	820.9
34	HONG KONG	78.1	813.1
35	AUSTRIA	673.2	776.6
36	DENMARK	671.0	767.3
37	UKRAINE	1,219.5	764.6

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
38	CZECH REPUBLIC	499.3	759.1
39	AUSTRALIA	609.7	681.6
40	ROMANIA	631.5	673.2
41	SOUTH AFRICA	976.8	612.6
42	GREECE	802.2	601.9
43	SUDAN	403.0	591.9
44	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC I	481.4	490.0
45	PAKISTAN	360.8	479.9
46	KUWAIT	399.4	460.8
47	FINLAND	278.7	415.2
48	NEW ZEALAND	550.1	383.4
49	BANGLADESH	343.9	347.2
50	HUNGARY	363.1	316.6
51	SOMALIA	256.7	297.8
52	BULGARIA	108.9	287.7
53	PHILIPPINES	233.7	264.1
54	LEBANON	233.2	263.4
55	PANAMA	0.6	244.9
56	ESTONIA	55.5	230.4
57	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	479.2	201.0
58	PORTUGAL	167.7	199.3
59	ETHIOPIA	137.8	188.7
60	SLOVAKIA	165.0	187.1
61	NORWAY	153.1	175.2
62	SYRIA	86.2	163.4
63	MOROCCO	213.7	145.3
64	ECUADOR	107.4	125.2
65	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	123.3	120.3
66	CHILE	151.2	115.1
67	SRI LANKA	104.2	109.4
68	CAMBODIA	65.7	101.2
69	SLOVENIA	80.4	82.4
70	DJIBOUTI	65.4	81.8
71	GUATEMALA	71.7	79.6
72	MYANMAR	28.6	71.7
73	ALGERIA	5.3	68.1
74	KENYA	69.5	67.1



(2) Country ranking is based on Q3 2019. "0.0" indicates a value less than 50 thousands while a dash (-) indicates nil.



Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
75	TUNISIA	70.8	62.6
76	LUXEMBOURG	47.8	58.5
77	COSTA RICA	20.5	45.7
78	LITHUANIA	346.8	42.9
79	PARAGUAY	2.9	39.2
80	PUERTO RICO	16.9	37.5
81	SERBIA	169.0	28.0
82	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	18.3	27.7
83	CROATIA	36.5	27.3
84	COLOMBIA	34.4	26.5
85	CYPRUS	21.3	24.9
86	DOMINICA	29.6	21.6
87	ZAMBIA	66.1	16.4
88	UZBEKISTAN	10.7	14.5
89	NIGERIA	13.6	13.8
90	LATVIA	76.7	13.6
91	PERU	7.7	12.2
92	TANZANIA	7.2	11.9
93	KAZAKHSTAN	1.8	11.3
94	MALTA	404.3	8.7
95	AFGHANISTAN	4.7	8.5
96	IRAQ	11.2	7.4
97	UGANDA	4.4	7.4
98	SAN MARINO	0.8	7.1
99	BELARUS	11.1	6.9
100	PALESTINE	10.8	6.7
101	CONGO	24.1	6.0
102	GEORGIA	0.7	5.9
103	URUGUAY	6.3	5.3
104	CAMEROON	4.8	5.2
105	ALBANIA	1.8	5.2
106	GHANA	8.1	4.9
107	ZIMBABWE	1.9	4.1
108	MADAGASCAR	9.3	4.0
109	HONDURAS	1.6	3.8
110	EL SALVADOR	1.1	3.2
111	SWAZILAND	0.8	3.1
112	MOLDOVA	4.9	3.0
113	MAURITIUS	5.6	2.6

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	Q3 2018	Q3 2019
114	BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TER	0.0	2.1
115	SAINT VINCENT AND THE G	0.0	2.0
116	MACEDONIA	4.6	1.9
117	MOZAMBIQUE	0.9	1.9
118	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2.6	1.7
119	MALAWI	1.6	1.7
120	NORTH KOREA	5.8	1.7
121	NICARAGUA	0.5	1.6
122	MONACO	0.8	1.5
123	GABON	3.6	1.5
124	ARMENIA	2.4	1.3
125	COTE D'IVOIRE	0.6	1.3
126	PAPUA	0.0	1.3
127	LAOS	17.9	1.2
128	ICELAND	2.5	1.0
129	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	1.2	0.9
130	FIJI	0.7	0.8
131	AZERBAIJAN	0.1	0.8
132	ANTARCTICA	0.3	0.8
133	RWANDA	0.3	0.7
134	NEPAL	1.1	0.6
135	GUINEA	0.0	0.6
136	SURINAME	0.9	0.5
137	LIECHTENSTEIN	0.7	0.4
138	IRAN	-	0.4
139	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.5	0.4
140	LESOTHO	1.9	0.3
141	MAURITANIA	6.4	0.3
142	CUBA	4.0	0.3
143	VIRGIN ISLANDS BRITISH	0.0	0.3
144	ARUBA	0.3	0.3
145	MALDIVES	0.6	0.3
146	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUB	0.1	0.3
147	MONTENEGRO	0.0	0.3
148	NAMIBIA	4.9	0.3
149	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.7	0.3
150	MACAO	2.5	0.3
	OTHER COUNTRIES	79.6	2.4
	TOTAL	128,021.4	138,224.5





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