**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered\* External Trade in Goods of**

**May, 05/2018.**

**Exports in Goods:**

Exports increased in May, 2018 by 4.5% compared to April, 2018. While it decreased by 1.4% compared to May, 2017 and reached USD 95.6 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in May, 2018 by 5.8% compared to April, 2018 and it represented 88.2% of total exports in May, 2018.

On the other hand, exports to other countries decreased by 4.2% during the same period compared to April, 2018.

Imports in Goods:

Imports increased in May, 2018 by 4.5% compared to April, 2018. It also increased by 4.2% compared to May, 2017 and reached USD 494.9 Million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 1.1% in May, 2018 compared to April, 2018 and it represented 56% of total imports in May, 2018.

On the other hand, imports from other countries increased by 12.7% compared to April, 2018.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed an increase in trade deficit by 4.5% in May, 2018 compared to April, 2018. It also increased by 5.6% compared to May, 2017 and reached USD 399.3 Million.

**Note:** \*: Includes actual data received from official sources