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

**Preliminary results of Foreign Trade for April-October / 2020**

**An increase in Trade Balance Deficit on Registered\* Goods by 10% in October, 2020**

**Exports in Goods**

Exports increased in October, 2020 by 3% compared to September, 2020. It also increased by 11% compared to October, 2019 and reached USD 99.1 Million.

Exports to Israel decreased in October, 2020 by 3% compared to September, 2020 and it represented 86% of total exports in October, 2020.

On the other hand, exports to other countries increased by 60% during the same period compared to September, 2020 and reached USD 13.6 Million.

**Imports in Goods**

Imports increased in October, 2020 by 8% compared to September, 2020. While it decreased by 3% compared to October, 2019 and reached USD 459.3 Million.

Imports from Israel slightly increased by 0.3% in October, 2020 compared to September, 2020 and it represented 54% of total imports in October, 2020.

At the same time, imports from other countries increased by 19% compared to September, 2020.

**Trade Balance on Registered Goods**

The trade balance, which represents the difference between exports and imports, showed an increase in trade deficit by 10% in October, 2020 compared to September, 2020. While it decreased by 6% compared to October, 2019 and reached USD 360.2 Million

**Notice:**

Regarding the indicators for April-September 2020, which was not published on due time, the next table summarizes the most important indicators during that period and the corresponding period of 2019:

**Exports and Imports on Registered\* goods And Trade Balance for April-September of**

**2019 and 2020**

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|  **Month** | **Exports** | **Imports** | **Trade balance** |
| **2019** | **2020** | **2019** | **2020** | **2019** | **2020** |
| April | 90.7 | 54.8 | 504.7 | 309.3 | -414.0 | -254.5 |
| May | 89.7 | 73.9 | 483.3 | 329.2 | -393.6 | -255.3 |
| June | 78.3 | 98.2 | 450.4 | 393.1 | -372.1 | -294.9 |
| July | 82.2 | 97.2 | 475.6 | 422.7 | -393.4 | -325.5 |
| August | 82.3 | 98.2 | 482.4 | 423.2 | -400.1 | -325.0 |
| September | 90.6 | 96.4 | 506.4 | 423.9 | -415.8 | -327.5 |

 **Value in Million USD**