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

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

**December, 12/2018**

**Exports in Goods:**

Exports increased in December, 2018 by 5% compared to November, 2018. It also increased by 5% compared to December, 2017 and reached USD 100.2 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in December, 2018 by 8% compared to November, 2018 and it represented 86% of total exports in December, 2018.

On the other hand, exports to other countries decreased by 10% during the same period compared to November, 2018 and reached USD 13.7 Million.

Imports in Goods:

Imports slightly increased in December, 2018 by 0.2% compared to November, 2018. It also increased by 6% compared to December, 2017 and reached USD 495.4 Million.

Imports from Israel increased by 2% in December, 2018 compared to November, 2018 and it represented 57% of total imports in December, 2018.

On the other hand, imports from other countries decreased by 3% compared to November, 2018.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed a decrease in trade deficit by 1% in December, 2018 compared to November, 2018. While it increased by 6% compared to December, 2017 and reached USD 395.2 Million.

**(\*):** Includes actual data received from official sources.

**Note:** Detailed figures will be published on 15/10/2019 as in the statistical calendar: <http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/calender.aspx>