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

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

 **September, 09/2018**

**Exports in Goods:**

Exports decreased in September, 2018 by 8% compared to August, 2018. While it increased by 11% compared to September, 2017 and reached USD 81.9 Million.

Exports to Israel decreased in September, 2018 by 12% compared to August, 2018 and it represented 88% of total exports in September, 2018.

On the other hand, exports to other countries increased by 43% during the same period compared to August, 2018 and reached USD 9.6 Million.

Imports in Goods:

Imports decreased in September, 2018 by 7% compared to August, 2018. While it increased by 10% compared to September, 2017 and reached USD 461.1 Million.

Imports from Israel slightly decreased by 0.3% in September, 2018 compared to August, 2018 and it represented 63% of total imports in September, 2018.

At the same time, imports from other countries decreased by 15% compared to August, 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 6% in September, 2018 compared to August, 2018. While it increased by 10% compared to September, 2017 and reached USD 379.2 Million.

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