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

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

**in Goods of May, 05/2017**

**Exports:**

Exports increased in May, 2017 by 14.4% compared to April, 2017. It also increased by 16.2% compared to May, 2016 and reached USD 97.0 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in May, 2017 by 19.7% compared to April, 2017 and represented 90.4% of total exports in May, 2017.

On the other hand, exports to other countries decreased by 19.6% during the same period compared to April, 2017.

Imports:

Imports increased in May, 2017 by 17.1% compared to April, 2017. While it decreased by 3.5% compared to May, 2016 and reached USD 475.0 Million.

Imports from Israel increased by 10.3% in May, 2017 compared to April, 2017 and represented 55.3% of total imports in May, 2017

At the same time, imports from other countries increased by 26.9% compared to April, 2017.

**Net Trade Balance on Registered Goods:**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed an increase in trade deficit by 17.9% in May, 2017 compared to April, 2017. While it decreased by 7.5% compared to May, 2016 and reached USD 378.0 Million.

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