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

**A decrease in the Registered\* Exports in Goods by 17% in January,01/2019**

 **Compared to the Previous Month**

**Exports in Goods**

Exports decreased in January, 2019 by 17% compared to December, 2018. It also slightly decreased by 0.2% compared to January, 2018 and reached USD 82.7 Million

Exports to Israel decreased in January, 2019 by 16% compared to December, 2018 and it represented 88% of total exports in January, 2019.

At the same time, exports to other countries decreased by 29% during the same period compared to December, 2018 and reached USD 9.7 Million.

**Imports in Goods**

Imports increased in January, 2019 by 1% compared to December, 2018. It also increased by 8% compared to January, 2018 and reached USD 502.7 Million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 2% in January, 2019 compared to December, 2018 and it represented 55% of total imports in January, 2019.

On the other hand, imports from other countries increased by 6% compared to December, 2018.

**Trade Balance on Registered Goods**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed an increase in trade deficit by 6% in January, 2019 compared to December, 2018. It also increased by 10% compared to January, 2018 and reached USD 420 Million.

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