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

**A decrease in imports by 9% against slight increase in registered\* external trade of goods by 1% in February,02/2019.**

**Exports in Goods**

Exports increased in February, 2019 by 1% compared to January, 2019. While it decreased by 13% compared to February, 2018 and reached USD 83.7 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in February, 2019 by 2% compared to January, 2019 and it represented 89% of total exports in February, 2019.

On the other hand, exports to other countries decreased by 2% during the same period compared to January, 2019.

**Imports in Goods**

Imports decreased in February, 2019 by 9% compared to January, 2019. While it increased by 6% compared to February, 2018 and reached USD 459.8 Million.

Imports from Israel decreased by 3% in February, 2019 compared to January, 2019 and it represented 59% of total imports in February, 2019.

At the same time, imports from other countries decreased by 15% compared to January, 2019.

**Trade Balance on Registered Goods**

The trade balance which represents the difference between exports and imports showed a decrease in trade deficit by 10% in February, 2019 compared to January, 2019, While it increased by 11% compared to February, 2018 and reached USD 376.1 Million.

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