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Trade Figures for Sep. 2020



Highlights

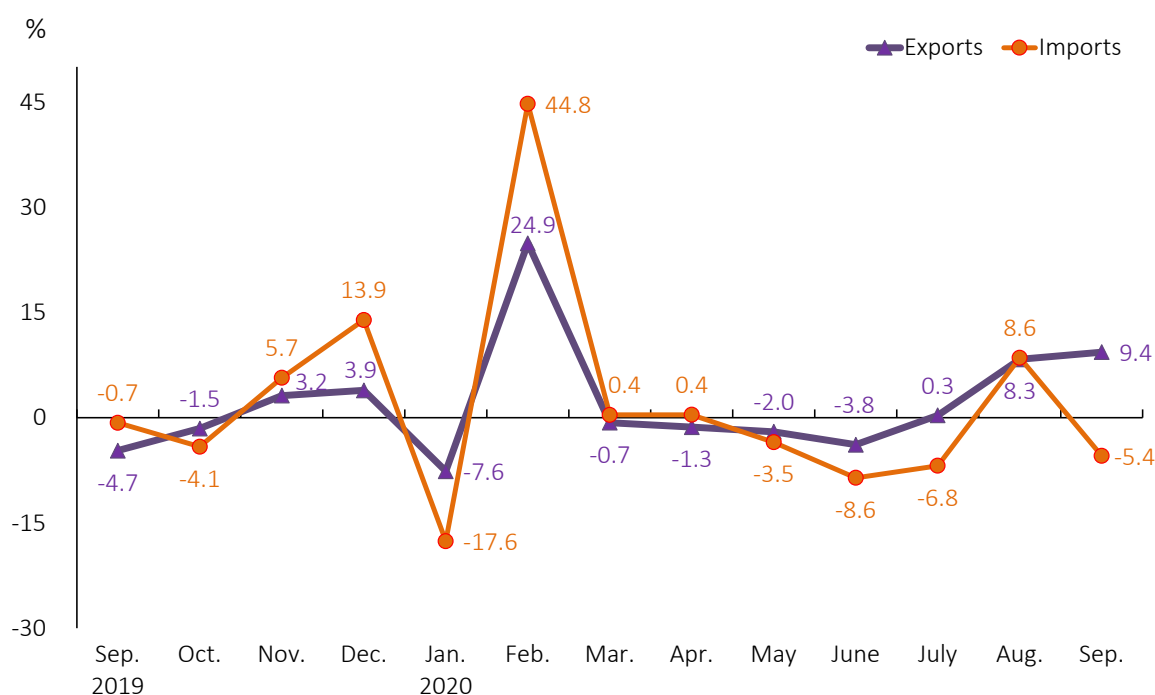
For Sep. 2020, total exports expanded 9.4% year on year to US\$ 30.71 billion; total imports fell 5.4% from a year earlier to US\$ 23.58 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$ 7.14 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for Sep. 2020

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Sep.		Jan. - Sep.	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	30,712	9.4	248,088	2.4
Imports	23,576	-5.4	207,778	-0.7
Trade Balance	7,136	126.5	40,310	22.9

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



Major Trading Commodities

● Exports

In Sep. 2020, compared with the same month of last year, exports of parts of electronic product, information, communication and audio-video products, plastics & rubber and articles thereof grew by 26.1%, 22.5% and 0.9%; however, exports of base metals and articles of base metal, machinery declined 6.3% and 4.9% respectively.

Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Sep.			Jan. - Sep.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	13,072	42.6	26.1	97,231	39.2	20.3
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	4,422	14.4	22.5	35,010	14.1	14.0
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	2,112	6.9	-6.3	18,449	7.4	-12.0
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,765	5.7	0.9	15,036	6.1	-11.6
Machinery	1,719	5.6	-4.9	15,798	6.4	-10.5

● Imports

In Sep. 2020, compared with the same month of last year, imports of parts of electronic product grew by 14.6%; however, imports of machinery, mineral products, chemicals, information, communication and audio-video products declined 16.1%, 29.3%, 9.1% and 3.6% respectively.

Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Sep.			Jan. - Sep.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	6,276	26.6	14.6	50,199	24.2	15.7
Machinery	2,785	11.8	-16.1	23,246	11.2	-0.5
Mineral Products	2,520	10.7	-29.3	26,303	12.7	-29.4
Petroleum	870	3.7	-41.9	9,983	4.8	-39.6
Chemicals	2,137	9.1	-9.1	19,600	9.4	-3.8
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	1,731	7.3	-3.6	14,651	7.1	19.6

Major Trading Partners

● Exports

In Sep. 2020, compared with the same month of last year, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong and U.S.A. grew by 22.3% and 14.5%; however, exports to ASEAN, Japan and Europe declined 4.1%, 7.6% and 4.7% respectively.

Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Sep.			Jan. - Sep.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	14,203	46.2	22.3	108,085	43.6	13.3
ASEAN	4,586	14.9	-4.1	38,391	15.5	-5.0
Japan	1,903	6.2	-7.6	17,227	6.9	0.1
U.S.A.	4,483	14.6	14.5	36,453	14.7	7.1
Europe	2,300	7.5	-4.7	20,324	8.2	-9.2

● Imports

In Sep. 2020, compared with the same month of last year, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, U.S.A., Europe and Middle East declined 0.3%, 12.4%, 1.2%, 7.7%, 5.8% and 44.1% respectively.

Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners

Unit : US\$ million ; %

	Sep.			Jan. - Sep.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	5,365	22.8	-0.3	46,143	22.2	7.9
ASEAN	2,843	12.1	-12.4	26,469	12.7	3.6
Japan	3,767	16.0	-1.2	33,398	16.1	5.1
U.S.A.	2,505	10.6	-7.7	23,706	11.4	-7.2
Europe	3,264	13.8	-5.8	25,888	12.5	-1.9
Middle East	1,001	4.2	-44.1	12,475	6.0	-33.3