



# Foreign TRADE in GOODS for LEBANON

Quarter I, 2012



# Value of Trade in Goods for Lebanon

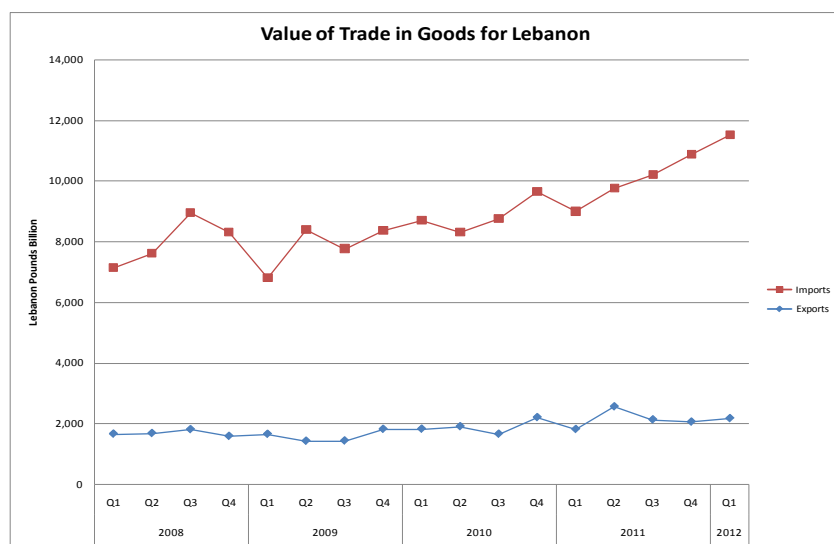
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The value of Lebanese imports of goods in Quarter Q1 year 2012 was **9346** billion LBP. This was **518** billion LBP, **5.9%** higher than imports in Q4 of previous year 2011, and **2162** billion LBP, i.e. **30%** increase comparing to the same Quarter Q1 of year 2011.

Imports of petroleum products were the main contributor to this change, with a value of **789** billion LBP higher than Q4 of the year 2011, and **1827** billion LBP increase since the same quarter Q1 of the last year. Besides, value of imports of precious metals this quarter was **192** billion LBP higher than the same quarter Q1 of the year 2011, but **128** billion LBP lower than the last quarter.

Meanwhile value of Lebanese exports in quarter Q1 of year 2012 was **2167** billion LBP. This amount to **115** billion LBP, i.e. **5.6%** greater than exports in previous Quarter Q4 of the last year 2011 and **358** billion LBP, i.e. **20%** greater than exports in the same Quarter Q1 of the year 2011.

Exports of precious metals products increased by **222** billion LBP, i.e. **51.2%** compared to Q4 of year 2011 and **364** billion LBP, i.e. **125%** since the same Quarter Q1 of the year 2011.



## Table I: Trade in Goods

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Exports	Imports
2008		<b>6,716</b>	<b>25,265</b>
2009		<b>6,313</b>	<b>24,994</b>
2010		<b>7,572</b>	<b>27,838</b>
2011		<b>8,541</b>	<b>31,291</b>
2011	Q1	<b>1,809</b>	<b>7,184</b>
	Q2	<b>2,556</b>	<b>7,201</b>
	Q3	<b>2,124</b>	<b>8,079</b>
	Q4	<b>2,052</b>	<b>8,828</b>
2012	Q1	<b>2,167</b>	<b>9,346</b>
2011	January	<b>598</b>	<b>2,735</b>
	February	<b>560</b>	<b>1,883</b>
	March	<b>651</b>	<b>2,566</b>
2012	January	<b>633</b>	<b>2,271</b>
	February	<b>765</b>	<b>4,339</b>
	March	<b>768</b>	<b>2,735</b>

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter

**(Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)**

<b>Change in level</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>518</b>
<b>Percentage change</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year

**(Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)**

<b>Change in level</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>2,162</b>
<b>Percentage change</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>

## Table 2: Imports by region and country

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

Period	Region							Middle East & North Africa								
	Total	Middle East & North Africa	European Union	Europe & Africa nec	Asia & Oceania	America	Not elsewhere classified	Syria	Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Iran	Iraq	Other Gulf States	Egypt	Other Middle East & North Africa	
2008	25,265	3,523	9,158	3,634	5,235	3,692	22	413	188	452	65	21	1,331	716	336	
2009	24,994	3,115	9,676	3,236	5,314	3,636	17	358	309	480	58	3	875	663	368	
2010	27,838	4,166	10,071	4,148	5,644	3,802	6	520	367	622	58	5	1,192	653	749	
2011	31,291	5,446	11,252	5,080	5,493	4,016	4	475	571	900	63	7	1,482	1,440	508	
2011 Q1	7,184	1,193	2,563	1,163	1,169	1,094	1	137	131	154	16	1	337	188	229	
2011 Q2	7,201	1,265	2,831	902	1,486	715	1	122	167	160	12	3	275	428	97	
2011 Q3	8,079	1,306	2,963	1,637	1,505	668	1	116	146	162	13	1	256	487	124	
2011 Q4	8,828	1,683	2,895	1,378	1,333	1,538	1	100	127	424	22	2	614	338	58	
2012 Q1	9,346	1,685	2,937	1,271	1,311	2,141	1	88	127	231	15	1	646	364	212	
2011 January	2,735	422	807	447	405	653	0	38	35	50	6	0	150	57	84	
2011 February	1,883	334	690	363	348	148	0	49	35	50	4	0	67	55	74	
2011 March	2,566	438	1,066	353	415	293	0	50	62	54	5	1	120	75	70	
2012 January	2,271	345	838	411	436	242	0	25	43	63	6	0	74	91	42	
2012 February	4,339	886	867	465	434	1,688	0	23	57	52	4	0	513	165	73	
2012 March	2,735	454	1,232	396	442	212	0	40	27	116	5	1	59	108	98	
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)																
<b>Change in level</b>	518	2	41	-107	-22	603		-11	0	-193	-7	0	33	27	154	
<b>Percentage change</b>	6%	0%	1%	-8%	-2%	39%		-11%	0%	-46%	-32%	-18%	5%	8%	267%	
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)																
<b>Change in level</b>	2,162	491	374	108	142	1,047		-49	-4	76	-1	0	310	177	-17	
<b>Percentage change</b>	30%	41%	15%	9%	12%	96%		-36%	-3%	49%	-8%	-4%	92%	94%	-7%	

## Table 2: Imports by region and country

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		European Union									Europe & Africa nec					
		Benelux	France	Germany	Italy	Spain & Portugal	United Kingdom	Greece	Bulgaria	Romania	Other European Union	Turkey	Russia	Switzerland	South Africa	Other Europe & Africa
2008		671	2,013	1,619	1,686	472	815	163	157	399	1,162	1,198	770	930	80	656
2009		771	2,426	1,902	1,843	460	843	162	69	289	912	1,071	646	616	22	881
2010		760	1,835	1,936	2,149	556	870	473	162	336	995	1,045	765	845	15	1,477
2011		912	2,318	1,749	2,835	601	913	439	73	308	1,106	1,425	779	1,506	14	1,355
2011	Q1	223	477	405	715	141	218	36	17	68	262	362	137	253	3	408
	Q2	170	596	465	628	150	250	158	18	63	334	252	72	306	4	268
	Q3	244	650	419	803	168	208	112	18	96	244	406	275	577	3	376
	Q4	275	594	461	688	143	238	133	19	80	266	405	295	370	4	303
	Q1	345	618	409	657	148	203	200	14	78	265	440	101	226	5	499
2011	January	68	178	119	219	44	64	14	6	22	75	115	41	112	1	178
	February	90	118	108	172	37	57	9	6	10	83	135	27	80	1	119
	March	64	181	178	325	59	97	13	6	37	104	112	69	61	1	111
2012	January	64	161	132	229	52	59	27	4	23	89	162	34	82	2	131
	February	60	182	128	181	38	64	99	4	25	86	166	40	51	1	206
	March	221	275	149	248	58	80	75	6	30	90	112	27	93	1	162
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)																
<b>Change in level</b>		70	25	-51	-32	5	-35	67	-5	-2	-1	35	-194	-145	1	196
<b>Percentage change</b>		25%	4%	-11%	-5%	3%	-15%	51%	-27%	-2%	0%	9%	-66%	-39%	22%	65%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)																
<b>Change in level</b>		122	141	4	-59	7	-15	164	-4	10	3	78	-36	-27	1	91
<b>Percentage change</b>		55%	30%	1%	-8%	5%	-7%	452%	-21%	14%	1%	22%	-26%	-11%	45%	22%

**Table 2: Imports by region and country**

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Asia & Oceania					America		
		China	India	Japan	South Korea	Other Asia & Oceania	United States of America	Brazil	Other America
2008		2,159	346	1,108	385	1,238	2,917	482	293
2009		2,206	494	1,000	537	1,077	2,713	554	369
2010		2,506	454	952	477	1,256	2,957	406	439
2011		2,491	817	587	393	1,204	3,043	461	512
2011	Q1	543	121	169	83	254	830	118	147
	Q2	667	256	133	115	314	462	102	151
	Q3	662	289	125	107	322	428	129	111
	Q4	619	152	160	88	314	1,324	112	103
	Q1	587	151	142	128	303	1,856	82	204
2011	January	183	40	61	31	91	510	42	101
	February	178	34	42	21	73	106	24	18
	March	182	48	66	31	89	213	52	28
2012	January	194	50	48	57	87	164	31	47
	February	212	47	40	35	100	1,572	26	90
	March	181	55	54	36	116	120	25	67
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)									
<b>Change in level</b>		-32	-1	-18	40	-11	532	-30	101
<b>Percentage change</b>		-5%	0%	-11%	45%	-4%	40%	-27%	99%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)									
<b>Change in level</b>		45	30	-26	45	50	1,026	-36	57
<b>Percentage change</b>		8%	25%	-16%	54%	20%	124%	-31%	39%

**Table 3: Imports classified by main use**

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Main use					Consumer goods							
		Consumer goods	Capital goods & precious metal	Intermediate goods	Energy products	Exclusions	Food & non-alcoholic beverages	Alcohol & tobacco	Clothing & footwear	Health & personal care	Consumer goods nec	Durable consumer goods (except transport)	Personal transport equipment	
		E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E11	E12	E13	E14	E15	E16	E17	
		£ Total												
2008		25,265	8,106	2,477	8,414	6,260	8	1,857	327	772	1,227	629	881	2,413
2009		24,994	8,675	3,377	7,892	5,032	18	2,089	377	881	1,336	692	1,010	2,289
2010		27,838	9,540	3,240	9,235	5,814	10	2,340	467	941	1,499	822	1,159	2,312
2011		31,291	9,313	4,515	10,218	7,231	14	2,582	546	994	1,663	791	1,039	1,698
2011	Q1	7,184	2,183	787	2,449	1,763	2	636	104	246	437	175	199	386
	Q2	7,201	2,420	1,175	2,562	1,040	3	648	132	219	471	201	309	440
	Q3	8,079	2,308	1,413	2,703	1,651	5	596	162	283	381	210	272	404
	Q4	8,828	2,402	1,140	2,504	2,778	4	703	148	246	373	205	258	468
2012	Q1	9,346	2,324	1,008	2,410	3,601	3	662	124	278	413	170	201	476
2011	January	2,735	682	287	868	897	1	210	38	59	108	73	64	131
	February	1,883	607	226	701	348	1	175	30	73	147	42	57	84
	March	2,566	894	274	880	518	1	251	37	114	183	61	78	171
2012	January	2,271	740	316	817	397	1	215	47	58	139	54	59	168
	February	4,339	734	359	739	2,507	1	214	36	100	119	56	70	140
	March	2,735	849	334	854	697	1	233	41	120	155	60	72	168
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
<b>Change in level</b>		518	-78	-132	-94	824		-41	-24	32	39	-36	-57	8
<b>Percentage change</b>		6%	-3%	-12%	-4%	30%		-6%	-16%	13%	11%	-17%	-22%	2%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
<b>Change in level</b>		2,162	140	221	-40	1,839		27	20	32	-25	-5	2	90
<b>Percentage change</b>		30%	6%	28%	-2%	104%		4%	19%	13%	-6%	-3%	1%	23%

**Table 3: Imports classified by main use**

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		Capital goods & precious metal			Intermediate goods					Energy products	
		Transport equipment E21	Capital goods nec E22	Precious metal E23	Inputs for agri & food industries E31	Inputs for other manufacturing E32	Construction materials E36	Components & parts E37	Other inputs E39	Petroleum products E41	Other fuels & lubricants E49
2008		246	1,438	793	1,551	2,843	2,053	1,294	674	5,904	356
2009		1,059	1,636	683	1,459	2,415	1,883	1,460	675	4,740	292
2010		394	1,629	1,216	1,726	2,772	2,293	1,686	759	5,487	327
2011		253	1,701	2,560	1,941	3,107	2,689	1,659	822	6,785	446
2011	Q1	70	382	335	533	761	573	389	193	1,639	124
	Q2	57	499	619	456	770	689	428	220	925	114
	Q3	61	401	951	524	786	777	408	207	1,543	108
	Q4	66	419	655	428	790	650	434	202	2,677	101
2012	Q1	61	420	527	449	784	612	379	186	3,466	135
2011	January	23	128	136	216	239	218	134	61	857	39
	February	20	113	93	134	233	176	96	62	309	39
	March	27	141	106	184	289	178	158	70	473	45
2012	January	25	135	156	127	286	210	130	64	342	55
	February	15	124	220	139	245	180	120	54	2,457	50
	March	22	161	151	182	253	222	129	68	667	30
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)											
<b>Change in level</b>		-4	0	-127	21	-6	-38	-55	-16	790	34
<b>Percentage change</b>		-7%	0%	-19%	5%	-1%	-6%	-13%	-8%	30%	34%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)											
<b>Change in level</b>		-8	37	192	-85	23	39	-10	-7	1,827	12
<b>Percentage change</b>		-12%	10%	57%	-16%	3%	7%	-3%	-4%	111%	10%

**Table 4: Exports by region and country**

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

Period	Region							Middle East & North Africa						
	Total	Middle East & North Africa	European Union	Europe & Africa nec	Asia & Oceania	America	Not elsewhere classified	Syria	Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Iraq	Other Gulf States	Egypt	Other Middle East & North Africa
2008	6,716	3,270	906	1,649	330	217	343	460	235	424	525	1,004	212	409
2009	6,313	2,993	750	2,014	187	114	255	421	203	452	535	913	143	326
2010	7,572	3,333	1,270	2,251	300	144	274	377	188	448	561	1,062	324	372
2011	8,541	3,037	1,310	3,064	561	166	404	396	221	603	432	983	123	279
2011 Q1	1,809	756	206	624	101	43	79	85	47	130	123	242	36	92
Q2	2,556	774	615	840	181	43	104	82	57	160	128	262	30	54
Q3	2,124	700	247	832	188	42	115	105	55	140	89	244	24	43
Q4	2,052	806	242	768	92	39	106	124	62	172	92	234	33	90
2012 Q1	2,167	786	261	926	70	35	89	111	58	156	90	239	31	101
2011 January	598	263	57	207	24	20	27	26	15	39	44	89	23	26
February	560	219	70	193	44	9	24	22	14	48	37	70	5	22
March	651	274	78	224	32	14	28	37	17	42	42	84	8	44
2012 January	633	193	88	288	23	13	29	30	14	39	23	66	7	14
February	765	259	55	391	21	10	29	36	20	50	32	78	10	33
March	768	334	118	247	26	12	31	45	24	67	36	94	14	55
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
<b>Change in level</b>	115	-20	19	158	-22	-4	-17	-12	-4	-16	-2	5	-2	9
<b>Percentage change</b>	6%	-2%	8%	21%	-24%	-9%	-16%	-10%	-7%	-9%	-2%	2%	-7%	10%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
<b>Change in level</b>	358	30	55	302	-31	-7	10	26	11	26	-33	-4	-6	11
<b>Percentage change</b>	20%	4%	26%	48%	-31%	-17%	13%	30%	24%	20%	-27%	-2%	-16%	13%

The table shows all countries to which Lebanon exported goods valued at more than 50 billion Lebanon Pounds in 2011.



**Table 4: Exports by region and country**

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

Period		European Union						Europe & Africa nec				
		Benelux	France	Germany	Italy	Spain & Portugal	United Kingdom	Other European Union	Turkey	Switzerland	South Africa	Other Europe & Africa
2008		168	154	53	89	82	90	270	507	501	18	623
2009		230	183	48	41	55	60	133	208	1,173	110	523
2010		219	544	78	52	99	80	198	376	758	520	597
2011		252	550	71	93	91	98	155	535	801	1,015	712
2011	Q1	74	22	21	18	18	22	31	167	141	159	156
	Q2	59	419	20	11	32	31	42	120	211	330	179
	Q3	64	42	19	32	18	20	52	119	267	270	176
	Q4	54	67	11	32	22	25	30	129	182	256	201
2012	Q1	89	58	12	14	38	15	35	111	291	365	159
2011	January	21	7	6	3	4	6	11	79	43	41	44
	February	26	7	8	8	3	8	10	60	38	46	49
	March	27	8	7	8	10	8	10	28	61	72	63
2012	January	51	9	4	9	2	3	9	52	107	88	41
	February	12	10	5	2	8	7	12	26	139	170	56
	March	26	39	3	3	28	4	14	33	45	108	62
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)												
<b>Change in level</b>		35	-9	1	-18	16	-11	4	-18	109	109	3
<b>Percentage change</b>		64%	-13%	5%	-57%	71%	-42%	12%	-14%	60%	42%	2%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)												
<b>Change in level</b>		15	36	-9	-4	21	-7	6	-56	150	206	-42
<b>Percentage change</b>		20%	160%	-43%	-24%	117%	-33%	19%	-34%	106%	129%	-21%

The table shows all countries to which Lebanon exported goods valued at more than 50 billion Lebanon Pounds in 2011.

**Table 4: Exports by region and country**

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

Period		Asia &Oceania			America	
		China	India	Other Asia & Oceania	United States of America	Other America
2008		117	19	194	77	140
2009		58	18	111	77	36
2010		88	36	176	96	48
2011		83	169	309	110	57
2011	Q1	14	6	81	30	12
	Q2	23	63	96	27	16
	Q3	33	94	62	27	15
	Q4	14	7	71	26	13
2012	Q1	19	10	41	23	13
2011	January	6	1	17	16	4
	February	3	1	40	7	3
	March	5	3	24	8	6
2012	January	7	4	12	9	4
	February	5	2	14	7	4
	March	7	4	15	7	5
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)						
<b>Change in level</b>		4	3	-40	-3	0
<b>Percentage change</b>		32%	46%	-49%	-12%	3%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)						
<b>Change in level</b>		5	4	-29	-8	-1
<b>Percentage change</b>		37%	67%	-42%	-26%	-4%

The table shows all countries to which Lebanon exported goods valued at more than 50 billion Lebanon Pounds in 2011.

## Table 5: Exports using product by activity classification

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

Industry

		Total	Agriculture, forestry and fishing A1+A2	Mining and quarrying B0	Manufactured food products, beverages & tobacco C1+C2	Textiles, clothing, leather products and wood, paper products C3+C4	Manufactured petroleum, chemicals, rubber & plastics products and other non-metallic mineral products C5+C6	Precious metal products C728	Machinery & Equipment C74	Metal products, machinery and equipment, nec C7-C728- C74	Furniture & other manufactured products C8	Products of water supply; sewerage, waste management etc E0	Products from services J1+M0	Unallocated products and other adjustments W0+X0
2008		6,716	217	85	507	488	1,762	485	1,416	671	484	469	108	26
2009		6,313	185	98	521	460	1,092	1,272	1,323	523	447	233	145	14
2010		7,572	246	128	576	458	1,249	1,257	2,122	436	456	475	159	11
2011		8,541	247	279	690	502	1,654	1,797	1,787	567	354	556	104	5
2011	Q1	1,809	55	74	153	116	357	291	318	144	119	158	22	1
	Q2	2,556	57	62	175	139	426	538	735	154	72	175	22	1
	Q3	2,124	73	76	162	114	424	534	336	142	82	144	37	1
	Q4	2,052	62	67	200	134	446	433	398	127	82	79	22	1
2012	Q1	2,167	54	98	172	104	341	655	351	151	88	130	22	1
2011	January	598	22	10	45	37	117	78	119	53	53	57	7	0
	February	560	15	28	47	36	124	82	88	52	29	54	6	0
	March	651	18	35	61	43	117	132	112	39	37	48	10	0
2012	January	633	19	44	50	31	87	193	86	43	21	51	7	0
	February	765	16	24	57	32	116	310	95	48	27	33	8	0
	March	768	19	30	66	40	138	151	170	60	40	46	8	0
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
<b>Change in level</b>		115	-8	31	-28	-31	-105	221	-47	24	6	51	0	
<b>Percentage change</b>		6%	-13%	46%	-14%	-23%	-24%	51%	-12%	19%	7%	65%	-1%	
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
<b>Change in level</b>		358	-2	24	19	-12	-16	363	33	7	-31	-28	0	
<b>Percentage change</b>		20%	-3%	33%	13%	-10%	-5%	125%	10%	5%	-26%	-18%	0%	

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### Methodological notes

1) The information in this publication is based on data supplied to CAS by the Customs Administration

2) Detailed statistics by HS code are available on the Customs website.

3) In this publication, the statistics are compiled according to the General system of trade. This includes all goods recorded as entering or leaving Lebanon (whether or not they cross the Customs frontier).

4) The classification used for imports in Table 3 is according to the main use of the goods. It is a modified and expended version of the United Nations classification Broad Economic Categories. Details of the HS codes included in each category can be found on the CAS website.

5) The classification used for exports in Table 5 is according to the industrial origin of the goods. It is based on the United Nations International Standard Industrial Classification. Details of the HS codes included in each category can be found on the CAS website.

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