



Foreign TRADE in GOODS for LEBANON

Quarter 4, 2011



Value of Trade in Goods for Lebanon

Quarter 4, 2011

The value of exports from Lebanon in Quarter 4 2011, was LBP **2,052** billion. This was LBP **72** billion, **3.4%**, lower than exports in Q3 2011 and LBP **148** billion, **6.7%**, lower than exports in the same quarter last year. Export of Machinery and Equipment was down in value by LBP **350** billion from the same quarter last year but up by LBP **62** billion from last quarter. In contrast, the export of Precious Metal rose in value by LBP **126** billion from the same quarter last year but fell by LBP **101** billion from last quarter.

The value of imports to Lebanon in Quarter 4 2011, was LBP **8,828** billion. This was LBP **748** billion, **9.3%**, higher than imports in Q3 2011 and LBP **1,373** billion, **18.4%** higher than imports in the same quarter last year. Petroleum Products were a major contributor to this change with the value of imports rising by LBP **1,134** billion since last quarter and LBP **919** billion since the same quarter last year. The value of imports of Precious Metal this quarter was LBP **312** billion higher than the same quarter last year, although the value this quarter was LBP **296** billion lower than last quarter.

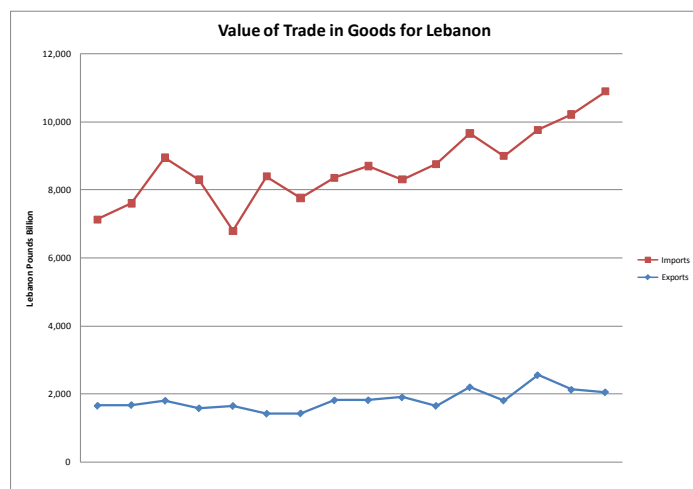


Table I: Trade in Goods

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Exports	Imports
2008		6,716	25,265
2009		6,313	24,994
2010		7,572	27,838
2011		8,541	31,291
2010	Q4	2,200	7,455
2011	Q1	1,809	7,184
	Q2	2,556	7,201
	Q3	2,124	8,079
	Q4	2,052	8,828
2010	October	752	2,295
	November	590	2,798
	December	858	2,361
2011	October	707	3,774
	November	641	2,483
	December	704	2,571

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter

(Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)

Change in level	-72	748
Percentage change	-3%	9%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year

(Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)

Change in level	-148	1,373
Percentage change	-7%	18%

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	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	1,331	716	423
2009	24,994	3,115	9,676	3,236	5,314	3,636	17	358	309	480	875	663	428
2010	27,838	4,166	10,071	4,148	5,644	3,802	6	520	367	622	1,192	653	812
2011	31,291	5,446	11,252	5,080	5,493	4,016	4	475	571	900	1,482	1,440	577
2010 Q4	7,455	1,177	2,632	975	1,351	1,320	1	134	142	156	354	164	228
2011 Q1	7,184	1,193	2,563	1,163	1,169	1,094	1	137	131	154	337	188	246
Q2	7,201	1,265	2,831	902	1,486	715	1	122	167	160	275	428	112
Q3	8,079	1,306	2,963	1,637	1,505	668	1	116	146	162	256	487	138
Q4	8,828	1,683	2,895	1,378	1,333	1,538	1	100	127	424	614	338	81
2010 October	2,295	346	812	364	475	298	0	45	57	55	70	61	58
November	2,798	472	847	233	432	814	0	38	43	55	224	51	62
December	2,361	359	973	378	444	208	0	51	43	46	60	52	107
2011 October	3,774	707	1,006	528	456	1,076	0	30	33	72	438	112	21
November	2,483	499	910	383	431	260	0	38	56	175	74	126	30
December	2,571	476	979	467	446	202	0	31	38	176	102	99	30
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)													
Change in level	748	377	-67	-259	-172	870		-17	-19	262	357	-149	-57
Percentage change	9%	29%	-2%	-16%	-11%	130%		-14%	-13%	162%	139%	-31%	-41%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)													
Change in level	1,373	505	264	403	-18	219		-34	-15	268	260	173	-147
Percentage change	18%	43%	10%	41%	-1%	17%		-25%	-10%	172%	73%	106%	-64%

The table shows all countries from which Lebanon imported goods valued at more than 100 billions of Lebanon Pounds in 2011

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	Romania	Other European Union	Turkey	Russia	Switzerland	Other Europe & Africa
2008		671	2,013	1,619	1,686	472	815	163	399	1,319	1,198	770	930	737
2009		771	2,426	1,902	1,843	460	843	162	289	980	1,071	646	616	903
2010		760	1,835	1,936	2,149	556	870	473	336	1,157	1,045	765	845	1,492
2011		912	2,318	1,749	2,835	601	913	439	308	1,179	1,425	779	1,506	1,369
2010	Q4	197	498	473	575	158	247	124	78	283	257	162	214	342
2011	Q1	223	477	405	715	141	218	36	68	280	362	137	253	411
	Q2	170	596	465	628	150	250	158	63	352	252	72	306	272
	Q3	244	650	419	803	168	208	112	96	263	406	275	577	379
	Q4	275	594	461	688	143	238	133	80	284	405	295	370	307
2010	October	69	125	163	150	61	73	51	10	109	99	64	103	98
	November	53	142	150	184	53	94	36	43	91	77	12	56	88
	December	74	231	160	241	44	79	37	24	83	81	86	54	157
2011	October	142	204	145	199	49	96	33	37	100	170	143	117	98
	November	55	206	151	242	50	71	29	13	92	111	88	99	85
	December	78	183	165	247	43	71	71	30	92	124	65	154	125
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
Change in level		31	-56	42	-115	-25	30	21	-16	21	-2	21	-207	-72
Percentage change		13%	-9%	10%	-14%	-15%	15%	18%	-16%	8%	0%	7%	-36%	-19%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
Change in level		78	96	-13	114	-15	-9	9	2	2	148	133	157	-35
Percentage change		40%	19%	-3%	20%	-10%	-4%	7%	3%	1%	57%	82%	73%	-10%

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		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
2010	Q4	602	122	204	131	293	1,113	102	104
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
2010	October	211	48	81	36	100	237	33	28
	November	187	35	55	54	100	724	38	52
	December	204	39	68	40	93	151	32	25
2011	October	211	51	52	23	120	1,012	32	32
	November	189	53	51	43	95	186	47	28
	December	219	48	58	22	100	126	33	43

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)

Change in level	-43	-137	35	-19	-8	896	-17	-9
Percentage change	-7%	-47%	28%	-18%	-2%	209%	-13%	-8%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)

Change in level	17	30	-43	-43	22	211	9	-2
Percentage change	3%	25%	-21%	-33%	7%	19%	9%	-1%

The table shows all countries from which Lebanon imported goods valued at more than 100 billions of Lebanon Pounds in 2011

Table 3: Imports classified by main use

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Main use						Consumer goods						
		Total E	Consumer goods E1	Capital goods & precious metal E2	Intermediate goods E3	Energy products E4	Exclusions E5	Food & non- alcoholic beverages E11	Alcohol & tobacco E12	Clothing & footwear E13	Health & personal care E14	Consumer goods nec E15	Durable consumer goods (except transport) E16	Personal transport equipment E17
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
2010	Q4	7,455	2,448	828	2,352	1,826	2	640	123	232	378	243	283	549
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
2010	October	2,295	834	314	760	386	1	204	39	102	134	70	93	192
	November	2,798	770	238	804	986	1	200	42	72	121	65	91	178
	December	2,361	844	276	787	454	1	236	42	58	123	108	99	179
2011	October	3,774	801	351	902	1,718	2	219	49	103	128	69	79	154
	November	2,483	795	364	767	556	1	228	52	69	129	64	87	167
	December	2,571	806	426	835	503	1	256	47	74	116	72	92	147
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
Change in level		748	94	-273	-198	1,127		107	-14	-37	-8	-4	-14	64
Percentage change		9%	4%	-19%	-7%	68%		18%	-9%	-13%	-2%	-2%	-5%	16%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
Change in level		1,373	-46	312	153	952		63	24	14	-4	-38	-24	-81
Percentage change		18%	-2%	38%	6%	52%		10%	20%	6%	-1%	-15%	-9%	-15%

Table 3: Imports classified by main use

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		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
2010	Q4	81	403	343	502	687	525	448	190	1,758	68
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
2010	October	26	127	161	141	236	177	140	66	354	31
	November	23	121	94	216	210	161	153	64	972	15
	December	32	156	88	145	240	187	155	61	432	22
2011	October	17	130	204	130	275	260	166	71	1,691	27
	November	22	128	214	138	240	190	137	63	520	36
	December	27	161	237	160	276	200	131	67	465	39
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)											
Change in level		5	18	-296	-96	4	-127	26	-6	1,133	-6
Percentage change		8%	5%	-31%	-18%	1%	-16%	6%	-3%	73%	-6%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)											
Change in level		-15	16	311	-74	104	125	-14	11	919	33
Percentage change		-19%	4%	91%	-15%	15%	24%	-3%	6%	52%	49%

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	Other Gulf States	Egypt	Other Middle East & North Africa
2008		6,716	3,270	906	1,649	330	217	343	460	235	424	1,004	212	409
2009		6,313	2,993	750	2,014	187	114	255	421	203	452	913	143	326
2010		7,572	3,333	1,270	2,251	300	144	274	377	188	448	1,062	324	372
2011		8,541	3,037	1,310	3,064	561	166	404	396	221	603	983	123	279
2010	Q4	2,200	896	527	559	96	42	81	95	60	121	300	88	87
2011	Q1	1,809	756	206	624	101	43	79	85	47	130	242	36	92
	Q2	2,556	774	615	840	181	43	104	82	57	160	262	30	54
	Q3	2,124	700	247	832	188	42	115	105	55	140	244	24	43
	Q4	2,052	806	242	768	92	39	106	124	62	172	234	33	90
2010	October	752	330	184	181	21	15	22	30	20	38	133	47	19
	November	590	261	62	181	36	15	35	30	21	38	81	21	25
	December	858	305	281	196	39	13	24	35	20	46	85	20	43
2011	October	707	282	82	251	40	13	38	41	22	43	106	13	35
	December	641	193	88	275	37	12	35	30	18	55	48	9	15
	December	704	331	71	242	14	14	33	53	22	73	80	11	40
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)														
	Change in level	-72	106	-6	-64	-96	-3	-9	18	7	32	-10	8	47
	Percentage change	-3%	15%	-2%	-8%	-51%	-6%	-8%	18%	12%	23%	-4%	35%	110%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)														
	Change in level	-148	-89	-285	209	-5	-3	25	29	2	51	-66	-55	3
	Percentage change	-7%	-10%	-54%	37%	-5%	-7%	30%	30%	3%	42%	-22%	-63%	3%

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
2010	Q4	73	337	18	13	13	25	47	87	122	186	163
	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
2010	October	34	107	6	6	2	12	17	25	39	62	54
	November	20	8	4	4	6	6	15	26	50	58	47
	December	19	222	8	3	6	7	16	35	34	66	62
2011	October	18	36	3	3	6	7	10	60	41	85	66
	December	23	12	4	21	6	14	8	26	71	112	66
	December	12	19	5	9	10	4	13	43	70	60	69
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)												
Change in level		-10	25	-8	0	4	5	-23	10	-86	-13	24
Percentage change		-16%	60%	-41%	1%	23%	26%	-43%	8%	-32%	-5%	14%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)												
Change in level		-19	-270	-7	19	9	0	-17	42	59	70	38
Percentage change		-26%	-80%	-37%	148%	66%	0%	-37%	48%	49%	38%	23%

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
2010	Q4	13	8	76	27	15
	Q1	14	6	81	30	12
	Q2	23	63	96	27	16
	Q3	33	94	62	27	15
	Q4	14	7	71	26	13
2010	October	4	2	14	10	5
	November	4	4	27	8	7
	December	4	2	34	9	4
2011	October	3	3	34	9	4
	December	5	2	30	8	4
	December	5	2	7	9	5

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)

Change in level	-18	-87	9	-1	-2
Percentage change	-57%	-93%	15%	-3%	-12%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)

Change in level	2	-1	-5	-1	-2
Percentage change	12%	-12%	-7%	-4%	-12%

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

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
2010	Q4	2,200	75	31	152	130	361	308	747	125	117	116	35	4
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
2010	October	752	29	16	52	43	111	100	257	46	46	34	18	1
	November	590	19	8	49	43	111	110	137	34	33	35	9	1
	December	858	26	7	51	44	139	97	354	45	39	46	8	2
2011	October	707	28	42	64	46	148	123	148	43	25	31	8	0
	November	641	12	17	59	40	149	182	92	35	29	19	6	0
	December	704	21	9	77	48	150	128	157	49	29	28	9	0

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q4, 2011 to Q3, 2011)

Change in level	-72	-11	-9	39	20	22	-101	62	-15	0	-65	-15
Percentage change	-3%	-15%	-12%	24%	18%	5%	-19%	19%	-11%	1%	-45%	-40%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q4, 2011 to Q4, 2010)

Change in level	-148	-13	36	49	4	85	126	-350	2	-35	-37	-12
Percentage change	-7%	-17%	114%	32%	3%	24%	41%	-47%	2%	-30%	-32%	-35%

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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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