



# Foreign TRADE in GOODS for LEBANON

Quarter 2, 2012



# Value of Trade in Goods for Lebanon

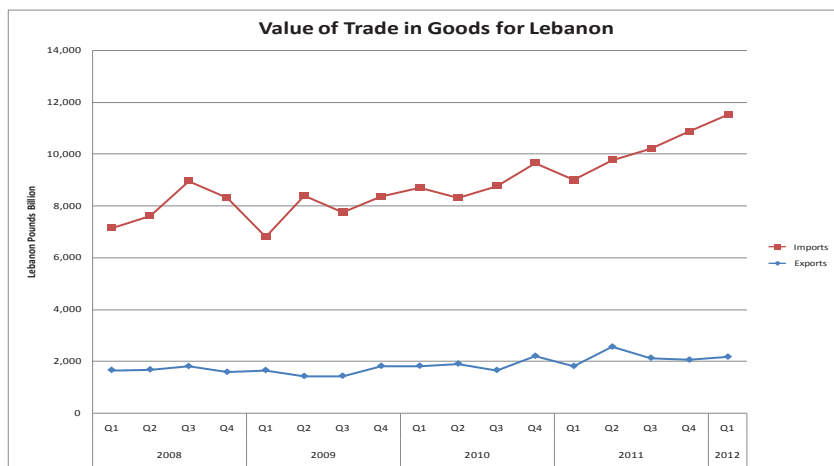
## Quarter 2, 2012

The value of the Lebanese imports of goods in quarter two Q2 year 2012 was **7511** billion LBP. This was **1835** billion LBP i.e **19.6%** lower than imports in previous Q1 of the same year 2012, and **310** billion LBP, i.e **4.3%** increase comparing to the same quarter Q2 of the previous year 2011.

Imports of petroleum products were the main contribute to this change, with a value of **2154** billion LBP lower than Q1 of the same year, and **387** increase since the same quarter Q2 of the previous year. Also, value of imports of precious metals this quarter was **161** billion LBP lower than the previous quarter of the same year 2012, and **253** billion LBP lower than the same quarter Q2 of the previous year.

Besides, value of Lebanese exports in quarter Q2 of year 2012 was **1406** billion LBP. This amount to **761** billion LBP, i.e **35.1%** decrease comparing to the exports in the previous quarter Q1 of the same year, and **1150** billion LBP, i.e **45%** decrease comparing to exports in the quarter Q2 of the previous year 2011.

This change in exports is mainly due to decrease in exported precious metals from **655** billion LBP and **538** billion LBP in quarters Q1 year 2012 and Q2 year 2011 respectively to **181** billion LBP quarter Q2 year 2012. Also decrease of exported machinery & equipment by **396** billion LBP, i.e **53.9%** copared to quarter Q2 year 2011.



### 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
2011	Q2	2,556	7,201
	Q3	2,124	8,079
	Q4	2,052	8,828
2012	Q1	2,167	9,346
	Q2	1,406	7,511
2011	April	687	2,339
	May	1,038	2,481
	June	831	2,381
2012	April	635	2,405
	May	359	2,554
	June	412	2,552

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter

**(Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)**

<b>Change in level</b>	<b>-761</b>	<b>-1,834</b>
<b>Percentage change</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>-20%</b>

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year

**(Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)**

<b>Change in level</b>	<b>-1,150</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Percentage change</b>	<b>-45%</b>	<b>4%</b>

## Table 2: Imports by region and country

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		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	Q2	7,201	1,265	2,831	902	1,486	715	1	122	167	160	12	3	275	428	97
	Q3	8,079	1,306	2,963	1,637	1,505	668	1	116	146	162	13	1	256	487	124
	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
	Q2	7,511	1,049	3,076	1,176	1,473	734	3	126	73	178	13	3	226	226	204
2011	April	2,339	459	952	266	466	195	0	45	65	67	3	1	105	115	58
	May	2,481	416	946	352	496	271	0	39	44	45	4	1	88	175	20
	June	2,381	390	933	284	523	250	0	38	58	48	5	0	82	138	19
2012	April	2,405	373	958	391	433	247	2	55	22	64	4	1	74	76	78
	May	2,554	341	1,060	408	530	216	0	39	25	69	4	0	75	68	61
	June	2,552	335	1,058	377	510	271	0	33	26	45	4	2	77	83	65

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)

<b>Change in level</b>	-1,834	-636	140	-95	162	-1,407			38	-54	-53	-2	2	-420	-138	-8
<b>Percentage change</b>	-20%	-38%	5%	-7%	12%	-66%			43%	-43%	-23%	-15%	143%	-65%	-38%	-4%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)

<b>Change in level</b>	311	-216	245	274	-13	19			4	-94	18	0	0	-49	-202	107
<b>Percentage change</b>	4%	-17%	9%	30%	-1%	3%			4%	-56%	11%	4%	14%	-18%	-47%	110%

## 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	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
2012	Q1	345	618	409	657	148	203	200	14	78	265	440	101	226	5	499
	Q2	179	567	495	577	187	271	292	15	74	418	338	191	199	4	444
2011	April	60	198	154	259	43	82	40	6	14	96	74	16	95	2	80
	May	61	219	150	169	50	79	67	7	15	130	113	42	119	1	77
	June	49	179	161	200	57	89	50	5	35	108	64	15	93	1	111
2012	April	60	195	153	218	54	80	84	5	15	95	128	85	47	2	130
	May	59	188	177	185	64	84	102	5	27	170	99	49	77	1	181
	June	60	184	166	175	70	107	106	6	32	154	111	57	75	1	133

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)

<b>Change in level</b>	-166	-51	86	-80	39	68	92	1	-4	154	-102	90	-27	0	-55
<b>Percentage change</b>	-48%	-8%	21%	-12%	27%	34%	46%	9%	-5%	58%	-23%	89%	-12%	-7%	-11%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)

<b>Change in level</b>	9	-29	31	-51	37	21	134	-4	11	85	86	119	-108	1	176
<b>Percentage change</b>	5%	-5%	7%	-8%	25%	9%	85%	-19%	18%	25%	34%	164%	-35%	21%	66%

## 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	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
2012	Q1	587	151	142	128	303	1,856	82	204
	Q2	706	135	154	109	369	524	116	94
2011	April	223	45	47	38	113	127	33	34
	May	221	101	41	41	93	161	39	71
	June	223	110	45	37	108	174	30	46
2012	April	202	47	47	27	110	197	33	18
	May	258	47	56	49	122	144	34	37
	June	246	42	52	33	138	183	48	39
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)									
<b>Change in level</b>		119	-16	12	-19	66	-1,331	34	-110
<b>Percentage change</b>		20%	-10%	8%	-15%	22%	-72%	41%	-54%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)									
<b>Change in level</b>		39	-121	21	-7	55	62	13	-57
<b>Percentage change</b>		6%	-47%	16%	-6%	18%	14%	13%	-38%

### Table 3: Imports classified by main use

Billions of Lebanese Pounds

		Main use						Consumer goods						
		£ Total	£1 Consumer goods	£2 Capital goods & precious metal	£3 Intermediate goods	£4 Energy products	£5 Exclusions	£11 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	£12 Alcohol & tobacco	£13 Clothing & footwear	£14 Health & personal care	£15 Consumer goods nec	£16 Durable consumer goods (except transport)	£17 Personal transport equipment
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	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
	Q2	7,511	2,445	902	2,727	1,433	4	639	156	221	448	205	310	464
2011	April	2,339	814	401	766	357	1	227	40	98	162	61	88	138
	May	2,481	803	388	937	352	1	219	45	69	148	67	108	147
	June	2,381	803	387	859	331	2	202	47	51	161	73	113	156
2012	April	2,405	747	277	858	521	2	206	43	93	132	62	89	122
	May	2,554	872	309	933	439	1	223	67	69	156	69	112	176
	June	2,552	825	316	937	473	1	211	46	59	161	74	108	165
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)														
<b>Change in level</b>		-1,834	121	-107	318	2,168		-23	32	-57	36	36	109	-12
<b>Percentage change</b>		-20%	5%	-11%	13%	60%		-3%	26%	-20%	9%	21%	54%	-2%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)														
<b>Change in level</b>		311	24	-274	165	394		-8	24	3	-23	4	1	24
<b>Percentage change</b>		4%	1%	-23%	6%	38%		-1%	18%	1%	-5%	2%	0%	5%

**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	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
	Q2	69	467	366	533	797	693	478	226	1,312	122
2011	April	15	196	190	132	251	185	125	73	320	37
	May	17	153	218	161	265	264	172	75	306	45
	June	25	150	212	162	254	239	131	72	299	31
2012	April	18	144	115	164	265	202	156	71	471	50
	May	24	161	123	154	277	238	181	81	399	40
	June	27	161	128	215	254	253	141	73	442	31
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)											
<b>Change in level</b>		7	47	-161	85	13	81	99	40	-2,154	-14
<b>Percentage change</b>		12%	11%	-31%	19%	2%	13%	26%	22%	-62%	-10%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)											
<b>Change in level</b>		11	-32	-253	78	27	4	51	6	386	8
<b>Percentage change</b>		20%	-6%	-41%	17%	3%	1%	12%	3%	42%	7%



## Table 4: Exports by region and country

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		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		6,716	3,270	906	1,649	330	217	343	460	235	424	165	525	1,004	212	244
2009		6,313	2,993	750	2,014	187	114	255	421	203	452	84	535	913	143	242
2010		7,572	3,333	1,270	2,251	300	144	274	377	188	448	79	561	1,062	324	293
2011		8,541	3,037	1,310	3,064	561	166	404	396	221	603	35	432	983	123	244
2011	Q2	2,556	774	615	840	181	43	104	82	57	160	11	128	262	30	43
	Q3	2,124	700	247	832	188	42	115	105	55	140	8	89	244	24	35
	Q4	2,052	806	242	768	92	39	106	124	62	172	9	92	234	33	81
2012	Q1	2,167	786	261	926	70	35	89	111	58	156	6	90	239	31	96
	Q2	1,406	654	252	356	74	33	37	35	62	92	2	137	241	36	49
2011	April	687	262	61	266	52	12	34	22	17	45	5	42	107	8	16
	May	1,038	238	422	287	40	16	35	22	16	52	2	45	78	7	17
	June	831	274	132	287	89	14	36	38	24	64	4	41	77	14	11
2012	April	635	304	51	217	15	11	37	35	17	82	1	42	85	15	28
	May	359	171	70	64	36	19	0	0	21	10	1	48	77	11	5
	June	412	179	131	75	24	3	0	0	25	0	1	47	80	10	16
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)																
<b>Change in level</b>		-761	-132	-9	-570	4	-2	-52	-77	4	-64	-3	47	3	6	-47
<b>Percentage change</b>		-35%	-17%	-4%	-62%	6%	-6%	-59%	-69%	8%	-41%	-55%	52%	1%	18%	-49%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)																
<b>Change in level</b>		-1,150	-119	-363	-484	-107	-9	-67	-47	5	-69	-8	9	-21	6	5
<b>Percentage change</b>		-45%	-15%	-59%	-58%	-59%	-22%	-65%	-58%	9%	-43%	-77%	7%	-8%	21%	12%



## Table 4: Exports 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																
2009																
2010		219	544	78	52	99	80	107	13	5	73	376	10	758	520	587
2011		252	550	71	93	91	98	42	13	12	88	535	30	801	1,015	681
2011	Q2	59	419	20	11	32	31	15	0	4	22	120	9	211	330	169
	Q3	64	42	19	32	18	20	12	12	2	27	119	3	267	270	173
	Q4	54	67	11	32	22	25	8	1	2	19	129	13	182	256	188
2012	Q1	89	58	12	14	38	15	10	1	1	23	111	2	291	365	157
	Q2	41	82	13	18	11	19	7	8	0	53	37	0	92	93	134
2011	April	11	14	5	4	4	8	3	0	1	10	28	3	64	113	58
	May	28	334	9	3	19	15	8	0	1	4	45	4	80	104	55
	June	20	71	7	4	10	8	4	0	2	8	47	3	67	113	56
2012	April	9	17	5	6	2	5	2	1	0	4	37	0	29	93	58
	May	18	8	3	9	5	6	3	0	0	18	0	0	22	0	42
	June	14	57	4	4	5	8	2	7	0	31	0	0	40	0	35

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)

<b>Change in level</b>	-47	24	1	4	-27	4	-3	6	-1	31	-74	-1	-200	-272	-22
<b>Percentage change</b>	-53%	41%	9%	26%	-70%	28%	-31%	436%	-81%	135%	-67%	-75%	-69%	-75%	-14%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)

<b>Change in level</b>	-18	-337	-7	7	-21	-12	-8	7	-4	31	-83	-9	-119	-237	-35
<b>Percentage change</b>	-31%	-80%	-36%	62%	-65%	-40%	-54%	1475%	-94%	137%	-70%	-95%	-57%	-72%	-21%

## Table 4: Exports by region and country

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		Asia & Oceania					America		
		China	India	Japan	South Korea	Other Asia & Oceania	United States of America	Brazil	Other America
2008		117	19	7	33	154	77	97	43
2009		58	18	3	47	61	77	3	34
2010		88	36	21	37	118	96	4	44
2011		83	169	33	40	236	110	5	51
2011	Q2	23	63	13	10	73	27	2	14
	Q3	33	94	2	13	47	27	2	13
	Q4	14	7	3	4	63	26	1	12
2012	Q1	19	10	11	18	13	23	1	11
	Q2	11	8	5	5	45	8	15	11
2011	April	7	5	5	4	32	8	0	4
	May	7	19	3	3	9	10	0	6
	June	9	39	4	3	32	9	1	4
2012	April	4	2	2	2	5	8	1	3
	May	3	4	2	1	25	0	14	4
	June	4	1	2	2	15	0	0	3
Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 2012)									
<b>Change in level</b>		-7	-2	-5	-13	32	-15	14	-1
<b>Percentage change</b>		-40%	-20%	-48%	-74%	250%	-67%	1057%	-8%
Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)									
<b>Change in level</b>		-11	-55	-7	-6	-28	-19	14	-3
<b>Percentage change</b>		-51%	-87%	-58%	-55%	-38%	-72%	814%	-25%

## 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	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
	Q2	1,406	31	39	124	79	317	181	339	105	113	58	19	1
2011	April	687	12	26	54	42	148	176	106	44	26	45	7	0
	May	1,038	13	19	61	55	115	182	436	61	25	65	7	0
	June	831	33	17	60	41	163	180	193	49	22	65	8	1
2012	April	635	12	7	59	39	137	121	123	58	45	28	5	0
	May	359	5	23	34	20	98	20	87	22	29	15	6	0
	June	412	14	8	30	20	83	39	129	25	39	15	8	0

Latest quarter compared with previous quarter (Q2, 2012 to Q1, 012)

<b>Change in level</b>	-761	-23	-59	-48	-25	-24	-474	-12	-46	25	-72	-3
<b>Percentage change</b>	-35%	-43%	-60%	-28%	-24%	-7%	-72%	-3%	-30%	28%	-55%	-13%

Latest quarter compared with same quarter in previous year (Q2, 2012 to Q2, 2011)

<b>Change in level</b>	-1,150	-26	-23	-51	-60	-108	-357	-396	-49	41	-117	-3
<b>Percentage change</b>	-45%	-46%	-37%	-29%	-43%	-25%	-66%	-54%	-32%	57%	-67%	-13%

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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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