

INTRODUCTION

This publication provides estimates of Pakistan's imports of goods and services compiled by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on quarterly basis. Imports payments of goods cover all payments for commodities that are imported from the non-residents by the residents and with a few specified exceptions undergo change in ownership (actual or imputed). The imports of services contain all payments through banking channel for services provided by nonresidents to residents and include Transportation, Travel, Communication, Construction, Insurance, Financial, Computer and Information, Royalties and License Fees, Other Business Services, Personal, Cultural & Recreation and Government Services.

Major part of the imports payments data compiled by Statistics & DWH Department, SBP is reported by Authorized Dealers of foreign exchange under International Transaction Reporting System (ITRS) and are on mixed f.o.b. and c.i.f. basis. The imports estimates are arrived at a uniform f.o.b. valuation by deducting the element of freight and insurance estimated at 8% up till FY11 and 6% from FY12 of total imports payments and adding the imports not covered by the banking channel i.e. imports financed by loans suppliers & other credits, grants etc. Estimates of imports of capital goods supplied to Pakistani branches or subsidiaries from the parent companies abroad are included based on annual survey of foreign investment. The imports under personal baggage, NRI, sales of duty free shops, land borne imports from Afghanistan and imports of Export Processing Zone (EPZ) from the rest of world are also included.

The imports data released by SBP under BOP is mainly based on exchange records; on the other hand, data compiled by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) are based on flow of commodities crossing Pakistan Custom's boundaries. The BOP imports are on f.o.b. basis whereas PBS releases imports on c.i.f. basis. Under BPM5, imports of goods for processing, repair on goods and purchase of goods at ports are added in imports under General Merchandise to arrive at Imports of Goods.

From April 2003 data on imports payments is compiled according to Harmonized System of classification. HS Coding System was developed under the auspices of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) now known as the World Customs Organization (WCO).

The commodities are classified according to HS classifications into twenty one sections as follows:-

1. Live Animals; Animals Products
2. Vegetable Products
3. Animal or Vegetable Fats, Oils & Waxes
4. Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages, Spirits, Vinegar and Tobacco
5. Mineral Products
6. Products of Chemical or Allied Industries
7. Plastics and Articles thereof; Rubber and Articles thereof
8. Raw Hide and Skins, Leather, Fur Skins and Articles thereof
9. Wood and Articles of Wood
10. Pulp of Wood or Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material
11. Textiles and Textile Articles
12. Footwear, Headgear, Umbrellas, Walking Sticks
13. Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos, Mica or Similar Materials
14. Natural or Cultured Pearls, Precious or Semi Precious Stones, Metals
15. Base Metals and Articles or Base Metal
16. Machinery and Mechanical Appliances, Electrical Equipment & Appliances
17. Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels and Associated Transport Equipment
18. Optical, Photographic, Measuring, Checking, Precision Medical or Surgical Instruments
19. Arms and Ammunition; Parts and Accessories thereof
20. Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles
21. Works of Arts, Collectors, Pieces, Antiques and Special Transaction NES

Due to the increasing tendency for trade agreements to cover services as well as goods and the need for statistics to support implementation of these agreements, it was decided to include data on imports of services in the publication. The data will help the government and policy makers in planning and promoting trade in services. The data on trade in services that takes place between residents and non-residents is according to the definitions and classification of the of Balance of Payments Manual 5th edition (BPM5) of IMF. The BPM5 classification of services sector has the following eleven standard components:-

1. Transportation Services
2. Travel Services
3. Communication Services
4. Construction Services
5. Insurance Services
6. Financial Services
7. Computer & Information Services

8. Royalties and License fees
9. Other Business Services
10. Personal, Cultural & Recreational Services
11. Government Services

Structure of the publication is as follows:-

Statement-3.1.1 shows Imports of Goods by Commodity and Services by Type in equivalent Pak. Rupees.

Statement-3.1.2 shows Imports of Goods by Commodity and Services by Type in equivalent U.S. Dollars.

Statement-3.2 shows Imports of Goods and Services by Country.

Statement-3.3 shows Imports of Goods by Country / Commodity and Services by Country / Type.

Statement-3.4 shows Imports of Goods by Commodity / Country and Services by Type / Country, is only available at SBP website.

Owing to difference in coverage, timing, valuation and classification of exchange record vis- à-vis customs record; the figures in this publication are likely to differ from those released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Statistics Division of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics.

The values are rounded off to million in the “*Summary Tables*” and to thousand in other statements in the publication. Totals and Subtotals may show slight difference due to rounding off. The columns “% Share to Total”, “Growth” and “% Change” is based on complete floating decimal values.

FY stands for Financial Year; it starts from July 01 and ends at June 30.