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3.1 % decrease in the deficit of trade balance on August 2016

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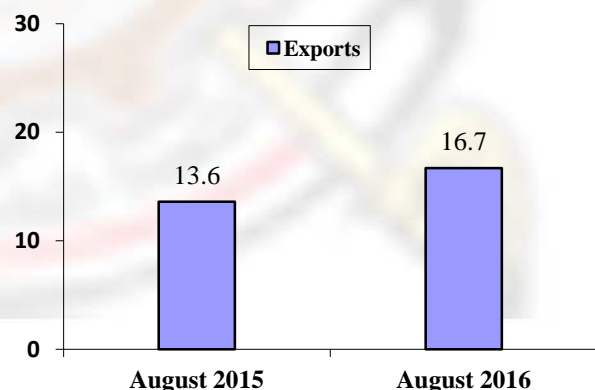
The value of the deficit of the trade Balance reached 37.8 billion pounds during August 2016 versus 39.0 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year with a decrease of 3.1% .



The most important indicator are as follows.

• Exports:

The value of exports increased by 22.9% as it reached 16.7 billion pounds during August 2016 versus 13.6 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the increase of value of some commodities such as



(Crude oil by 16.6%, Apparel by 7.1%, variety of Slurries and food preparations by 9.6%, fertilizer by 87.9%).

While Exports of some commodities decreased on August 2016 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Petroleum products by 17.6%, primary plastics "plastics in primary forms" by 25.1%, Articles of plastics by 5.0%, fresh onions by 39.9%).

- **Imports:**

The value of imports decreased by 3.6% as it reached 54.4 billion pounds during August 2016 versus 52.5 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the decrease of value of some commodities such as



(Petroleum products by 22.0%, raw materials of iron or steel by 6.1%, medicines and pharmaceutical preparations by 12.8%, parts of cars by 8.1%).

While Imports of some commodities increased on August 2016 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Riding cars by 10.8%, plastics in primary forms "plastics in primary forms" by 13.5%, corn by 16.9%, wood and its products by 10.9%).