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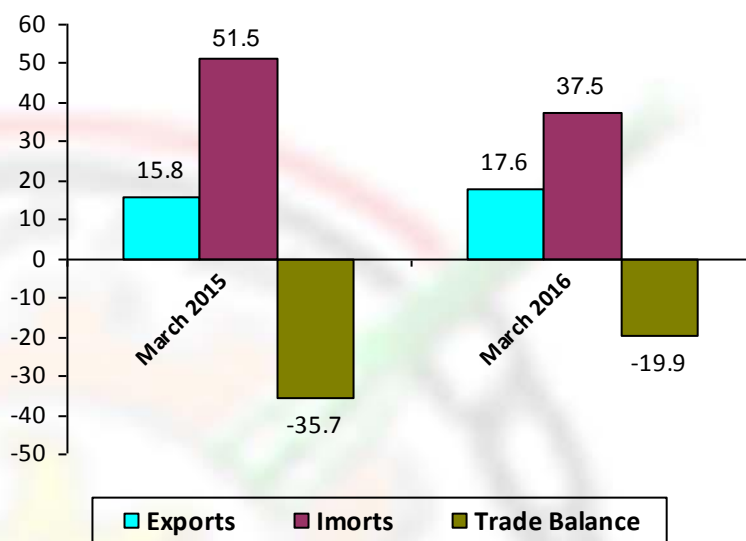
44.4 % decrease in the deficit of trade balance on March 2016

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The value of the deficit of the trade Balance reached 19.9 billion pounds during March 2016 versus 35.7 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year with a decrease of 44.4% .

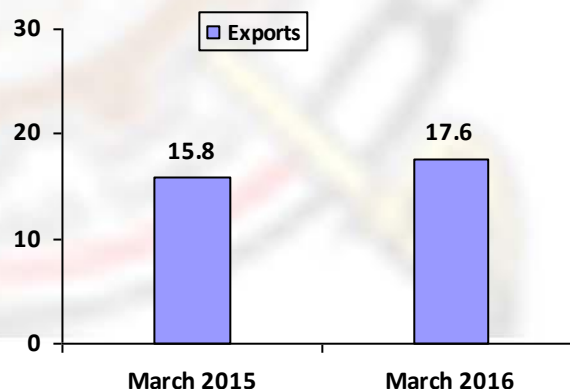
Billion Pound



The most important indicator are as follows.

• Exports:

The value of exports increased by 11.7% as it reached 17.6 billion pounds during March 2016 versus 15.8 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the increase of value of some commodities such as

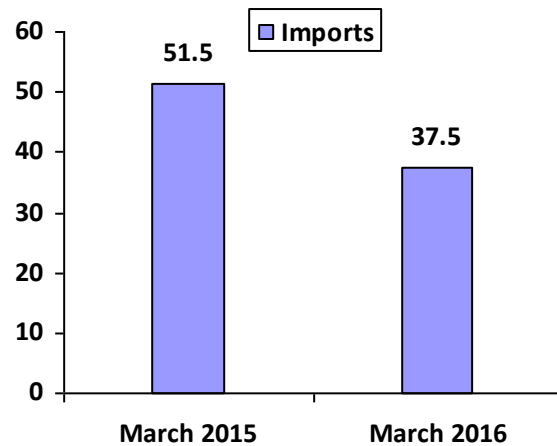


(Petroleum products by 25.1% -Fresh orange by 25.8%, potatoes by 16.8%, fertilizers by 158.4%).

While exports of some commodities increased on March 2016 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Crude oil by 88.0%, Apparel by 14.5%, Carpet & Rug by 14.6%, plastics in primary forms by 18.8%).

- **Imports:**

The value of imports decreased by 27.2% as it reached 37.5 billion pounds during March 2016 versus 51.5 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the decrease of value of some commodities such as



(Petroleum products by 22.2%, raw materials of iron or steel by 15.5%, cars ride by 21.9%, primary plastics "plastics in primary forms" 3.9%).

While imports of some commodities increased on March 2016 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Electric motors and generators by 36.3%, Phone devices to individuals by 1.7%, refined oils increased by 944.8%, external tires and inner tubes for transport by 4.2%).).