

Foreign Trade

First Quarter 2023



A quarterly bulletin issued by Ras Al Khaimah Statistics Center, contains foreign trade data received from the Customs Department in Ras Al Khaimah, which includes trade movement data made through the emirate's ports.

Main Points

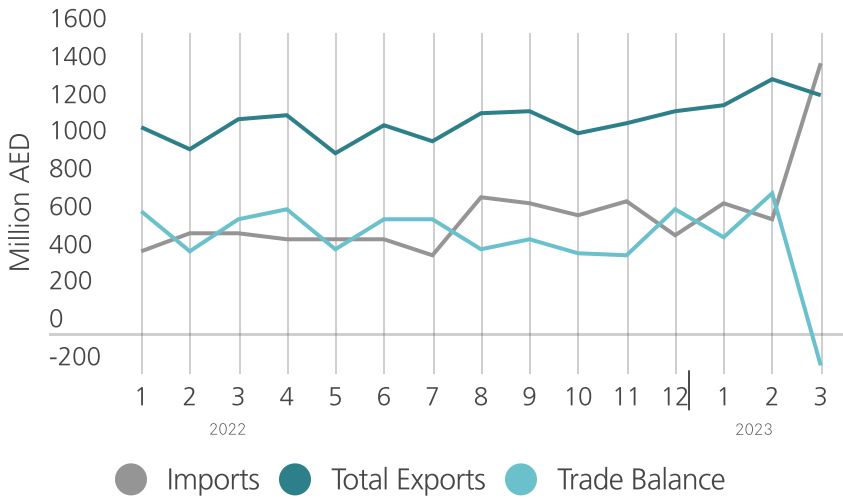
- **6,586** million dirahms
Size of total trade in Ras Al Khaimah in the first quarter of 2023.

- **58%**
Share of total exports in total trade.

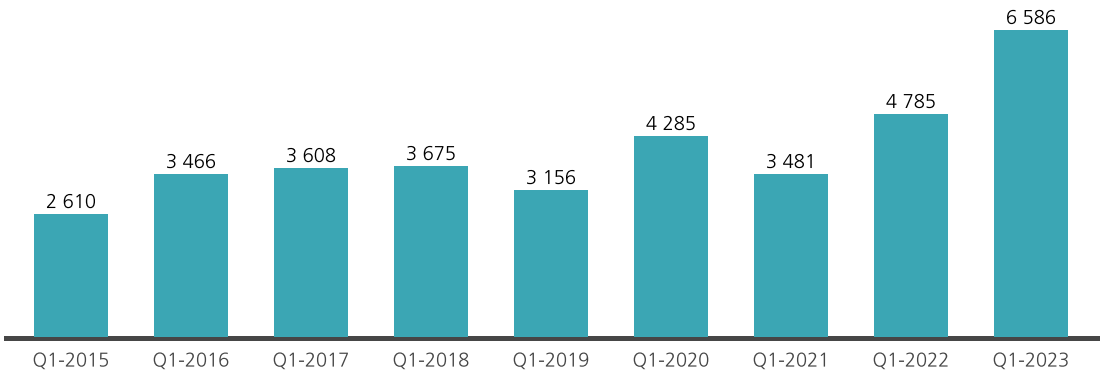
- **42%**
Share of imports in total trade.

- **38%**
Increase in the trade size compared with same quarter in 2022.

- **17%**
Increase in total exports compared with the same quarter in 2022.



International Trade for the First Quarters Through Ras Al Khaimah ports 2015-2023 (million AED)



Introduction

Foreign trade Statistics are important statistics, they enable the production of a wide group of statistical indicators that show movement of goods that entered or exited from emirates ports (Marine, land, and air). The department of customs in Ras Al Khaimah is the main source of the data, as it monitors the trade movement through 12 custom centers in the emirate.

The data in the report, covers all the trade movement through the emirate's ports to the outside world; it does not include trade transactions of Ras Al Khaimah done through the ports in other emirates.

The center has adopted the general trade system in producing trade data based on international recommendations to adopt this system to produce the data.

The center extends its sincere thanks to the customs department in Ras Al Khaimah for its full collaboration with the center in providing the data to produce the foreign trade statistics.

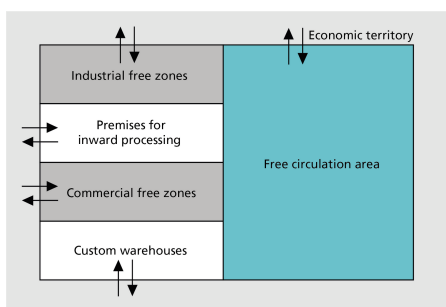
Notes

- The data in the report is preliminary data.
- Any difference in totals is because of rounding.
- "0" = the value is less than one million dirham.
- "-" = The value equals zero.

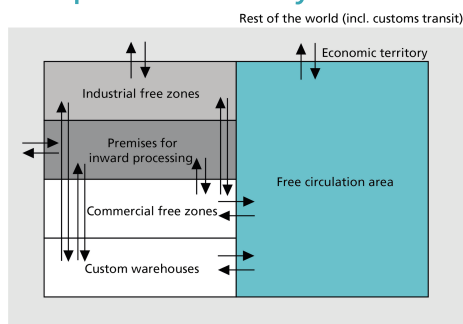
Concepts and Terminology

- **The economic territory:** is the area under the effective economic control of a single Government in which it gets things done effectively.
- **The General trade system and the Special trade system:** The general trade system is in use when the statistical territory in a country coincides with the economic territory. While the special trade system is in use when the statistical territory comprises only a particular part of the economic territory.

General trade System



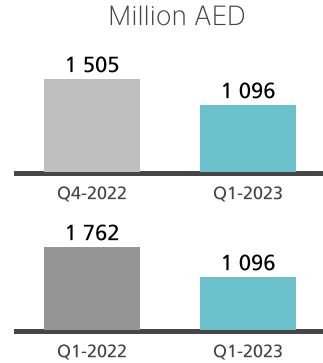
Special trade system



Trade Balance & Imports

Trade Balance

The trade balance has a surplus of 1,096 million dirhams in the first quarter of 2023, decreasing by 27% in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2022, and has decreased by 38% in comparison with the same quarter of the previous year.



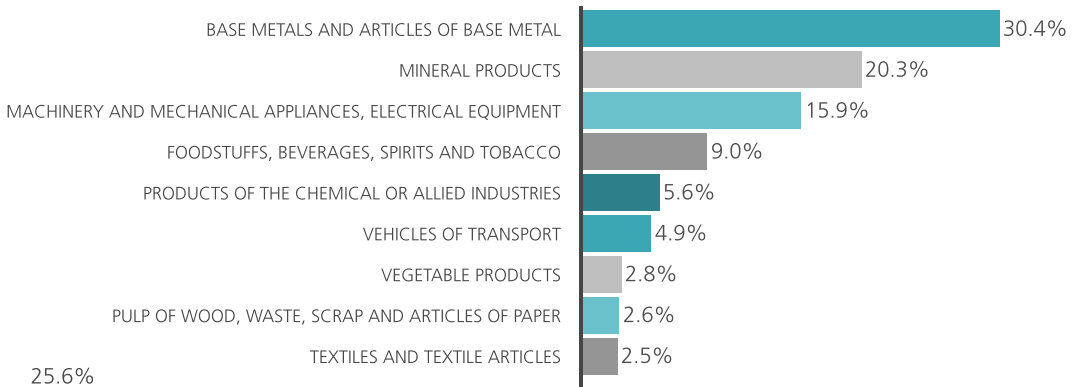
Imports

The total imports were 2,745 million dirhams in the first quarter in the 2023 comparing it with 1,869 million dirhams in the fourth quarter of 2022, increasing by 47%, and comparing it with the same quarter of the previous year, the data showed that the increasing was approximately 82%.

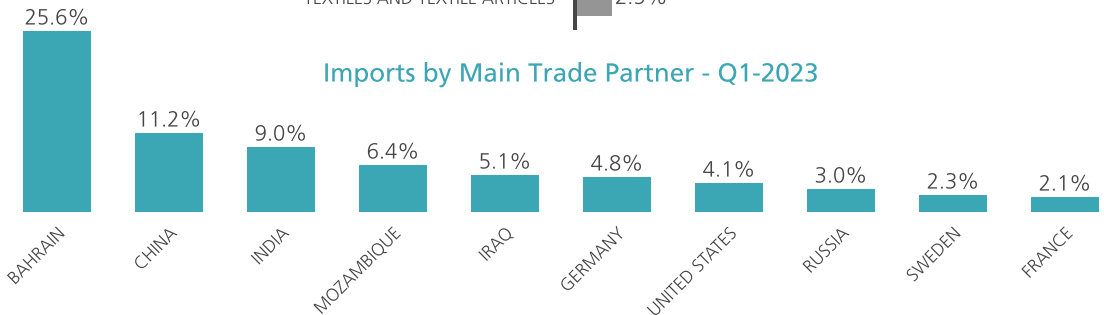
As for the country of origin, 26% of the imports were from Bahrain, 11% China and 9% from India.

As for the types of the imported goods, the data showed that the imports of base metals and articles of base metal were in the first place with a value of around 834million dirhams, followed by the mineral products with 558 million dirhams and machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment 436 million dirhams.

Imports By Type of Commodity - Q1-2023



Imports by Main Trade Partner - Q1-2023



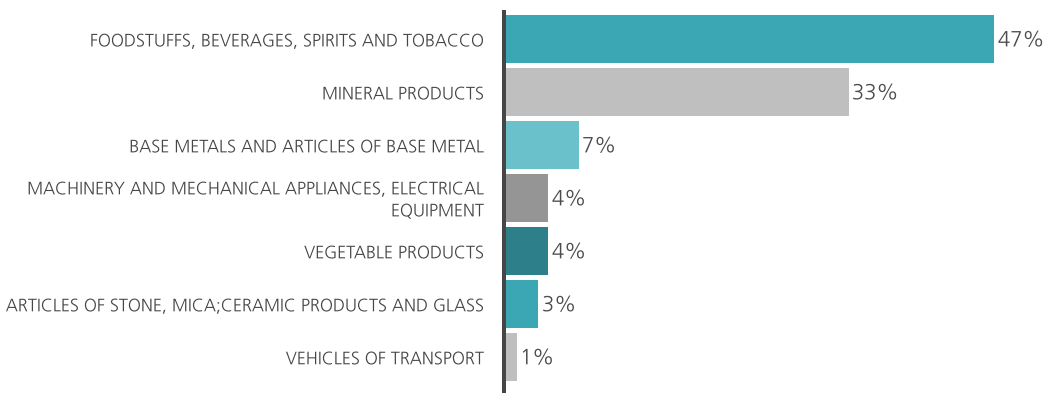
Exports

In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2022, exports increased by 16% in the first quarter of 2023 and reached around 3,161 million dirhams in the first quarter 2023. By comparing it with the first quarter of the previous year (2022), it increased by 16% where the total exports were 2,720 million dirhams .

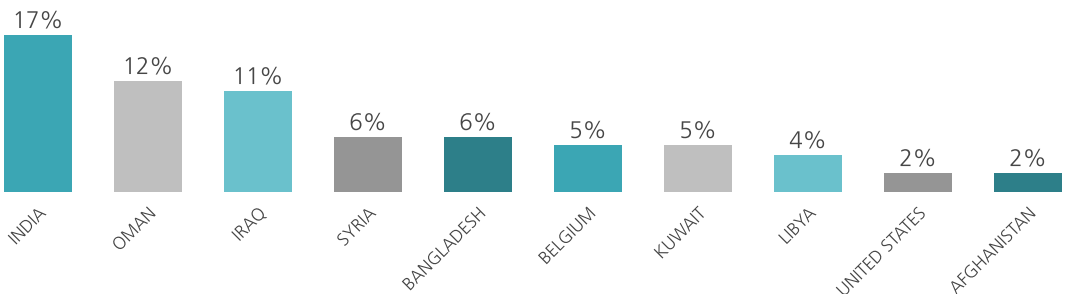
The data showed that most of the exports were in the foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco products, the exports of this group were around 1,472 million dirhams, followed by mineral products with 1,037 million dirhams.

Based on the destination, exports to India were 17% in the first quarter of the year, exports to Oman were 12%, and exports to Iraq were 11% of total exports.

Exports By Type Of Commodity - Q1- 2023



Exports By Main Trade Partner - Q1- 2023



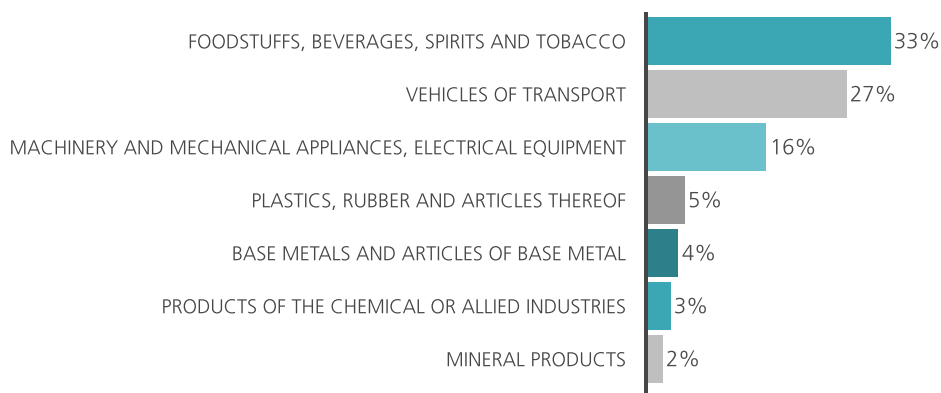
Re-exports

In the first quarter of 2023, the total of re-exports were around 680 million dirhams, increasing by 6% in comparison with the previous quarter (Q4 - 2022). By comparing it with the first quarter of the previous year, data shows that there is an increase in re-exports by 23%.

The data showed that re-exports of foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco were 225 million dirhams and of vehicles of transport were around 185 million dirhams.

Based on the trade partner out of total re-exports, the re-exports to Oman were 35%, to Syria 14%, and to Egypt 7%.

Re-exports By Type of Commodity - Q1- 2023



Notes

- **Data source:** Data of customs transactions from the Customs Department in Ras Al Khaimah.
- **Methodology of the data production:** The data was produced based on the General System of Foreign Trade.
- **Coverage:** The data contains all the transactions of importing, exporting, and re-exporting, done through the customs ports of Ras Al Khaimah, therefore, the data in this report does not include the foreign trade data of the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah done through other emirates.
- **Manuals and classifications used:**
 - The Harmonized System
 - International Merchandise Trade Statistics.

Tables

in million AED

International Trade through Ras Al Khaimah Ports by Country Groups

COUNTRY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
GCC	765	654	245
Other Arab Countries	211	725	181
Non-Arab Asian Countries	797	1224	101
African - Non - Arabic Countries	243	137	77
European Countries	558	282	52
American Countries	152	125	21
Oceanic Countries	19	10	0
Other Countries not classified	0	5	2
Total	2 745	3 161	680

International Trade through Ras Al Khaimah Ports by Sections of H.S

THE HARMONISED SYSTEM	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
LIVE ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS	18	0	12
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	76	119	7
ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS, OILS AND WAXES	1	0	1
FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND TOBACCO	246	1 472	225
MINERAL PRODUCTS	558	1 037	16
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES	153	26	18
PLASTICS, RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF	68	21	34
ARTICLES OF LEATHER AND ANIMAL GUT; TRAVEL GOODS	0	0	1
ARTICLES OF WOOD, CORK; BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK	5	1	6
PULP OF WOOD, WASTE, SCRAP AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	72	3	8
TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES	68	5	15
FOOTWEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTICLES OF FEATHER & HAIR	2	3	7
ARTICLES OF STONE MICA; CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASS	11	89	6
PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS AND ITS ARTICLES	0	0	0
BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL	834	224	24
MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	436	122	109
VEHICLES OF TRANSPORT	134	34	185
PHOTOGRAPHIC, MEDICAL, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & PARTS	56	5	2
ARMS AND AMMUNITION; PARTS & ACCESSORIES	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	7	2	7
PIECES AND ANTIQUES 'WORKS OF ART, COLLECTORS	0	0	0
TOTAL	2 745	3 161	680