

# Foreign Trade

Second Quarter 2023



A quarterly bulletin issued by Ras Al Khaimah Center for Statistics, 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

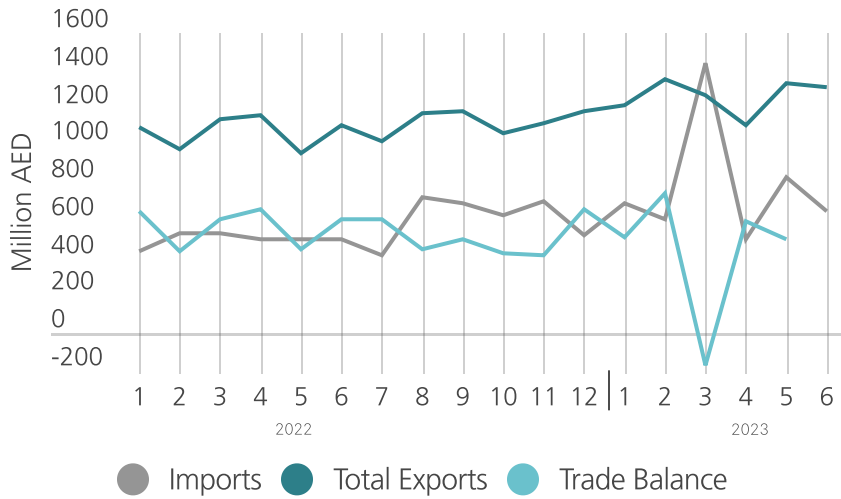
- **5,749** million dirahms  
Size of total trade in Ras Al Khaimah in the second quarter of 2023.

- **65%**  
Share of total exports in total trade.

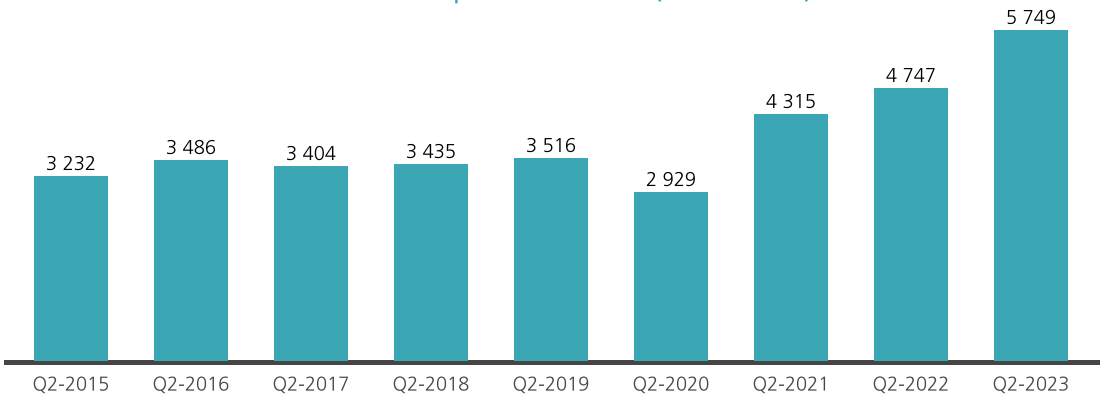
- **35%**  
Share of imports in total trade.

- **21%**  
Increase in the trade size compared with same quarter in 2022.

- **16%**  
Increase in total exports compared with the same quarter in 2022.



International Trade for the second 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.

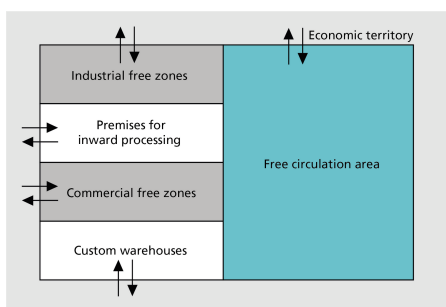
## Notes

- 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.

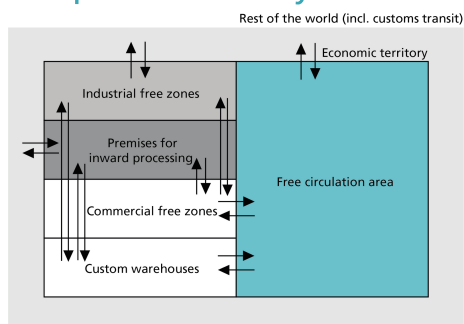
## Concepts and Terminology

- **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



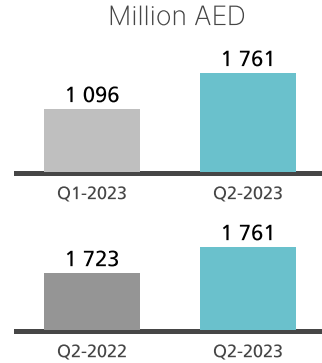
### Special trade system



# Trade Balance & Imports

## Trade Balance

The trade balance has a surplus of 1,761 million dirhams in the second quarter of 2023, increasing by 61% in comparison with the first quarter of 2023, and has increased by 2% in comparison with the same quarter of the previous year.



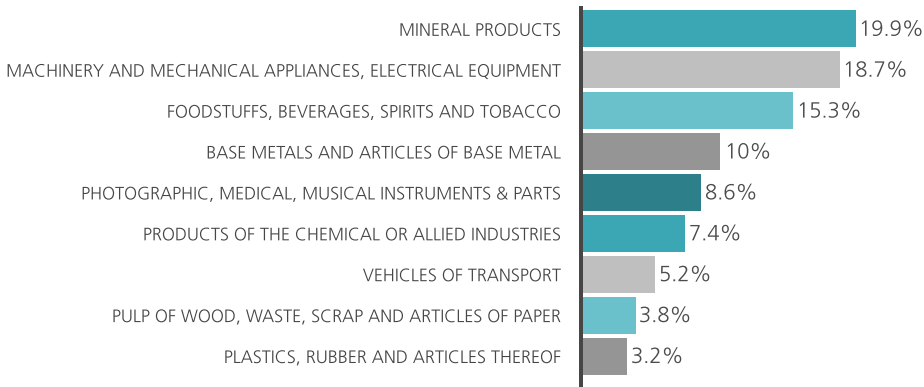
## Imports

The total imports were 1,994 million dirhams in the second quarter in the 2023 comparing it with 2,745 million dirhams in the first quarter of 2023, decreasing by 27%, and comparing it with the same quarter of the previous year, the data showed that the increasing was approximately 32%.

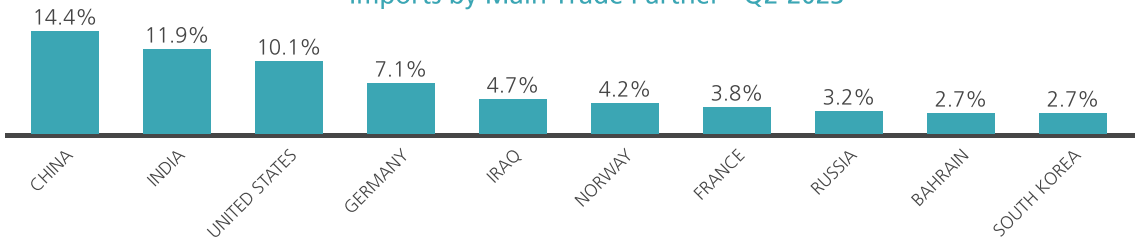
As for the country of origin, 14% of the imports were from China, 12% India and 10% from United States.

As for the types of the imported goods, the data showed that the imports of mineral products were in the first place with a value of around 396million dirhams, followed by the machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment with 372 million dirhams and machinery and foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco 304 million dirhams.

### Imports By Type of Commodity - Q2-2023



### Imports by Main Trade Partner - Q2-2023



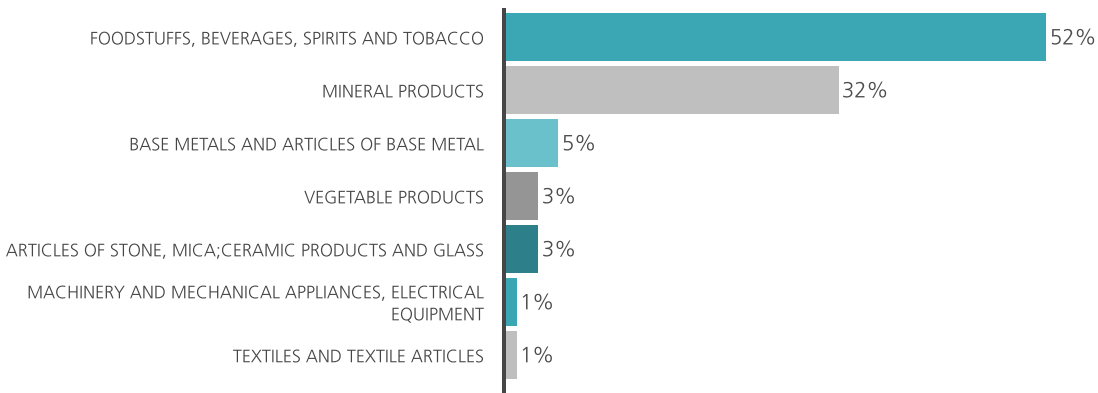
# Exports

In comparison with the first quarter of 2023, exports increased by 3% in the second quarter of 2023 and reached around 3,254 million dirhams in the second quarter 2023. By comparing it with the second quarter of the previous year (2022), it increased by 25% where the total exports were 2,608 million dirhams .

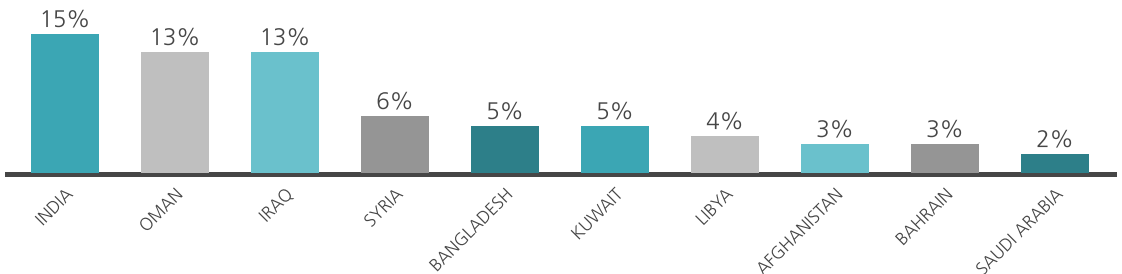
The data showed that most of the exports were in the foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco products, the exports of this group were around 1,699 million dirhams, followed by mineral products with 1,040 million dirhams.

Based on the destination, exports to India were 15% in the second quarter of the year, exports to Oman were 13%, and exports to Iraq were 13% of total exports.

## Exports By Type Of Commodity - Q2- 2023



## Exports By Main Trade Partner - Q2- 2023



# Re-exports

In the second quarter of 2023, the total of re-exports were around 500 million dirhams, decreasing by 26% in comparison with the previous quarter (Q1 - 2023). By comparing it with the second quarter of the previous year, data shows that there is a decrease in re-exports by 20%.

The data showed that re-exports of machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment were 137 million dirhams and of vehicles of transport were around 127 million dirhams.

Based on the trade partner out of total re-exports, the re-exports to Oman were 52%, to Iraq 6%, and to Indonesia 6%.

## Re-exports By Type of Commodity - Q2- 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	114	745	281
Other Arab Countries	117	829	50
Non-Arab Asian Countries	804	1260	71
African - Non - Arabic Countries	100	135	30
European Countries	583	185	55
American Countries	257	89	8
Oceanic Countries	19	7	4
Other Countries not classified	1	4	0
Total	1994	3254	500

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

THE HARMONISED SYSTEM	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
LIVE ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS	26	0	21
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	42	107	8
ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS, OILS AND WAXES	1	0	0
FOODSTUFFS, BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND TOBACCO	304	1 699	59
MINERAL PRODUCTS	396	1 040	24
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES	148	29	18
PLASTICS, RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF	64	20	24
ARTICLES OF LEATHER AND ANIMAL GUT; TRAVEL GOODS	1	0	0
ARTICLES OF WOOD, CORK; BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK	4	0	4
PULP OF WOOD, WASTE, SCRAP AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	75	15	8
TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES	60	41	27
FOOTWEAR, UMBRELLAS, ARTICLES OF FEATHER & HAIR	3	0	7
ARTICLES OF STONE MICA; CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASS	17	87	6
PEARLS, STONES, PRECIOUS METALS AND ITS ARTICLES	0	0	0
BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF BASE METAL	199	147	22
MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	372	49	137
VEHICLES OF TRANSPORT	104	16	127
PHOTOGRAPHIC, MEDICAL, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & PARTS	172	1	3
ARMS AND AMMUNITION; PARTS & ACCESSORIES	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	7	4	5
PIECES AND ANTIQUES 'WORKS OF ART, COLLECTORS	0	0	0
TOTAL	1 994	3 254	500