## Industrial Product Exports in March and the $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter of 2019

In March 2019, exports of industrial products (excluding gold) contracted by 6.1 percent compared to the same month last year. Products that dropped in exports included electronics, electrical appliances, and machinery and components. The export markets of industrial products (excluding gold) expanded in some markets, such as Japan and CLMV, while the exports to ASEAN (5), the US, EU (27) and China slowed down.

Overall, Q1/2019 exports of industrial products (excluding gold) decreased by 1.8 percent in China, ASEAN (5), EU (27) and Japan markets; however, the exports still remain expanding in the US and CLMV markets.

Growth Rate of Key Export Markets for Thai Industrial Products (excluding gold bars) in March 2019


Note: ASEAN (5) includes Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Brunei. CLMV includes Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.


Overall exports of Q1/2019 reached a value of $61,987.8$ million USD, decreasing by 1.6 percent and exports of industrial goods (excluding gold) valued $48,592.1$ million USD, a decrease of 1.8 percent.

Total imports in March 2019 valued 19,435.6 million USD, a contraction by 7.6 percent compared to the same month last year. Fuel products grew by 1.5 percent, while capital goods contracted by 2.4 percent. Capital goods that contracted in imports included computers, accessories and components. Imports of raw materials and semi-finished products (excluding gold) contracted by 8.6 percent in line with decreased imports of chemicals, equipment and components of electrical appliances and electronics; iron, steel and products thereof.

Overall imports of Q1/2019 reached a value of $59,981.1$ million USD, a decrease of 1.2 percent.

Growth of Import Product Categories


Export markets in March 2019; exports of industrial products (excluding gold) expanded in some key markets such as Japan and CLMV, while the exports to China, ASEAN (5), the US, EU (27) and Japan slowed down.


In Mach 2019, the export value was 2,987.4 million USD, decreasing by 17.1 percent compared to the same month last year. Electronics that dropped in exports were computers, accessories and parts; and electronic circuit boards which fell by 20.0 percent and 21.7 percent respectively, from exports to the US and Hong Kong.

Overall exports of electronics in Q1/2019 decreased by 12.3 percent from exports to the US, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Germany, and Singapore.


In Mach 2019, the export value was 2,298.0 million USD, decreasing by 0.2 percent compared to the same month of the previous year. Products with decreasing in exports included air conditioners and components contracting by 9.8 percent from exports to Vietnam, Australia, etc.

Overall exports of electrical appliances in Q1/2019 expanded by 0.04 percent from exports to Japan, the US, and India.


In Mach 2019, the export valued 783.0 million USD, decreasing by 8.3 percent compared to the same month last year from decreased exports to ASEAN (5), CLMV, India, Australia, and the US. Exports of plastic pellets in Mach 2019 increased in terms of price and volume. The export index grew by 1.0 percent and export volume reached 588 million kilograms, rising by 6.2 percent.

Overall exports of plastic pellets in Q1/2019 decreased by 7.2 percent. The total export volume was $1,808.9$ million kilograms, an increase of 9.2 percent.

In Mach 2019 the export valued 3,515 million USD, increasing by 5.2 percent compared to the same month last year. The increase was in line with increasing exports by 5.6 percent of automobiles, accessories, and components to key markets such as Vietnam and the UK.

Overall exports of automobiles and accessories/components in Q1/2019 contracted by 6.6 percent from exports to Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, the US, and Malaysia.


In Mach 2019, exports valued 611.8 million USD, decreasing by 4.5 percent compared to the same month last year. Exports of textiles and garments contracted in all upstream, midstream, and downstream products. Threads/manmade fibers, fabrics, and apparels shrank by 18.9 percent, 6.0 percent, and 1.2 percent respectively from the exports to China, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

Overall exports of textiles and wearing apparels in Q1/2019 decreased by 1.4 percent from exports of threads/man-made fibers and fabrics, which decreased by 16.5 percent and 6.0 percent respectively. Meanwhile, the exports of apparels increased by 5.4 percent.


In Mach 2019, the export value of gems and jewelry valued 984.6 million USD, decreasing by 6.6 percent compared to the same month last year. Meanwhile, exports of gems and jewelry excluding gold bars valued 585.3 million USD, a decrease of 10.8 percent from the export of gold/silver jewelry and diamonds and precious stones.

Overall exports of gems and jewelry (excluding gold bars) in Q1/2019 contracted by 6.1 percent from the increased exports of precious stone such as diamond and genuine gold and silver jewelry.

