

Hong Kong / Russia Trade Relations

I. *Points to Note*

- Average annualised bilateral trade growth rate (2005 - 2009): +12.5%.
- In 2009, Russia ranked 28th among our trading partners in the world.
- Reciprocally, HK ranked 69th among Russia's trading partners in 2007¹.
- Ranking in the world merchandise trade in 2008²:
 - HK : 13th
 - Russia : 12th
- In 2009, HK\$5.8 billion (US\$0.7 billion) worth of goods, or 1.9%³ of the total trade between Russia and the Mainland of China, was routed through HK.

II. *Summary of HK's Trade with Russia*⁴

| | HK\$ million (US\$ million) | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2008/2007 % change | 2009 | 2009/2008 % change |
| Domestic Exports to Russia | 102.0 (13.1) | +0.9 | 25.6 (3.3) | -74.9 ⁵ |
| Total Re-exports to Russia | 8,480.2 (1,089.0) | +23.0 | 5,622.2 (725.3) | -33.7 ⁶ |
| <i>Re-exports to Russia (of which of Mainland origin)</i> | 7,830.5 (1,005.6) | +23.4 | 5,184.9 (668.9) | -33.8 |
| Imports from Russia | 4,477.1 (575.0) | +53.2 | 6,240.5 (805.0) | +39.4 ⁷ |
| Total Trade ⁸ | 13,059.4 (1,677.1) [0.2%] | +31.7 | 11,888.2 (1,533.6) [0.2%] | -9.0 |
| Balance of Trade ⁹ | 4,105.1 (527.2) | - | -592.7 (-76.5) | - |

¹ Source: Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook 2008, International Monetary Fund.

² Source: WTO International Trade Statistics 2009.

³ An estimate with reference to China's Customs Statistics and Hong Kong Trade Statistics.

⁴ Source: Census and Statistics Department.

⁵ The substantial decrease in domestic exports to Russia during 2009 was a result of the drop in exports of jewellery, and petroleum oils.

⁶ The decrease of re-exports to Russia in 2009 was mainly due to the decrease in re-exports of telecommunications equipment, toys and games, parts and accessories for office machines and computers, jewellery, and clothing.

⁷ The robust growth in imports from Russia in 2008 was caused by the increase in imports of petroleum oils, iron and steel and other major imported items. The trend continued in 2009 as a result of the rise in demand for silver and platinum, iron and steel bars, and petroleum oils.

⁸ Figures in brackets [] denote percentage share in HK's total trade with the world.

⁹ Positive figures denote a trade balance in favour to HK, while negative figures denote a trade balance in favour to Russia.

III. Major Categories of Commodities Traded between HK and Russia in 2009

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Domestic Exports to Russia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia was HK's 53rd largest market for domestic exports in 2009. - Jewellery (45.8%); toys and games (12.1%); television receivers (10.8%); printed matter (10.6%); and clothing (7.4%). |
| Re-exports to Russia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia was HK's 30th largest market for re-exports in 2009. - Telecommunications equipment (23.8%); clothing (11.2%); automatic data processing machines and units thereof (9.3%); jewellery (7.4%); and toys and games (7.3%). |
| Imports from Russia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia was HK's 26th largest source of imports in 2009. - Silver and platinum (30.5%); petroleum oils (25.0%); iron and steel bars (16.8%); organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals (6.1%); and jewellery (5.7%). |

IV. Major Economic Indicators of Russia*

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Population (million) | 142.8 | 142.2 | 142.0 |
| GDP (Current Price) (US\$ billion) | 989 | 1,294 | 1,677 |
| GDP per capita (Current Price) (US\$) | 6,929 | 9,103 | 11,807 |
| Real GDP growth (%) | 7.7 | 8.1 | 5.6 |
| Inflation (%) | 9.7 | 9.0 | 14.1 |
| Exports (US\$ billion)# | 304 | 354 | 472 |
| Imports (US\$ billion)# | 164 | 223 | 292 |

* Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook Database, October 2009 edition, unless otherwise specified.

Source: WTO International Trade Statistics 2009.

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