

Hong Kong / Russia Trade and Economic Relations

A. TRADE IN GOODS

I. Points-to-Note

- In 2015, Russia ranked as Hong Kong's 28th largest trading partner in the world.
- Reciprocally, Hong Kong ranked 59th among Russia's trading partners in 2014¹.
- The average annual growth rate in bilateral merchandise trade from 2011 to 2015 was -1.6%.
- In 2014², Hong Kong ranked as the world's 8th largest trading entity in merchandise trade while Russia ranked 14th.
- In 2015, 2.5%³ of the total trade between Russia and the Mainland (HK\$13.1 billion or US\$1.7 billion)⁴ was routed through Hong Kong.

II. Summary of Hong Kong's Trade with Russia⁵

Value in HK\$ million (US\$ million)

	2014	2014/2013 % change	2015	2015/2014 % change
(a) Domestic Exports	58.8 (7.6)	+23.3	28.8 (3.7)	-51.1 ⁶
(b) Re-exports	18,032.3 (2,325.5)	-6.4	12,786.8 (1,649.5)	-29.1
<i>- of Mainland origin</i>	16,664.1 (2,149.1) [92%] ⁷	-6.9	12,115.1 (1,562.8) [95%] ⁷	-27.3
(c) Total Exports [(a)+(b)]	18,091.1 (2,333.1)	-6.3	12,815.5 (1,653.2)	-29.2
(d) Imports	9,676.8 (1,248.0)	+13.1	5,875.9 (758.0)	-39.3 ⁸
(e) Total Trade⁹ [(c)+(d)]	27,767.9 (3,581.1) [0.4%]	-0.4	18,691.4 (2,411.2) [0.2%]	-32.7
(f) Balance of Trade¹⁰ [(c)-(d)]	8,414.3 (1,085.2)	-	6,939.6 (895.2)	-

¹ Source: Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook 2015, International Monetary Fund.

² Source: WTO International Trade Statistics 2015.

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

⁴ The figures represent the total of: (a) re-exports of Mainland-origin goods to Russia via HK (HK\$12.1 billion or US\$1.6 billion); and (b) re-exports of Russia-origin goods to Mainland via HK (HK\$1.0 billion or US\$0.13 billion).

⁵ Source: Census and Statistics Department.

⁶ Domestic exports to Russia decreased in 2015 due to the drop in demand for telecommunications equipment; jewellery; printed matter; as well as non-ferrous base metal waste and scrap.

⁷ Figures denote percentage share of Mainland-origin re-exports over total Hong Kong re-exports to Russia.

⁸ Imports from Russia decreased in 2015 due to the drop in demand for jewellery; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; telecommunications equipment; as well as petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude).

⁹ Figures in brackets [] denote percentage share in Hong Kong's total trade with the world.

¹⁰ Positive figures denote a trade balance in favour of Hong Kong, while negative figures denote a trade balance in favour of Russia.

III. Major Categories of Commodities Traded between Hong Kong and Russia in 2015¹¹

Domestic Exports to Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia ranked 42nd among Hong Kong's domestic export markets. - Toys and games (40.9%); non-ferrous base metal waste and scrap (20.8%); plastic tubes, pipes and hoses (20.0%); jewellery (4.5%); and other artificial parts of the body (3.7%).
Re-exports to Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia ranked 27th among Hong Kong's re-export markets. - Telecommunications equipment (49.7%); automatic data processing machines and units thereof (14.6%); clothing (4.6%); toys and games (4.0%); and cathode valves and tubes / transistors integrated circuits / semi-conductor devices (3.1%).
Imports from Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia ranked 29th among Hong Kong's sources of imports. - Jewellery (27.1%); pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, unworked or worked (22.3%); organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals (11.5%); coal (8.0%); and silver and platinum (5.9%).

B. **TRADE IN SERVICES**¹²

IV. Points-to-Note

- In 2013, Russia ranked as Hong Kong's 26th largest trading partner in the world.
- In 2014¹³, Hong Kong ranked as the world's 18th largest commercial services trading entity while Russia ranked 17th.

V. Summary of Hong Kong's Trade with Russia

	<i>Value in HK\$ million (US\$ million)</i>	
	2013	2013/2012 % change
(a) Exports of Services	2,192 (283)	-0.2
(b) Imports of Services	2,187 (282)	+8.4
(b) Total Trade of Services [(a)+(b)]	4,379 (565)	+3.9
(d) Net Exports of Services [(a)-(b)]	5 (1)	-

¹¹ Source: Census and Statistics Department.

¹² Source: Census and Statistics Department, unless otherwise specified. The Trade in Services (TIS) statistics are compiled based on the new standards as set out in the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010.

¹³ Source: Source: WTO International Trade Statistics 2015.

VI. Major Service Components Traded between Hong Kong and Russia in 2013

Exports to Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia ranked 27th among Hong Kong's export markets. - The top 3 major service components are (in descending order): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel • Transport • Other business services
Imports from Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia ranked 24th among Hong Kong's sources of imports. - The top 3 major service components are (in descending order): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Travel • Other business services

C. ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Russia ¹⁴		Hong Kong ¹⁵	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Population (million)	143.7	146.3	7.2	7.3
Current Price GDP (US\$ billion)	2,079	1,861	276	291
Current GDP per capita (US\$)	14,468	12,718	38,364	40,170
Real GDP growth (% change)	1.3	0.6	3.1	2.5
CPI (% change)	6.8	7.8	4.3	4.4
Unemployment (%)	5.5	5.2	3.4	3.3
Merchandise exports (US\$ billion)¹⁶	523	498	459	474
Merchandise imports (US\$ billion)¹⁷	341	308	524	544

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¹⁴ Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook Database, October 2015 edition, unless otherwise specified.

¹⁵ Source: Census and Statistics Department.

¹⁶ Source: WTO Statistics Database.