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A summary of Iranian foreign trade statistics by international classifications

Statistical Centre of Iran, as the sole official authority in preparation, presentation, and dissemination of official statistics according to the Article No. 54 of the Fifth Development Plan of the country, has prepared time series statistics for the goods imported to the country and exported goods from the country through the Customs Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran from 21 March to 21 September 2011 by different international classifications. The above-mentioned statistics are released in the SCI website according to the ISIC revision 3.1, CPC revision 1.1 and Harmonized System (HS) by Rial and US dollar value in different seasons of the year. A summary of the findings and some indicators of foreign trade statistics are as follows:

Imports

From 21 March to 21 September 2011, machinery with general and special application (Codes 43 and 44 of CPC) accounting for 24 percent has had the highest contribution to the imported goods and basic metals with 15 percent have followed it. In general, during this period, 53.7 percent of imports included machinery with general and special applications, basic metals, basic chemicals and the category of meat, fish, fruits, vegetables as well as all kinds of animal and vegetable fats and oils. From 21 March to 21 September 2011, total import has increased by 12.9 percent compared to the corresponding period in the year 2010. From 21 March to 21 September 2011, the value of import registered in the Iranian Customs Administration decreased by 28.3 percent compared with the year 2009.

Exports

From 21 March to 21 September 2011, products such as coke, refined oil and nuclear fuel (code 33 of CPC) with 28.8 percent have had the highest share among exported goods and basic chemicals (code 34) with 27 percent have had followed it. These two sections along with basic metals, agricultural crops and planting vegetables, glass and glass products, metal minerals and other chemical products have totally accounted for 81.2 percent of exports from 21 March to 21 September 2011. Total exports through Iran Customs Administration during the above period decreased by 5.6 percent compared with the period of the 21st September 2010 through 21st March 2011 and increased by 6.5 percent in comparison to the first 9 months of the year 2010.

Foreign trade indicators

The trend of changes for some foreign trade indicators through the customs border is as follows:

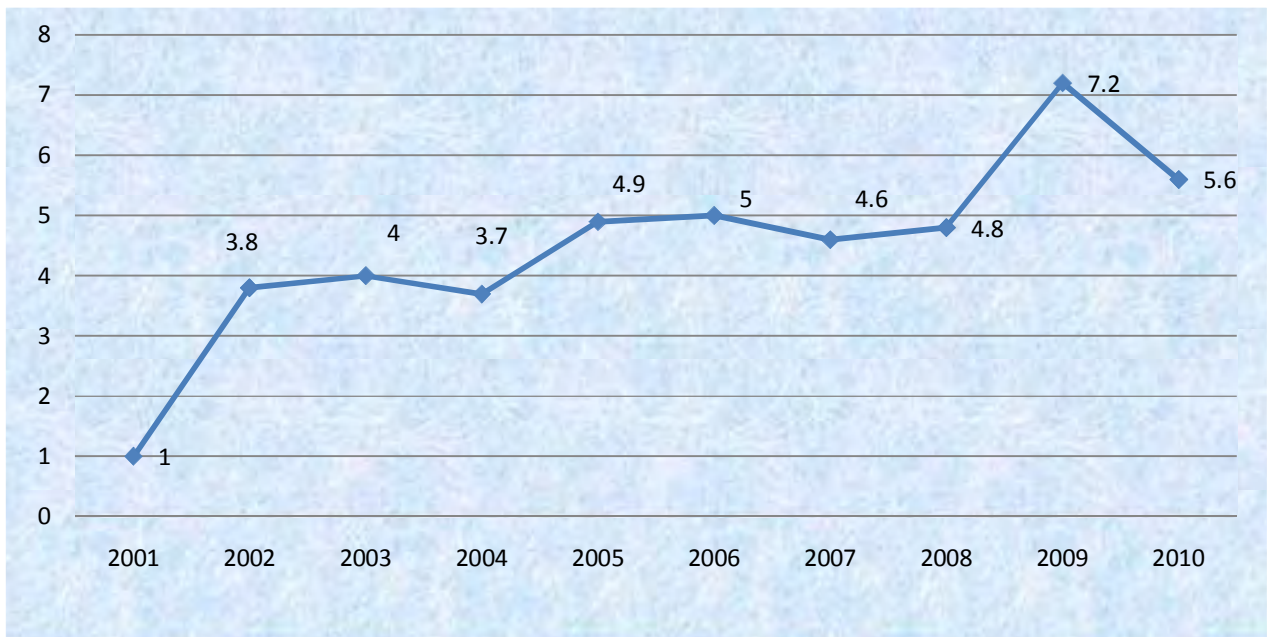
- The share of foreign trade (excluding imports out of customs) from gross domestic product (the sum of imports and exports divided by GDP) which represents the degree of economic openness is shown in the following figure during the years 2001-2010:

Share of foreign trade in GDP-percent



- The export share(excluding exports out of customs) from gross domestic product that represents to what extent domestic manufacturers depend on foreign markets is shown in the following figure during the years 2001-2010:

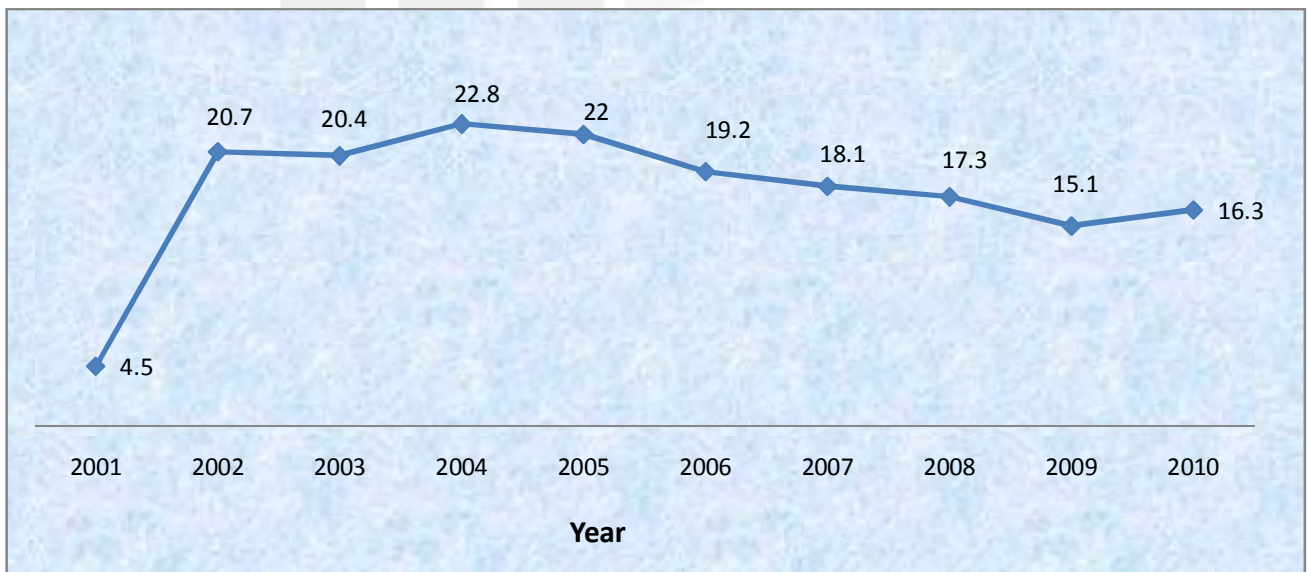
Share of exports in GDP- percent



Year

- Penetration rate of import standing for the ratio of domestic demand to imports and indicating how much the domestic demand is supplied by imports is shown in the following figure during the years 2001-2010

Penetration rate of imports - percent



Year

Detailed statistics for time series of foreign trade of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Rial and US dollar values are available in the sub-site "National Accounts" of the following SCI website:

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