

## **Economic Relations between Lebanon and Syria**

### **The economic and social impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon**

The Syrian crisis left a severe impact on the Lebanese economy, as a result of the Syrian displacement to Lebanon, and as a result of the closure of the land borders for a period of time with the Arab Gulf states.

Estimates of losses were based on the cost of the widening budget deficit, and on achieving the level of stability in the provision of public services. In addition, the real GDP growth rate decreased by 2.9 percentage points per year, and significant losses in salaries, profits, taxes, individual consumption and investment. The government's ability to collect imports diminished, and government spending increased, which widened the budget deficit.

The number of refugees reached nearly 1.6 million, which is 37 percent of the population in Lebanon. This pushed about 170,000 Lebanese below the poverty line, in addition to a million currently living below this line. This means allocating millions of dollars to advance the national program to support the poorest families. The difficult conditions in the labor market also exacerbated. The influx of refugees increased the supply by between 30 and 50 percent. Unemployment doubled to about 39 percent having the displacement crisis coincide with the worst economic crisis Lebanon is going through.

The presence of the refugees impacted the sectors of health, education and social safety nets. The increase in demand for health services has led to an increase in unpaid dues to hospitals, stress on the health sector, and a sharp increase in cases of infectious diseases. The enrollment of about 200,000 refugees in schools led to an increase in the demand for educational services, and consequently to increasing financial costs, which had a negative impact on the quality of education. Demand on water and electricity also increased, and the level of solid waste management and municipal services decreased. The Syrian crisis posed a serious challenge to the social and sectarian balance in Lebanon. The influx of refugees led to overcrowding, failure to secure basic services, and competition in the labor market.

### **The development of trade exchange between Lebanon and Syria**

The trade exchange between the two countries witnessed a remarkable change due to the security developments that Syria witnessed in the period between 2011-2019. Trade

exchange decreased from 525 million dollars in 2011 to 283 million dollars in 2019, a rate of 46 percent.

The trade balance deficit, valued at \$ 95.3 million in 2011, turned into a surplus of \$ 342.3 million in 2013 due to the increase in oil derivative exports from Lebanon to Syria, and into a surplus of \$ 97.8 million in 2019.

*Table 1 Trade Balance between Lebanon and Syria*

(Thousand \$)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Trade Balance</b>	97,777	113,695	108,742	68,379	72,185	117,161	342,331	28,115	-95,287

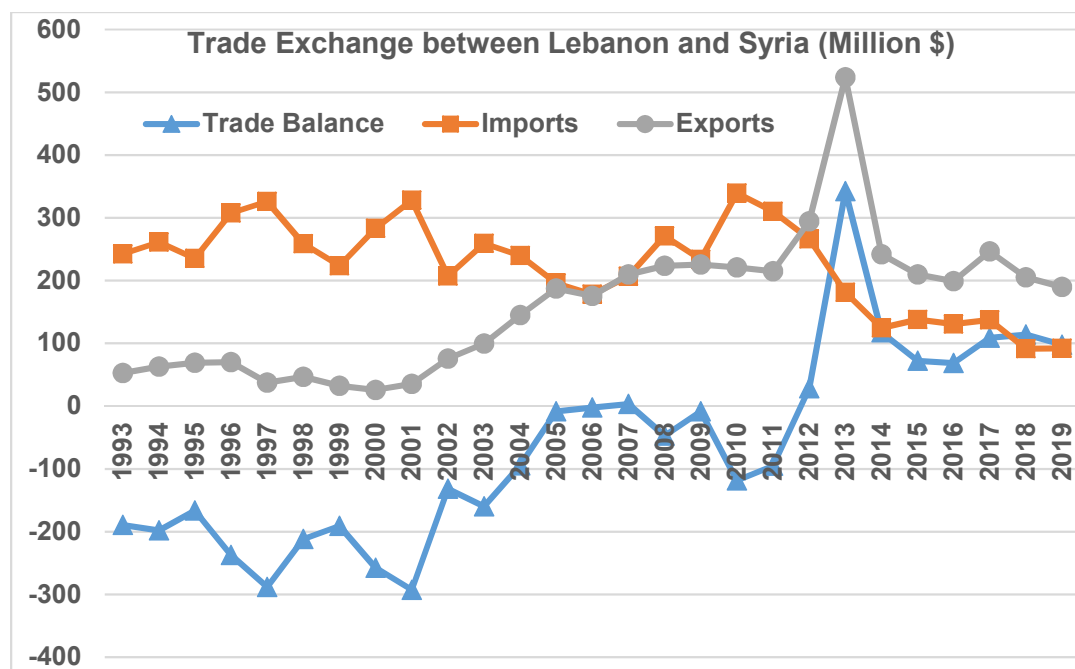


Table 2 Trade Exchange between Lebanon and Syria

	(Million \$)					
	Exports	Percentage %	Imports	Percentage %	Trade Balance	Exports/ Imports %
<b>1993</b>	52.7	11.7%	242.1	5.0%	-189.4	21.8%
<b>1994</b>	63.0	11.0%	261.1	4.4%	-198.1	24.1%
<b>1995</b>	69.1	8.4%	235.4	3.2%	-166.3	29.4%
<b>1996</b>	70.1	6.9%	307.4	4.1%	-237.3	22.8%
<b>1997</b>	37.5	5.8%	325.9	4.4%	-288.4	11.5%
<b>1998</b>	46.7	6.5%	258.7	3.7%	-212.0	18.1%
<b>1999</b>	32.3	4.8%	223.5	3.6%	-191.2	14.5%
<b>2000</b>	25.8	3.6%	283.3	4.5%	-257.5	9.1%
<b>2001</b>	35.2	4.0%	327.9	4.5%	-292.7	10.7%
<b>2002</b>	75.6	7.2%	207.2	3.2%	-131.6	36.5%
<b>2003</b>	99.5	6.5%	259.3	3.6%	-159.8	38.4%
<b>2004</b>	145.2	8.3%	239.9	2.6%	-94.7	60.5%
<b>2005</b>	187.4	10.0%	196.1	2.1%	-8.7	95.6%
<b>2006</b>	175.7	7.7%	178.0	1.9%	-2.3	98.7%
<b>2007</b>	209.9	7.5%	206.5	1.7%	3.4	101.6%
<b>2008</b>	223.6	6.4%	270.9	1.7%	-47.3	82.5%
<b>2009</b>	225.4	6.5%	233.7	1.4%	-8.3	96.4%
<b>2010</b>	220.7	5.2%	339.4	1.9%	-118.7	65.0%
<b>2011</b>	214.8	5.0%	310.1	1.5%	-95.3	69.3%
<b>2012</b>	294.3	6.6%	266.2	1.3%	28.1	110.6%
<b>2013</b>	523.6	13.3%	181.3	0.9%	342.3	288.8%
<b>2014</b>	242	7.3%	124.8	0.6%	117.2	193.9%
<b>2015</b>	209.8	7.1%	137.6	0.8%	72.2	152.5%
<b>2016</b>	198.9	6.7%	130.5	0.7%	68.4	152.4%
<b>2017</b>	246.2	8.7%	137.5	0.7%	108.7	179.1%
<b>2018</b>	205.3	7.0%	91.6	0.5%	113.7	224.1%
<b>2019</b>	190.0	5.1%	92.2	0.5%	97.8	206.1%
<b>2020 (11 months)</b>	96.8	3.0%	86.0	0.8%	10.8	112.6%

The value of Lebanese exports to Syria decreased in 2019 compared to 2011 by 11 percent, and it had recorded a record value in 2013 of \$ 523.6 million, due to the high value of oil derivative exports, and being it related to the security situation and the economic embargo on Syria. Also, the value of exports of several customs' chapters of goods to Syria increased, and all these increases are also related to either the security situation, or to meeting food needs, or production.

Table 3 Lebanese exports to Syria

Product Code	Product Label	(thousand \$)								
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
39	Plastics and articles thereof	54,243	71,684	46,935	35,157	25,455	11,481	12,837	11,780	9,411
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils	37,464	3,869	25,667	2,144	9,748	13,902	317,757	61,172	144
8	Edible fruit and nuts	12,367	22,140	12,505	17,708	14,635	18,910	7,703	10,018	4,941
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	11,622	18,908	23,743	17,708	14,635	18,910	7,703	10,018	4,941
84	Machinery, mechanical appliances	10,556	10,653	7,746	5,309	4,536	9,914	10,670	5,572	6,070
48	Paper and paperboard	8,519	8,081	5,974	6,788	14,066	7,913	7,950	9,965	25,656
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts	7,070	6,138	3,707	6,788	14,066	7,913	7,950	9,965	25,656
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	6,232	9,856	52,066	52,750	51,310	27,186	18,182	6,600	11,809
49	Printed books, newspapers, and other products of the printing industry	4,973	3,483	2,231	3,800	2,019	9,077	3,204	12,540	12,514
10	Cereals	3,023	1,700	4,185	1,046	1,122	879	502	2,308	2,979
73	Articles of iron or steel	2,464	3,115	2,017	659	5,238	9,128	2,521	4,325	3,482
54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	2,364	2,869	4,240	555	124	191	14	0	49
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ...	2,200	2,412	1,613	1,382	947	1,517	1,879	1,009	536
7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	2,147	3,264	225	267	2,030	6,955	2,167	1,112	3,267
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	2,099	1,030	1,241	1,347	50	729	1,091	163	133
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,706	1,204	2,026	1,151	277	1,183	1,465	573	694
34	Soap, washing preparations,	1,662	2,144	1,104	812	5,967	15,294	11,799	7,894	8,754
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	1,625	2,229	1,070	156	1,045	4,681	9,360	10,592	3,729
29	Organic chemicals	1,517	1,860	3,131	2,390	964	385	715	697	457

25	Salt; sulphur; and cement	1,409	3,598	2,796	2,942	2,593	2,130	4,940	32,027	16,660
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,394	2,422	3,063	3,207	4,789	6,080	4,006	7,389	970
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	1,382	1,948	1,173	1,079	4,317	2,146	670	737	1,288
94	Furniture	1,158	2,251	463	877	2,157	3,476	4,381	2,694	4,063
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	961	1,153	810	480	578	978	566	1,829	1,532
30	Pharmaceutical products	957	2,100	1,547	1,347	50	729	1,091	163	133
	Others	8,906	15,209	34,967	31,022	27,046	60,319	82,522	83,133	64,970
	<b>Total</b>	<b>190,020</b>	<b>205,320</b>	<b>246,245</b>	<b>198,871</b>	<b>209,764</b>	<b>242,006</b>	<b>523,645</b>	<b>294,275</b>	<b>214,838</b>

The value of Lebanese imports from Syria decreased in 2019 compared to 2011 by 70.3 percent, and it had recorded a record value in 2010 of \$ 339.4 million. Noting that the increase in the value of the imports of several customs chapters of goods from Syria was related to flooding the Lebanese market with Syrian products due to its low cost and meeting the needs of the Syrian exodus to Lebanon.

*Table 4 Lebanese imports from Syria*

Product Code	Product Label	(thousand \$)								
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
8	Edible fruit and nuts;	13,523	11,530	12,670	9,977	10,910	5,846	17,988	7,927	7,280
34	Soap, washing preparations	12,813	12,289	11,479	12,886	8,824	11,224	11,586	20,918	24,060
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,346	5,120	4,815	5,616	1,613	642	602	762	438
7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	8,495	5,438	45,329	32,026	31,054	24,394	24,861	23,635	26,108
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like;	5,498	3,296	3,218	4,542	2,014	1,662	1,766	2,488	3,296
70	Glass and glassware	4,722	4,994	6,130	6,318	3,741	4,075	5,418	6,649	7,393
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	4,480	4,488	4,180	4,377	3,586	3,282	4,641	4,309	4,714
39	Plastics and articles thereof	3,428	2,631	3,290	4,705	9,429	6,514	8,654	15,488	19,601
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey	2,656	1,876	1,491	2,068	2,794	8,970	11,304	13,234	24,744
73	Articles of iron or steel	2,306	2,151	2,743	3,505	3,469	3,461	5,988	8,300	13,428
48	Paper and paperboard	2,080	1,620	1,357	1,882	2,674	4,024	5,561	9,478	9,982
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk	1,738	949	734	748	1,874	2,046	725	2,935	4,151
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of	1,702	1,181	749	602	731	1,438	1,755	2,930	2,393

	precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ...									
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	1,636	1,491	1,472	969	627	576	834	1,483	1,072
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic	1,624	2,289	2,071	1,017	1,005	1,038	661	1,138	1,284
63	Other made-up textile articles	1,564	914	1,024	895	400	1,352	2,092	2,142	1,973
49	Printed books, newspapers, and other products of the printing industry;	1,458	1,710	2,285	1,992	1,694	2,094	5,080	7,383	6,716
25	Salt; sulphur; and cement	1,347	1,295	1,314	584	28,794	20,595	34,193	61,079	60,946
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,315	897	1,005	1,796	1,190	770	690	935	774
9	Coffee, tea, maté and spices	1,179	1,028	1,339	1,481	918	1,152	871	857	660
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	819	707	502	444	163	107	456	706	13,279
94	Furniture	733	843	873	1,327	401	338	1,366	2,674	2,210
84	Machinery, mechanical appliances	678	661	960	1,164	1,224	917	4,681	5,990	6,336
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	676	1,076	2,428	7,871	7,183	7,217	11,299	6,294	13,045
55	Man-made staple fibres	642	875	1,226	922	154	187	720	1,322	2,216
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	559	267	1,100	127	56	49	612	3,361	3,566
11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	493	372	493	392	182	139	165	782	1,091
	Others	4,733	19,637	21,226	20,259	10,875	10,736	16,745	50,961	47,369
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92,243</b>	<b>91,625</b>	<b>137,503</b>	<b>130,492</b>	<b>137,579</b>	<b>124,845</b>	<b>181,314</b>	<b>266,160</b>	<b>310,125</b>

## Commercial traffic through customs offices

The Lebanese commercial movement through customs offices witnessed major changes in the year 2019 compared to the year 2010, which were reflected by changes in the weights of border crossings in the movement of trade exchange. This is due to the closure of the "Naseeb" land border crossing between Syria and Jordan leading to the Arab Gulf states, as well as the land crossings with Iraq.

In terms of Lebanese imports from Syria, the Masnaa crossing recorded a rate of 38 percent in 2010, and this percentage increased to nearly 66 percent in 2019. In 2010, 34 percent of imports from Syria took place through the Aboudieh crossing, and this

percentage decreased to 7 percent in 2019, while imports from Syria through the Arida crossing increased from 3 to 27 percent.

Lebanon exported 58 percent of exports to Syria through the Masnaa crossing in 2010, and this percentage increased to 64 percent in 2019. And it increased through the Arida crossing from 7 to 21 percent, and Lebanese exports to Syria through Aboudieh decreased from 26 to 10 percent .

*Table 5 Trade exchange between Lebanon and Syria according to the border crossings*

(thousand \$)								
	Lebanese exports to Syria				Lebanese imports from Syria			
Customs offices	2010	%	2019	%	2010	%	2019	%
Beirut Port	4,766	2%	927	0%	20,969	6%	46	0%
Airport	5,113	2%	910	0%	67	0%	9	0%
Sidon	0	0%	38	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Tripoli	7,119	3%	6,386	3%	58,950	17%	137	0%
Aboudieh	57,205	26%	19,902	10%	114,808	34%	6,121	7%
Arida	15,152	7%	40,401	21%	8,629	3%	24,631	27%
Masnaa	127,281	58%	121,456	64%	130,637	38%	61,300	66%
Al Kaa	4,109	2%	0	0%	5,306	2%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,745</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>190,020</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>339,367</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>92,243</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **The most important Lebanese exports and imports to and from Syria**

The most important Lebanese exports to Syria in 2019 were plastic and its products (29%), petroleum products (20%), fruits (7%), electrical appliances (6%), and mechanical devices (6%).

The most important Lebanese imports from Syria in 2019 were fruits (15%), soap and laundry preparations (14%), knitted clothes (10%), vegetables and plants (9%), and shoes (6%).

Table 6 Lebanese exports to Syria in 2019

Product Code	Product Label	Value (thousand \$)	Weight (ton)	Percentage(%)
39	Plastics and articles thereof	54,243	36,247	29%
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils	37,464	57,781	20%
8	Edible fruit and nuts	12,367	24,497	7%
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	11,622	1,670	6%
84	Machinery, mechanical appliances	10,556	3,944	6%
48	Paper and paperboard	8,519	17,994	4%
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts	7,070	3,020	4%
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	6,232	14,886	3%
49	Printed books, newspapers, and other products of the printing industry	4,973	2,146	3%
10	Cereals	3,023	4,649	2%
73	Articles of iron or steel	2,464	2,573	1%
54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	2,364	531	1%
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ...	2,200	6,801	1%
7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	2,147	2,844	1%
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	2,099	34	1%
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,706	4,685	1%
34	Soap, washing preparations,	1,662	1,115	1%
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	1,625	1,297	1%
29	Organic chemicals	1,517	1,183	1%
25	Salt; sulphur; and cement	1,409	13,633	1%
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,394	2,065	1%
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	1,382	1,361	1%
94	Furniture	1,158	371	1%
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	961	136	1%
30	Pharmaceutical products	957	6	1%
	Others	8,906	10,927	5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>190,020</b>	<b>216,396</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 7 Lebanese imports from Syria in 2019

Product Code	Product Label	Value (thousand \$)	Weight (ton)	Percentage(%)
8	Edible fruit and nuts;	13,523	23,666	15%
34	Soap, washing preparations	12,813	19,535	14%
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,346	2,118	10%
7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	8,495	17,860	9%
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like;	5,498	1,878	6%
70	Glass and glassware	4,722	9,913	5%
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	4,480	5,222	5%
39	Plastics and articles thereof	3,428	2,385	4%
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey	2,656	972	3%
73	Articles of iron or steel	2,306	2,461	2%
48	Paper and paperboard	2,080	2,045	2%
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk	1,738	1,702	2%



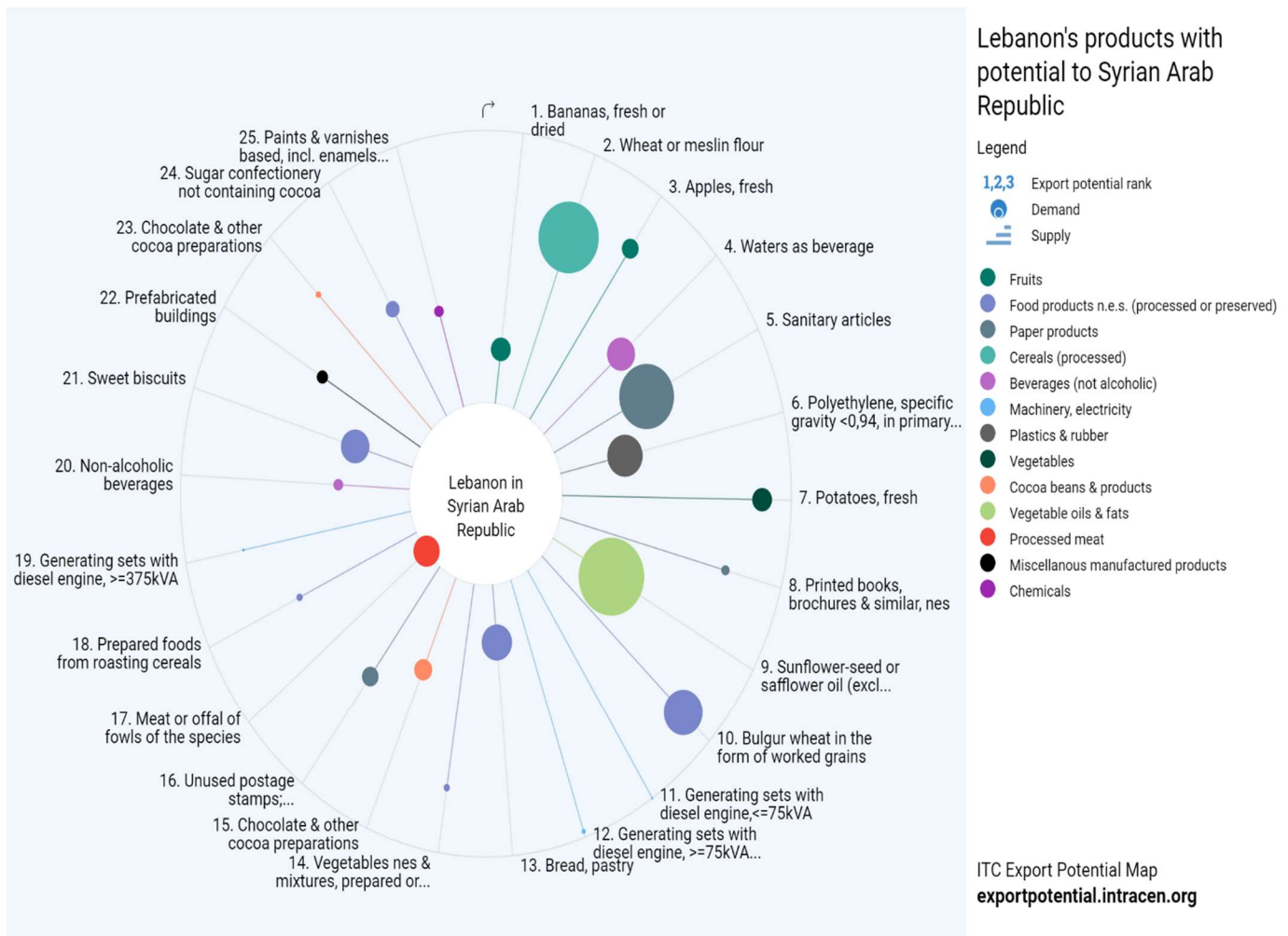
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ...	1,702	5,922	2%
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	1,636	1,403	2%
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic	1,624	1,870	2%
63	Other made-up textile articles	1,564	882	2%
49	Printed books, newspapers, and other products of the printing industry;	1,458	220	2%
25	Salt; sulphur; and cement	1,347	29,620	1%
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,315	1,221	1%
9	Coffee, tea, maté and spices	1,179	637	1%
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	819	1,810	1%
94	Furniture	733	578	1%
84	Machinery, mechanical appliances	678	583	1%
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	676	534	1%
55	Man-made staple fibres	642	320	1%
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	559	411	1%
11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	493	491	1%
	Others	4,733	5,016	5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92,243</b>	<b>141,275</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source of figures: Lebanese Customs

### Products with the largest export potential from Lebanon to Syria, according to International Trade Center statistics

According to the latest statistics available on trade exchange between Lebanon and Syria by the International Trade Center (ITC), it is clear that in 2019 Lebanon exported to the world a value of \$ 3.7 billion, of which \$ 190 million were to Syria, or 5 percent. While Syrian imports from the world reached \$ 5.7 billion, of which \$ 190 million were from Lebanon, or 3.3 percent.

Among the most important Lebanese exports to the world in 2019, Syria imported 69 percent of oil derivatives, 36 percent of plastic exports, 28 percent of exports of sugar and its products, 17 percent of fruits and citrus exports, and 16 percent of dyeing and tanning products.



The products with the largest export potential from Lebanon to Syria are bananas, wheat flour and apples. Lebanon has the highest capacity supply with diesel engine  $\leq 75\text{kVA}$  and sunflower seed oil.

Table 8 ITC statistics on trade exchange between Lebanon and Syria

Product Code	Product Label	Lebanese exports to Syria	Syrian imports from the world	Lebanese exports to the world	1 / 3 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>All Products</b>	<b>190,020</b>	<b>5,717,273</b>	<b>3,731,350</b>	<b>5%</b>
'71	jewelry	1	7,153	1,454,914	0%
'84	Machinery, mechanical appliances	10,556	392,325	216,797	5%
'85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	11,622	558,255	164,750	7%
'39	Plastics and articles thereof	54,243	351,162	149,731	36%
'33	perfumery, cosmetic	183	49,857	126,574	0%
'20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	348	20,172	118,814	0%
'49	Printed books, newspapers, and other products of the printing industry;	4,973	69,971	74,736	7%
'72	Iron and steel	434	104,507	72,277	1%
'08	Edible fruit and nuts	12,367	62,066	71,821	17%
'48	Paper and paperboard	8,519	108,744	69,282	12%
'74	Copper and articles thereof	81	39,109	66,908	0%
'22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,394	34,363	59,342	2%
'94	Furniture;	1,158	53,063	59,172	2%
'76	Aluminium and articles thereof	961	47,707	58,956	2%
'15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	1,625	162,560	58,499	3%
'30	Pharmaceutical products	957	105,298	57,878	2%
'31	Fertilisers	29	21,930	54,818	0%
'27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation	37,464	105,587	54,258	69%
'78	Lead and articles thereof	0	25	52,290	0%
'28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ...	2,200	41,187	47,353	5%
'21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	760	51,275	45,780	2%
'32	Tanning or dyeing extracts	7,070	43,539	44,236	16%
'19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	851	102,104	41,246	2%
'07	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	2,147	98,330	40,982	5%
'09	Coffee, tea, maté and spices	489	131,494	36,713	1%
'18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	21	23,297	36,565	0%
'73	Articles of iron or steel	2,464	100,730	35,503	7%
'24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	74	452,305	29,875	0%
'96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	186	57,313	27,360	1%
'34	Soap, washing preparations	1,662	50,014	24,205	7%
'17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	6,232	121,714	22,241	28%
'62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	18,918	2,136,944	236,694	8%
	<b>Other Products</b>	<b>189,989</b>	<b>5,704,100</b>	<b>3,710,570</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Agreements concluded between Lebanon and Syria

Table 9 Agreements concluded between Lebanon and Syria

Type of Agreement	Official Gazette	Date
The conclusion of a brotherhood treaty, cooperation and coordination	22	1991
Conclusion of cooperation agreements	10	1994
Agreement on higher education and scientific research	3	1995
The conclusion of a cultural agreement signed in 1994	21	1995
The conclusion of an agreement in the field of work	34	1995
Application and implementation of executive protocol in the field of mail	2	1996
The conclusion of an agreement on cooperation and coordination in the fields of education, youth and sports	35	1996
The conclusion of an agreement on cooperation in the field of art, vocational and technical education	14	1997
The conclusion of an annexed agreement to the judicial agreement concluded in 1951	21	1997
The conclusion of an agreement to encourage and protect investment	37	1997
Conclusion of an agreement to avoid double taxation and to prevent tax evasion with regard to income taxes (has a material correction in Issue 56/97)	37	1997
Reducing customs duties on industrial products of Syrian origin	13	1999
The conclusion of an agreement to establish joint border offices	18	1999
The conclusion of a merchant marine navigation agreement	52	1999
Permission for the ministry to conclude a bilateral agreement in the field of social affairs between the governments of the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic	1	2001
Permission for the Lebanese government to join the general trade agreement for the five electrical interconnection countries signed in Amman on 13/06/1993	17	2001
The conclusion of a memorandum of understanding for the transfer, marketing and export of natural gas and its annex signed between the Lebanese Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Kingdom of Jordan	25	2001
The conclusion of a memorandum of understanding and cooperation in the field of the environment between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Lebanese Republic	42	2001
The conclusion of an executive program for the tourism cooperation agreement between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Lebanese Republic for the years 2002-2003-2004	19	2002
Permission for the ministry to conclude an agreement between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic to establish air services between their territories and beyond	34	2002
Permission for the ministry to conclude an agreement between the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic for the sharing of the waters of the great southern river basin and the construction of a joint dam on the main course of the river	50	2002
Authorization to the government to conclude an agreement related to the distribution of the Aasi River water originating in the Lebanese territories between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic, signed in Damascus 20/9/1994	69	2002
Authorization for the government to add an appendix to the agreement related to the distribution of the Asi River water originating in the Lebanese territories between the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic and referred to the Parliament according to Decree 5976 of 23/11/1994	69	2002
The conclusion of an executive cooperation agreement in the fields of youth and sports between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic	5	2003
Conclusion of an executive agreement on the mutual recognition of certificates of conformity between the Ministry of Industry in the Lebanese Republic and the Ministry of Industry in the Syrian Arab Republic	18	2003
The conclusion of the executive program for the Agreement on Cooperation and Coordination in the Field of Education between the Government of the Lebanese Republic and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic for the years 2003-2004-2005	19	2003
Authorization for the government to conclude a cooperation protocol in the field of exchanging medical and medicinal products between the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic	35	2003

Permission for the ministry to conclude an agreement to sell gas from the Syrian Oil Company to the Ministry of Energy and Water	35	2003
The conclusion of the executive program on higher education and scientific research between the government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the government of the Lebanese Republic for the years 2003-2004-2005	35	2003
Stopping the implementation of Clause 3 of Article 1 of Decree No. 7804 of 5/1/1996 (Application and Implementation of the Executive Protocol in the Field of Mail between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Lebanese Republic)	53	2003
The conclusion of an agreement between the Ministries of Justice in the Lebanese Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic	56	2003
The conclusion of a memorandum of understanding between the National Archives in Lebanon and the National Information Center in Syria	46	2004
Forming a technical committee to study agricultural medicines with the Syrian committees	49	2004
Permission for the government to conclude an agreement on mutual administrative cooperation in customs issues between the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic	64	2004
Permission for the ministry to conclude an agreement on mutual exemption from fees in the field of air transport between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic	7	2005
Forming a delegation to represent Lebanon in the Lebanese-Syrian Boundary Committee	1	2009
Limiting communications with subscribers of the Syrian Arab Republic to the approved international code	23	2009
The conclusion of a cooperation agreement in the field of tourism between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic	47	2010
The conclusion of the executive program for cultural cooperation between the Ministry of Culture in the Lebanese Republic and the Ministry of Energy in the Syrian Arab Republic for the years 2010-2011-2012	49	2010
Permission for the ministry to conclude an agreement for the encouragement and reciprocal protection of investments between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic.	39	2011
The conclusion of an anti-drug cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities in the Lebanese Republic and the Ministry of Interior in the Syrian Arab Republic.	43	2011
The conclusion of a cooperation agreement in the field of animal health and veterinary quarantine between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic.	44	2011
Conclusion of an executive program for the tourism cooperation agreement between the government of the Lebanese Republic and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic for the years 2011-2012-2013- 2014-2015	58	2011