



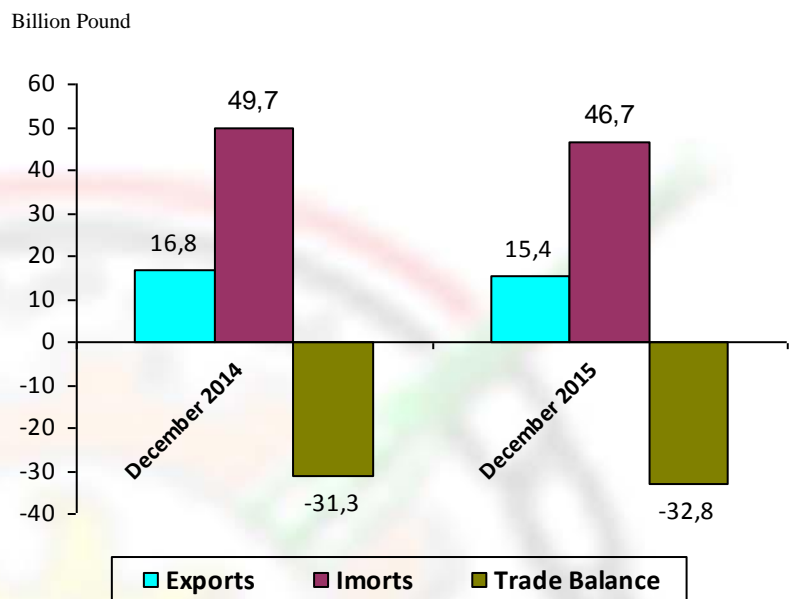
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4.8 % decrease in the deficit of trade balance on December 2015

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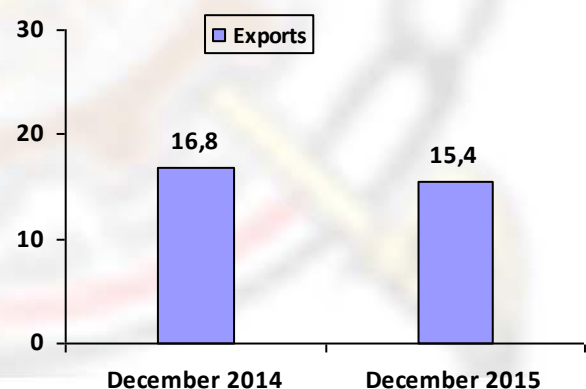
The value of the deficit of the trade Balance reached 31.25 billion pounds during December 2015 versus 32.82 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year with a decrease of 4.8% .



The most important indicator are as follows.

- **Exports:**

The value of exports decreased by 8.3 % as it reached 15.4 billion pounds during December 2015 versus 16.8 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the decrease of value of some commodities such as

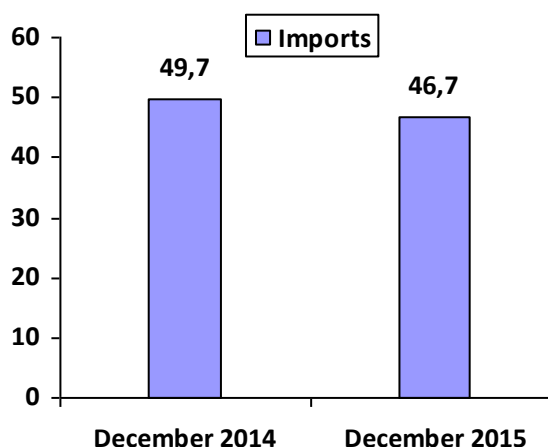


(Petroleum products by 14.3% - Crude oil by 33.7% - Ready clothes by 9.3% - Pasta and variety preparations 12.3%).

While exports of some commodities increased on December 2015 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Fertilisers By 17.8 %, fresh oranges by 15.2%, fresh fruit by 19.0%, Furniture By 22.4%).

- **Imports:**

The value of imports decreased by 6.0% as it reached 46.7 billion pounds during December 2015 versus 49.7 billion pounds for the same month of the previous year due to the decrease of value of some commodities such as



(Raw materials of iron or steel by 40.5%, plastics in primary forms by 11.4%, chemical materials, organic and inorganic by 16.9%, meat by 31.3%).

While imports of some commodities increased on December 2015 versus that for the same month of the previous year such as (Petroleum products by 5.2%, wheat by 42.3%, cars for ride by 15.1%, medicines and pharmaceutical preparations by 20.1%).