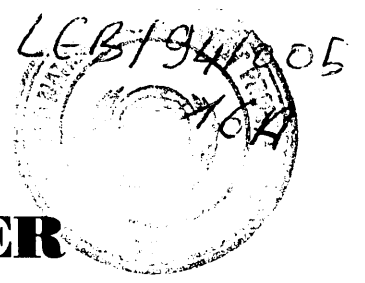


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LEBANON: TOP 20 TRADE PARTNERS IN 1996

Import partners (million US\$)	
Italy	915.1
United States	824.3
Germany	644.2
France	587.7
EU (unspecified)	479.2
Syria	307.6
United Kingdom	305.1
Japan	292.7
Switzerland	258.1
China	219.9
Greece	190.5
Ukraine	190.3
Turkey	173.2
Spain	142.1
South Korea	134.1
The Netherlands	114.2
Saudi Arabia	112.4
Belgium	111.5
Sweden	93.8
Taiwan	91.3

Export partners (million US\$)	
UAE	238.4
Saudi Arabia	139.0
Kuwait	77.9
Syria	70.0
Jordan	49.9
France	46.9
Italy	38.8
United States	30.6
Germany	22.9
Egypt	16.8
The Netherlands	16.0
United Kingdom	16.0
Switzerland	14.8
Libya	13.5
Turkey	12.6
Belgium	11.3
Bahrain	11.3
Romania	9.2
Cyprus	8.3
Russian Federation	7.8

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LEBANON: EXPORTS BY SECTION IN 1996

DESCRIPTION	Exports million US\$
Live animals; animal products	5.5
Vegetable products	75.4
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	17.5
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	61.3
Mineral products	6.8
Products of the chemical or allied industries	34.7
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	27.9
Raw hides and skins; leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	7.9
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	2.0
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap); paper and paperboard and articles thereof	331.2
Textiles and textile articles	91.7
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	19.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	23.0
Natural pearls or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coins	81.7
Base metals and articles of base metal	66.7
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	77.8
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	52.0
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	19.7
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	0.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14.0
Works of art, collectors pieces and antiquities	1.6
TOTAL	1,017.9

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LEBANON: IMPORTS BY SECTION IN 1996

DESCRIPTION	Imports million US\$
Live animals; animal products	384.6
Vegetable products	483.7
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	65.4
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	572.6
Mineral products	726.1
Products of the chemical or allied industries	519.1
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	257.8
Raw hides and skins; leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	26.7
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	107.4
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap); paper and paperboard and articles thereof	192.3
Textiles and textile articles	468.4
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	67.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	185.2
Natural pearls or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coins	323.9
Base metals and articles of base metal	649.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	1,335.8
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	891.7
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	131.2
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	7.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	159.4
Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	4.1
TOTAL	7,559.1

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LEBANON: EXPORTS BY SECTION FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1997

DESCRIPTION	Exports million US\$
Live animals; animal products	3
Vegetable products	23
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	5
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	23
Mineral products	2
Products of the chemical or allied industries	26
Plastics and articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	7
Raw hides and skins; leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	4
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	0
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap); paper and paperboard and articles thereof	94
Textiles and textile articles	36
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	10
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	9
Natural pearls or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coins	35
Base metals and articles of base metal	35
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	32
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	15
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	2
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6
Works of art, collectors pieces and antiquities	0
TOTAL	369

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LEBANON: IMPORTS BY SECTION FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1997

DESCRIPTION	Imports million US\$
Live animals; animal products	188
Vegetable products	231
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	261
Mineral products	335
Products of the chemical or allied industries	276
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	124
Raw hides and skins; leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	12
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	50
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap); paper and paperboard and articles thereof	89
Textiles and textile articles	227
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	29
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	84
Natural pearls or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coins	208
Base metals and articles of base metal	307
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	592
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	358
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	73
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	73
Works of art, collectors pieces and antiquities	1
TOTAL	3,551

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TRADE AGREEMENTS

Country	Title of the agreement	Number of the law	Highlight	Ratification date
Cameroon	Trade Agreement	13/64	Favorable Treatment for certain products Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1964
China	Trade Agreement	8495	Development of commercial relations Transit facilitation	1974
Czech Republic	Trade Agreement	433	Favors trade between the 2 countries Most Favored Nation Treatment in sea transport and in using and handling port facilities.	1995
Egypt	Trade Agreement	147	Development of commercial and economic relations List of tariff exemptions Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1992
European Union	Cooperation Agreement	67	Economic, technical and financial cooperation in certain fields List of tariff exemptions, reductions and quotas for exports to the EU Most Favored Nation treatment for imports from the EU Definition of rules of origin and use of different certificates (EUR1 and EUR2) No expiry date	1977 (revised in 1994 due to entry of Greece, Spain and Portugal to the EU)
Iraq	Economic Agreement (Protocol)	67/46 (71/19)	National treatment for agricultural goods, animal goods and natural resources List of tariff exemptions List of tariff reductions Definition of rules of origin Transit facilities Free Zone facilities Most favored Nation treatment in sea transport and in using and handling port facilities Valid for 1 year renewed automatically	1967 (1971)
Jordan	Trade Agreement	186	List of tariff exemptions in particular for agricultural products List of tariff reductions mainly for industrial products Definition of rules of origin	1993

Kuwait	Trade Agreement	574	Encourages trade between the 2 countries Allow the imports of industrial and natural resources List of custom exemptions for agricultural, animal and natural resources List of custom exemptions for certain industrial products Definition of rules of origin Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1996
Malaysia	Trade Agreement	573	Encourages trade between the 2 countries Transit Facilities Valid 3 years, renewed automatically	1996
Morocco	Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement	5199	Favors common projects Sets links between certain institutions Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1973
Nigeria	Trade Agreement	11646	Expresses the will to facilitate trade between the 2 countries	1969
Poland	Trade Agreement	313	Favors common projects Most Favored Nation Treatment in sea transport and in using and handling port facilities Tax and customs exemptions for re-export of certain articles Valid 2 years, renewed automatically	1994
Romania	Economic Agreement	485	Favors common projects Most Favored Nation Treatment in sea transport and in using and handling port facilities Transit facilities Tax and customs exemptions for re-export of certain products Valid 2 years, renewed automatically	1995
Russian Federation	Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement	569	Encourage investments Most Favored Nation Treatment in custom tariffs, custom operations (e.g. transit and warehouses) and in transport. Tariff exemption for certain products to be re-exported. Allow for the use of respective free-zones. Valid 3 years, renewed automatically.	1996
Saudi Arabia	Economic and Trade Agreement	67/71	List of tariff exemptions and reductions Facilitation of certain custom procedures Transit facilitation Investment advantages Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1971
Senegal	Trade Agreement	14/64	Favorable treatment for certain products Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1964

Sudan	Trade Agreement	20/71	List of tariff reductions and exemptions National Treatment Advantages in the Free Zones Transit facilities Valid 3 years, renewed automatically	1971
Syria	Economic Agreement	14461	List of tariff exemptions National Treatment Transit Facilities Valid 1 year, renewed automatically	1970
	Economic and Social Cooperation Agreement	298	Sets the framework and agenda for developing a Common Market	1994
Turkey	Trade and Economic Agreement	134	Seeks to encourage trade	1992
Ukraine	Trade and Economic Agreement	611	Most Favored Nation Treatment for all export and import tariffs and procedures. National treatment Valid 5 years, renewed automatically	1997

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