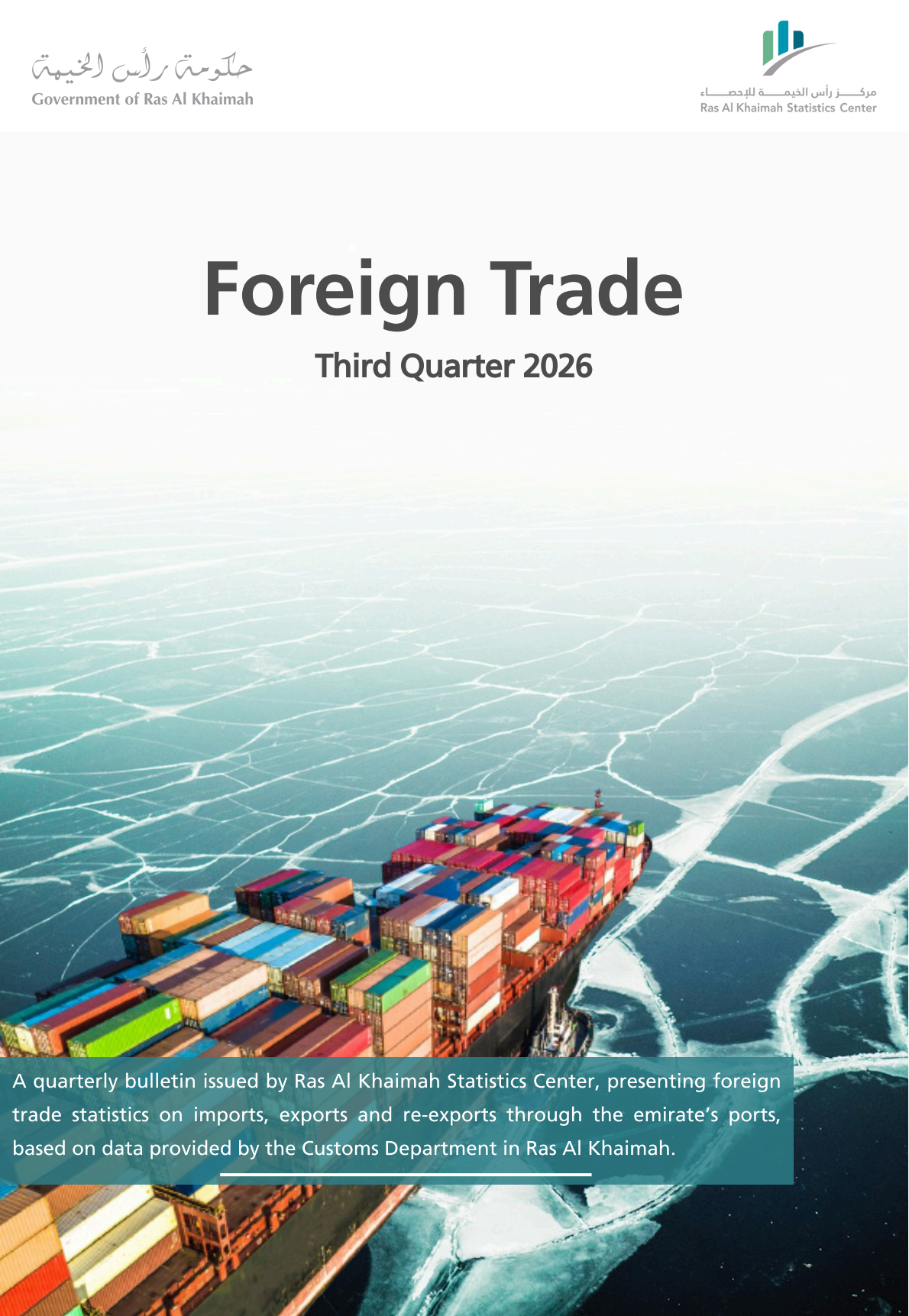
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Foreign Trade

Third Quarter 2026



A quarterly bulletin issued by Ras Al Khaimah Statistics Center, presenting foreign trade statistics on imports, exports and re-exports through the emirate's ports, based on data provided by the Customs Department in Ras Al Khaimah.

Main Points

9 823 million dirhams

Total trade through Ras Al Khaimah ports in the third quarter of 2026.

62.8%

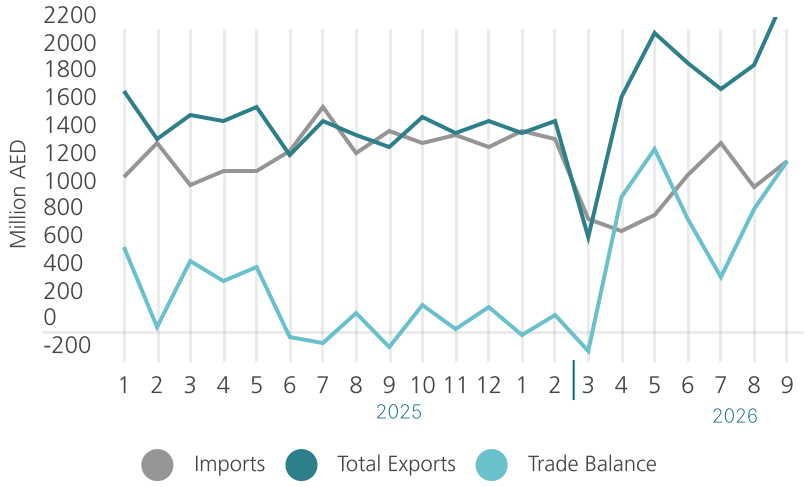
Share of total exports in total trade.

37.2%

Share of imports in total trade.

12.8%

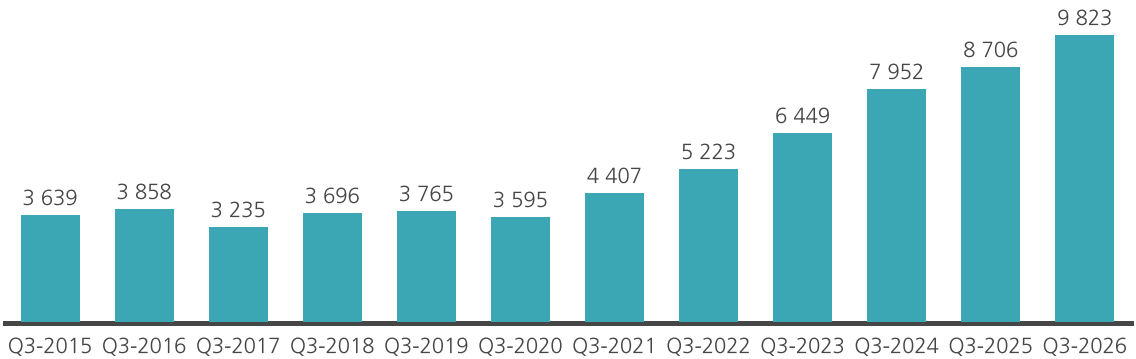
Increase in the trade size compared with the same quarter in 2025.



43.0%

Increase in total exports compared with the same quarter in 2025.

International Trade for the third quarters through Ras Al Khaimah ports 2015–2026 (million AED)



Introduction

Foreign trade Statistics are important statistics, they enable the production of a wide group of statistical indicators that show movement of goods that entered or exited from the emirate's ports (Marine, land, and air). The department of customs in Ras Al Khaimah is the main source of the data, as it monitors the trade movement through 12 customs centers in the emirate.

The data in the report, covers all the trade movement through the emirate's ports to the outside world; it does not include trade transactions of Ras Al Khaimah done through the ports in other emirates.

The center has adopted the general trade system in producing trade data based on international recommendations to adopt this system to produce the data.

The center extends its sincere thanks to the customs department in Ras Al Khaimah for its full collaboration with the center in providing the data to produce the foreign trade statistics.

Notes

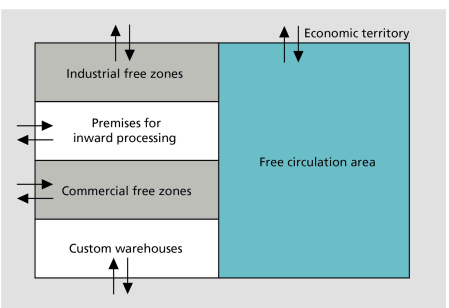
- The data in the report is preliminary data.
- Any difference in totals is because of rounding.
- "0" = the value is less than one million dirham.
- "-" = The value equals zero.

Concepts and Terminology

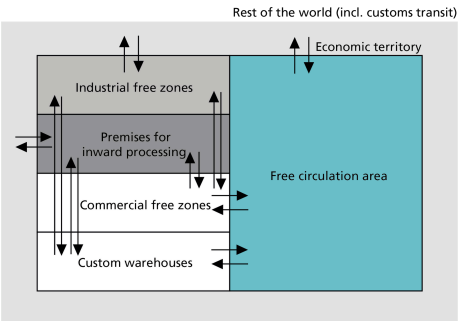
• **The economic territory:** is the area under the effective economic control of a single Government in which it gets things done effectively.

• **The General trade system and the Special trade system:** The general trade system is in use when the statistical territory in a country coincides with the economic territory. While the special trade system is in use when the statistical territory comprises only a particular part of the economic territory.

General trade System



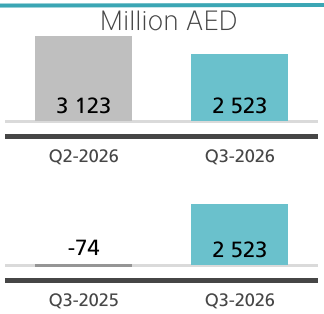
Special trade system



Trade Balance & Imports

Trade Balance

The trade balance recorded a surplus of approximately AED 2,523 million in the third quarter of 2026, compared to a surplus of AED 3,123 million in the second quarter of 2026, reflecting a decrease of AED 600 million, or 19.2%. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year (Q3 2025), which recorded a deficit of AED 74 million, the trade balance improved by approximately AED 2,597 million, shifting from a deficit to a surplus.



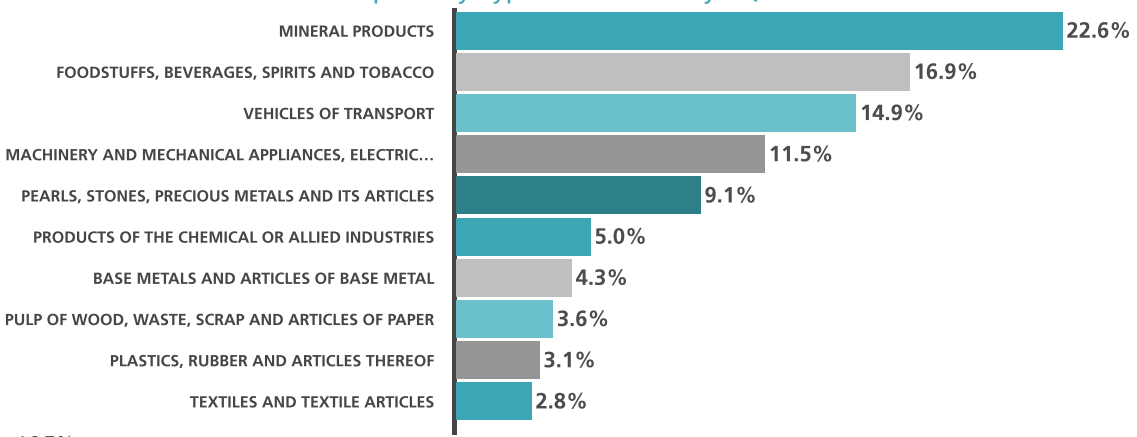
Imports

The total imports amounted to AED 3,650 million in the third quarter of 2026, compared with AED 2,710 million in the previous quarter (second quarter of 2026), reflecting an increase of approximately 34.7%.

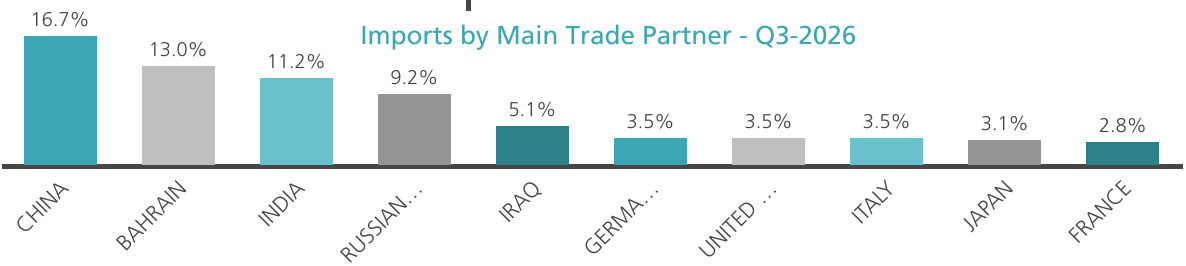
Compared with the same quarter of the previous year (third quarter of 2025), the data showed a decrease of approximately 16.9%.As for the country of origin, around 16.7% of imports were from China, about 13.0% from Bahrain, and 11.2% from India.

In terms of imported goods, the data showed that mineral products ranked first with a value of around AED 826 million, followed by foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and tobacco with about AED 615 million, and vehicles of transport with approximately AED 544 million.

Imports By Type of Commodity - Q3-2026



Imports by Main Trade Partner - Q3-2026



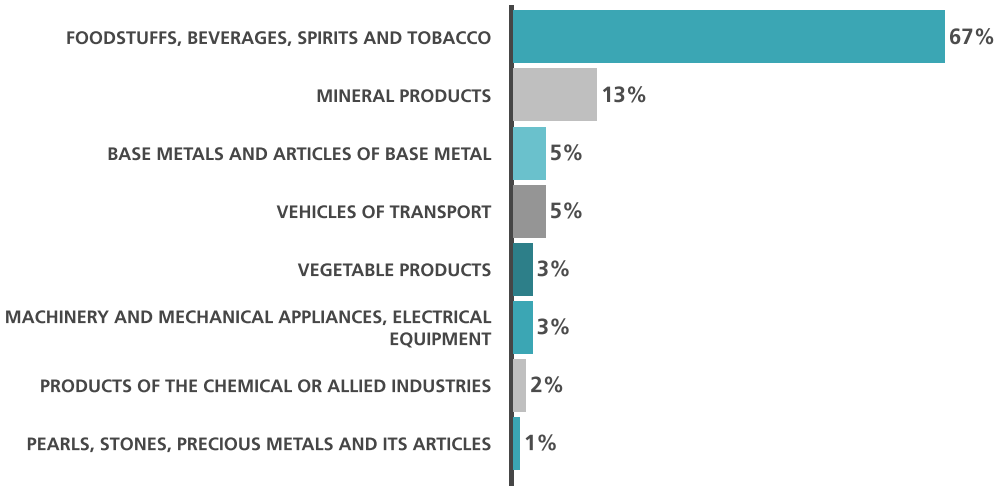
Exports

In comparison with the previous quarter, exports increased by about 11.0% in the third quarter of 2026, reaching around AED 3,932 million, compared with AED 3,544 million in the second quarter of 2026. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year (2025), exports increased by about 16.5%, where total exports amounted to AED 3,374 million.

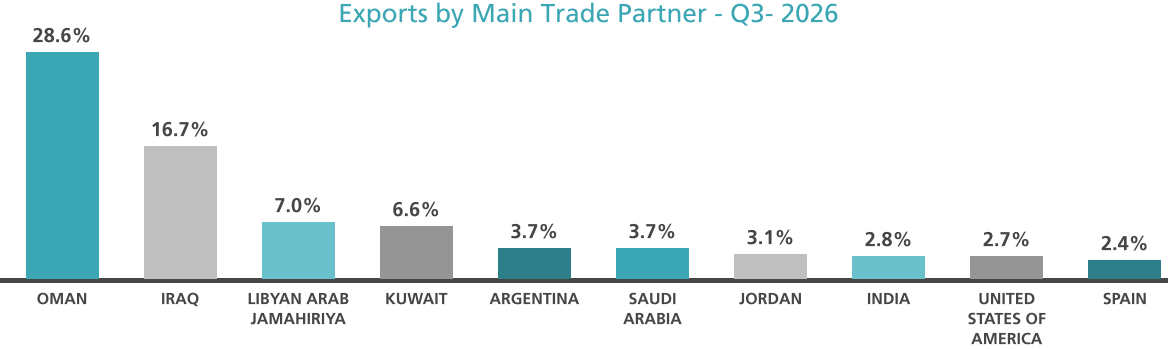
The data showed that most exports were concentrated in the foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and tobacco products group, with a value of around AED 2,653 million, followed by mineral products with total exports of around AED 510 million.

Based on the destination, exports to Oman accounted for about 28.6% of total exports during the third quarter of 2026, followed by Iraq at 16.7%, and Libya at approximately 7.0%.

Exports by Type of Commodity - Q3- 2026



Exports by Main Trade Partner - Q3- 2026



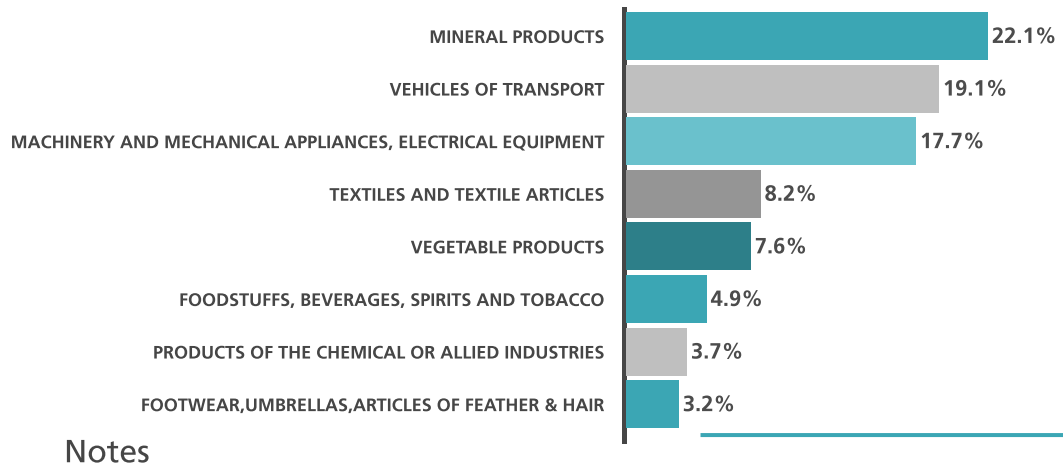
Re-exports

In the third quarter of 2026, total re-exports amounted to around AED 2,241 million, decreasing by about 2.1% compared with the previous quarter (second quarter of 2026), which recorded approximately AED 2,289 million.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year (2025), re-exports increased by about 138.0%, when they had amounted to approximately AED 941 million. The data indicated that re-exports of mineral products ranked first, amounting to around AED 495 million, followed by vehicles of transport at about AED 428 million, and machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment and parts thereof at approximately AED 397 million.

In terms of trade partners, Oman accounted for the largest share of re-exports at around 53.3% of the total, followed by Saudi Arabia at approximately 17.8%, and Tanzania at about 11.7% of total re-exports.

Re-exports By Type of Commodity - Q3- 2026



Notes

- **Data source:** data of customs transactions from the Customs Department in Ras Al Khaimah.
- **Methodology of the data production:** The data was produced based on the General System of Foreign Trade.
- **Coverage:** The data contains all the transactions of importing, exporting, and re-exporting, done through the customs ports of Ras Al Khaimah, therefore, the data in this report does not include the foreign trade data of the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah done through other emirates.
- **Manuals and classifications used:**
  - The Harmonized System
  - International Merchandise Trade Statistics.

Tables

in million AED

International Trade through Ras Al Khaimah Ports by Country Groups - Q3-2026

COUNTRY GROUP	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
Gcc	576	1 646	1 660
Other Arab Countries	226	1 157	131
Non-Arab Asian Countries	1 387	474	77
African - non - Arab Countries	284	80	327
European Countries	954	203	23
American Countries	180	363	22
Oceanic Countries	43	9	0
Other Countries not classified	0	-	0
Total	3 650	3 932	2 241

International Trade through Ras Al Khaimah Ports by Sections of H.S - Q3-2026

SECTION	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
Live animals and their products	75	2	55
Vegetable products	38	116	170
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	2	3	2
Foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco	615	2,653	109
Mineral products	826	510	495
Products of the chemical or allied industries	184	87	83
Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	112	12	56
Articles of leather and animal gut, travel goods	1	3	4
Articles of wood, cork, basket ware and wickerwork	6	0	3
Pulp of wood, paper waste, scrap and articles of paper	132	1	44
Textiles and textile articles	101	4	184
Footwear, umbrellas, articles of feather and hair	6	0	73
Articles of stone, mica, ceramic products and glass	28	10	16
Pearls, stones, precious metals and its articles	332	30	2
Base metals and articles of base metal	159	200	50
Machinery & mechanical appliances, electrical equipment	419	104	397
Vehicles of Transport	544	192	428
Photographic, medical, musical instruments and parts	50	0	29
Arms and ammunition; parts & accessories	0	-	0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19	2	42
Pieces and antiques 'works of art, collectors	0	1	0
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