

**Table 2. Value of Exports by Commodity Group,  
Region VIII: March 2019**  
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
<b>Total</b>	<b>251.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Copper and articles thereof	142.81	56.76
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metal, metal clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	99.11	39.40
Fertilizers	2.92	1.16
Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth, of radio-active elements or of isotopes	2.69	1.07
Others	4.05	1.61

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.  
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 3. Value of Imports by Commodity Group,  
Region VIII: March 2019**  
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	4.49	27.76
Cereals	3.37	20.81
Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	1.81	11.18
Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth, of radio-active elements or of isotopes	1.37	8.46
Miscellaneous Chemical Products	0.97	5.98
Others	4.18	25.82

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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# Fact Sheet

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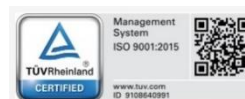
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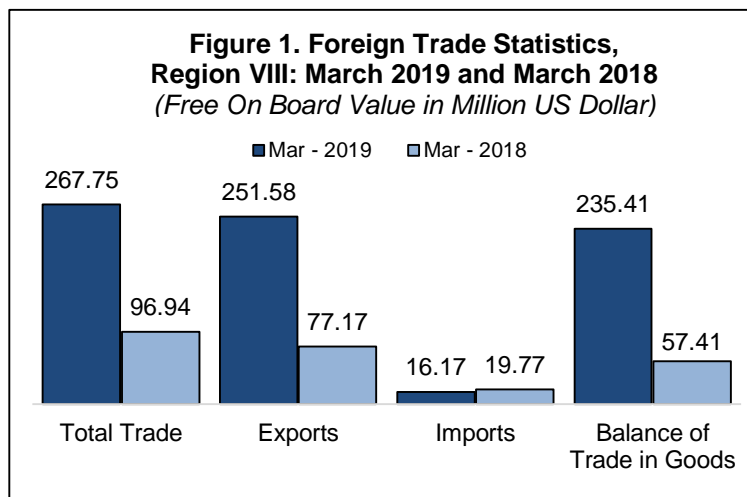
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## EV posts \$235.41 million trade surplus in March 2019



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The region posted a \$235.41 million surplus in the total Balance of Trade in Goods (BoT-G) in March 2019, more than three times (310.08 percent) higher than the \$57.41 million surplus in the same period in 2018.

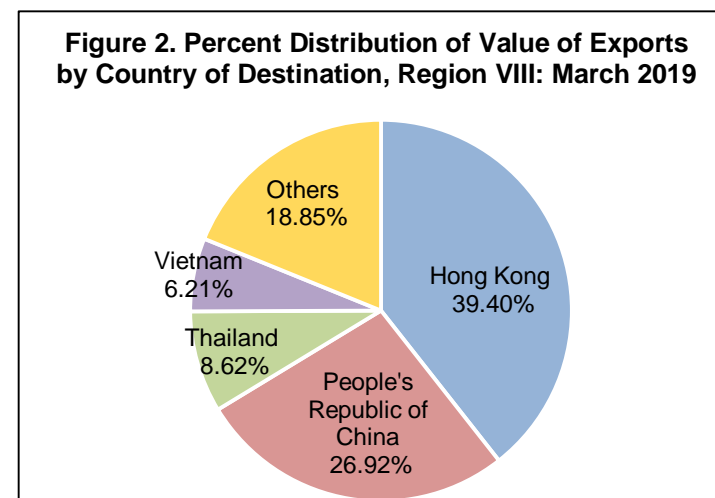
The region's total trade in goods in March 2019 surged to \$267.75 million from \$96.94 million in the same period in 2018, an increase of 176.20 percent

Total value of exports amounted to \$251.58 million, more than two times (225.99 percent) higher compared with the \$77.17 million in March 2018. Total value of imports, meanwhile, was recorded at \$16.17 million, lower by 18.19 percent compared with the \$19.77 million imports posted in the same period in 2018 (Table 1).

The region's total volume of exports in March 2019 was posted at 69.93 million kilograms valued at \$251.58 million. The commodity group of copper and articles thereof was the major export during the month in review with total revenue of \$142.81 million. This accounted

for more than half or 56.76 percent of the region's total export revenue in March 2019 (Table 2). Hong Kong was the top export market destination with \$99.11 million total export revenue, which shared 39.40 percent of the region's total exports (Figure 2).

The region's total imports amounted to \$16.17 million in March 2019 with total gross weight of 43.59 million kilograms. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof commodity group was the major import during the month with total revenue of \$4.49 million, comprising 27.76 percent of the region's total imports in March 2019 (Table 3). The top import supplier of the region in March 2019 was Vietnam with total import bill of \$6.87 million, comprising 42.49 percent of the region's total imports.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 1. Foreign Trade Statistics, Region VIII: March 2019 and March 2018**  
(Free On Board Value in Million US Dollar)

Trade Statistics	March 2019	March 2018	% Change
Total Trade	267.75	96.94	176.20
Exports	251.58	77.17	225.99
Imports	16.17	19.77	(18.19)
Balance of Trade in Goods	235.41	57.41	310.08

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