

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

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	234.4	100.0
Copper and Articles thereof	95.0	40.5
Natural or Cultured Pearls, Precious or Semi-Precious Stones, Precious Metal, Metal Clad with Precious Metals and Articles thereof; Imitation Jewelry; Coin	64.8	27.6
Ores, slag and ash	57.2	24.4
Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes	5.7	2.4
Others	11.8	5.0

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: May 2019**
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	16.9	100.0
Inorganic Chemicals; Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals, of Rare-Earth, of Radio-Active Elements or of Isotopes	5.5	32.6
Mineral Fuels, Mineral Oils and Products of their Distillation; Bituminous Substances; Mineral Waxes	3.7	22.0
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts thereof	1.8	10.5
Ceramic Products	1.7	10.1
Others	4.2	24.7

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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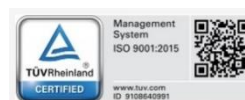
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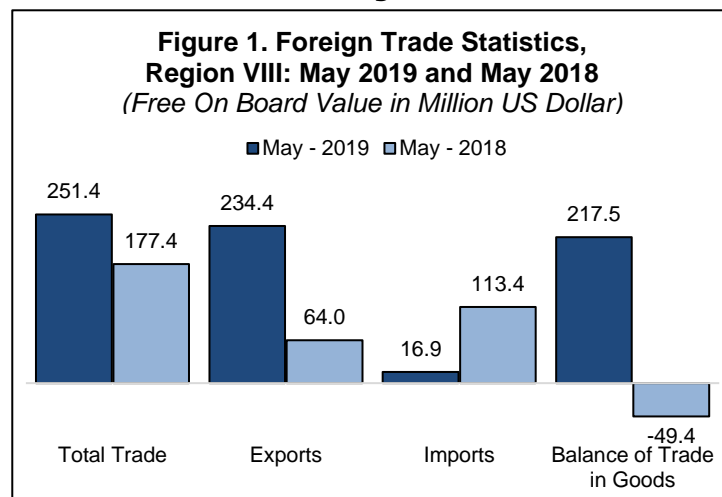
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EV posts \$217.5 million trade surplus in May 2019



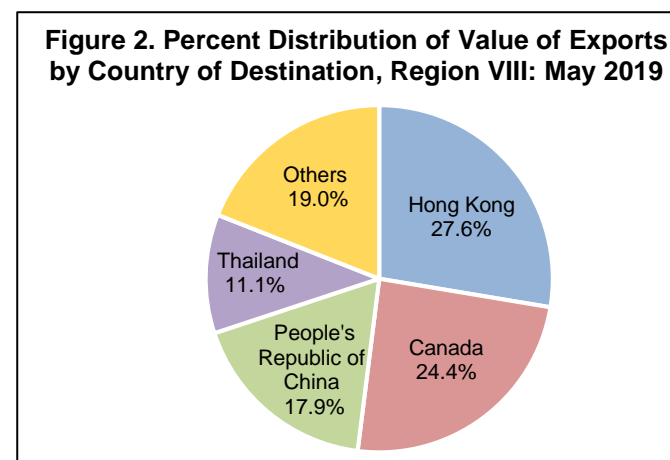
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The region posted a \$217.5 million surplus in the total Balance of Trade in Goods (BoT-G) in May 2019, in contrast to the \$49.4 million trade deficit in the same period in 2018.

The region's total trade in goods in May 2019 increased to \$251.4 million from \$177.4 million in the same period in 2018, an increase by 41.7 percent.

Total value of exports in May 2019, weighing 133.8 million kilograms, amounted to \$234.4 million. This is more than three folds (266.5 percent) of the \$64.0 million exports in May 2018 (Table 1). The commodity group of copper and articles thereof was the major export during the month in review with total revenue of \$95.0 million. This accounted for 40.5 percent of the region's total export revenue in May 2019 (Table 2). Hong Kong was the top export market destination with \$64.8 million total export revenue, which shared 27.6 percent of the region's total exports (Figure 2).

The region's total imports drastically dropped by 85.1 percent, from \$113.4 million in May 2018 to \$16.9 million in May 2019, with total gross weight of 47.5 million kilograms. Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth, of radio-active elements or of isotopes commodity group was the major import during the month with total revenue of \$5.5 million, comprising 32.6 percent of the region's total imports in May 2019 (Table 3). The top import supplier of the region in May 2019 was Vietnam with total import bill of \$4.9 million, comprising 29.2 percent of the region's total imports.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

Trade Statistics	May 2019	May 2018	% Change
Total Trade	251.4	177.4	41.7
Exports	234.4	64.0	266.5
Imports	16.9	113.4	(85.1)
Balance of Trade in Goods	217.5	(49.4)	(540.0)

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority