

NEWS

Foreign Trade Statistics, July 2018

According to the provisional data, produced with the cooperation of the Turkish Statistical Institute and the Ministry of Trade, in July 2018; exports were 14 billion 77 million dollars with a 11.6% increase and imports were 20 billion 59 million dollars with a 6.7% decrease compared to July 2017.

In January - July 2018 period, exports were 96 billion 272 million dollars with a 7.0% increase and imports were 143 billion 23 million dollars with a 10.2% increase compared to January – July 2017 period.

As compared to the same month of the previous year, exports to the EU-28 increased by 14.7% from 5 billion 972 million dollars to 6 billion 852 million dollars. The proportion of the EU countries was 48.7% in July 2018 while it was 47.4% in July 2017.

In July 2018, the main partner country for exports was Germany with 1 billion 294 million dollars. The country was followed by United Kingdom with 1 billion 9 million dollars, USA with 850 million dollars and Italy with 750 million dollars.

For more information, please visit [Turkish Statistical Institute website](#)

Peru, Entrance Gate of South America, Has Great Potential for Turkish Exporters



“The Route” event organized by Turkish Exporter's Assembly (TIM) for the 14th time this year, focused on Peru. Chairman of TIM Mr. İsmail GÜLLE said the followings during his opening speech: “There is a change and transformation process in the world. Free trade agreements are canceled, new barriers are put in front and trade wars are started by increasing taxes. In trade bilateral benefit is important. So unilateral

measures will always damage international trade. Peru is a growing market for Turkish exporters and has an important economic potential in this sense. Turkey and Peru carry good advantages on their bilateral trade.”

For detailed information please click [here](#).

Promoting SME Competitiveness in Africa

Africa's business outlook is bright. A young population, continued urbanization, and technological upgrading is propelling growth. However, the continent today faces a significant investment gap as a result of perceptions that investing in Africa is somehow risky.

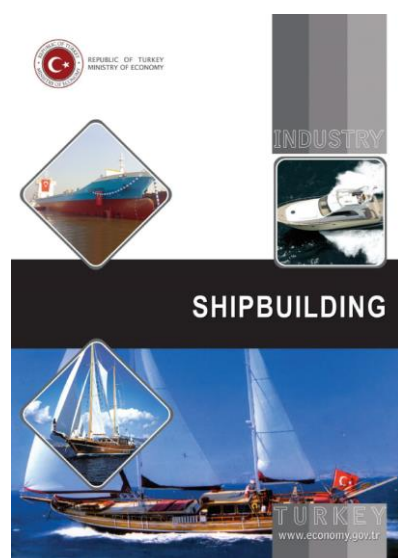
Most investors consider information about local suppliers to be critical in their decisions to invest. A new publication from the International Trade Centre (ITC), 'Promoting SME Competitiveness in Africa: Data for de-risking investment', aims to make it easier to invest in African enterprises and help the continent attract more investment.



For detailed information, please visit [International Trade Center \(ITC\) website](#)

SECTORS

Sectoral Reports: Shipbuilding



Shipbuilding is a 600-year old tradition in Anatolia. The first shipyard was established in 1390, during the Ottoman reign in Gelibolu. In 1455, the foundation of the İstanbul Haliç Shipyard, whose stone pools have survived to date, was laid by Fatih Sultan Mehmet. By the 16th century, Turkish shipyards were already the largest in the world. Following the foundation of the Republic, shipyards were given special importance.

Traditional shipbuilding skills combined with modern techniques and education has enabled the Turkish shipbuilding industry to develop into an internationally known trademark since the early 1990's. Turkey is a growing force within the international maritime sector. The Turkish shipbuilding industry has modern, technologically developed and quality certified shipyards, together with a well-experienced work force. The industry has rapidly achieved significant development in a short period of time.

In the last five years Turkey has improved its shipbuilding industry rapidly and became the fifth largest shipbuilding country in the world.

Turkish shipyards have 4.4 million DWT(Dead Weight Ton) new ship building capacity, 19 million DWT repair and maintenance capacity, 239,000 ton steel processing capacity and an 80,000 DWT new ship building capacity as one piece. Turkish shipyards have 15 floating docks of different sizes and one dry dock.

In 2017, exports of cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods ranked first with a value of US\$ 680 million. Fishing vessels; factory ships and other vessels for processing or preserving fishery products exports realized US\$ 270 million and ranked second in the overall shipbuilding industry exports. The major markets for the Turkish shipbuilding industry are Norway, Malta, Iceland, and Canada.

For the full report, please visit the [Ministry of Trade](#) website.

Invest in Robots and People in Asia

With about 1 million robots in use in Asia, robotics and automation mean economic risks and growth opportunities for the region. For Asia to fully reap this digital opportunity as the world's main engine of growth, countries need to revamp their education systems and invest in innovation to support a workforce for humans and robots alike.



As [Regional Economic Outlook: Asia Pacific](#) shows, Asia is at the forefront of automation with an estimated 65 percent of the world's total industrial robot usage for 2017. In Asia, China is now the single biggest user of these robots with an estimated 50 percent of the region's total industrial robot usage, followed by Korea and Japan.

Further, Asia may be the global leader in employing industrial robots, but it is also the region with the highest robot production—Japan and Korea are the world's top two producers, with market shares of 52 and 12 percent, respectively.

For detailed information, please visit [IMFBlog](#).

EVENTS

Turkey's National Participations at Exhibitions - September 2018

Turkish companies from various sectors will participate in exhibitions from all around the world in September 2018 as listed below:

EXHIBITION	DATE	PLACE	SECTORS
AUTOMECHANIKA FRANKFURT	Sep 11-15, 2018	Frankfurt - Germany	Automotive Service Industry
FURNICA	Sep 11-14, 2018	Poznan - Poland	Components for Furniture Production
ELECTRIC & POWER VIETNAM	Sep 12-14, 2018	Ho Chi Minh - Vietnam	Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution & Renewable Energy
SEPTEMBER HONG KONG JEWELLERY AND GEM FAIR	Sep 14-18, 2018	Hong Kong - China	Jewellery
FUTURE INTERIORS MANUFACTURING	Sep 16-18, 2018	Dubai - UAE	Furniture Manufacturing
MICAM	Sep 16-19, 2018	Milan - Italy	Footwear
CATEXPO 22 nd CENTRAL ASIA FASHION	Sep 16-18, 2018	Almaty - Kazakhstan	Fashion
INDEX	Sep 16-18, 2018	Dubai - UAE	Interior Furnishings
WORLD FOOD MOSCOW	Sep 17-20, 2018	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Food and Drinks
THE BIG 5 CONSTRUCT EGYPT	Sep 18-21, 2018	Cairo - Egypt	Construction
HEIMTEXTIL RUSSIA	Sep 18-20, 2018	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Home Textile
TEXTILLEGPROM	Sep 18-21, 2018	Moscow – Russian Fed.	Fabrics, Textile, Underwear, Home Textile, Technical Textile, Knitwear, Garment and Accessories
PREMIERE VISION FABRICS	Sep 19-21, 2018	Paris - France	Materials and Services for Fashion Industry
PREMIERE VISION MANUFACTURING	Sep 19-21, 2018	Paris - France	Fashion Manufacturing
BEAUTY DAYS 2018 – INTERNATIONAL HAIR AND BEAUTY FAIR	Sep 21-23, 2018	Warsaw - Poland	Hairdressing, Cosmetics and Personal Care
WINDOWS DOORS & FACADES	Sep 23-25, 2018	Dubai - UAE	Doors, Windows and Facade
THE BIG 5 QATAR	Sep 24-26, 2018	Doha - Qatar	Construction
POWER NIGERIA	Sep 25-27, 2018	Lagos - Nigeria	Energy Technologies and Lightning
LINEAPELLE	Sep 25-27, 2018	Milan - Italy	Leather, Accessories, Components, Fabrics, Synthetics and Models
MEDIC EAST AFRICA	Sep 25-27, 2018	Nairobi – Kenya	Healthcare Products
MARMOMACC	Sep 26-29, 2018	Verona – Italy	Natural Stone, Design, Tools, Materials and Machinery

EXPO MEDICAL	Sep 26-28, 2018	Buenos Aires – Argentina	Healthcare Products
INTERTEXTILE SHANGAI APPAREL FABRICS	Sep 27-29, 2018	Shanghai – China	Apparel Fabrics and Accessories
ANNAPOORNA WORLD OF FOOD INDIA	Sep 27-29, 2018	Mumbai – India	Food and Beverage Trade, Catering and Retail Market
SARAJEVO HALAL FAIR	Sep 27-29, 2018	Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Halal Industry
BELTEXINDUSTRY	Oct 2-5, 2018	Minsk – Belarus	Textile, Ready Wear, Leather and Footwear
EXINTEX	Oct 2-5, 2018	Puebla – Mexico	Textile
LA TEXTILE	Oct 3-5, 2018	Los Angeles – USA	Fabrics and Apparel
WARSAW HOME	Oct 4-7, 2018	Warsaw – Poland	Interior Design
SAUDI AGROFOOD	Oct 7-10, 2018	Riyadh – S. Arabia	Food Products, Ingredients and Technologies

Find Reliable Trade Partners Through Turkish Delegations In Your Country

Within the scope of foreign promotion activities, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Economy organizes various trade mission programs abroad. Please see the table below for a list of upcoming trade delegations and contact our [commercial representative](#) in your country for detailed information.

PLACE	DATE	SECTOR
Moscow – Russian Fed.	Sep 25-28, 2018	Packaging
Paris and Lyon - France	Oct 1-6, 2018	Iron and Non-Iron Metals

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