

## “EXPORTS-TO-IMPORTS COVERAGE RATIO RISES SIGNIFICANTLY, 'MOST IMPORTANT INDICATOR OF 2019’”

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Trade minister Ruhsar Pekcan held a press conference in Ankara.

Turkey recorded its highest February exports figure, Trade Minister Ruhsar Pekcan said on Monday.

Turkish exports based on the special trade system rose 3.5 percent year-on-year to reach \$13.6 billion in February, Pekcan told at a news conference in capital Ankara.

Formed on general trade system, Turkey's exports last month amounted to \$14.3 billion, increasing 3.7 percent on an annual basis, she said.

The country's imports last month based on the general trade system fell 18.7 percent to hit some \$16.2 billion, she added.

"Thus, our exports in the first two months of this year rose 5 percent while imports slipped \$23.1 billion [on a yearly basis]," Pekcan said.

Calling the significant increase in exports-to-imports coverage ratio as the most important indicator of 2019, Pekcan said: "The exports-to-imports coverage ratio based on general trade system advanced to 88.6 percent in February, up from 69.4 percent in the same month last year."



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