

**Balance of Payments
during August 2018
(preliminary)**

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- ① During August 2018 the Korean current account registered a surplus of 8.44 billion dollars.
- The goods account showed a 11.24 billion dollar surplus, higher than the surplus of 9.18 billion dollars in August of last year.
 - The services account deficit was 2.11 billion dollars, down from 2.33 billion dollars one year before, in line with improvements in the construction services and use of intellectual property accounts.
 - The primary income account surplus widened to 0.05 billion dollars compared to 0.02 billion dollars one year earlier, owing to an improvement in the interest income account.
 - The secondary income account showed a 0.73 billion dollar deficit.

Monthly Current Account

	2017 ^P		(hundred million USD)		
	Aug.	Jan.~Aug.	Jul.	Aug.	Jan.~Aug.
I. Current account	60.3	489.4	87.6	84.4	468.5
1. Goods	91.8	766.4	114.3	112.4	783.6
1.1 Exports ¹⁾	476.9	3,772.2	540.6	532.7	4,146.1
1.2 Imports (FOB) ¹⁾	385.0	3,005.8	426.3	420.3	3,362.6
2. Services	-23.3	-210.3	-31.2	-21.1	-211.7
2.1 Manufacturing services	-5.7	-41.8	-6.1	-6.6	-50.2
2.2 Transport	-3.4	-35.4	-5.7	-3.3	-40.0
2.3 Travel	-14.1	-109.4	-14.8	-15.4	-115.2
2.4 Construction services	6.8	50.9	6.4	10.0	57.5
2.5 Use of intellectual property	-1.9	-10.4	-4.0	0.0	-14.9
2.6 Other business services	-6.0	-69.8	-9.6	-7.9	-68.1
3. Primary income	0.2	-28.0	12.2	0.5	-35.1
3.1 Compensation of employees	-0.3	-5.0	-0.7	-1.2	-8.8
3.2 Investment income	0.5	-23.0	12.9	1.7	-26.4
(Income on equity)	-5.0	-58.8	4.1	-4.7	-83.5
(Interest income)	5.6	35.8	8.8	6.4	57.2
4. Secondary income	-8.4	-38.7	-7.7	-7.3	-68.3

Note: 1) The export and import figures in the goods account can differ considerably from those compiled on a customs clearance basis.

② Looking at the financial account, net assets expanded by 7.28 billion dollars during August.

- Direct investment assets grew by 5.57 billion dollars, and direct investment liabilities by 1.20 billion dollars.
- There was a 7.17 billion dollar increase in portfolio investment assets and a 5.68 billion dollar rise in portfolio investment liabilities.
- Financial derivatives posted a net increase of 0.76 billion dollars.
- In terms of other investment, there was a decline of 0.75 billion dollars in assets and a decline of 2.63 billion dollars in liabilities.
- Reserve assets decreased by 1.24 billion dollars.

Monthly Financial & Capital Account

	2017 ^P		(hundred million USD) 2018 ^P		
	Aug.	Jan.~Aug.	Jul.	Aug.	Jan.~Aug.
II. Financial account ¹⁾	89.9	512.2	104.6	72.8	416.7
1. Direct investment	16.2	124.4	22.6	43.8	167.7
1.1 Assets	30.2	214.2	26.7	55.7	256.3
1.2 Liabilities	14.0	89.8	4.1	12.0	88.6
2. Portfolio investment	113.3	335.5	-32.1	14.9	153.6
2.1 Assets	50.5	539.6	15.2	71.7	437.0
Equity securities	20.8	217.0	13.4	35.3	250.7
Debt securities	29.8	322.6	1.9	36.3	186.2
2.2 Liabilities	-62.8	204.1	47.3	56.8	283.3
Equity securities	-21.1	96.7	-1.3	8.2	-1.7
Debt securities	-41.7	107.4	48.6	48.6	285.1
3. Financial derivatives	-1.6	-52.6	10.9	7.6	-31.6
4. Other investment	-41.5	90.6	88.3	18.8	-1.4
4.1 Assets	-16.7	121.8	85.0	-7.5	66.6
(Loans)	-16.3	29.0	35.0	-15.4	-43.8
(Currency and deposits)	-2.9	65.0	30.5	5.0	80.7
(Other accounts receivable)	-2.1	10.9	18.5	2.0	3.0
4.2 Liabilities	24.8	31.2	-3.3	-26.3	68.0
(Loans)	34.5	-12.2	-7.8	-36.2	58.6
(Currency and deposits)	-3.2	45.6	5.9	10.2	21.4
(Other accounts payable)	-8.0	-13.6	-1.1	-0.6	-20.3
5. Reserve assets	3.5	14.3	14.9	-12.4	128.4
III. Capital account	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0

Note: 1) Positive figures represent increases in assets/liabilities, and negative figures decreases.