

Foreign Trade in the First Half of 2026

(External Trade in Non-Oil Sector in H1 2026)

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About This Report

Throughout this report Expolink's the Market Intelligence (MIU) reviews the performance of the Egyptian trade of non-oil commodities in H1 2026. In addition to analyzing the key trends and indicators of each sector, while focusing on exported and imported products and highlighting Egypt's main trade partners.











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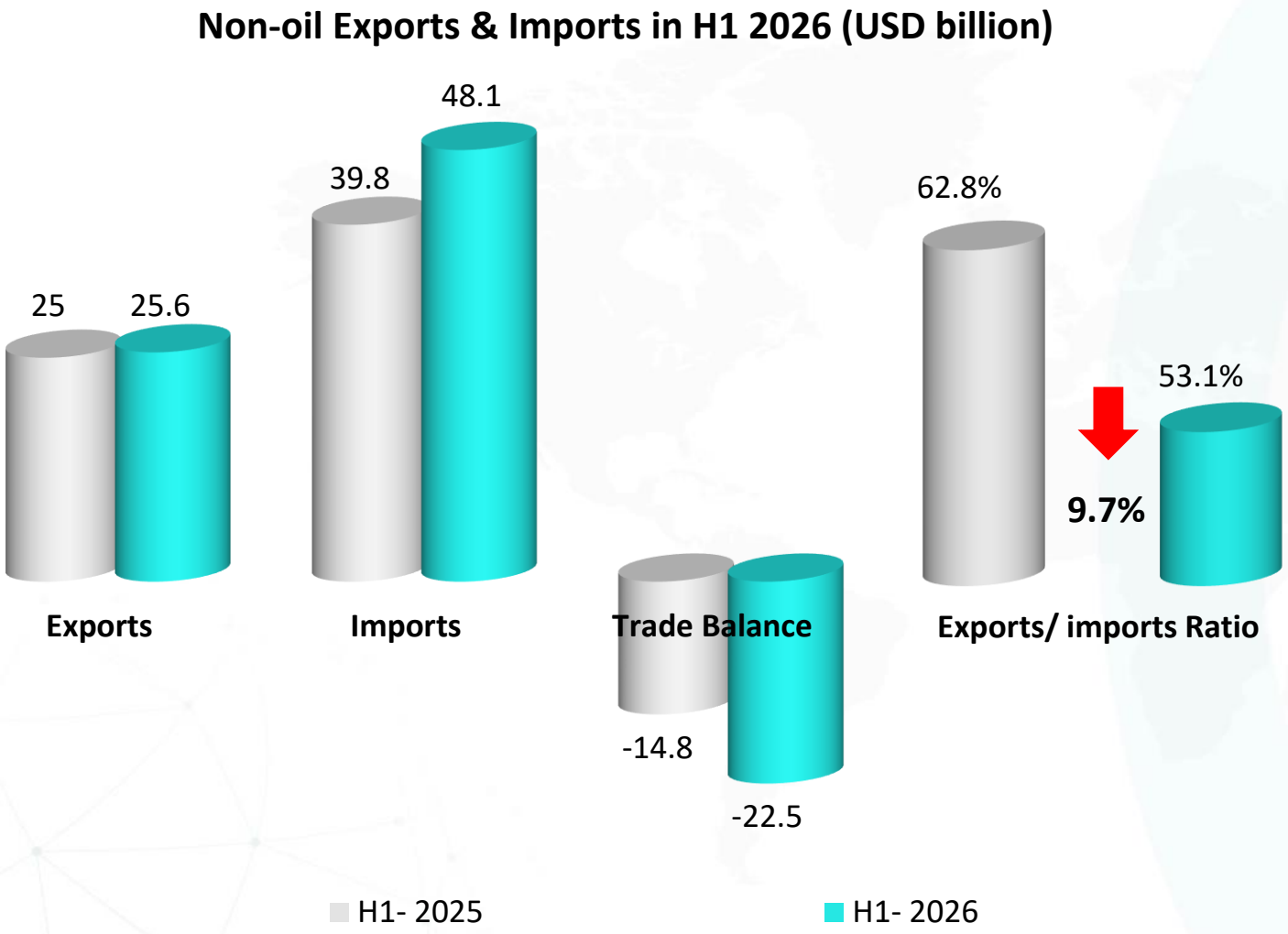
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Trade Numbers

NON-OIL TRADE OVERVIEW



2.4%

Exports increased in H1 2026

20.9%

Imports increased in H1 2026

The exports/imports ratio declined by 9.7 percentage points, mainly due to the remarkable increase in Egypt's imports especially precious metals including gold and silver

52.2%

Trade deficit increased in H1 2026

73.7

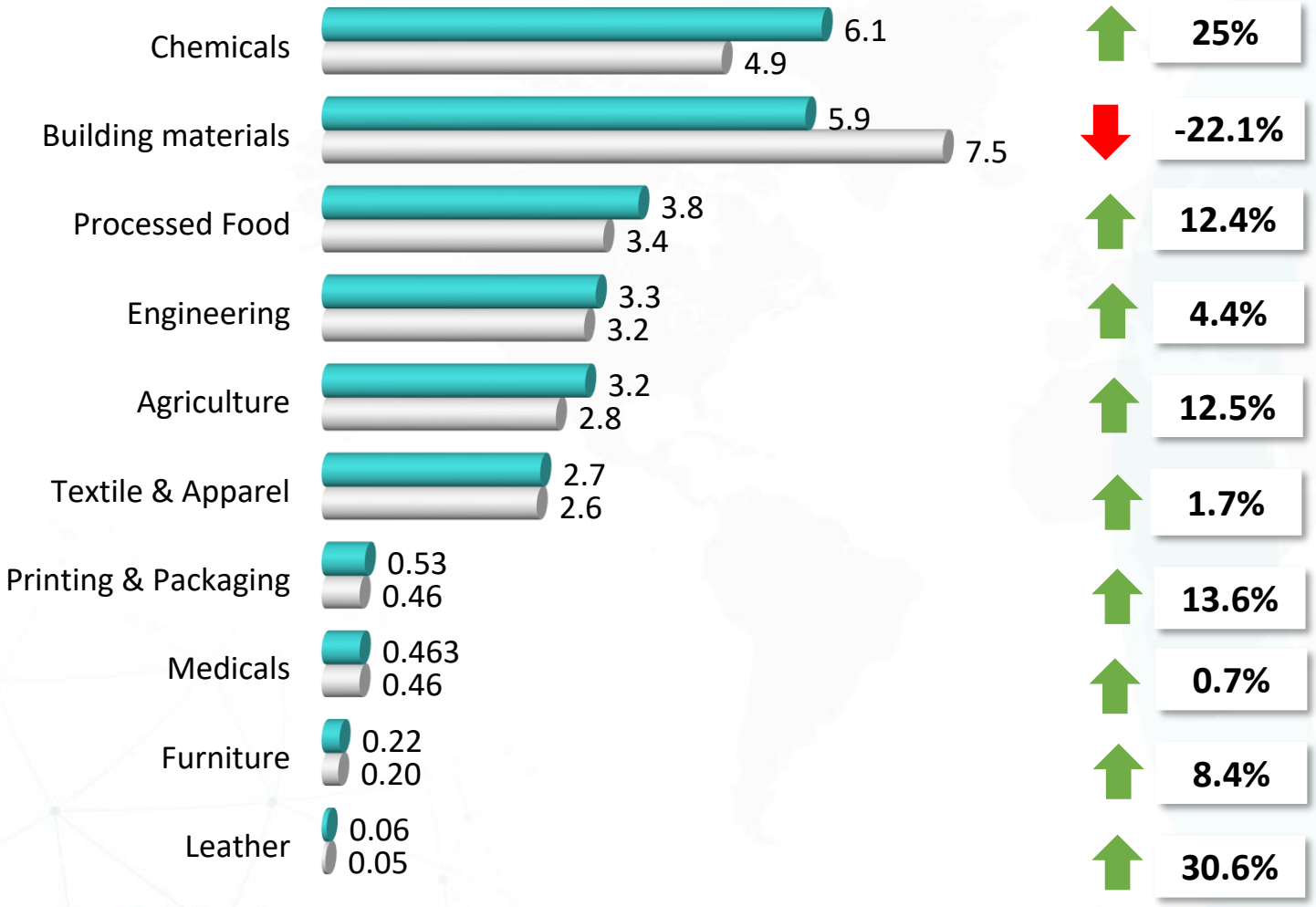
Foreign Trade Value in H1 2026

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EXPORTING SECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

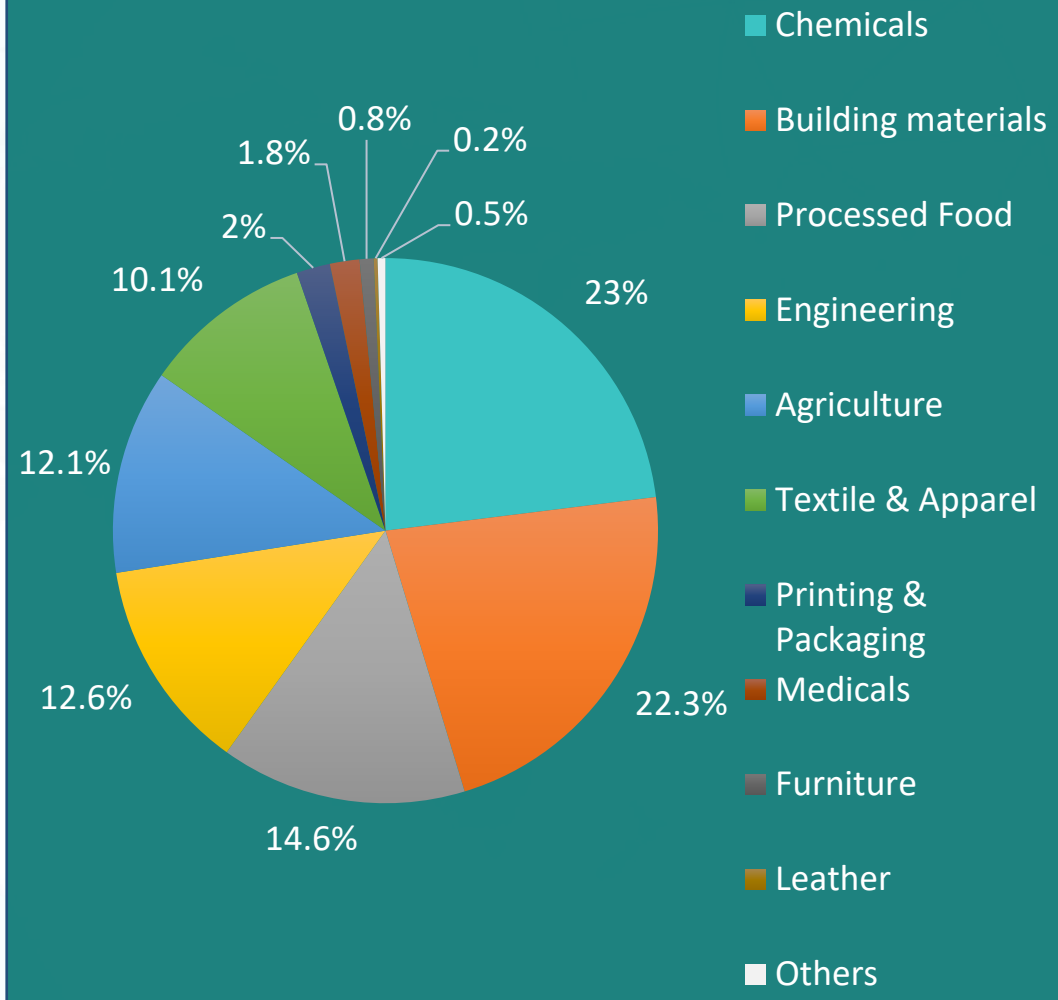
Sectorial Exports in H1 2026 (USD billion)



Growth Rate

↑	25%
↓	-22.1%
↑	12.4%
↑	4.4%
↑	12.5%
↑	1.7%
↑	13.6%
↑	0.7%
↑	8.4%
↑	30.6%

Share from Total Exports in H1 2026

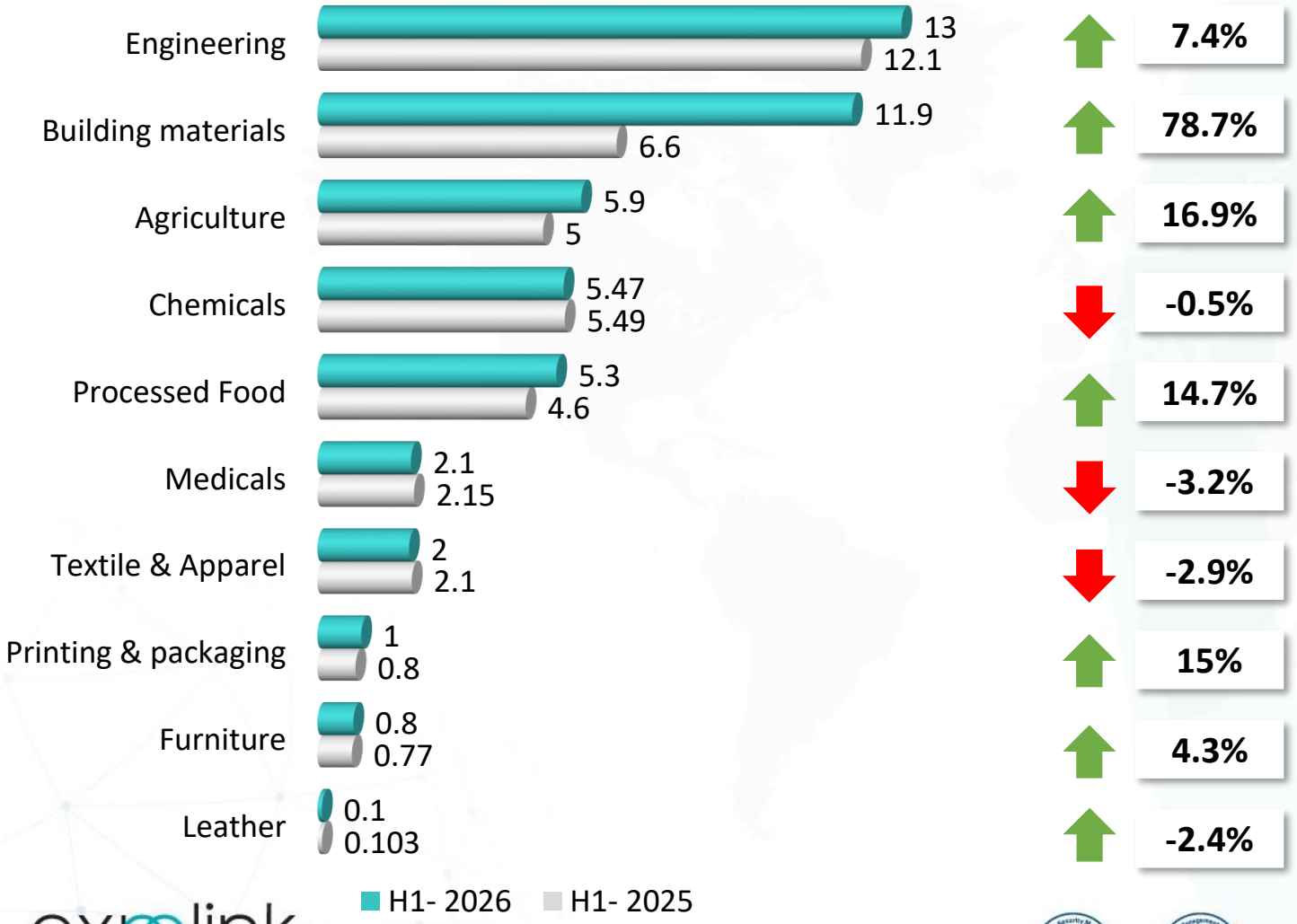


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IMPORTING SECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

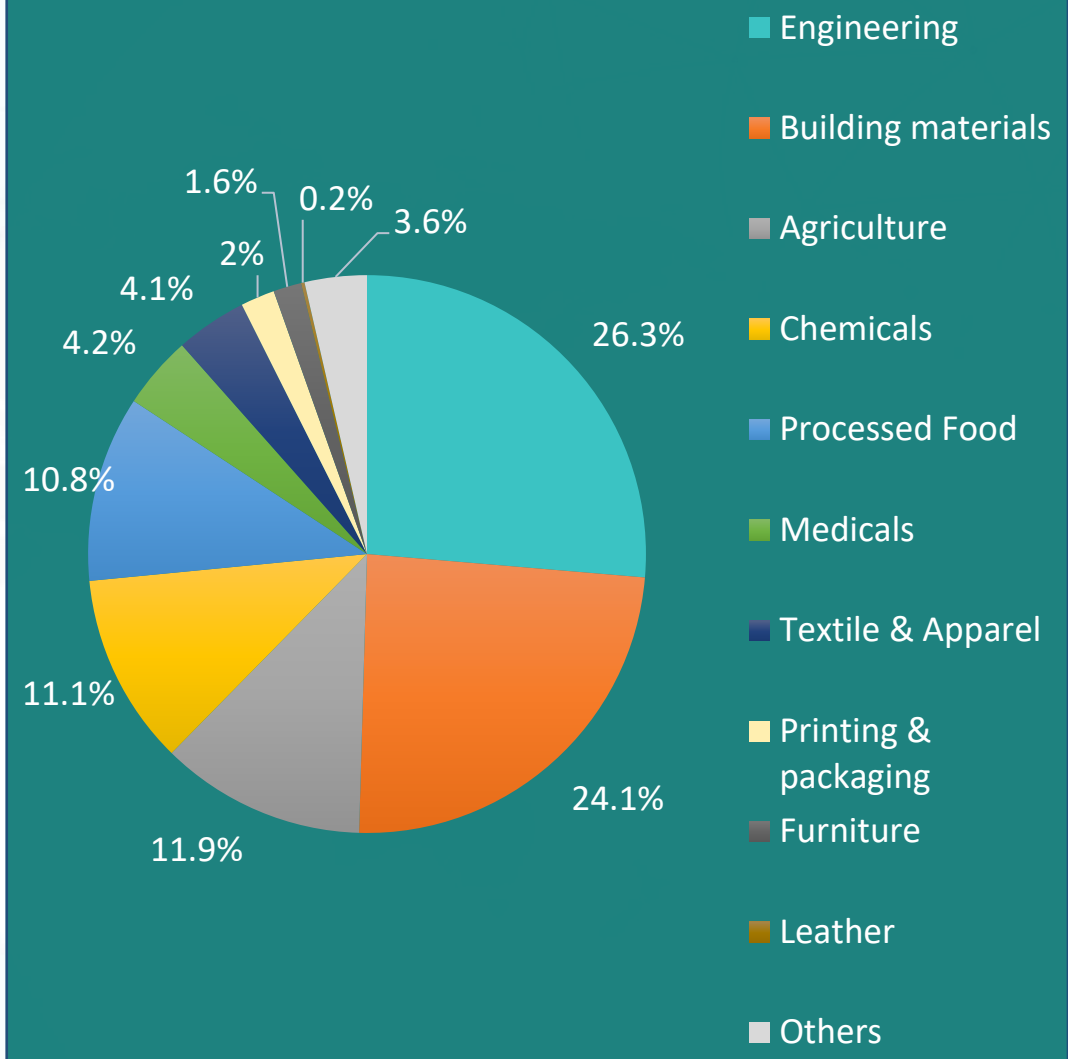
Sectorial Imports in H1 2026 (USD billion)



Growth Rate

Engineering	7.4%
Building materials	78.7%
Agriculture	16.9%
Chemicals	-0.5%
Processed Food	14.7%
Medicals	-3.2%
Textile & Apparel	-2.9%
Printing & packaging	15%
Furniture	4.3%
Leather	-2.4%

Share from Total Imports in H1 2026

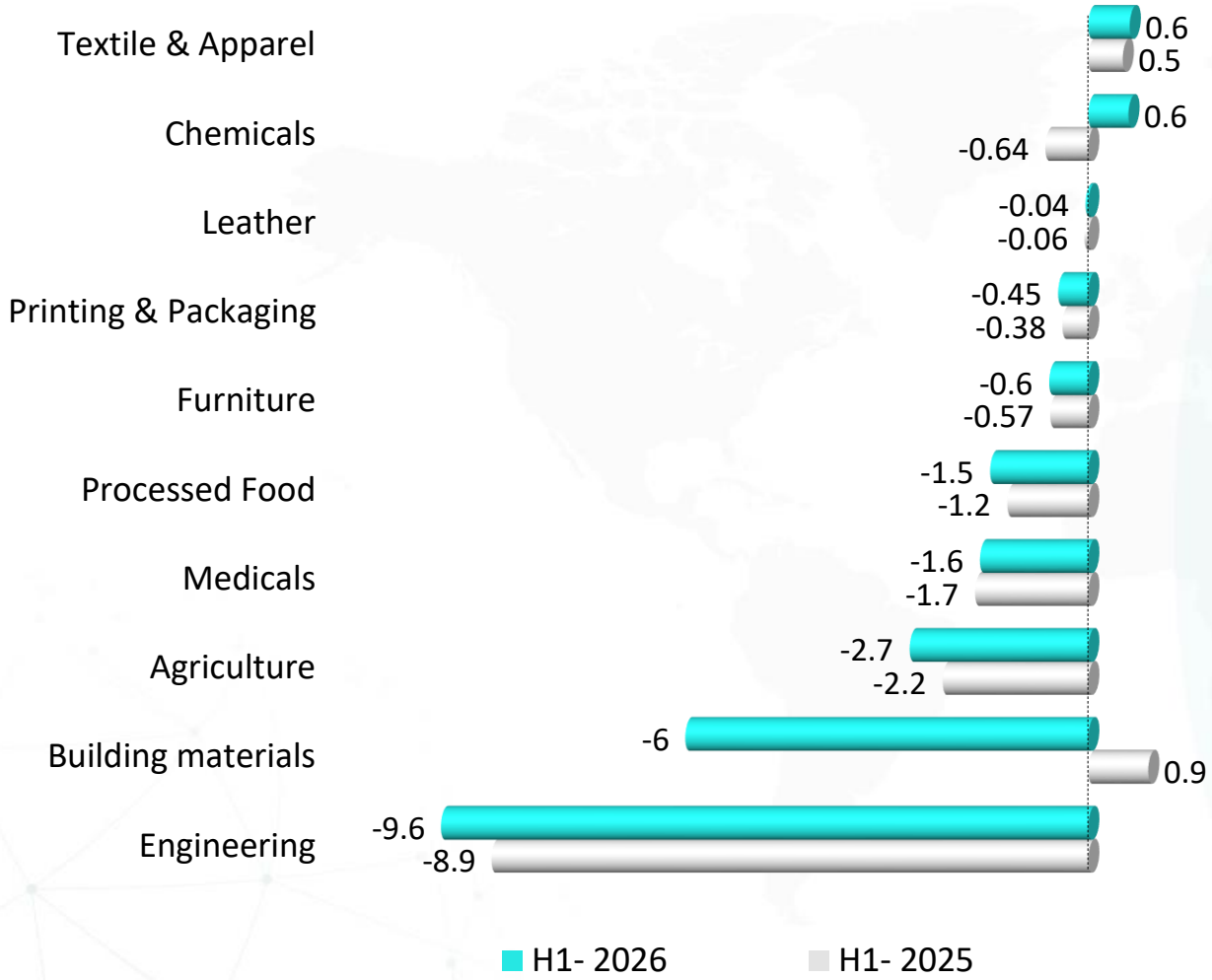


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TRADE BALANCE OF SECTORS

Trade Balance of Sectors in H1 2026 Compared to H1 2025 (USD Billion)



Key Sector Trade Balance Indicators in H1 2026



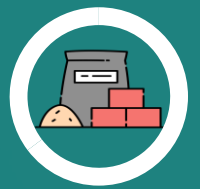
+1.24 USD Billion
Change in Value

Chemicals
Improved from a Deficit to a Surplus



+0.1 USD Billion
Change in Value

Textile & Apparel
The Only Surplus in Both Periods



-6.9 USD Billion
Change in Value

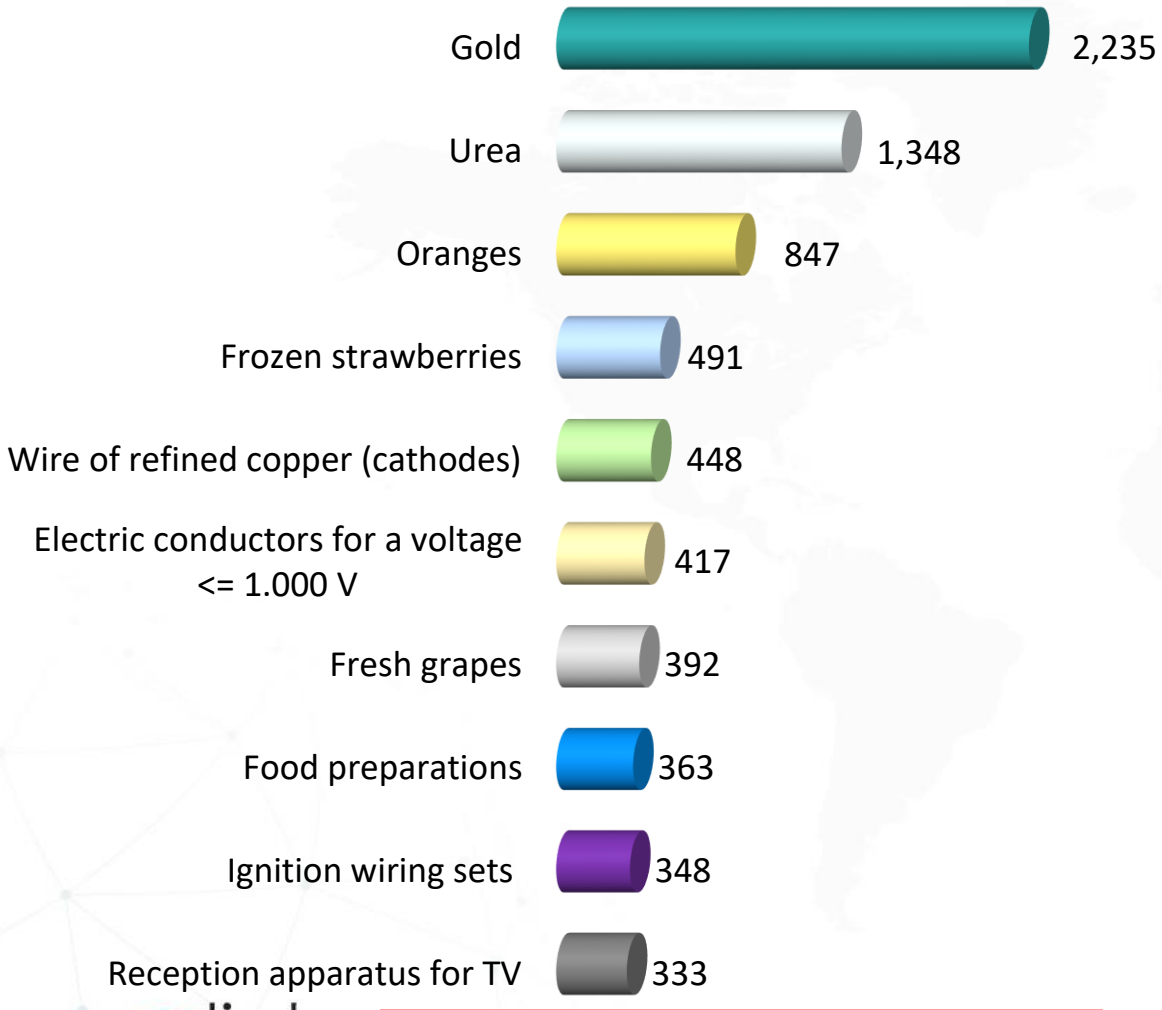
Building materials
Shifted from a Surplus to a Deficit

Source: Authors' calculations based on data from GOEIC

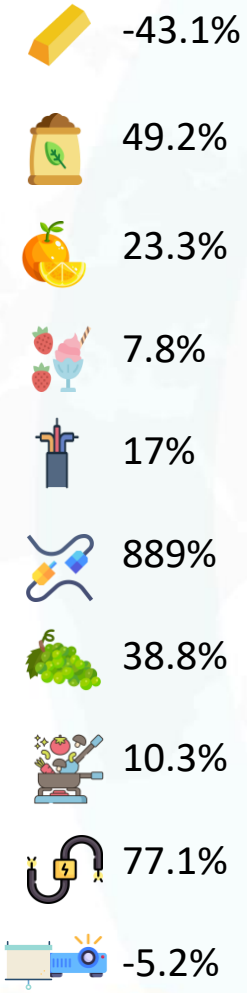
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TOP EXPORTED PRODUCTS

Top Exported Products in H1 2026 (USD million



Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)



Note: The analysis is based on 6-digit product data.

Source: GOEIC

Top Exported Products in the Top 5 Sectors

Chemicals

	USD million
Urea	1,348
Polyethylene terephthalate	230
Polypropylene	201

Building Materials

	USD million
Gold	2,235
Wire of refined copper(cathodes)	448
Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel	273

Processed Food

	USD million
Frozen strawberries	491
Food preparations	363
Chocolate	217

Engineering

	USD million
Electric conductors	417
Ignition wiring sets	348
Reception apparatus for TV	333

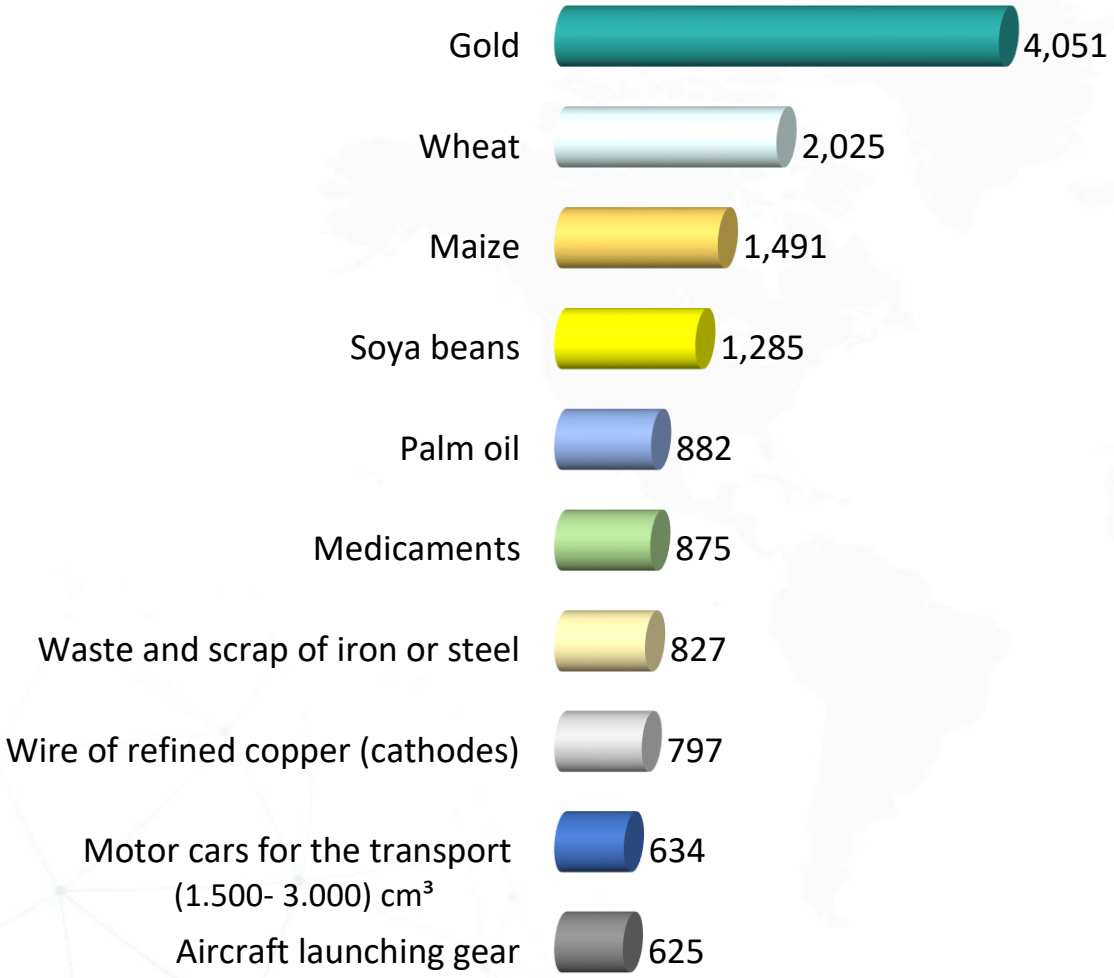
Agriculture

	USD million
Oranges	846
Grapes	392
Potatoes	290

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TOP IMPORTED PRODUCTS

Top Imported Products in H1 2026 (USD million)



Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)

Gold	1523%
Wheat	20.5%
Maize	12%
Soya beans	20.1%
Palm oil	28.1%
Medicaments	-10%
Waste and scrap of iron or steel	82.9%
Wire of refined copper (cathodes)	43.5%
Motor cars for the transport (1.500- 3.000) cm³	-4.8%
Aircraft launching gear	-7.7%

Note: The analysis is based on 6-digit product data.

Source: GOEIC

Top Imported Products in the Top 5 Sectors

Engineering

	USD million
Aircraft launching gear	625
Motor cars(1.000-1.500 cm³)	516
Phone Parts for Voice & Data	333

Building Materials

	USD million
Gold	4,051
Waste and scrap of iron or steel	827
Wire of refined copper(cathodes)	797

Agriculture

	USD million
Wheat	2,025
Maize	1,491
Soya beans	1,285

Chemicals

	USD million
Polypropylene	333
Polyethylene of >= 0,94	277
Polyethylene of < 0,94	191

Processed Food

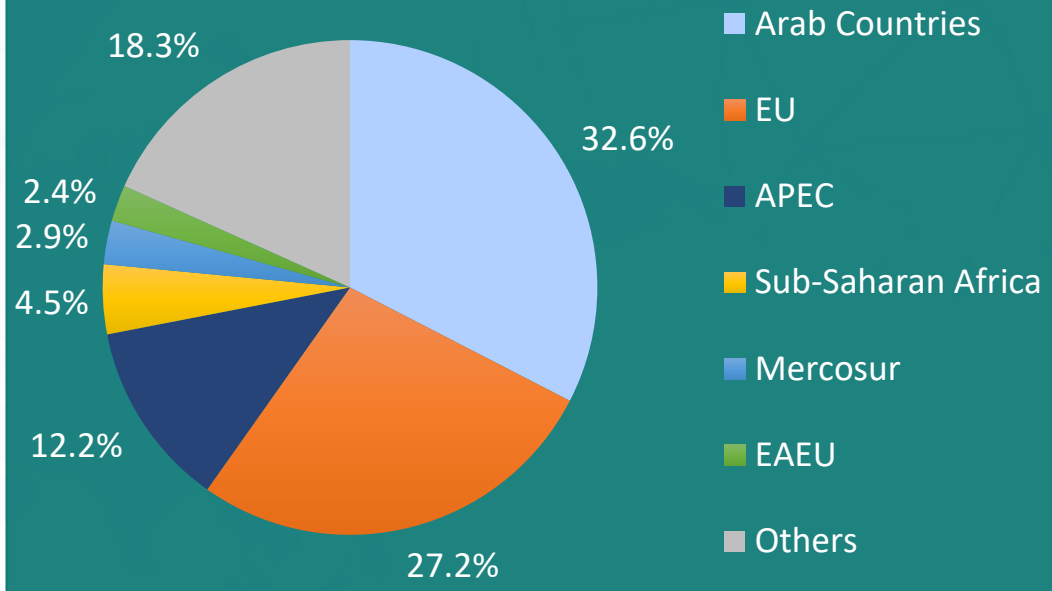
	USD million
Palm oil	882
Frozen, boneless meat	599
Crude sunflower-seed oil	432

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Trade Partners

TOP ECONIMIC BLOCS IMPORTING FROM EGYPT IN H1 2026

Economic Bloc	Egypt's Exports in H1 2026	Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)
Arab Countries	USD 8.3 billion	-16.2%
EU	USD 7 billion	13.2%
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	USD 3.1 billion	11%
Sub-Saharan Africa	USD 1.2 billion	4.8%
Mercosur	USD 0.7 billion	-7.6%
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	USD 0.6 billion	-4.7%



USD 20.9 billion

Egypt's combined exports to the top six economic blocs' representing

81.7%

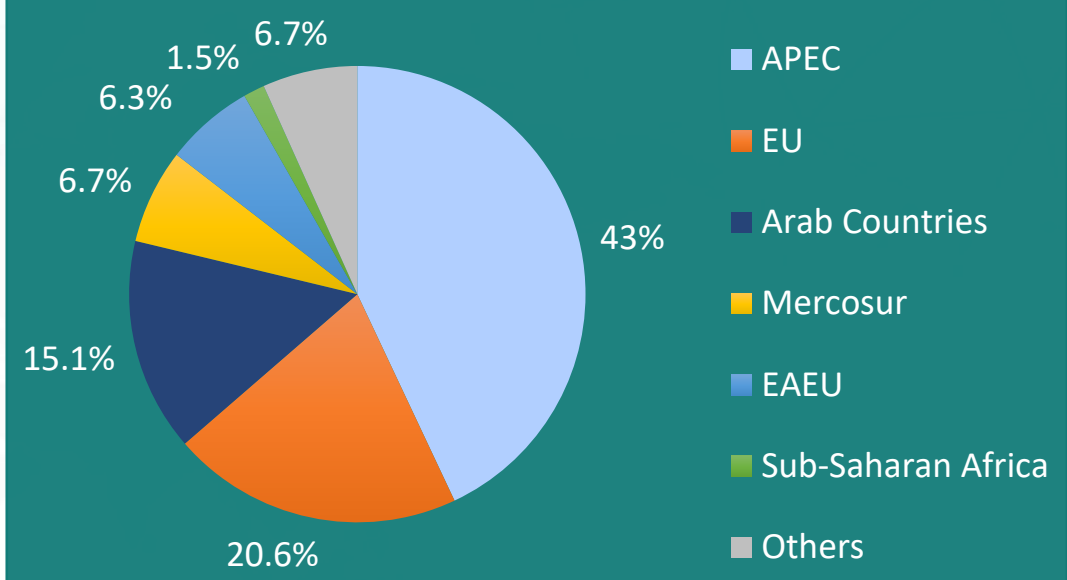
Of Egypt's exports in H1 2026

Source: GOEIC

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TOP ECONIMIC BLOCS EXPORTING TO EGYPT IN H1 2026

Economic Bloc	Egypt's Imports in H1 2026	Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	USD 20.7 billion	25.3%
EU	USD 9.9 billion	-0.7%
Arab Countries	USD 7.3 billion	80.4%
Mercosur	USD 3.2 billion	31.2%
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	USD 3 billion	32.8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	USD 0.7 billion	9.2%



USD **44.9** billion

Egypt's combined imports from top six economic blocs' representing

93.3%

Of Egypt's imports in H1 2026

Source: GOEIC

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TOP IMPORTERS FROM EGYPT IN H1 2026

Wire of refined copper (10.5%) and Liquid dielectric transformers (6.1%) are **Saudi Arabia's** top imported product from Egypt in H1 2026 with a value of USD 184 million, and USD 106 million, respectively.

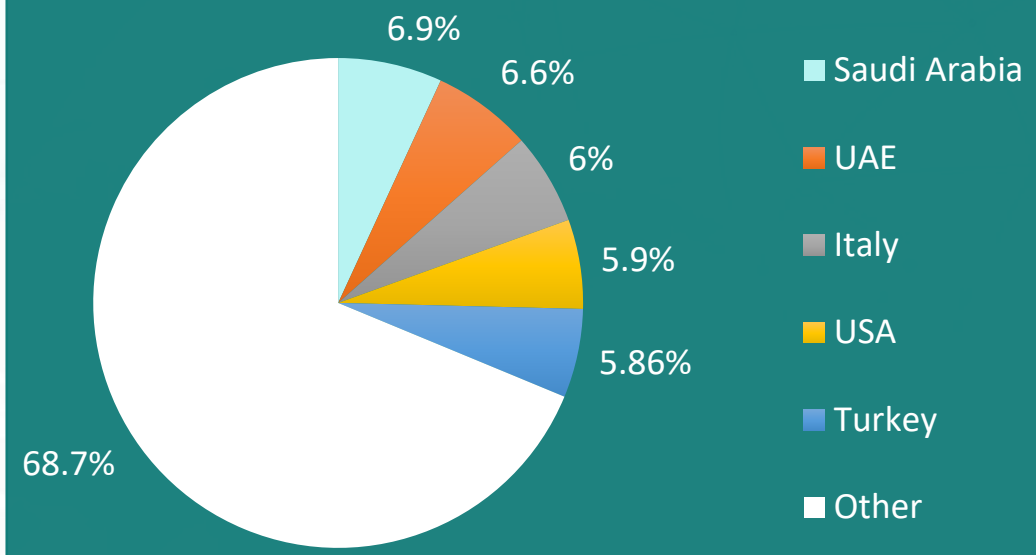
UAE's top imported products from Egypt in H1 2026 were Gold (70.9%), and Reception apparatus for TV (2.2%) with a value of USD 1,192 million, and USD 37 million, respectively.

Italy mainly imported Urea (12.8%) and Plates, sheets of non-alloy aluminium (6.2%) from Egypt in H1 2026 with a value of USD 197 million, and USD 95 million, respectively.

T-shirts of textile materials (7.6%) and Men's trousers and shorts of synthetic fibres (5.1%) are **USA's** top imported products from Egypt in H1 2026 with a value of USD 114 million, and USD 78 million, respectively.

Ignition wiring sets (6.9%) and urea (4.7%) are **Turkey** top imported products from Egypt in H1 2026 with a value of USD 103 million, and USD 70 million, respectively.

Top Importing Markets from Egypt in H1 2026



USD 8 billion

Egypt's combined exports to top five countries' representing

31.3%

Of Egypt's exports in H1 2026

Source: GOEIC

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TOP EXPORERS TO EGYPT IN H1 2026

From The top imported products from **China** are Motor cars of a cylinder capacity > 1.000 cm³ but <= 1.500 cm³ (3.1%) and generating sets wind-powered (2.9%), with a value of USD 320 million, and USD 306 million, respectively.

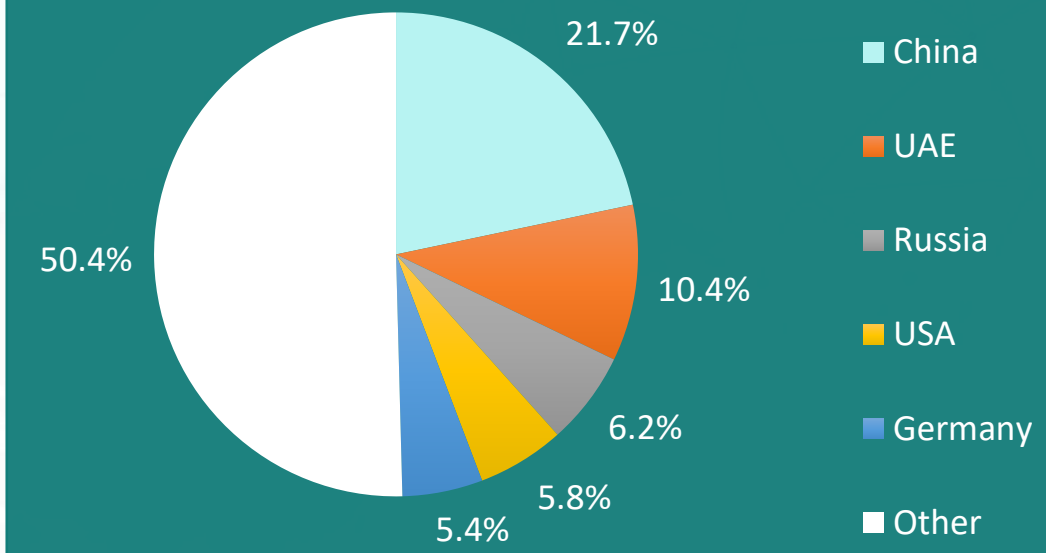
The top imported products from **UAE** are gold (77.9%), and silver (6.7%) with a value of USD 3,913 million, and USD 339 million, respectively.

Egypt's top imported products from **Russia** are wheat (41.4%), and Wire of refined copper (cathodes) (10.9%) with a value of USD 1,230 million, and USD 325 million, respectively.

The top imported products from **USA** are soya beans (39.6%) and Bituminous coal (5.6%) with a value of USD 1,112 million, and USD 158 million, respectively.

The top imported products from **Germany** are Self-propelled railway or tramway coaches (7.9%), and Medicaments (7%) with a value of USD 203 million, and USD 180 million, respectively.

Top Exporting Markets to Egypt in H1 2026



USD 23.8 billion Egypt's combined imports from top five countries representing

49.6% Of Egypt's imports in H1 2026

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Appendix

EGYPT'S TOP 20 EXPORTED PRODUCTS IN H1 2026

HS-Code	Product	Exports in H1 2026 (USD million)	Product's Share from Egypt's total Exports in H1 2026	Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)
710812	Gold	2,235	8.7%	-43%
310210	Urea	1,348	5.3%	49%
080510	Oranges	847	3.3%	23%
081110	Frozen strawberries	491	1.9%	8%
740811	Wire of refined copper (cathodes)	448	1.8%	17%
854449	Electric conductors for a voltage <= 1.000 V	417	1.6%	889%
080610	Fresh grapes	392	1.5%	39%
210690	Food preparations	363	1.4%	10%
854430	Ignition wiring sets	348	1.4%	77%
852872	Reception apparatus for TV	333	1.3%	-5%

HS-Code	Product	Exports in H1 2026 (USD million)	Product's Share from Egypt's total Exports in H1 2026	Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)
070190	Potatoes	290	1.1%	-40%
721420	Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel	273	1.1%	-13%
252329	Other Portland cement	253	1.0%	8%
390761	Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET)	230	0.9%	-9%
180631	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa	217	0.8%	138%
610990	T-shirts of other textile materials	205	0.8%	30%
390120	Polyethylene of >= 0,94	201	0.8%	89%
080521	Dried mandarins	196	0.8%	131%
390210	Polypropylene	190	0.7%	-3%
610910	T-shirts of cotton	186	0.7%	0.1%

Source: GOEIC

EGYPT'S TOP 20 IMPORTED PRODUCTS IN H1 2026

HS-Code	Product	Imports in H1 2026 (USD million)	Product's Share from Egypt's total Imports in H1 2026	Growth Rate H1 (2025-2026)
710812	Gold	4,051	8.4%	1523%
100119	Wheat	2,025	4.2%	21%
100590	Maize	1,491	3.1%	12%
120190	Soya beans	1,285	2.7%	20%
151190	Palm oil	882	1.8%	29%
300490	Medicaments	875	1.8%	-10%
720449	Waste and scrap of iron or steel	827	1.7%	83%
740311	Wire of refined copper (cathodes)	797	1.7%	43%
870323	Motor cars for the transport (1.500- 3.000) cm^3	634	1.3%	-5%
880510	Aircraft launching gear	625	1.3%	-8%

HS-Code	Product	Imports in Q1 2026 (USD billion)	Product's Share from Egypt's total Imports in Q1 2026	Growth Rate Q1 (2025-2026)
730890	Structures, its parts of iron or steel	621	1.3%	181%
870322	Motor cars(1.000-1.500 cm^3)	602	1.3%	15%
020230	Frozen, boneless meat	599	1.2%	16%
260112	Agglomerated iron ores and concentrates	543	1.1%	-19%
710691	Silver	444	0.9%	8406%
151211	Crude sunflower-seed oil	432	0.9%	102%
390210	Polypropylene	333	0.7%	-7%
851779	Parts of telephone for the transmission or reception of voice ، other data	333	0.7%	30%
740811	Wire of refined copper (cathodes)	317	0.7%	13%
870121	Road tractors for semi-trailers with "diesel or semi-diesel"	310	0.6%	6%

Source: GOEIC

MEMBER STATES OF THE TOP ECONOMIC BLOCS

Economic Bloc	Member Countries
EU	Germany - France - Italy - Spain - Netherlands - Belgium - Luxembourg - Portugal - Greece - Ireland - Denmark - Sweden - Finland - Austria - Poland - Czechia - Slovakia - Hungary - Slovenia - Estonia - Latvia - Lithuania - Romania - Bulgaria - Croatia - Cyprus - Malta
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	Australia - Brunei - Canada - Chile - China - Hong Kong - Indonesia - Japan - South Korea - Malaysia - Mexico - New Zealand - Papua New Guinea - Peru - Philippines - Russia - Singapore - Taiwan - Thailand - United States - Vietnam.
Mercosur	Argentina - Brazil - Paraguay - Uruguay - Venezuela - Bolivia - Chile - Colombia - Ecuador - Guyana - Peru - Suriname.
Arab Countries	Egypt - Sudan - Libya - Tunisia - Algeria - Morocco - Mauritania - Comoros - Djibouti - Somalia - Saudi Arabia - United Arab Emirates - Kuwait - Qatar - Bahrain - Oman - Iraq - Jordan - Syria - Lebanon - Palestine - Yemen.
Sub-Saharan Africa	Kenya - Ivory Coast - Ghana - Federation of Nigeria - Madagascar - Uganda - Ethiopia - South Africa - Senegal - Cameroon - Rwanda - Tanzania - Mauritius - Guinea - Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) - Sierra Leone - Burkina Faso - Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) - Togo - Angola and Cabinda - Chad - Gambia - Liberia - Gabon - Mali - Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) - Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire) - Benin - Malawi - Central African Republic - Eswatini (Swaziland) - Niger - Seychelles - Mozambique - Eritrea - Equatorial Guinea - Cape Verde - Namibia - Portuguese Guinea - Botswana - Lesotho.
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	Russia - Belarus - Kazakhstan - Armenia - Kyrgyzstan.

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