



## Danish trade with Vietnam

### Export

- Vietnam was Denmark's 48th largest export market in 2020, totalling DKK 3,4 billion in revenues which accounted for 0,3% of danish exports. (BOP)
- Vietnam was Denmark's 50th largest export market for goods with 1,6 billion DKK (0,2%) and the 36th biggest market for services grossing 1,8 billion DKK (0,4%). (BOP)
- Goods exports to Vietnam fell by 11,7 % in 2020 in relation to 2019. (FOS)
- The top export in 2020 was medicinal and pharmaceutical products (DKK 298,6 million). (FOS)
- In the first seven months of 2021, Danish exports of goods to Vietnam were worth DKK 1,14 billion; a rise of 36,5% relative to the same time period in 2020 (DKK 833,5 million). (FOS)

### Import

- Imports of goods and services from Vietnam totalled DKK 3,1 billion in 2020. (BOP)
- Imports of goods from Vietnam totalled DKK 2,4 billion in 2020; a fall of 8,4% relative to 2019.(FOS)
- The top import good in 2020 was articles of apparel and clothing accessories (DKK 433,7 million).
- In the first seven months of 2021, imports of goods from Vietnam were worth DKK 1,81 billion; a rise of 25,8% in relation to the same time period in 2020 (DKK 1,44 billion). (FOS)

### Foreign direct investments

- NA
- NA

**Table 1: Denmark's trade with Vietnam since 2016. Mill. DKK**

|                        | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | Jan.-Jul. 2020 | Jan.-Jul. 2021 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Export</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |                |                |
| - Goods (FOS) .....    | 3.003 | 2.932 | 2.207 | 1.668 | 1.473 | 834            | 1.138          |
| - Goods (BOP) .....    | 3.106 | 3.018 | 2.302 | 1.902 | 1.611 | -              | -              |
| - Services (BOP) ..... | 1.545 | 1.713 | 1.435 | 1.343 | 1.752 | -              | -              |
| <b>Import</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |                |                |
| - Goods (FOS) .....    | 2.232 | 2.792 | 2.668 | 2.623 | 2.404 | 1.438          | 1.809          |
| - Goods (BOP) .....    | 2.025 | 2.611 | 2.393 | 2.320 | 2.103 | -              | -              |
| - Services (BOP) ..... | 851   | 925   | 938   | 1.012 | 956   | -              | -              |

Source: Statistics Denmark. October 10, 2021 tables SITC2R4Y (goods) and BB2 (goods and services).

Note.: FOS: Foreign Trade Statistics. BOP: Balance of payments. FOS calculates the value of goods that have physically crossed the Danish border. BOP calculates the payment for both goods and services that Danish companies receive for the sale of goods or services abroad (even if goods produced or purchased abroad, have never been in Denmark). Exports of goods calculated according to BOP are generally greater than calculated according to FOS.

**Table 2: Foreign Trade Statistics largest export commodity groups, 2020**

|   | Volume (mill. DKK) | Growth relative to 2019 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Medicinal And Pharmaceutical Products.....      | 299                | -12,9 %                 |
| Fish .....                                      | 119                | -8,2 %                  |
| General Industrial Machinery And Equipment..... | 108                | 44,5 %                  |
| <b>Total goods export to Vietnam.....</b>       | <b>1.473</b>       | <b>-11,7 %</b>          |

Source: Statistics Denmark, October 10, 2021 table SITC2R4Y

## Economic key figures for Vietnam

- Vietnam is the world's 38th largest economy in 2020 with a GDP of 341 billion USD.
- In 2020 the country had a population of 97,3 million.
- According to the World Bank's 2021 classification, Vietnam belongs to the group of Lower middle income countries. The GDP per capita of the country was 3.500 USD in 2020.
- In 2021 the real growth rate in GDP is expected to be 6,2 pct., and over the following two years real GDP is expected to grow at a rate of 7,1 pct. p.a.
- In 2020 the current account had a surplus of 3,7 pct. of GDP. Towards 2023, the current account is expected to somewhat worsen and the surplus is reduced.
- In 2019 the government budget balance had a deficit of 4,6 pct. Towards 2023, the budget balance is expected to slightly improve, but remains negative.
- Exports of services to Vietnam totalled DKK 1,8 billion in 2020.

**Table 3: Forecast of Economic Key Figures for Vietnam**

|  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021* | 2022* | 2023* |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Real growth rate GDP.....                  | 6,6   | 2,8   | 6,2   | 7,2   | 7,0   |
| GDP, nominal USD, per capita.....          | 3.390 | 3.500 | 3.827 | 4.221 | 4.666 |
| Real growth rate GDP, per capita.....      | 5,7   | 1,9   | 5,5   | 6,5   | 6,3   |
| Current account, pct. of GDP.....          | 3,7   | 3,7   | 2,6   | 2,6   | 3,2   |
| Government balance, pct. of GDP.....       | -2,8  | -4,6  | -4,2  | -3,7  | -3,2  |
| Total government debt, pct. of GDP.....    | 43,7  | 46,6  | 46,9  | 45,6  | 43,9  |
| Inflation (CPI), pct.....                  | 2,7   | 3,1   | 2,1   | 3,4   | 3,7   |
| Change in exchange rate, LCU/USD, pct..... | 0,9   | -0,0  | -0,7  | 0,6   | 0,5   |
| Population growth, pct.....                | 0,9   | 0,9   | 0,8   | 0,8   | 0,8   |
| Unemployment rate, pct.....                | 2,2   | 2,5   | 2,4   | 1,5   | 2,2   |

Source: Oxford Economics. Data extracted October 10, 2021, but forecasts can be older. Note: A star (\*) indicates that data for a given year is a forecast.

**Table 4: Vietnam's Largest Trading Partners and EU (goods)**

| Export markets |                    |       | Import markets |                   |        |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| No.            | Country            | Share | No.            | Country           | Share  |
| 1              | United States..... | 28,3% | 1              | China.....        | 31,3%  |
| 2              | China.....         | 16,9% | 2              | Korea, South..... | 17,5%  |
| 3              | Japan.....         | 7,2%  | 3              | Japan.....        | 8,2%   |
| 48             | Denmark.....       | 0,1 % | 48             | Denmark.....      | 0,08 % |
| -              | EU27.....          | 13,6% | -              | EU27.....         | 5,9%   |

Source: Oxford Economics d. October 10, 2021

**Table 5: Ranking on International Indexes and Credit Rating**

|                                   | Rank Vietnam |      | Rank Denmark |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|--------------|
|                                   | 2018         | 2019 | 2018         |
| WEF Competitiveness Index.....    | 77           | 67   | 10           |
| Ease of doing business index..... | 69           | 70   | 4            |
| Corruption Perceptions Index..... | 117          | 96   | 1            |
| S&P's Credit Rating.....          | -            | BB   | AAA          |

\*The credit rating BB means that Vietnam is less vulnerable in the near-term meeting financial commitments, but faces major ongoing uncertainties to adverse business, financial and economic conditions.

Sources: Oxford Economics, WEF, Standard & Poor, World Bank, Transparency Int., Statistics Denmark, Danmarks Nationalbank