



# DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – CHINA

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## Chinese trade growth remains solid despite moderate losses

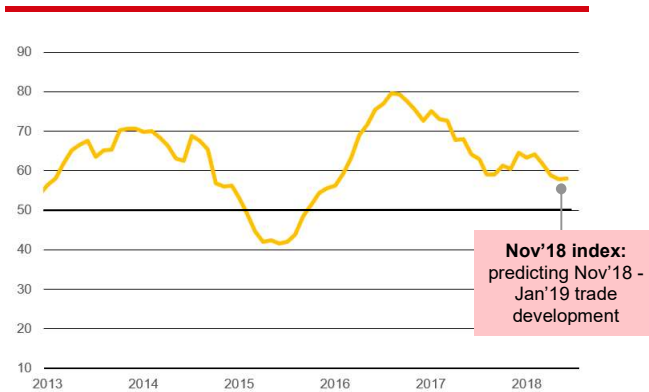
### Key findings:

- Growth prediction for Chinese trade remains almost stable at 58, which is a loss of -1 point.
- Chinese air trade increases by +1 point to 64, which mainly goes back to strong exports in Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion.
- Ocean trade decreases by -2 points and now stands at a moderate value of 54. Growth drivers are exports of Machinery Parts as well as Industrial and Basic Raw Materials.

Exports are propelling Chinese air trade, as the outlook for exports of Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion remains strong. The outlook for air imports is more dispersed, as the accelerated growth of Machinery Parts and Chemicals & Products air imports is partly offset by an expected contraction of Industry Raw Materials, High Technology and Capital Equipment & Machinery air imports in the next three months.

The outlook for ocean trade is strongest on the exports side and again mainly fueled by the strong outlook for Machinery Parts exports. In addition, Industrial and Basic Raw materials are also contributing to the positive outlook for ocean exports. Ocean imports however are expected to stagnate, as the modest growth outlook for Basic Raw Materials and Chemicals & Products imports is fully offset by the expected contraction in ocean imports of Industrial Raw Materials

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Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



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Sector development – latest three months

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Basic Raw Materials	51	52	51
Capital Equip. & Machinery	77	57	46
Chemicals & Products	86	83	79
Consumer Fashion Goods	35	49	45
High Technology	52	46	53
Industrial Raw Materials	49	45	49
Land Vehicles & Parts	75	76	73
Machinery Parts	87	86	84
Personal & Household Goods	62	49	49
Temperature or Climate Control	63	80	74

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Indexes – latest three months

	Sep'18	Oct'18	Nov'18
China Trade	59	58	58
✂ Air Trade	63	63	64
🚢 Ocean Trade	56	54	54

The outlook for China's trade remains relatively stable at a level of 58 points, which is a -1-point decline compared to September. Hence, the GTB continues to indicate a moderate growth for China's trade for the next three months. Air trade is expected to mainly drive this outlook, as it picks up +1 point compared to the previous update, reaching a current level of 64. On the other hand, ocean trade is decelerating, with a drop of -2 points to a level of 54, indicating only a modest growth outlook.



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**About the DHL Global Trade Barometer:**

The DHL Global Trade Barometer is an early indicator for the current state and future development of global trade. It is based on import and export data for a number of intermediates and early-cycle commodities that serve as the basis for further industrial production. Sources for the index are aggregated market data from air and containerized ocean freight from seven countries (China, South Korea, Germany, India, Japan, UK, USA), which account for more than 75 percent of world trade. These data are evaluated using artificial intelligence and various statistical methods and compressed to a single index value that represents the weighted average of the current growth and the upcoming two months of trade. The index, which was designed in cooperation with Accenture, is published four times a year by DHL on a global scale as well as for each of the seven countries surveyed.

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