



DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – CHINA

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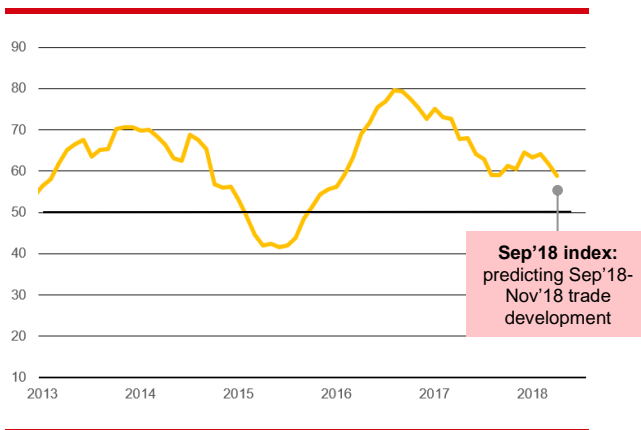
Chinese trade growth decelerates, although remaining on a solid overall level

Key findings:

- Mild growth for Chinese trade, despite index showing a downward trend (-4 points) with 59 points
- Slowing growth of Chinese air trade reflected in an index value of 63, a decrease by -9 points compared to June
- Chinese ocean trade declined slightly, with Personal & Household Goods and Machinery Parts remaining its most important growth drivers

Growth in Chinese air trade is predicted to remain positive, albeit slower (-9 points) in comparison to the outlook in June. The dynamics are mainly fueled by air imports of Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion Goods, which are expected to continue significant growth but – in the case of Consumer Fashion Goods – at a slower pace compared to June. Personal & Household Goods are predicted to recover after a negative growth outlook earlier this year. On the air import's side, Chemicals & Products, Capital Equipment, Machinery Parts and Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods are expected to contribute most to the growth. On the other hand, air import of Industrial Raw Materials is expected to decline during the next three months.

DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



Chinese ocean trade is also expected to decelerate in the next quarter, as the index is dropping -2 points. However, ocean trade will stay on a solid level due to ocean exports of Personal & Household Goods as well as Machinery Parts heavily contributing on the Chinese ocean export growth. Export of Basic Raw Materials will rise for the upcoming three months while Consumer Fashion Goods weigh on the index points. Ocean import will perform less successfully as only Chemicals & Products are predicted to grow. Although Basic Raw Materials is expected to improve this quarter, the index continues to decline – as has been the case throughout the entire year. Industrial Raw Materials is predicted to contract slightly, whereas the growth of Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods is predicted to level off towards moderate growth.

DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Indexes – latest four months

	Jun'18	Jul'18	Aug'18	Sep'18
China Trade	63	64	62	59
Air Trade	72	72	67	63
Ocean Trade	58	59	58	56

DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Sector development – latest four months

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Basic Raw Materials	35	50	51	51
Capital Equip. & Machinery	82	83	82	77
Chemicals & Products	82	84	87	86
Consumer Fashion Goods	43	32	31	35
High Technology	58	58	55	52
Industrial Raw Materials	65	64	55	49
Land Vehicles & Parts	84	76	74	75
Machinery Parts	81	86	85	87
Personal & Household Goods	62	53	61	62
Temperature or Climate	83	77	78	63

The DHL Global Trade Barometer continues to forecast a mild growth for Chinese trade as the index hits 59, representing a decrease (-4 points) compared to the previous release in June. Driven by the decline in both air (-9 points) and ocean (-2 points) trade. Nevertheless, the overall outlook for China remains above 50 points, which marks the threshold for a positive 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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