



DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – JAPAN

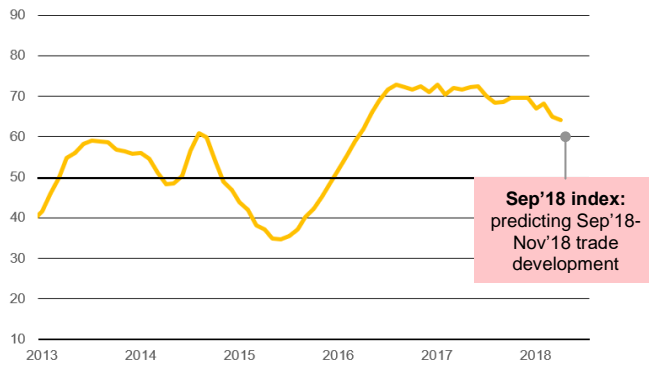
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International trade growth in Japan expected to remain positive

Key findings:

- Expected solid trade growth for Japan, although index shows a slight downward trend (-3 points) with 64 points in September
- Japanese air trade growth is predicted to slow gently (-2 points), but remains on a very high level with 79 points
- Ocean trade growth fell by -3 points to 55 points, which is 5 points above the threshold for a positive trade growth prediction

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



DHL Global Trade Barometer – Japan Indexes – latest four months

	Jun'18	Jul'18	Aug'18	Sep'18
Japan Trade	67	68	65	64
✈ Air Trade	80	82	79	79
🚢 Ocean Trade	58	59	56	55

With 64 points, the DHL Global Trade Barometer predicts continuous growth for Japanese trade for the next three months, although the index declined by -3 points compared to June. Again, air trade growth is forecasted to remain the major growth driver for Japanese trade (79 points). Growth in ocean trade is expected to almost come to a standstill with 55 points, dropping -3 points compared to the outlook in June.

Air exports of Land Vehicles & Parts as well as Machinery Parts contributed to the positive air trade growth. Besides, High Technology is expected to recover after a period of weak growth. With regards to the country's import, High Technology and Machinery Parts contribute most to the growth expectations. On the downside, air import growth of Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods is predicted to slow down compared to the previous update in June.

Ocean trade is forecasted to grow at a very slow pace only. Export growth is expected to increase in the next three months, fueled by Land Vehicles & Parts as well as Industrial Raw Materials. Furthermore, ocean export of Basic Raw Materials is expected to recover during the next quarter. On the import side, the ocean trade of Industrial Raw Materials is expected to expand, which is overall partially compensating the predicted decline in export of Basic Raw Materials and Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods.

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

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Basic Raw Materials	22	46	37	39
Capital Equip. & Machinery	97	95	86	81
Chemicals & Products	68	61	57	55
Consumer Fashion Goods	55	76	76	76
High Technology	52	64	59	65
Industrial Raw Materials	67	70	71	71
Land Vehicles & Parts	75	77	73	70
Machinery Parts	77	79	78	76
Personal & Household Goods	68	76	60	64
Temperature or Climate	61	55	57	44



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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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