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Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2017

July 2017

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 87.91 million in May 2017, an increase of 32.81 per cent when compared to the previous month of April. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 14.47 per cent compared to the deficit of May 2016.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Trade flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/April2017	May2017/May2016
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	52.81	58.96	74.03	25.34	32.02	31.37	25.56%	40.19%
Domestic exports	31.77	41.26	47.50	15.24	22.41	20.13	15.12%	49.54%
Re-exports	21.04	17.70	26.53	10.10	9.61	11.24	49.91%	26.07%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	155.58	125.15	161.94	74.66	67.98	68.63	29.39%	4.08%
Total External Trade (A+B)	208.39	184.11	235.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	28.17%	13.23%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-102.78	-66.19	-87.91				32.81%	-14.47%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2017, domestic exports values increased by 15.12 per cent when compared to April 2017 and increased by 49.54 per cent vs. May 2016. Table 2 shows exported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2017

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/April2017	May2017/May2016
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.66	19.74	18.23	49.30	47.84	38.38	-7.63%	16.44%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.21	0.07	0.04	-39.78%	-72.91%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.53	9.03	12.71	29.99	21.88	26.76	40.75%	33.42%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.00	-98.31%	-81.52%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.03	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.13	0.14	0.35	0.40	0.34	0.73	146.87%	173.64%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.13	2.10	2.22	3.54	5.09	4.67	5.72%	97.16%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.67	0.30	1.11	2.12	0.73	2.34	270.82%	65.49%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.32	0.64	0.88	0.99	1.55	1.85	37.37%	178.25%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.27	9.22	11.97	13.44	22.34	25.20	29.82%	180.29%
Total domestic exports	31.77	41.26	47.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.12%	49.54%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
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Imports

In May 2017, total imports values increased by 29.39 per cent when compared to April 2017 and also increased by 4.08 per cent vis-a-vis May 2016.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/ April2017	May2017/ May2016
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.46	20.34	30.22	12.51	16.26	18.66	48.56%	55.28%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.01	1.62	1.71	1.29	1.30	1.06	5.48%	-14.87%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.92	3.57	4.54	3.16	2.85	2.81	27.31%	-7.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.15	2.39	2.57	1.38	1.91	1.58	7.58%	19.15%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.34	5.72	6.51	2.79	4.57	4.02	13.89%	49.98%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	18.03	21.19	20.79	11.59	16.93	12.84	-1.88%	15.31%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	32.95	23.64	31.14	21.18	18.89	19.23	31.74%	-5.49%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	49.83	33.74	49.51	32.03	26.96	30.57	46.72%	-0.66%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21.89	12.95	14.95	14.07	10.34	9.23	15.45%	-31.71%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total imports	155.58	125.15	161.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	29.39%	4.08%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In May 2017, re-exports values increased by 49.91 per cent when compared to April 2017 and also increased by 26.07 per cent when compared to May 2016.

Table 4. Total re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/ April2017	May2017/ May2016
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	2.95	4.40	4.79	14.03	24.86	18.05	8.84%	62.23%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.21	0.28	0.51	0.98	1.58	1.92	82.52%	147.22%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.07	1.06	1.08	0.32	5.97	4.07	2.23%	1516.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.73	8.27	14.80	55.75	46.74	55.78	78.89%	26.14%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.11	1.82	2.76	10.02	10.31	10.41	51.37%	31.06%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.51	0.77	0.49	2.42	4.38	1.86	-36.32%	-2.89%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.26	0.16	0.64	1.24	0.90	2.43	306.90%	146.53%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.40	0.70	0.70	11.39	3.96	2.65	0.55%	-70.64%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.81	0.23	0.75	3.85	1.30	2.81	224.66%	-8.04%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total re-exports	21.04	17.70	26.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	49.91%	26.07%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 2017 - Exports and Re-exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)								Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease				Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/ April2017	May2017/ May2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		May2017/ April2017	May2017/ May2016
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹					May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	4.99	11.13	13.55	15.72	26.99	28.53	21.69%	171.37%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	11.98	16.69	20.94	56.94	94.33	78.95	25.46%	74.80%
2	Kenya	8.41	8.15	10.88	26.46	19.74	22.90	33.56%	29.41%	2	Kenya	0.81	0.01	1.68	3.86	0.08	6.35	12576.77%	107.20%
3	Switzerland	3.35	3.89	4.79	10.56	9.43	10.09	23.08%	42.80%	3	Belgium	0.64	0.00	1.66	3.04	0.00	6.25	0.00%	159.69%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.61	3.81	4.42	11.35	9.24	9.30	15.91%	22.52%	4	Burundi	4.91	0.13	0.72	23.35	0.73	2.71	459.58%	-85.34%
5	Uganda	0.78	7.46	3.15	2.45	18.08	6.63	-57.79%	304.12%	5	Uganda	0.01	0.53	0.46	0.06	2.97	1.72	-13.28%	3267.67%
6	Germany	0.07	0.52	2.98	0.21	1.27	6.28	468.78%	4315.88%	6	Ethiopia	0.35	0.00	0.36	1.68	0.00	1.38	0.00%	2.89%
7	United States	0.87	1.33	1.87	2.75	3.22	3.93	40.49%	113.90%	7	United Arab Emirates	0.05	0.00	0.20	0.23	0.03	0.75	4388.73%	307.25%
8	Belgium	1.36	0.58	1.37	4.29	1.41	2.89	136.07%	0.64%	8	Turkey	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.21	0.00	0.37	0.00%	126.72%
9	Singapore	2.46	0.93	0.89	7.76	2.24	1.88	-3.53%	-63.76%	9	United Kingdom	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00%	0.00%
10	Malaysia	0.75	0.00	0.50	2.37	0.00	1.05	0.00%	-34.00%	10	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.21	0.16	0.07	0.98	0.91	0.27	-55.76%	-65.43%
Rest of the World		5.11	3.46	3.11	16.08	8.39	6.54	-10.25%	-39.18%	Rest of the World		2.03	0.46	0.33	9.64	2.61	1.24	-28.74%	-83.78%
Total		31.77	41.26	47.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.12%	49.54%	Total		21.04	17.70	26.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	49.91%	26.07%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016		2017	2016		2017	May2017/April2017	May2017/May2016
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	34.49	23.95	35.63	22.17	19.13	22.00	48.77%	3.29%
2	Uganda	17.27	13.13	15.24	11.10	10.49	9.41	16.10%	-11.76%
3	Kenya	11.75	8.73	14.09	7.56	6.97	8.70	61.48%	19.88%
4	United States	4.61	4.98	8.46	2.96	3.98	5.22	69.71%	83.60%
5	India	12.76	12.00	8.43	8.20	9.59	5.21	-29.73%	-33.93%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.46	5.09	7.97	6.08	4.07	4.92	56.41%	-15.81%
7	Russian Federation	1.58	3.75	6.27	1.02	3.00	3.87	67.15%	296.61%
9	Germany	4.15	4.11	5.58	2.67	3.29	3.45	35.67%	34.58%
10	United Arab Emirates	9.85	5.87	5.55	6.33	4.69	3.42	-5.55%	-43.73%
11	Zambia	2.53	2.20	5.46	1.62	1.76	3.37	147.87%	115.98%
Rest of the World		47.13	41.34	49.27	30.29	33.03	30.42	19.18%	4.54%
Total		155.58	125.15	161.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	29.39%	4.08%

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¹Preliminary figures**Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in US \$ Million)**

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	29.77	21.21	22.75	4.73	11.90	15.58	3.52	0.03	4.13
Land	125.81	103.94	139.22	27.04	29.36	31.92	17.52	17.67	22.40
Total	155.58	125.15	161.96	31.77	41.26	47.50	21.04	17.70	26.53

Source: NISR

Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b: Free On Board

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified