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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## September 2017

November 2017

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2017

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 81.82 million in September 2017, an increase of 23.09 per cent when compared to the previous month of August. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 6.89 per cent on the deficit of September 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		Sept2017/Aug2017	Sept2017/Sept2016
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>51.60</b>	<b>89.56</b>	<b>82.49</b>	<b>27.01</b>	<b>36.47</b>	<b>33.42</b>	<b>-7.89%</b>	<b>59.86%</b>
<b>Domestic exports</b>	35.94	63.41	58.73	18.81	25.82	23.80	-7.38%	63.40%
<b>Re-exports</b>	15.66	26.15	23.76	8.20	10.65	9.63	-9.13%	51.73%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>139.48</b>	<b>156.03</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>72.99</b>	<b>63.53</b>	<b>66.58</b>	<b>5.31%</b>	<b>17.80%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>191.09</b>	<b>245.60</b>	<b>246.81</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.49%</b>	<b>29.16%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-87.88</b>	<b>-66.47</b>	<b>-81.82</b>				<b>23.09%</b>	<b>-6.89%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In September 2017, domestic exports values decreased by 7.38 per cent when compared to August 2017 and increased by 63.40 per cent vs. September 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 September 2017**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	17.83	19.38	18.51	49.59	30.56	31.51	-4.50%	3.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.02	0.02	-13.87%	-67.96%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.50	13.37	12.80	23.64	21.08	21.79	-4.30%	50.59%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.01	-77.45%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.40	0.16	0.27	1.12	0.26	0.46	63.67%	-33.45%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.03	2.91	3.08	2.87	4.59	5.25	6.01%	199.03%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.57	1.12	0.57	1.59	1.77	0.97	-49.20%	-0.37%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.26	1.26	0.64	3.49	1.98	1.08	-49.47%	-49.41%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.32	25.11	22.86	17.57	39.60	38.91	-8.98%	261.91%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>35.94</b>	<b>63.41</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-7.38%</b>	<b>63.40%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In September 2017, total imports values increased by 5.31 per cent when compared to August 2017 and also by 17.80 per cent vis-a-vis September 2016 (See Table 1). Table 3 shows imported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	19.43	22.99	34.46	13.93	14.73	20.97	49.88%	77.33%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.65	1.50	2.59	1.19	0.96	1.57	72.80%	56.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.34	2.77	4.68	2.39	1.78	2.85	68.63%	39.97%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.39	2.73	3.39	1.71	1.75	2.07	24.33%	42.26%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.12	6.04	7.05	4.39	3.87	4.29	16.82%	15.20%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	27.63	23.42	26.65	19.81	15.01	16.22	13.78%	-3.54%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	29.01	32.61	29.63	20.80	20.90	18.03	-9.14%	2.15%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	35.93	47.80	42.37	25.76	30.64	25.78	-11.37%	17.91%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13.99	16.17	13.50	10.03	10.36	8.22	-16.49%	-3.46%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>139.48</b>	<b>156.03</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.31%</b>	<b>17.80%</b>

Source: NISR

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In September 2017, re-exports values decreased by 9.13 per cent when compared to August 2017 and increased by 51.73 per cent when compared to September 2016. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	1.87	3.22	4.23	11.95	12.31	17.81	31.45%	126.06%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.38	0.40	0.58	2.46	1.54	2.43	43.81%	50.38%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.51	1.02	1.29	3.25	3.89	5.43	26.94%	153.78%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7.97	16.36	13.59	50.87	62.58	57.20	-16.95%	70.61%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.14	2.39	2.18	13.65	9.16	9.16	-9.09%	1.83%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.84	0.77	0.40	5.37	2.93	1.67	-48.29%	-52.91%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.28	0.67	0.51	1.77	2.57	2.13	-24.66%	82.42%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.04	0.46	0.35	6.62	1.74	1.49	-22.48%	-65.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.64	0.86	0.64	4.06	3.28	2.68	-25.77%	0.22%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>15.66</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-9.13%</b>	<b>51.73%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in September 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		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
		Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>					Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	6.96	25.89	23.47	19.38	40.83	39.96	-9.35%	236.99%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	13.04	18.75	17.52	83.29	71.71	73.72	-6.59%	34.30%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.68	5.59	5.98	10.25	8.81	10.18	7.04%	62.34%	2	Saudi Arabia	0.00	3.85	2.07	0.00	14.73	8.73	-46.17%	0.00%
3	Switzerland	5.79	5.68	5.57	16.12	8.96	9.49	-1.92%	-3.81%	3	Belgium	0.00	0.80	1.67	0.00	3.04	7.03	0.00%	0.00%
4	Singapore	2.31	3.32	4.93	6.44	5.24	8.40	48.51%	113.13%	4	Burundi	1.60	1.37	1.16	10.21	5.25	4.89	-15.23%	-27.27%
5	Kenya	4.01	5.80	4.83	11.14	9.14	8.22	-16.71%	20.57%	5	Ethiopia	0.00	0.28	0.49	0.00	1.06	2.06	0.00%	0.00%
6	United States	3.14	2.94	4.38	8.73	4.64	7.46	48.81%	39.53%	6	United Arab Emirates	0.11	0.15	0.24	0.71	0.58	1.00	0.00%	114.79%
7	Belgium	2.13	1.95	2.24	5.93	3.08	3.81	14.69%	0.00%	7	Kenya	0.16	0.12	0.15	1.04	0.45	0.63	0.00%	0.00%
8	United Kingdom	1.82	1.34	1.75	5.07	2.12	2.98	0.00%	0.00%	8	Turkey	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.00	0.21	0.61	0.00%	0.00%
9	Luxembourg	0.22	0.70	0.88	0.61	1.10	1.49	26.20%	298.65%	9	Uganda	0.32	0.31	0.12	2.06	1.19	0.49	0.00%	-64.21%
10	Japan	0.81	0.03	0.81	2.25	0.05	1.37	0.00%	-0.28%	10	United Kingdom	0.00	0.28	0.07	0.00	1.08	0.30	-75.24%	0.00%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		5.06	10.17	3.90	14.08	16.04	6.63	-61.70%	-23.03%	<b>Rest of the World</b>		0.42	0.18	0.13	2.69	0.68	0.55	-26.71%	-69.14%
<b>Total</b>		<b>35.94</b>	<b>63.41</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-7.38%</b>	<b>63.40%</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15.66</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-9.13%</b>	<b>51.73%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2017**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
		Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	25.43	33.84	35.30	18.23	21.69	21.48	4.32%	38.83%
2	Uganda	17.68	18.80	16.61	12.67	12.05	10.11	-11.65%	-6.06%
3	India	10.76	11.81	12.76	7.72	7.57	7.77	8.09%	18.54%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	1.50	9.85	10.74	1.08	6.31	6.53	8.98%	614.27%
5	Kenya	7.35	9.67	9.51	5.27	6.20	5.79	-1.67%	29.28%
6	United Arab Emirates	12.07	6.42	8.10	8.65	4.12	4.93	26.18%	-32.87%
7	United States	8.70	5.61	7.85	6.24	3.60	4.78	39.94%	-9.79%
9	Japan	4.23	4.58	6.58	3.03	2.93	4.01	43.80%	55.71%
10	Russian Federation	3.32	4.32	5.41	2.38	2.77	3.29	25.29%	63.01%
11	South Africa	5.83	4.17	5.16	4.18	2.67	3.14	23.59%	-11.54%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		42.61	46.97	46.30	30.55	30.11	28.18	-1.44%	8.67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>139.48</b>	<b>156.03</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.31%</b>	<b>17.80%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary 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	
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	23.40	21.06	24.27	7.71	27.64	24.12	0.24	5.59	4.95
<i>Land</i>	116.09	134.97	140.04	28.23	35.77	34.62	15.42	20.55	18.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>139.48</b>	<b>156.03</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>35.94</b>	<b>63.41</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>15.66</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>23.76</b>

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

Aug: August

Sept: September