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Formal External Trade in Goods

March 2018

May 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 165.11 million in March 2018, an increase of 1.08 per cent compared to the previous month of February 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 16.80 per cent on the deficit of March 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	55.34	71.31	80.09	17.90	23.04	24.62	12.31%	44.72%
Domestic exports	36.59	44.95	49.34	11.84	14.52	15.17	9.78%	34.87%
Re-exports	18.76	26.36	30.75	6.07	8.52	9.45	16.64%	63.94%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	253.79	238.22	245.20	82.10	76.96	75.38	2.93%	-3.38%
Total External Trade (A+B)	309.13	309.53	325.29	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.09%	5.23%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-198.44	-166.91	-165.11				-1.08%	-16.80%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In March 2018, domestic exports values increased by 9.78 per cent when compared to February 2018 and increased by 34.87 per cent when compared to March 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2018 by SITC sections.

Table2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.90	17.66	25.18	43.46	39.29	51.02	42.55%	58.31%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.29	0.00	0.01	266.65%	-93.63%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.37	14.72	11.73	33.81	32.75	23.77	-20.34%	-5.19%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.03	2.41%	-28.98%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.28	0.14	0.31	0.76	0.32	0.63	117.77%	12.36%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.31	2.13	1.50	6.31	4.74	3.04	-29.65%	-35.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.82	0.16	0.49	2.25	0.37	0.98	195.57%	-41.08%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.62	1.71	0.89	1.70	3.79	1.81	-47.69%	43.73%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.13	8.37	9.23	11.30	18.62	18.70	10.28%	123.31%
Total Domestic Exports	36.59	44.95	49.34	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.78%	34.87%

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Imports

In March 2018, total imports values increased by 2.93 per cent compared to February 2018 but decreased by 3.38 per cent compared to March 2017.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	46.49	40.04	26.53	18.32	16.81	10.82	-33.74%	-42.94%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.54	2.21	2.88	1.40	0.93	1.17	30.17%	-18.86%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.20	4.87	4.56	2.84	2.05	1.86	-6.37%	-36.66%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38.31	33.55	46.64	15.10	14.08	19.02	39.02%	21.75%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.02	8.17	8.89	2.77	3.43	3.63	8.79%	26.63%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	25.15	31.62	26.06	9.91	13.27	10.63	-17.60%	3.62%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	39.00	35.46	36.70	15.37	14.89	14.97	3.49%	-5.90%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	67.17	62.92	69.25	26.47	26.41	28.24	10.06%	3.09%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19.89	18.25	22.72	7.84	7.66	9.26	24.47%	14.21%
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	253.79	238.22	245.20	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.93%	-3.38%

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Re-exports

In March 2018, re-exports values increased by 16.64 per cent compared to February 2018 and also by 63.94 per cent compared to March 2017.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	4.40	5.05	6.55	23.47	19.17	21.30	29.60%	48.84%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.34	0.57	0.48	1.79	2.16	1.57	-15.38%	43.40%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.24	1.22	1.10	6.61	4.62	3.59	-9.18%	-10.82%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.10	13.57	14.32	48.50	51.48	46.56	5.49%	57.38%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.30	2.98	3.40	12.25	11.31	11.07	14.22%	48.23%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.48	0.58	1.09	2.54	2.20	3.54	87.97%	128.52%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.25	0.51	0.44	1.34	1.95	1.44	-13.55%	77.08%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.21	1.16	2.57	1.14	4.41	8.34	120.86%	1100.68%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.45	0.70	0.77	2.37	2.66	2.51	10.28%	73.42%
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	18.76	26.36	30.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.64%	63.94%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2018 - 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	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/ Feb2018	Mar2018/ Mar2017			2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/ Feb2018	Mar2018/ Mar2017
		Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹					Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	Kenya	8.66	9.28	14.25	23.67	20.64	28.89	53.63%	64.57%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	18.14	20.90	24.29	96.74	79.28	78.99	16.20%	33.85%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.68	4.61	5.30	12.79	10.26	10.74	14.93%	13.26%	2	United Arab Emirates	0.02	0.17	1.59	0.08	0.65	5.18	827.36%	10212.41%
3	Switzerland	6.51	5.95	5.15	17.79	13.24	10.44	-13.47%	-20.87%	3	Burundi	0.37	0.90	1.33	1.96	3.40	4.32	48.35%	261.47%
4	United Arab Emirates	3.75	5.68	4.87	10.24	12.64	9.87	-14.28%	30.00%	4	Qatar	0.01	0.67	0.47	0.04	2.53	1.53	0.00%	0.00%
5	Kazakhstan	0.00	0.00	4.51	0.00	0.00	9.13	0.00%	14888599.02%	5	Uganda	0.20	0.25	0.33	1.04	0.94	1.09	34.05%	70.88%
6	Uganda	2.39	1.87	4.25	6.53	4.16	8.62	127.27%	77.98%	6	Belgium	0.00	0.17	0.16	0.00	0.66	0.53	-6.47%	0.00%
7	Singapore	1.34	3.42	3.08	3.66	7.62	6.23	-10.16%	129.90%	7	Ethiopia	0.00	0.14	0.09	0.00	0.54	0.28	-40.73%	0.00%
8	Belgium	1.20	0.62	1.49	3.29	1.38	3.01	139.84%	23.39%	8	Turkey	0.00	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.38	0.25	-22.31%	0.00%
9	Germany	0.51	1.51	1.41	1.40	3.35	2.86	-6.22%	176.20%	9	Germany	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.13	487.12%	0.00%
10	United States	1.89	2.26	1.28	5.15	5.03	2.60	0.00%	-32.04%	10	United Kingdom	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.00	0.51	0.07	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		5.66	9.75	3.76	15.48	21.68	7.61	-61.47%	-33.70%	Rest of the World		0.02	2.92	2.35	0.13	11.07	7.64	-19.54%	9394.79%
Total		36.59	44.95	49.34	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.78%	34.87%	Total		18.76	26.36	30.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.64%	63.94%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2018

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
		Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	49.30	41.68	46.89	19.43	17.50	19.12	12.49%	-4.90%
2	United Arab Emirates	37.14	21.99	25.47	14.64	9.23	10.39	15.81%	-31.43%
3	India	19.78	30.99	18.93	7.79	13.01	7.72	-38.90%	-4.27%
4	Uganda	18.83	18.48	18.05	7.42	7.76	7.36	-2.32%	-4.13%
5	Kenya	12.41	11.55	14.32	4.89	4.85	5.84	24.03%	15.39%
6	Germany	9.87	7.58	10.09	3.89	3.18	4.11	33.08%	2.14%
7	Saudi Arabia	13.69	4.07	9.92	5.39	1.71	4.05	143.60%	-27.49%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.96	7.86	8.17	3.93	3.30	3.33	3.99%	-18.01%
10	Japan	6.93	4.32	7.29	2.73	1.81	2.97	68.85%	5.20%
11	Sweden	0.80	10.40	6.94	0.32	4.36	2.83	-33.27%	763.63%
	Rest of the World	71.31	60.08	62.20	28.10	25.22	25.37	3.54%	-12.78%
	Total	253.79	238.22	245.20	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.93%	-3.38%

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Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in us \$ Million)

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹
Air	23.29	33.55	25.31	6.88	11.14	11.92	0.02	3.7	3.18
Land	230.49	204.67	219.89	29.71	33.81	37.42	18.74	22.66	27.57
Total	253.79	238.22	245.20	36.59	44.95	49.34	18.76	26.36	30.75

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Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

Dec: December

f.o.b: Free On Board

Jan: January

Mar: March

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

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