



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

August 2021

September 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods August 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 216.43 million in August 2021, a decrease of 4.39 per cent compared to the previous month of July. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 7.32 per cent on the deficit of August 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/ July2021	Aug2021/ Aug2020
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	188.85	116.95	151.70	30.90	25.41	29.18	29.72%	-19.67%
Domestic exports	162.27	78.96	109.99	26.55	17.16	21.16	39.29%	-32.22%
Re-exports	26.58	37.99	41.71	4.35	8.25	8.02	9.81%	56.92%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	422.36	343.31	368.13	69.10	74.59	70.82	7.23%	-12.84%
Total External Trade (A+B)	611.21	460.26	519.83	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.94%	-14.95%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-233.52	-226.36	-216.43				-4.39%	-7.32%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2021, domestic exports values increased by 39.29 per cent compared to July 2021 and decreased by 32.22 per cent compared to August 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in August 2021 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in August 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/ July2021	Aug2021/ Aug2020
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	20.37	28.52	43.55	12.55	36.12	39.59	52.68%	113.79%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.11	0.03	-66.70%	338.94%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.34	7.32	16.19	5.14	9.27	14.72	121.09%	94.13%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.04	784.09%	139.94%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.10	0.20	0.00	0.13	0.18	87.40%	3044.74%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.64	0.64	0.98	0.40	0.81	0.89	54.40%	52.65%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.14	6.64	5.98	1.93	8.40	5.44	-9.86%	90.70%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.66	4.09	1.13	0.41	5.18	1.03	-72.42%	69.81%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.33	2.25	2.06	2.05	2.85	1.87	-8.77%	-38.27%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	125.75	29.30	39.85	77.50	37.11	36.23	35.99%	-68.31%
Total Domestic Exports	162.27	78.96	109.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	39.29%	-32.22%

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Imports

In August 2021, total imports values increased by 7.23 per cent compared to July 2021 and decreased by 12.84 per cent compared to August 2020.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in August 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/ July2021	Aug2021/ Aug2020
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	46.40	54.06	41.69	10.98	15.75	11.32	-22.88%	-10.15%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.11	2.02	2.12	0.50	0.59	0.58	5.10%	0.58%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.04	8.55	8.78	1.67	2.49	2.38	2.69%	24.72%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	31.74	44.73	36.48	7.52	13.03	9.91	-18.44%	14.93%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	16.46	20.52	11.68	3.90	5.98	3.17	-43.05%	-29.02%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	43.64	39.10	51.91	10.33	11.39	14.10	32.76%	18.96%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	72.86	56.65	53.95	17.25	16.50	14.66	-4.76%	-25.95%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	57.64	70.56	59.35	13.65	20.55	16.12	-15.89%	2.96%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	22.50	23.50	22.53	5.33	6.85	6.12	-4.13%	0.15%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	121.98	23.62	79.63	28.88	6.88	21.63	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	422.36	343.31	368.13	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.23%	-12.84%

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Re-exports

In August 2021, re-exports values increased by 9.81 per cent compared to July 2021 and increased by 56.92 per cent compared to August 2020.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in August 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/ /July2021	Aug2021/ Aug2020
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	8.05	12.53	10.91	30.28	32.99	26.15	-12.95%	35.53%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.48	0.90	0.60	1.81	2.38	1.45	-33.31%	25.72%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.84	1.74	2.21	6.91	4.57	5.31	27.58%	20.58%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6.46	9.67	13.36	24.30	25.45	32.03	38.19%	106.81%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.90	3.78	5.89	10.89	9.95	14.12	55.73%	103.37%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.91	1.17	1.24	3.42	3.07	2.98	6.76%	37.06%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.40	3.85	3.63	9.03	10.14	8.69	-5.81%	51.15%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.69	2.57	2.08	6.36	6.75	4.98	-19.10%	22.83%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.69	1.79	1.79	6.36	4.71	4.28	-0.20%	5.78%
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	26.58	37.99	41.71	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.81%	56.92%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 2021 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/July2021	Aug2021/Aug2020
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	128.02	32.66	48.83	78.90	41.36	44.40	49.53%	-61.86%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	9.31	10.56	12.04	5.74	13.37	10.94	13.98%	29.25%
3	Kenya	1.56	1.54	6.66	0.96	1.95	6.06	332.04%	326.64%
4	United States	3.02	3.62	4.70	1.86	4.59	4.28	29.87%	55.96%
5	Switzerland	1.03	2.19	4.53	0.63	2.77	4.12	106.92%	340.10%
6	Pakistan	2.12	3.58	4.24	1.31	4.54	3.86	18.48%	100.12%
7	United Kingdom	1.95	5.45	3.05	1.20	6.90	2.77	-44.10%	56.54%
8	Germany	0.27	0.18	2.68	0.16	0.23	2.44	1365.63%	904.03%
9	China	1.92	0.85	2.62	1.18	1.07	2.38	209.36%	0.00%
10	Uganda	2.20	2.46	2.34	1.35	3.12	2.13	0.00%	6.57%
Rest of the World		10.88	15.87	18.30	6.70	20.10	16.63	15.28%	68.18%
Total		162.27	78.96	109.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	39.29%	-32.22%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 2021–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/July2021	Aug2021/Aug2020
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.63	35.58	37.03	96.43	93.67	88.78	4.07%	44.48%
2	Kenya	0.12	0.01	2.50	0.46	0.01	5.99	48680.72%	1961.56%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.11	0.24	0.62	0.42	0.63	1.48	158.78%	451.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.00	0.66	0.50	0.00	1.73	1.20	-24.08%	0.00%
5	Malawi	0.00	0.03	0.27	0.00	0.08	0.66	838.16%	0.00%
6	United Kingdom	0.00	0.34	0.27	0.00	0.89	0.65	-20.42%	0.00%
7	Uganda	0.28	0.37	0.26	1.04	0.97	0.63	-28.40%	-4.66%
8	Zambia	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.12	9.41%	0.00%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.21	0.49	0.04	0.78	1.28	0.10	-91.39%	-79.79%
10	Kuwait	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		0.23	0.23	0.13	0.87	0.62	0.31	-44.83%	-44.31%
Total		26.58	37.99	41.71	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.81%	56.92%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Aug2021/July2021	Aug2021/Aug2020
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	100.47	47.85	91.28	23.79	13.94	24.80	90.76%	-9.15%
2	China	75.55	76.94	62.64	17.89	22.41	17.02	-18.59%	-17.09%
3	United Arab Emirates	24.36	23.01	28.39	5.77	6.70	7.71	23.39%	16.51%
4	Kenya	71.41	23.90	23.44	16.91	6.96	6.37	-1.91%	-67.17%
5	India	25.12	30.67	19.59	5.95	8.93	5.32	-36.11%	-21.99%
6	Cameroon	0.00	0.00	14.07	0.00	0.00	3.82	371770.79%	0.00
7	Germany	5.73	11.46	10.17	1.36	3.34	2.76	-11.22%	77.68%
9	Japan	3.38	6.22	10.17	0.80	1.81	2.76	63.55%	200.66%
10	Saudi Arabia	1.35	7.80	9.54	0.32	2.27	2.59	22.34%	605.34%
11	Egypt	6.47	7.71	9.24	1.53	2.25	2.51	19.77%	42.82%
	Rest of the World	108.52	107.75	89.59	25.69	31.39	24.34	-16.85%	-17.44%
	Total	422.36	343.31	368.13	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.23%	-12.84%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹
Air	151.97	62.00	110.90	128.19	34.59	42.73	0.00	1.15	3.96
Land	270.39	281.32	257.23	34.08	44.37	67.26	26.58	36.84	37.75
Total	422.36	343.31	368.13	162.27	78.96	109.99	26.58	37.99	41.71

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