



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

September 2021

October 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 223.65 million in September 2021, an increase of 3.33 per cent compared to the previous month of August. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 60.34 per cent on the deficit of September 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/ Aug2021	Sept2021/ Sept2020
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	149.33	151.70	131.61	34.08	29.18	27.03	-13.25%	-11.87%
Domestic exports	122.12	109.99	92.22	27.87	21.16	18.94	-16.16%	-24.49%
Re-exports	27.21	41.71	39.39	6.21	8.02	8.09	-5.57%	44.78%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	288.81	368.13	355.26	65.92	70.82	72.97	-3.50%	23.01%
Total External Trade (A+B)	438.14	519.83	486.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.34%	11.12%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-139.48	-216.43	-223.65				3.33%	60.34%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In September 2021, domestic exports values decreased by 16.16 per cent compared to August 2021 and by 24.49 per cent compared to September 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in September 2021 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/ Aug2021	Sept2021/ Sept2020
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	25.00	43.55	27.40	20.47	39.59	29.71	-37.08%	9.57%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.06	98.98%	436.23%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.96	16.19	20.16	5.70	14.72	21.86	24.49%	189.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.06	32.41%	27.20%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.03	0.20	0.16	0.02	0.18	0.18	-16.58%	501.27%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.58	0.98	1.10	0.47	0.89	1.19	11.32%	90.55%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.05	5.98	7.07	4.14	5.44	7.67	18.23%	39.90%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.62	1.13	0.87	0.51	1.03	0.94	-23.21%	40.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.69	2.06	2.00	1.39	1.87	2.17	-2.78%	18.16%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	82.14	39.85	33.37	67.26	36.23	36.18	-16.26%	-59.38%
Total Domestic Exports	122.12	109.99	92.22	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.16%	-24.49%

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Imports

In September 2021, total imports values decreased by 3.50 per cent compared to August 2021 and increased by 23.01 per cent compared to September 2020.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/ Aug2021	Sept2021/ Sept2020
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	33.91	41.69	37.76	11.74	11.32	10.63	-9.42%	11.35%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.53	2.12	2.71	0.53	0.58	0.76	27.66%	76.86%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.80	8.78	14.22	2.35	2.38	4.00	62.07%	109.18%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20.83	36.48	46.06	7.21	9.91	12.97	26.26%	121.09%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.82	11.68	15.54	2.71	3.17	4.38	33.04%	98.71%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	31.88	51.91	43.83	11.04	14.10	12.34	-15.57%	37.46%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	51.47	53.95	57.05	17.82	14.66	16.06	5.73%	10.84%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	38.28	59.35	73.27	13.25	16.12	20.63	23.46%	91.42%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.61	22.53	29.75	5.75	6.12	8.37	32.03%	79.10%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	79.67	79.63	35.07	27.59	21.63	9.87	-55.96%	-55.98%
Total Imports	288.81	368.13	355.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.50%	23.01%

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Re-exports

In September 2021, re-exports values decreased by 5.57 per cent compared to July 2021 and increased by 44.78 per cent compared to September 2020.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/ Aug2021	Sept2021/ Sept2020
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	8.58	10.91	11.05	31.54	26.15	28.07	1.35%	28.84%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.32	0.60	0.36	1.17	1.45	0.91	-40.38%	12.52%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.59	2.21	2.01	9.52	5.31	5.10	-9.21%	-22.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6.15	13.36	9.98	22.59	32.03	25.35	-25.26%	62.47%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.68	5.89	5.41	9.85	14.12	13.74	-8.08%	101.95%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.09	1.24	1.98	4.01	2.98	5.03	59.04%	81.65%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.88	3.63	4.07	10.60	8.69	10.33	12.20%	41.12%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.47	2.08	2.66	5.39	4.98	6.75	28.17%	81.27%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.45	1.79	1.86	5.33	4.28	4.71	3.87%	27.93%
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	27.21	41.71	39.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.57%	44.78%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2021 – Domestic Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/Aug2021	Sept2021/Sept2020
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	85.33	48.83	41.67	69.87	44.40	45.18	-14.68%	-51.17%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	8.80	12.04	11.38	7.21	10.94	12.33	-5.48%	29.23%
3	Hong Kong	1.20	2.13	5.11	0.99	1.93	5.54	140.09%	324.40%
4	Kenya	0.75	6.66	4.89	0.61	6.06	5.30	-26.67%	554.56%
5	United Kingdom	3.60	3.05	3.25	2.95	2.77	3.53	6.85%	-9.72%
6	Uganda	2.23	2.34	2.96	1.82	2.13	3.21	26.45%	32.95%
7	China	1.08	2.62	2.94	0.88	2.38	3.19	12.42%	173.51%
8	United States	3.41	4.70	2.64	2.79	4.28	2.87	-43.76%	-22.48%
9	Singapore	0.60	1.20	1.96	0.49	1.09	2.13	63.55%	0.00%
10	Pakistan	2.67	4.24	1.56	2.19	3.86	1.69	0.00%	-41.59%
Rest of the World		12.45	22.18	13.86	10.19	20.17	15.03	-37.50%	11.36%
Total		122.12	109.99	92.22	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.16%	-24.49%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/Aug2021	Sept2021/Sept2020
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	26.40	37.03	38.21	97.02	88.78	97.01	3.19%	44.76%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.01	0.04	0.48	0.02	0.10	1.23	1054.13%	9114.27%
3	Uganda	0.06	0.26	0.46	0.22	0.63	1.16	72.46%	662.32%
4	Zambia	0.03	0.05	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.25	100.69%	202.56%
5	South Sudan	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.12	136.97%	0.00%
6	Malawi	0.00	0.27	0.04	0.00	0.66	0.10	-84.89%	0.00%
7	United States	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.09	85.77%	0.00%
8	Canada	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00%	0.00%
9	Switzerland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00%	0.00%
10	United Arab Emirates	0.09	0.62	0.00	0.33	1.48	0.00	-99.93%	-99.50%
Rest of the World		0.62	3.40	0.00	2.28	8.14	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total		27.21	41.71	39.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.57%	44.78%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Sept2021/Aug2021	Sept2021/Sept2020
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	69.59	91.28	66.36	24.09	24.80	18.68	-27.30%	-4.63%
2	China	43.87	62.64	51.60	15.19	17.02	14.52	-17.63%	17.60%
3	India	17.86	19.59	31.44	6.18	5.32	8.85	60.45%	76.04%
4	Kenya	36.20	23.44	28.30	12.54	6.37	7.97	20.72%	-21.82%
5	United Arab Emirates	13.57	28.39	26.52	4.70	7.71	7.46	-6.59%	95.44%
6	Germany	3.35	10.17	21.81	1.16	2.76	6.14	114.38%	552.01%
7	Indonesia	1.54	3.91	11.02	0.53	1.06	3.10	181.53%	614.58%
9	Saudi Arabia	2.58	9.54	8.59	0.89	2.59	2.42	-9.95%	233.68%
10	Sudan	0.00	0.00	8.54	0.00	0.00	2.40	0.00%	0.00%
11	Turkey	2.27	7.88	8.51	0.79	2.14	2.39	7.93%	274.86%
Rest of the World		97.99	111.28	92.57	33.93	30.23	26.06	-16.81%	-5.52%
Total		288.81	368.13	355.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.50%	23.01%

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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	
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹
Air	104.27	110.90	67.39	84.87	42.73	37.55	0.55	3.96	0.04
Land	184.54	257.23	287.88	37.26	67.26	54.68	26.65	37.75	39.35
Total	288.81	368.13	355.26	122.12	109.99	92.23	27.21	41.71	39.39

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