



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

December 2021

January 2022

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods for December 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 218.28 million in December 2021, an increase of 3.85 per cent compared to the previous month of November. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit has increased by 16.78 per cent on the deficit of December 2020.

Table 1. Summary of formal external trade in goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/Nov2021	Dec2021/Dec2020
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	84.02	130.59	173.79	23.67	27.70	30.71	33.08%	106.86%
Domestic exports	54.02	89.38	128.92	15.22	18.96	22.78	44.25%	138.65%
Re-exports	29.99	41.22	44.87	76.33	8.74	7.93	8.86%	49.60%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	270.93	340.79	392.07	8.45	72.30	69.29	15.05%	44.71%
Total External Trade (A+B)	354.95	471.38	565.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	20.04%	59.42%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-186.92	-210.19	-218.28				3.85%	16.78%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In December 2021, domestic exports value has increased by 44.25 per cent compared to November 2021 and by 138.65 per cent compared to December 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in December 2021 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total domestic exports of goods by S.I.T.C section in December 2021

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/Nov2021	Dec2021/Dec2020
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	20.96	29.71	50.32	38.80	33.24	39.03	69.39%	140.09%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.12	0.02	0.08	0.22	0.02	0.07	413.16%	-29.39%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.91	15.18	19.39	14.63	16.98	15.04	27.75%	145.30%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.12	0.09	0.04	0.23	0.10	0.03	-54.80%	-66.72%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.11	0.54	0.65	0.20	0.60	0.50	19.84%	514.52%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.57	0.72	0.70	1.05	0.80	0.54	-2.73%	23.31%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.58	6.13	6.10	12.18	6.86	4.73	-0.49%	-7.26%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.11	0.33	0.45	2.05	0.37	0.35	34.70%	-59.32%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.02	3.12	2.47	1.89	3.50	1.92	-20.81%	142.58%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	15.54	33.54	48.71	28.76	37.53	37.79	45.24%	213.56%
Total domestic exports	54.02	89.38	128.92	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.25%	138.65%

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Imports

In December 2021, total imports value has increased by 15.05 per cent compared to November 2021 and increased by 44.71 per cent compared to December 2020.

Table 3. Total imports of goods by S.I.T.C section in December 2021

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/ Nov2021	Dec2021/ Dec2020
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	37.73	44.23	51.31	13.92	12.98	13.09	16.01%	36.01%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.34	2.48	3.31	1.23	0.73	0.84	33.16%	-0.91%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.89	8.81	9.34	2.17	2.58	2.38	6.04%	58.52%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	22.84	47.84	43.96	8.43	14.04	11.21	-8.10%	92.53%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	10.35	18.99	24.85	3.82	5.57	6.34	30.86%	140.04%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	40.67	33.96	41.32	15.01	9.96	10.54	21.67%	1.58%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	52.16	68.07	58.68	19.25	19.97	14.97	-13.79%	12.51%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	57.19	54.62	70.00	21.11	16.03	17.85	28.16%	22.40%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	25.70	28.12	40.71	9.48	8.25	10.38	44.78%	58.42%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	15.07	33.67	48.59	5.56	9.88	12.39	44.29%	222.41%
Total imports	270.93	340.79	392.07	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.05%	44.71%

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Re-exports

In December 2021, total re-exports value has increased by 8.86 per cent compared to November 2021 and by 49.60 per cent compared to December 2020.

Table 4. Total re-exports of goods by S.I.T.C section in December 2021

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/ Nov2021	Dec2021/ Dec2020
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	12.16	12.33	15.28	40.53	29.91	34.06	23.93%	25.69%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.22	0.79	1.17	4.06	1.93	2.60	47.11%	-4.03%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.10	2.13	1.64	7.00	5.18	3.65	-23.28%	-22.02%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4.80	10.58	12.11	15.99	25.66	27.00	14.52%	152.53%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.38	5.76	4.87	11.25	13.97	10.86	-15.44%	44.29%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.40	1.16	1.37	4.65	2.80	3.05	18.35%	-1.93%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.80	3.09	3.05	5.99	7.50	6.79	-1.40%	69.72%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.59	3.08	3.65	5.29	7.47	8.14	18.58%	129.91%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.57	2.30	1.73	5.23	5.58	3.86	-24.57%	10.45%
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	29.99	41.22	44.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.86%	49.60%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main trading partner countries in December 2021 – Domestic exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/Nov2021	Dec2021/Dec2020
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	19.16	38.98	57.36	35.47	43.61	44.49	47.16%	199.31%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	7.46	11.33	11.92	13.81	12.67	9.25	5.26%	59.76%
3	Switzerland	1.10	0.65	11.36	2.03	0.73	8.81	1648.59%	934.23%
4	United Kingdom	2.74	3.58	7.22	5.07	4.01	5.60	101.50%	163.33%
5	Kenya	0.74	4.02	7.22	1.38	4.49	5.60	79.71%	868.68%
6	Uganda	0.14	2.78	4.54	0.25	3.11	3.52	63.16%	3242.92%
7	Pakistan	1.65	3.71	3.70	3.05	4.15	2.87	-0.30%	124.02%
8	Hong Kong	1.20	1.65	3.48	2.23	1.85	2.70	110.33%	189.06%
9	United States	2.15	2.92	2.71	3.99	3.26	2.10	-7.01%	25.90%
10	South Sudan	2.41	0.13	2.61	4.45	0.15	2.03	1854.75%	8.56%
Rest of the World		15.26	19.63	16.81	28.25	21.96	13.04	-14.36%	10.16%
Total		54.02	89.38	128.92	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.25%	138.65%

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Table 6. Main trading partner countries in December 2021–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/Nov2021	Dec2021/Dec2020
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	29.16	41.06	41.59	97.21	99.61	92.68	1.29%	42.63%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.01	0.02	1.20	0.05	0.05	2.67	5801.94%	8091.85%
3	Uganda	0.46	0.00	0.56	1.53	0.01	1.26	20495.77%	22.82%
4	United Kingdom	0.01	0.00	0.42	0.03	0.00	0.93	0.00%	4169.44%
5	Ethiopia	0.14	0.00	0.39	0.45	0.00	0.88	0.00%	0.00%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.14	0.03	0.26	0.46	0.07	0.58	843.54%	-46.84%
7	Turkey	0.02	0.02	0.22	0.07	0.04	0.48	1207.51%	976.41%
8	South Sudan	0.00	0.09	0.15	0.00	0.21	0.33	71.36%	-100.00%
9	Malawi	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00%	0.00%
10	United States	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.18	0.02	0.07	289.44%	0.00%
Rest of the World		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.00%	-158.59%
Total		29.99	41.22	44.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.86%	49.60%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in December 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Dec2021/Nov2021	Dec2021/Dec2020
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	China	59.85	66.77	75.08	22.09	19.59	19.15	12.45%	25.45%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	41.78	49.94	67.02	15.42	14.65	17.10	34.21%	60.41%
3	United Arab Emirates	16.02	36.46	28.10	5.91	10.70	7.17	-22.93%	75.47%
4	India	24.73	21.20	27.90	9.13	6.22	7.12	31.61%	12.80%
5	Kenya	22.11	23.28	24.61	8.16	6.83	6.28	5.72%	11.31%
6	Indonesia	5.62	4.74	17.96	2.08	1.39	4.58	279.20%	219.48%
7	Saudi Arabia	5.68	5.88	17.60	2.10	1.73	4.49	199.29%	209.85%
8	Turkey	7.07	11.82	15.30	2.61	3.47	3.90	29.41%	116.39%
9	South Africa	7.41	14.14	15.08	2.74	4.15	3.85	6.63%	103.48%
10	United States	4.34	6.95	9.74	1.60	2.04	2.49	40.14%	124.74%
Rest of the World		76.32	99.60	93.67	28.17	29.23	23.89	-5.96%	22.73%
Total		270.93	340.79	392.07	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.05%	44.71%

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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	
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹
Air	54.78	69.14	92.68	18.59	37.59	52.63	0.36	0.17	1.06
Land	216.15	271.65	299.39	35.43	51.78	76.30	29.64	41.05	43.81
Total	270.93	340.79	392.07	54.02	89.38	128.92	29.99	41.22	44.87

Note: (R) – Revised

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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

Nov : November

Dec : December