



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

March 2022

April 2022

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2022

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 222.50 million in March 2022, an increase of 43.38 per cent compared to the previous month of February 2022. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 15.54 per cent on the deficit of March 2021.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	96.57	154.79	176.58	25.04	33.31	30.67	14.08%	82.86%
Domestic exports	58.62	105.16	98.81	15.20	22.63	17.16	-6.04%	68.56%
Re-exports	37.95	49.63	77.78	9.84	10.68	13.51	56.71%	104.95%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	289.15	309.97	399.09	74.96	66.69	69.33	28.75%	38.02%
Total External Trade (A+B)	385.71	464.77	575.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.86%	49.25%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-192.58	-155.18	-222.50				43.38%	15.54%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In March 2022 domestic exports values decreased by 6.04 per cent compared to February 2022 and increased by 68.56 per cent compared to March 2021. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2022 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2022

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.13	27.03	24.64	44.59	25.70	24.93	-8.85%	-5.73%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.05	48.48%	430.67%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.58	15.67	18.76	19.76	14.90	18.99	19.73%	62.02%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.09	0.11	17.97%	48.26%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.17	0.57	0.00	0.16	0.58	0.00%	24071.43%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.46	1.04	1.25	0.79	0.99	1.26	19.88%	168.23%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.63	11.70	8.64	11.32	11.13	8.75	-26.13%	30.26%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.53	13.40	0.94	0.91	12.74	0.95	-92.99%	76.04%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.04	4.55	2.12	1.78	4.33	2.15	-53.39%	103.55%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	12.14	31.48	41.74	20.72	29.94	42.24	32.58%	243.65%
Total Domestic Exports	58.62	105.16	98.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.04%	68.56%

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Imports

In March 2022, total imports values increased by 28.75 per cent compared to February 2022 and by 38.02 per cent compared to March 2021.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2022

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	40.08	38.26	53.72	13.86	12.34	13.46	40.40%	34.03%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.68	3.64	5.10	0.58	1.18	1.28	39.97%	204.24%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.28	9.69	10.98	2.17	3.13	2.75	13.23%	74.64%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	24.00	47.98	57.77	8.30	15.48	14.48	20.40%	140.75%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.24	20.15	23.24	3.89	6.50	5.82	15.37%	106.74%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	38.41	34.37	45.79	13.28	11.09	11.47	33.22%	19.22%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42.16	53.82	62.32	14.58	17.36	15.62	15.80%	47.83%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	76.73	49.82	62.61	26.54	16.07	15.69	25.66%	-18.41%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	25.22	20.29	35.67	8.72	6.55	8.94	75.80%	41.46%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	23.35	31.95	41.90	8.08	10.31	10.50	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	289.15	309.97	399.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	28.75%	38.02%

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Re-exports

In March 2022, re-exports values increased by 56.71 per cent compared to February 2022 and by 104.95 per cent compared to March 2021.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2022

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	11.08	13.48	12.53	29.19	27.17	16.11	-7.05%	13.15%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.57	1.25	25.43	1.50	2.51	32.70	1941.62%	4361.36%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.01	1.22	2.12	5.30	2.46	2.73	73.52%	5.48%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.82	14.12	16.55	25.88	28.44	21.28	17.24%	68.53%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.94	4.66	6.51	18.29	9.39	8.37	39.70%	-6.20%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.42	1.48	1.74	3.74	2.98	2.23	17.43%	22.41%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.14	3.42	5.55	5.64	6.89	7.13	62.25%	159.42%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.19	8.29	3.26	5.78	16.70	4.19	-60.67%	48.60%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.78	1.72	4.09	4.69	3.46	5.26	138.41%	130.08%
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	37.95	49.63	77.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	56.71%	104.95%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2022 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	17.60	38.31	49.69	30.03	36.43	50.29	29.70%	182.33%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	10.45	11.80	12.91	17.82	11.22	13.07	9.43%	23.60%
3	Pakistan	3.26	4.95	3.78	5.57	4.70	3.82	-23.60%	15.74%
4	Singapore	3.10	2.63	3.51	5.29	2.50	3.56	33.74%	13.34%
5	Kenya	0.37	1.46	3.37	0.62	1.39	3.41	131.06%	820.88%
6	Italy	0.38	0.29	2.87	0.64	0.27	2.90	903.59%	663.56%
7	United Kingdom	2.93	2.69	2.53	4.99	2.56	2.56	-6.21%	-13.61%
8	Egypt	1.37	1.93	2.38	2.34	1.83	2.41	23.60%	73.83%
9	Germany	0.51	0.38	1.96	0.87	0.36	1.98	414.80%	282.57%
10	Hong Kong	0.89	1.93	1.93	1.52	1.83	1.95	0.00%	116.00%
Rest of the World		17.76	38.81	13.88	30.31	36.90	14.05	-64.22%	-21.84%
Total		58.62	105.16	98.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.04%	68.56%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2022–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	36.47	47.65	75.65	96.11	96.00	97.26	58.77%	107.41%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.04	0.42	0.65	0.11	0.85	0.84	55.43%	1448.64%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.29	0.22	0.43	0.77	0.44	0.56	98.67%	0.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.57	0.41	0.40	1.51	0.82	0.51	-2.21%	-30.76%
5	United Kingdom	0.08	0.00	0.13	0.20	0.00	0.17	0.00%	65.68%
6	Turkey	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.11	61.14%	180.80%
7	Kenya	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.05	0.03	0.11	562.90%	0.00%
8	Greece	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.08	0.00%	0.00%
9	Zambia	0.00	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.23	0.07	-51.08%	0.00%
10	Canada	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00%	3249.05%
Rest of the World		0.44	0.70	0.17	1.16	1.41	0.22	-75.75%	-61.42%
Total		37.95	49.63	77.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	56.71%	104.95%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2022

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Mar2022/Feb2022	Mar2022/Mar2021
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	57.74	69.10	72.19	19.97	22.29	18.09	4.47%	25.01%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	33.76	43.45	60.03	11.68	14.02	15.04	38.16%	77.81%
3	India	24.71	22.59	37.36	8.54	7.29	9.36	65.39%	51.23%
4	Kenya	19.13	31.44	33.93	6.62	10.14	8.50	7.94%	77.36%
5	United Arab Emirates	25.36	28.07	27.49	8.77	9.05	6.89	-2.06%	8.37%
6	Korea, Republic Of	1.16	1.92	14.45	0.40	0.62	3.62	651.19%	1149.34%
7	Saudi Arabia	4.99	4.99	12.85	1.72	1.61	3.22	157.60%	157.70%
9	Turkey	5.42	6.94	11.98	1.87	2.24	3.00	72.63%	121.25%
10	Malaysia	2.79	1.16	11.58	0.96	0.37	2.90	899.28%	315.23%
11	Belgium	8.55	5.71	8.98	2.96	1.84	2.25	57.24%	5.10%
Rest of the World		105.55	94.61	108.25	36.50	30.52	27.12	14.41%	2.56%
Total		289.15	309.97	399.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	28.75%	38.02%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021		2022
	March (R)	February ¹	March ¹	March (R)	February ¹	March ¹	March (R)	February ¹	March ¹
Air	66.26	55.10	68.12	16.15	36.67	45.76	1.03	1.08	0.96
Land	222.89	254.87	330.97	42.47	68.49	53.05	36.92	48.55	76.82
Total	289.15	309.97	399.09	58.62	105.16	98.81	37.95	49.63	77.78

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

Feb: February

Mar: March