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Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2022

June 2022

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2022

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 306.64 million in May 2022, an increase of 33.12 per cent compared to the previous month of April 2022. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 23.19 per cent on the deficit of May 2021.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	108.64	140.84	166.39	23.30	27.51	26.02	18.14%	53.15%
Domestic exports	73.62	96.28	113.20	15.79	18.80	17.70	17.58%	53.76%
Re-exports	35.02	44.56	53.18	7.51	8.70	8.32	19.34%	51.86%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	357.56	371.20	473.03	76.70	72.49	73.98	27.43%	32.29%
Total External Trade (A+B)	466.20	512.04	639.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	24.88%	37.15%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-248.91	-230.35	-306.64				33.12%	23.19%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2022 domestic exports values increased by 17.58 per cent compared to April 2022 and by 53.76 per cent compared to May 2021. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2022 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.94	21.85	21.02	27.09	22.69	18.57	-3.79%	5.41%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02	-25.50%	-36.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.09	18.61	19.48	16.43	19.33	17.20	4.64%	61.05%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.06	133.86%	111.29%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.09	0.11	0.43	0.12	0.11	0.38	293.76%	383.46%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.75	1.07	0.98	3.74	1.11	0.87	-8.73%	-64.38%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.55	9.50	7.94	6.18	9.87	7.02	-16.39%	74.67%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.80	0.78	0.25	1.08	0.81	0.22	-67.98%	-68.60%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.32	2.74	2.40	1.80	2.84	2.12	-12.43%	81.43%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	32.02	41.56	60.62	43.49	43.17	53.55	45.86%	89.35%
Total Domestic Exports	73.62	96.28	113.20	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.58%	53.76%

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Imports

In May 2022, total imports values increased by 27.43 per cent compared to April 2022 and by 32.29 per cent compared to May 2021.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	48.23	47.58	74.77	13.49	12.82	15.81	57.13%	55.04%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.25	15.40	6.52	0.63	4.15	1.38	-57.65%	189.97%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.92	10.01	14.32	1.93	2.70	3.03	43.13%	106.98%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	34.13	48.64	72.91	9.54	13.10	15.41	49.90%	113.64%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	12.25	15.11	16.75	3.43	4.07	3.54	10.88%	36.78%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	39.96	44.05	47.09	11.17	11.87	9.95	6.88%	17.84%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	58.41	60.94	76.89	16.34	16.42	16.25	26.17%	31.63%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	80.57	60.57	67.56	22.53	16.32	14.28	11.53%	-16.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38.56	26.77	34.71	10.78	7.21	7.34	29.64%	-10.00%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	36.28	42.12	61.52	10.15	11.35	13.01	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	357.56	371.20	473.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.43%	32.29%

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Re-exports

In May 2022, re-exports values increased by 19.34 per cent compared to April 2022 and by 51.86 per cent compared to May 2021.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	11.94	12.64	16.28	34.09	28.37	30.60	28.74%	36.32%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.12	1.01	1.00	3.21	2.26	1.88	-0.70%	-10.89%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.82	1.93	1.73	5.19	4.33	3.25	-10.39%	-4.79%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	8.49	13.49	18.11	24.24	30.27	34.05	34.27%	113.30%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.87	3.62	4.09	13.91	8.12	7.69	12.98%	-16.06%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.95	2.64	1.75	2.72	5.92	3.29	-33.71%	83.77%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.05	3.17	4.44	8.72	7.12	8.34	39.82%	45.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.23	3.46	3.62	3.51	7.75	6.81	4.83%	194.49%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.54	2.60	2.16	4.40	5.84	4.06	-16.92%	40.22%
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	35.02	44.56	53.18	100.00	100.00	100.00	19.34%	51.86%

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Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	37.01	51.94	70.27	50.27	53.95	62.07	35.30%	89.88%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	7.37	10.90	11.82	10.01	11.33	10.44	8.40%	60.35%
3	Hong Kong	2.46	2.59	4.00	3.35	2.69	3.54	54.44%	62.41%
4	Singapore	2.27	3.84	3.66	3.09	3.99	3.23	-4.73%	61.11%
5	Pakistan	3.13	3.37	3.54	4.25	3.50	3.12	4.97%	12.94%
6	China	1.57	1.70	1.94	2.13	1.76	1.71	14.47%	23.92%
7	Uganda	0.07	2.12	1.79	0.09	2.20	1.58	-15.64%	2545.87%
8	United Kingdom	1.62	1.92	1.57	2.20	2.00	1.39	-18.33%	-3.05%
9	Congo	0.66	1.46	1.41	0.90	1.52	1.24	-3.67%	112.41%
10	Egypt	0.73	1.32	1.25	0.98	1.38	1.11	0.00%	72.78%
Rest of the World		16.73	15.11	11.95	22.73	15.69	10.56	-20.89%	-28.57%
Total		73.62	96.28	113.20	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.58%	53.76%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	34.15	42.92	50.91	97.50	96.32	95.72	18.60%	49.08%
2	Uganda	0.00	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.92	0.77	-0.43%	0.00%
3	Ethiopia	0.27	0.43	0.41	0.78	0.96	0.77	-4.70%	49.46%
4	United States	0.00	0.07	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.61	380.93%	7773.09%
5	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.10	0.29	0.00	0.23	0.55	184.34%	0.00%
6	Somalia	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.00%	0.00%
7	United Arab Emirates	0.12	0.31	0.18	0.34	0.69	0.34	-41.77%	49.90%
8	Belgium	0.01	0.10	0.10	0.03	0.22	0.18	1.93%	738.07%
9	Greece	0.00	0.06	0.09	0.00	0.13	0.17	54.81%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.02	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.19	0.16	-1.29%	323.68%
Rest of the World		0.45	0.08	0.12	1.27	0.18	0.22	46.05%	-73.49%
Total		35.02	44.56	53.18	100.00	100.00	100.00	19.34%	51.86%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2022

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		May2022/April2022	May2022/May2021
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	78.10	73.43	79.64	21.84	19.78	16.84	8.46%	1.98%
2	India	23.58	32.44	57.52	6.60	8.74	12.16	77.31%	143.91%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	31.27	24.86	56.39	8.74	6.70	11.92	126.83%	80.37%
4	United Arab Emirates	30.68	29.41	44.96	8.58	7.92	9.51	52.90%	46.53%
5	Kenya	22.02	66.34	40.34	6.16	17.87	8.53	-39.20%	83.19%
6	South Africa	18.12	13.20	17.80	5.07	3.55	3.76	34.86%	-1.77%
7	Argentina	0.00	4.03	11.56	0.00	1.09	2.44	187.00%	0.00
9	United States	6.05	9.33	9.91	1.69	2.51	2.09	6.20%	63.72%
10	Burkina Faso	6.15	7.17	9.23	1.72	1.93	1.95	28.78%	50.10%
11	Japan	3.91	4.08	8.81	1.09	1.10	1.86	115.84%	125.30%
	Rest of the World	137.68	106.91	136.86	38.50	28.80	28.93	28.02%	-0.59%
	Total	357.56	371.20	473.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.43%	32.29%

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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
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	64.36	73.98	94.88	36.48	45.25	62.78	0.70	1.08	2.22
Land	293.20	297.22	378.15	37.15	51.03	50.42	34.33	43.48	50.96
Total	357.56	371.20	473.03	73.62	96.28	113.20	35.02	44.56	53.18

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