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Formal External Trade in Goods

December 2022

January 2023

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods

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Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 293.96 million in December 2022, an increase of 0.81 per cent compared to the previous month of November 2022. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 28.93 per cent on the deficit of December 2021.

Table 1: Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Dec2022/ Nov2022	Dec2022/ Dec2021
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	169.41	151.03	199.68	29.89	25.44	28.80	32.21%	17.87%
Domestic exports	123.94	99.66	143.37	21.87	16.79	20.68	43.87%	15.68%
Re-exports	45.47	51.38	56.31	8.02	8.65	8.12	9.60%	23.85%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	397.41	442.62	493.64	70.11	74.56	71.20	11.53%	24.22%
Total External Trade (A+B)	566.81	593.66	693.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.79%	22.32%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-228.00	-291.59	-293.96				0.81%	28.93%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In December 2022 domestic exports values increased by 43.87 per cent compared to November 2022 and by 15.68 per cent compared to December 2021. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in December 2022 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
	2021	2022		2021	2022		Dec2022 /Nov2022	Dec2022 /Dec2021
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	45.34	39.28	37.22	36.58	39.41	25.96	-5.24%	-17.90%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.08	0.05	0.16	0.07	0.05	0.11	220.40%	94.63%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19.39	15.47	23.84	15.65	15.53	16.63	54.08%	22.94%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	0.04	0.17	0.02	0.03	0.17	0.01	-89.54%	-57.71%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.65	1.33	0.19	0.52	1.33	0.13	-85.90%	-71.05%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.70	1.12	1.49	0.56	1.12	1.04	32.59%	112.40%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.10	9.02	9.49	4.92	9.05	6.62	5.24%	55.62%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.45	0.83	1.88	0.36	0.83	1.31	127.22%	316.49%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.47	2.69	2.23	2.00	2.70	1.55	-17.26%	-9.98%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	48.71	29.70	66.86	39.30	29.80	46.63	125.12%	37.24%
Total Domestic Exports	123.94	99.66	143.37	100.00	100.00	100.00	43.87%	15.68%

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Imports

In December 2022, total imports values increased by 11.53 per cent compared to November 2022 and by 24.22 per cent compared to December 2021.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
	2021		2022	2021		2022	Dec2022 /Nov2022	Dec2022 /Dec2021
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	51.68	85.32	85.12	13.00	19.28	17.24	-0.24%	64.71%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	6.05	6.56	8.35	1.52	1.48	1.69	27.36%	38.08%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.36	10.58	11.43	2.86	2.39	2.32	8.03%	0.62%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	43.72	55.35	59.39	11.00	12.51	12.03	7.31%	35.84%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	24.85	22.72	16.42	6.25	5.13	3.33	-27.75%	-33.94%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	41.87	42.27	61.52	10.54	9.55	12.46	45.56%	46.94%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	58.96	79.90	103.77	14.84	18.05	21.02	29.88%	76.00%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	70.15	85.81	94.42	17.65	19.39	19.13	10.04%	34.61%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	40.18	31.16	30.60	10.11	7.04	6.20	-1.80%	-23.84%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	48.59	22.95	22.60	12.23	5.18	4.58	-1.51%	-53.48%
Total Imports	397.41	442.62	493.64	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.53%	24.22%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In December 2022, re-exports values increased by 9.60 per cent compared to November 2022 and by 23.85 per cent compared to December 2021.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
	2021		2022	2021		2022	Dec2022 /Nov2022	Dec2022 /Dec2021
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	12.58	16.19	20.61	33.61	40.12	36.83	0.62%	35.72%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.17	1.76	2.42	3.46	4.71	3.71	-13.77%	32.75%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.13	1.71	1.42	3.60	2.77	2.90	14.49%	-0.35%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.58	12.20	10.33	26.65	20.11	20.40	11.22%	-5.17%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.96	3.20	4.35	10.71	8.46	11.91	54.20%	37.68%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.16	1.08	2.47	3.01	4.82	4.84	10.09%	98.88%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.26	4.74	5.45	7.12	10.60	9.19	-4.97%	59.88%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.08	3.57	2.39	8.03	4.66	6.63	56.01%	2.22%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.31	2.07	1.93	3.81	3.75	3.60	5.06%	16.78%
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	41.23	46.51	51.38	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.60%	23.85%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 5: Main Trading Partner Countries in December 2022 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Dec2022	Dec2022
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	/Nov2022	/Dec2021
1	United Arab Emirates	57.36	10.82	45.76	46.28	10.86	31.92	322.93%	-20.22%
2	India	0.41	25.46	26.98	0.33	25.55	18.82	5.97%	6422.91%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	11.92	13.23	15.05	9.62	13.27	10.50	13.76%	26.23%
4	China	2.05	4.50	10.24	1.65	4.51	7.14	127.80%	400.58%
5	Hong Kong	3.48	2.67	5.27	2.81	2.68	3.67	97.43%	51.44%
6	United Kingdom	7.22	3.80	4.63	5.82	3.82	3.23	21.80%	-35.83%
7	Pakistan	3.70	2.31	3.29	2.98	2.32	2.30	42.43%	-10.90%
8	United States	2.71	3.00	3.05	2.19	3.01	2.13	1.65%	12.55%
9	Switzerland	11.36	3.43	2.89	9.16	3.44	2.02	-15.62%	-74.54%
10	Congo	0.59	2.98	2.35	0.47	2.99	1.64	-21.11%	300.09%
	Rest of the World	23.15	27.46	23.86	18.68	27.56	16.64	-13.13%	3.05%
	Total	123.94	99.66	143.37	100.00	100.00	100.00	43.87%	15.68%

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Table 6: Main Trading Partner Countries in December 2022–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Dec2022	Dec2022
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	/Nov2022	/Dec2021
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	41.59	48.17	52.37	91.46	93.76	93.00	8.71%	25.93%
2	Ethiopia	0.39	1.03	1.06	0.87	2.00	1.88	3.10%	169.43%
3	Uganda	0.56	0.55	0.67	1.24	1.06	1.19	22.89%	18.98%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.26	0.36	0.59	0.57	0.71	1.05	63.33%	127.88%
5	Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.00%	0.00
6	Burundi	0.00	0.18	0.29	0.00	0.35	0.51	57.85%	0.00%
7	South Sudan	0.15	0.19	0.19	0.32	0.37	0.35	2.06%	33.36%
8	United Kingdom	0.42	0.00	0.13	0.92	0.00	0.23	0.00%	-69.38%
9	Turkey	0.22	0.08	0.13	0.48	0.16	0.23	52.05%	-41.22%
10	United States	0.03	0.28	0.07	0.07	0.55	0.13	-74.38%	125.65%
	Rest of the World	1.85	0.53	0.33	4.07	1.03	0.58	-38.35%	-82.37%
	Total	45.47	51.38	56.31	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.60%	23.85%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in December 2022

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
		2021	2022		2021	2022		Dec2022 /Nov2022	Dec2022 /Dec2021
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	China	75.44	92.46	158.97	60.87	92.78	110.88	71.93%	110.74%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	67.03	31.56	50.29	54.08	31.67	35.08	59.35%	-24.97%
3	India	27.21	40.82	30.88	21.95	40.96	21.54	-24.34%	13.51%
4	Kenya	24.62	41.67	29.01	19.87	41.82	20.24	-30.38%	17.83%
5	United Arab Emirates	28.18	27.53	28.54	22.73	27.62	19.91	3.69%	1.30%
6	Saudi Arabia	17.51	16.68	20.36	14.13	16.74	14.20	22.08%	16.26%
7	Uganda	0.03	14.73	18.03	0.02	14.78	12.58	22.46%	66173.65%
8	Russian Federation	0.70	0.17	12.10	0.56	0.17	8.44	7217.47%	1631.34%
9	Pakistan	0.80	6.03	8.32	0.65	6.05	5.80	38.00%	938.66%
10	Indonesia	17.97	13.22	8.19	14.50	13.27	5.71	-38.06%	-54.42%
	Rest of the World	137.93	157.76	128.94	111.29	158.30	89.93	-18.27%	-6.52%
	Total	397.41	442.62	493.64	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.53%	24.22%

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¹Preliminary figures**Table 7: Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in US \$ Million)**

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2021	2022		2021	2022		2021	2022	
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹
Air	92.69	52.75	62.56	52.63	32.05	69.68	1.06	1.94	2.00
Land	304.71	389.87	431.09	71.32	67.61	73.69	44.41	49.43	54.31
Total	397.41	442.62	493.64	123.94	99.66	143.37	45.47	51.38	56.31

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures**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