



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

January 2023

February 2023

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of January 2023

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 294.13 million in January 2023, an increase of 0.06 per cent compared to the previous month of December 2022. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 39.96 per cent on the deficit of January 2022.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	137.41	199.68	193.53	28.33	28.80	28.41	-3.08%	40.84%
Domestic exports	92.18	143.37	142.39	19.01	20.68	20.90	-0.69%	54.46%
Re-exports	45.23	56.31	51.14	9.33	8.12	7.51	-9.18%	13.07%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	347.57	493.64	487.65	71.67	71.20	71.59	-1.21%	40.30%
Total External Trade (A+B)	484.98	693.33	681.18	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.75%	40.46%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-210.16	-293.96	-294.13				0.06%	39.96%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In January 2023 domestic exports values decreased by 0.69 per cent compared to December 2022 and increased by 54.46 per cent compared to January 2022. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in January 2023 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2023

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	22.84	37.22	55.93	24.78	25.96	39.28	50.25%	144.84%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.16	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.04	-64.84%	149.19%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	16.52	23.84	18.80	17.92	16.63	13.21	-21.13%	13.83%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.00	-73.99%	-94.11%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.16	0.19	0.35	0.17	0.13	0.24	85.34%	123.10%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.91	1.49	1.04	0.98	1.04	0.73	-30.12%	14.64%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.50	9.49	9.73	5.96	6.62	6.83	2.52%	77.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.10	1.88	1.07	1.19	1.31	0.75	-43.04%	-2.46%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.78	2.23	2.17	1.94	1.55	1.53	-2.47%	21.77%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	43.28	66.86	53.23	46.95	46.63	37.39	-20.38%	22.99%
Total Domestic Exports	92.18	143.37	142.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.69%	54.46%

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Imports

In January 2023, total imports values decreased by 1.21 per cent compared to December 2022 and increased by 40.30 per cent compared to January 2022.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2023

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	42.41	85.12	91.47	12.20	17.24	18.76	7.46%	115.67%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5.27	8.35	7.69	1.52	1.69	1.58	-7.99%	45.97%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.72	11.43	15.73	2.22	2.32	3.23	37.62%	103.86%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45.04	59.39	66.96	12.96	12.03	13.73	12.74%	48.68%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.45	16.42	20.57	3.29	3.33	4.22	25.29%	79.66%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	35.90	61.52	37.96	10.33	12.46	7.79	-38.29%	5.76%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	61.79	103.77	73.41	17.78	21.02	15.05	-29.26%	18.80%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	69.52	94.42	84.25	20.00	19.13	17.28	-10.78%	21.18%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23.88	30.60	31.66	6.87	6.20	6.49	3.45%	32.60%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	44.60	22.60	57.95	12.83	4.58	11.88	156.39%	29.93%
Total Imports	347.57	493.64	487.65	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.21%	40.30%

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Re-exports

In January 2023, re-exports values decreased by 9.18 per cent compared to December 2022 and increased by 13.07 per cent compared to January 2022.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2023

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	13.39	20.74	19.24	29.61	36.83	37.63	-7.22%	43.67%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.13	2.09	1.57	2.49	3.71	3.06	-24.98%	39.18%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.13	1.63	1.83	4.72	2.90	3.58	12.28%	-14.21%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	13.74	11.49	11.21	30.37	20.40	21.92	-2.41%	-18.37%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5.38	6.71	4.17	11.89	11.91	8.15	-37.86%	-22.54%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.75	2.72	2.65	3.86	4.84	5.18	-2.67%	51.67%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.57	5.18	5.61	7.89	9.19	10.97	8.39%	57.21%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.64	3.73	2.62	5.84	6.63	5.13	-29.72%	-0.78%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.50	2.02	2.24	3.32	3.60	4.38	10.53%	49.23%
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	45.23	56.31	51.14	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.18%	13.07%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2023 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	51.09	45.27	58.58	55.42	31.58	41.14	29.39%	14.67%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	10.47	15.05	14.96	11.36	10.50	10.51	-0.58%	42.94%
3	China	1.30	10.44	9.46	1.41	7.28	6.65	-9.36%	629.34%
4	Switzerland	0.32	9.38	9.37	0.34	6.54	6.58	-0.08%	2850.11%
5	United Kingdom	3.11	8.03	7.59	3.37	5.60	5.33	-5.49%	144.29%
6	Uganda	0.98	1.48	4.72	1.06	1.03	3.32	219.52%	382.26%
7	Sweden	0.00	3.99	3.99	0.00	2.78	2.80	0.00%	0.00%
8	Netherlands	0.89	2.56	3.72	0.97	1.79	2.61	45.13%	317.46%
9	South Sudan	1.87	1.83	3.38	2.03	1.28	2.37	84.67%	80.41%
10	Hong Kong	2.53	5.27	3.30	2.75	3.67	2.32	-37.37%	30.38%
Rest of the World		19.63	40.07	23.31	21.30	27.95	16.37	-41.83%	18.75%
Total		92.18	143.37	142.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.69%	54.46%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2023–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2021	2022		Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	42.76	52.37	48.00	94.55	93.00	93.87	-8.33%	12.25%
2	Ethiopia	0.83	1.06	0.96	1.84	1.88	1.87	-9.88%	14.74%
3	Burundi	0.00	0.29	0.50	0.00	0.51	0.98	74.61%	0.00%
4	Uganda	0.01	0.67	0.50	0.03	1.19	0.97	-25.85%	3287.99%
5	United Arab Emirates	0.68	0.59	0.26	1.49	1.05	0.52	-55.54%	-60.88%
6	United States	0.22	0.07	0.21	0.49	0.13	0.40	184.05%	-6.52%
7	Kenya	0.01	0.03	0.18	0.02	0.05	0.35	517.95%	1609.70%
8	Turkey	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.29	0.23	0.29	15.69%	11.03%
9	France	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.00%	0.00%
10	South Sudan	0.03	0.19	0.06	0.06	0.35	0.12	-69.16%	116.40%
Rest of the World		0.55	0.91	0.18	1.22	1.61	0.36	-79.75%	-66.59%
Total		45.23	56.31	51.14	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.18%	13.07%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2023

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	Jan2023/Dec2022	Jan2023/Jan2022
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	China	74.03	130.71	89.40	21.30	26.48	18.33	-31.60%	20.77%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	51.72	50.56	69.36	14.88	10.24	14.22	37.19%	34.10%
3	India	26.63	30.74	53.63	7.66	6.23	11.00	74.45%	101.35%
4	Kenya	32.53	28.95	42.36	9.36	5.86	8.69	46.34%	30.23%
5	United Arab Emirates	21.82	28.63	31.60	6.28	5.80	6.48	10.36%	44.85%
6	Uganda	0.01	18.02	22.53	0.00	3.65	4.62	25.07%	366269.73%
7	Saudi Arabia	13.72	20.36	12.91	3.95	4.12	2.65	-36.58%	-5.85%
8	Turkey	19.41	6.55	11.46	5.59	1.33	2.35	75.11%	-40.96%
9	Indonesia	5.95	8.19	10.88	1.71	1.66	2.23	32.83%	82.76%
10	Russian Federation	1.99	12.10	7.71	0.57	2.45	1.58	-36.31%	287.50%
Rest of the World		99.77	158.85	135.82	28.70	32.18	27.85	-14.50%	36.13%
Total		347.57	493.64	487.65	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.21%	40.30%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2022		2023	2022		2023	2022		2023
	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹
Air	68.36	62.54	87.64	46.12	69.68	56.28	2.11	2.00	1.83
Land	279.21	431.11	400.02	46.06	73.38	86.11	43.12	54.31	49.31
Total	347.57	493.65	487.65	92.18	143.07	142.39	45.23	56.31	51.14

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

Dec: December

Jan: January