



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## February 2023

March 2023

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of February 2023

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 270.64 million in February 2023, a decrease of 7.99 per cent compared to the previous month of January. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 65.95 per cent on the deficit of February 2022.

**Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods**

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>154.90</b>	<b>193.53</b>	<b>159.03</b>	<b>32.76</b>	<b>28.41</b>	<b>27.01</b>	<b>-17.83%</b>	<b>2.66%</b>
Domestic exports	105.17	142.39	114.27	22.24	20.90	19.41	-19.75%	8.65%
Re-exports	49.73	51.14	44.76	67.24	7.51	7.60	-12.48%	-9.99%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>317.99</b>	<b>487.65</b>	<b>429.67</b>	<b>10.52</b>	<b>71.59</b>	<b>72.99</b>	<b>-11.89%</b>	<b>35.12%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>472.88</b>	<b>681.18</b>	<b>588.69</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-13.58%</b>	<b>24.49%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-163.09</b>	<b>-294.13</b>	<b>-270.64</b>				<b>-7.99%</b>	<b>65.95%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In February 2023 domestic exports value decreased by 19.75 per cent compared to January 2023 and increased by 8.65 per cent compared to January 2023. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in February 2023 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	27.03	55.93	37.18	25.71	39.28	32.54	-33.52%	37.53%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	-21.81%	48.68%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.57	18.80	17.54	14.81	13.21	15.35	-6.70%	12.65%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.00	0.69	0.05	0.00	0.61	15260.51%	1228.20%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.17	0.35	0.22	0.16	0.24	0.19	-36.53%	28.10%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.04	1.04	1.50	0.99	0.73	1.31	44.74%	45.02%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11.71	9.73	8.28	11.14	6.83	7.24	-14.94%	-29.34%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	13.42	1.07	1.06	12.76	0.75	0.93	-0.64%	-92.08%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4.66	2.17	1.21	4.43	1.53	1.06	-44.33%	-74.03%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	31.48	53.23	46.53	29.93	37.39	40.72	-12.59%	47.81%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>105.17</b>	<b>142.39</b>	<b>114.27</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-19.75%</b>	<b>8.65%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In February 2023, total imports values decreased by 18.89 per cent compared to January 2023 and increased by 35.12 per cent compared to February 2022.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	39.59	91.47	84.90	12.45	18.76	19.76	-7.17%	114.47%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5.61	7.69	7.17	1.76	1.58	1.67	-6.73%	27.77%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.56	15.73	7.64	3.64	3.23	1.78	-51.43%	-33.93%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45.51	66.96	56.52	14.31	13.73	13.15	-15.59%	24.20%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	19.37	20.57	17.66	6.09	4.22	4.11	-14.12%	-8.80%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	36.15	37.96	42.58	11.37	7.79	9.91	12.15%	17.76%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	56.30	73.41	50.76	17.70	15.05	11.81	-30.85%	-9.83%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	50.30	84.25	76.45	15.82	17.28	17.79	-9.26%	51.99%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21.65	31.66	22.97	6.81	6.49	5.35	-27.45%	6.08%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	31.95	57.95	62.96	10.05	11.88	14.65	8.63%	97.06%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>317.99</b>	<b>487.65</b>	<b>429.67</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.89%</b>	<b>35.12%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In February 2023, re-exports values decreased by 12.48 per cent compared to January 2023 and by 9.99 per cent compared to February 2022.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb(R)	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Feb <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	13.62	19.24	14.84	27.38	37.63	33.15	-22.89%	8.97%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.67	1.57	2.60	3.35	3.06	5.81	65.97%	56.10%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.22	1.83	1.10	2.46	3.58	2.45	-40.07%	-10.20%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14.12	11.21	11.42	28.38	21.92	25.51	1.84%	-19.11%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.65	4.17	4.99	9.35	8.15	11.16	19.84%	7.45%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.02	2.65	1.91	2.06	5.18	4.26	-28.09%	86.05%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.42	5.61	3.72	6.88	10.97	8.32	-33.65%	8.74%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	8.29	2.62	2.35	16.67	5.13	5.25	-10.35%	-71.65%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.72	2.24	1.83	3.46	4.38	4.10	-18.07%	6.43%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>49.73</b>	<b>51.14</b>	<b>44.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-12.48%</b>	<b>-9.99%</b>

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## Trading Partners

### Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2023 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
1	United Arab Emirates	38.31	58.58	53.41	36.43	41.14	46.75	-8.82%	39.42%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	11.80	14.99	12.92	11.22	10.53	11.30	-13.84%	9.44%
3	South Sudan	3.46	3.38	6.47	3.29	2.37	5.66	91.37%	86.72%
4	Hong Kong	1.93	3.30	4.82	1.83	2.32	4.22	46.01%	150.15%
5	China	1.70	9.46	4.04	1.61	6.65	3.53	-57.32%	137.90%
6	Pakistan	4.95	2.57	3.90	4.70	1.80	3.41	51.90%	-21.11%
7	Switzerland	1.38	9.37	3.46	1.31	6.58	3.02	-63.13%	151.13%
8	United Kingdom	2.69	7.59	3.07	2.56	5.33	2.69	-59.53%	13.94%
9	Uganda	1.10	4.72	2.82	1.05	3.32	2.46	-40.39%	154.85%
10	Netherlands	1.66	3.72	2.17	1.58	2.61	1.90	-41.78%	30.56%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	36.19	24.70	17.20	34.41	17.35	15.06	-30.35%	-52.46%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>105.17</b>	<b>142.39</b>	<b>114.27</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-19.75%</b>	<b>8.65%</b>

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	47.74	48.00	42.18	96.00	93.87	94.24	-12.13%	-11.65%
2	Burundi	0.00	0.50	1.00	0.00	0.98	2.23	100.05%	0.00%
3	Uganda	0.36	0.50	0.92	0.73	0.97	2.06	85.21%	154.80%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.22	0.26	0.37	0.44	0.52	0.83	39.88%	68.93%
5	Germany	0.02	0.00	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.25	0.00%	362.75%
6	Congo	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.16	0.00	771.88%
7	South Sudan	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.10	-21.99%	0.00%
8	Ethiopia	0.41	0.96	0.04	0.81	1.87	0.10	-95.50%	-89.40%
9	Zambia	0.11	0.02	0.02	0.23	0.03	0.04	0.25%	-84.43%
10	Switzerland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	0.86	0.84	0.00	1.72	1.65	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49.73</b>	<b>51.14</b>	<b>44.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-12.48%</b>	<b>-9.99%</b>

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in February 2023**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	2022 Feb(R)	2023 Jan <sup>1</sup>	2023 Feb <sup>1</sup>	Feb2023/Jan2023	Feb2023/Feb2022
1	China	69.80	89.40	67.07	21.95	18.33	15.61	-24.98%	-3.91%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	47.08	69.36	61.90	14.80	14.22	14.41	-10.75%	31.50%
3	India	22.72	53.63	54.75	7.15	11.00	12.74	2.10%	140.97%
4	Kenya	33.91	42.36	35.89	10.66	8.69	8.35	-15.28%	5.84%
5	United Arab Emirates	28.22	31.60	25.26	8.88	6.48	5.88	-20.05%	-10.48%
6	Mozambique	0.00	0.00	13.12	0.00	0.00	3.05	0.00%	0.00%
7	Turkey	7.11	11.46	11.82	2.24	2.35	2.75	3.13%	66.25%
8	Uganda	0.00	22.53	11.69	0.00	4.62	2.72	-48.13%	0.00%
9	Belgium	5.80	5.64	10.54	1.82	1.16	2.45	87.07%	81.87%
10	Indonesia	10.56	10.88	9.77	3.32	2.23	2.27	-10.21%	-7.53%
	Rest of the World	92.79	150.80	127.85	29.18	30.92	29.75	-15.22%	37.79%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>317.99</b>	<b>487.65</b>	<b>429.67</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.89%</b>	<b>35.12%</b>

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

2022	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2022 February(R)	2023 January <sup>1</sup>	2023 February <sup>1</sup>	2022 February(R)	2023 January <sup>1</sup>	2023 February <sup>1</sup>	2022 February(R)	2023 January <sup>1</sup>	2023 February <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	57.18	87.64	91.07	36.67	56.28	50.26	1.08	1.83	0.24
<i>Land</i>	260.81	400.02	338.60	68.50	86.11	64.00	48.65	49.31	44.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>318.01</b>	<b>487.65</b>	<b>429.67</b>	<b>105.17</b>	<b>142.39</b>	<b>114.27</b>	<b>49.73</b>	<b>51.14</b>	<b>44.76</b>

**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

Jan: January

Feb: February