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Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2023

May 2023

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of April 2023

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 256.58 million in April 2023, a decrease of 20.33 per cent compared to the previous month of March. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 0.15 per cent on the deficit of April 2022.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	140.87	227.54	197.35	26.19	29.28	30.30	-13.27%	40.09%
Domestic exports	96.31	167.21	152.81	17.90	21.52	23.46	-8.61%	58.67%
Re-exports	44.56	60.33	44.53	73.81	7.76	6.84	-26.18%	-0.07%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	397.06	549.58	453.93	8.28	70.72	69.70	-17.40%	14.32%
Total External Trade (A+B)	537.94	777.12	651.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.19%	21.07%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-256.19	-322.04	-256.58				-20.33%	0.15%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2023 domestic exports value decreased by 8.61 per cent compared to March 2023 and increased by 58.67 per cent compared to April 2022. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in April 2023 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	21.22	34.99	26.69	22.03	20.93	17.47	-23.71%	25.82%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.05	-37.39%	156.54%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.64	23.33	15.31	19.36	13.95	10.02	-34.39%	-17.89%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	3.18%	45.60%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.11	0.15	0.32	0.11	0.09	0.21	115.13%	192.75%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.07	1.86	1.43	1.11	1.11	0.93	-23.30%	32.90%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9.50	11.51	8.35	9.87	6.89	5.47	-27.46%	-12.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.41	3.22	1.55	1.46	1.93	1.01	-51.99%	9.58%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.74	1.48	1.51	2.85	0.89	0.99	1.76%	-45.04%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	41.56	90.52	97.55	43.16	54.14	63.84	7.77%	134.72%
Total Domestic Exports	96.31	167.21	152.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.61%	58.67%

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Imports

In April 2023, total imports values decreased by 17.40 per cent compared to March 2023 and increased by 14.32 per cent compared to April 2022.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	52.42	87.91	74.23	13.20	16.00	16.35	-15.57%	41.60%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	18.65	12.83	7.55	4.70	2.34	1.66	-41.15%	-59.49%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	13.74	15.86	12.48	3.46	2.88	2.75	-21.31%	-9.20%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	51.49	67.26	52.30	12.97	12.24	11.52	-22.24%	1.57%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	16.65	24.91	19.35	4.19	4.53	4.26	-22.33%	16.22%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	46.75	57.58	41.30	11.77	10.48	9.10	-28.26%	-11.64%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	64.15	72.77	52.68	16.16	13.24	11.60	-27.61%	-17.88%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	62.74	92.39	76.35	15.80	16.81	16.82	-17.36%	21.69%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	28.36	30.86	24.78	7.14	5.62	5.46	-19.69%	-12.60%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	42.13	87.21	92.91	10.61	15.87	20.47	6.54%	120.55%
Total Imports	397.06	549.58	453.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	-17.40%	14.32%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In April 2023, re-exports values decreased by 26.18 per cent compared to March 2023 and by 0.07 per cent compared to April 2022.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	12.64	18.89	17.30	28.37	31.31	38.84	-8.43%	36.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.49	7.39	2.18	3.35	12.24	4.89	-70.54%	45.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.90	1.48	1.22	4.26	2.46	2.74	-17.80%	-35.75%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	13.49	12.70	9.17	30.27	21.05	20.58	-27.81%	-32.04%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.27	6.45	3.71	7.33	10.69	8.33	-42.46%	13.65%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.34	2.85	1.87	5.26	4.72	4.19	-34.56%	-20.45%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.36	5.09	4.59	9.79	8.43	10.31	-9.73%	5.17%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.47	3.81	2.61	7.78	6.32	5.85	-31.58%	-24.78%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.60	1.67	1.90	3.59	2.76	4.27	14.14%	18.68%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	44.56	60.33	44.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	-26.18%	-0.07%

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Trading Partners

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

		Exports (f.o.b.)							
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022	2023		2022	2023		April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	51.94	99.51	103.73	53.93	59.51	67.88	4.24%	99.72%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	10.91	16.41	12.25	11.33	9.81	8.02	-25.33%	12.31%
3	United Kingdom	1.92	5.21	5.20	2.00	3.11	3.40	-0.21%	170.02%
4	China	1.70	8.19	4.85	1.76	4.90	3.17	-40.82%	185.90%
5	Pakistan	3.37	3.35	3.42	3.50	2.01	2.24	1.95%	1.49%
6	Hong Kong	2.59	2.48	2.80	2.69	1.48	1.83	12.87%	7.98%
7	Congo	1.46	2.62	2.23	1.52	1.57	1.46	-14.93%	52.54%
8	Egypt	1.32	1.92	1.90	1.38	1.15	1.25	-0.55%	43.84%
9	South Sudan	0.76	3.60	1.61	0.79	2.15	1.05	-55.32%	112.61%
10	Luxembourg	0.00	0.59	1.45	0.00	0.35	0.95	145.76%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	20.34	23.33	13.37	21.12	13.96	8.75	-42.69%	-34.25%
	Total	96.31	167.21	152.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.61%	58.67%

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

		Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022	2023		2022	2023		April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	42.92	55.26	41.75	96.32	91.59	93.75	-24.44%	-2.73%
2	Ethiopia	0.43	1.50	0.53	0.96	2.49	1.20	-64.58%	24.11%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.31	0.96	0.53	0.69	1.60	1.19	-44.94%	71.72%
4	Uganda	0.41	0.46	0.37	0.92	0.77	0.83	-20.52%	-10.47%
5	Burundi	0.00	0.74	0.36	0.00	1.23	0.81	-51.16%	#DIV/0!
6	United Kingdom	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.00%	0.00%
7	Qatar	0.02	0.01	0.25	0.04	0.01	0.55	4682.38%	1339.89%
8	Zambia	0.03	0.60	0.15	0.06	0.99	0.34	-74.34%	461.05%
9	Turkey	0.09	0.21	0.13	0.19	0.35	0.29	-37.77%	51.19%
10	South Sudan	0.00	0.08	0.05	0.00	0.14	0.11	-39.25%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	0.36	0.50	0.12	0.81	0.83	0.27	-76.15%	-66.92%
	Total	44.56	60.33	44.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	-26.18%	-0.07%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2023

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022	2023		2022	2023		April2023/Mar2023	April2023/April2022
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	China	77.07	89.72	64.87	19.41	16.33	14.29	-27.70%	-15.82%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	29.32	76.20	59.59	7.39	13.86	13.13	-21.80%	103.21%
3	Kenya	70.26	43.22	55.09	17.69	7.86	12.14	27.46%	-21.59%
4	India	35.19	65.04	53.53	8.86	11.83	11.79	-17.71%	52.09%
5	Burkina Faso	7.17	19.13	30.14	1.81	3.48	6.64	57.53%	320.44%
6	United Arab Emirates	32.88	30.39	23.57	8.28	5.53	5.19	-22.47%	-28.32%
7	Saudi Arabia	10.73	21.52	20.78	2.70	3.91	4.58	-3.43%	93.55%
8	Uganda	0.06	17.94	16.45	0.02	3.26	3.62	-8.32%	25826.95%
9	Germany	3.46	17.31	9.19	0.87	3.15	2.02	-46.94%	165.13%
10	Malaysia	5.98	6.95	9.18	1.51	1.27	2.02	32.07%	53.51%
	Rest of the World	124.93	162.15	111.55	31.46	29.50	24.57	-31.20%	-10.71%
	Total	397.06	549.58	453.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	-17.40%	14.32%

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
	April (R)	March ¹	April ¹	April (R)	March ¹	April ¹	April (R)	March ¹	April ¹
Air	75.50	126.06	123.85	45.25	97.05	99.87	1.08	2.92	1.53
Land	321.56	423.52	330.09	51.06	70.16	52.94	43.48	57.41	43.01
Total	397.06	549.58	453.93	96.31	167.21	152.81	44.56	60.33	44.53

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

Mar: March