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Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2024

May 2024

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of April 2024

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 330.31 million in April 2024, a decrease of 17.46 percent compared to the previous month of March 2024. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 28.73 percent on the deficit of April 2023.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2023		2024	2023		2024	April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	197.35	205.51	205.96	30.30	25.33	27.75	0.22%	4.37%
Domestic exports	152.81	137.09	157.10	23.46	16.90	21.17	14.59%	2.81%
Re-exports	44.53	68.42	48.86	6.84	8.43	6.58	-28.58%	9.72%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	453.93	605.69	536.27	69.70	74.67	72.25	-11.46%	18.14%
Total External Trade (A+B)	651.27	811.20	742.23	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.50%	13.97%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-256.58	-400.18	-330.31				-17.46%	28.73%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2024 domestic exports value increased by 14.59 per cent compared to March 2024 and by 2.81 per cent compared to April 2023. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in April 2024 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in April 2024

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2023		2024	2023		2024	April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.69	14.96	26.89	17.47	10.91	17.12	79.78%	0.75%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.01	-76.57%	-72.51%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.31	21.44	17.61	10.02	15.64	11.21	-17.85%	15.07%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	115.08%	-30.11%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.32	0.62	0.68	0.21	0.45	0.43	10.32%	115.01%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.43	1.93	1.66	0.93	1.41	1.06	-13.91%	16.29%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.35	10.74	10.28	5.47	7.83	6.54	-4.28%	23.05%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.55	1.57	0.46	1.01	1.15	0.29	-70.56%	-70.06%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.51	2.32	2.36	0.99	1.69	1.50	1.79%	56.66%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	97.55	83.42	97.10	63.84	60.85	61.81	16.40%	-0.46%
Total Domestic Exports	152.81	137.09	157.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.59%	2.81%

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Imports

In April 2024 imports value decreased by 11.46 per cent compared to March 2024 but increased by 18.14 per cent compared to April 2023. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in April 2024 by SITC sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in April 2024

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2023	2024		2023	2024		April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	74.23	87.69	96.36	16.35	19.78	17.97	-19.56%	29.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	7.55	14.75	10.92	1.66	2.59	2.04	-30.30%	44.57%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.48	15.52	12.23	2.75	2.37	2.28	-14.79%	-1.98%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	52.30	52.25	66.24	11.52	10.43	12.35	4.88%	26.64%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	19.35	14.19	23.33	4.26	3.82	4.35	0.85%	20.55%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	41.30	54.35	50.46	9.10	9.57	9.41	-12.93%	22.17%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	52.68	78.67	63.44	11.60	12.69	11.83	-17.45%	20.43%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	76.35	127.90	110.61	16.82	22.09	20.63	-17.33%	44.87%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.78	54.45	25.96	5.46	6.20	4.84	-30.86%	4.76%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	92.90	105.93	76.73	20.47	19.47	14.31	-34.93%	-17.41%
Total Imports	453.93	605.69	536.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	-11.46%	18.14%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In April 2024, re-export values have decreased by 28.58 per cent compared to March 2024 but increased by 9.72 per cent compared to April 2023.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in April 2024

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2023	2024		2023	2024		April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	17.30	21.01	15.35	38.84	30.71	31.42	-26.92%	-11.23%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.18	2.87	2.73	4.89	4.20	5.58	-5.02%	25.38%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.22	1.04	1.40	2.74	1.52	2.86	33.91%	14.54%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.17	13.76	11.78	20.58	20.12	24.10	-14.44%	28.45%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.71	4.74	5.65	8.33	6.92	11.57	19.35%	52.26%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.87	3.49	3.05	4.19	5.11	6.24	-12.66%	63.55%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.59	5.65	4.43	10.31	8.26	9.06	-21.59%	-3.52%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.61	8.96	2.62	5.85	13.10	5.36	-70.76%	0.49%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.90	6.89	1.78	4.27	10.07	3.65	-74.13%	-6.21%
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	44.53	68.42	48.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	-28.58%	9.72%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2024 - Exports

Exports (f.o.b.)									
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2023		2024	2023		2024	April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	103.73	88.59	100.80	67.88	64.62	64.16	0.14	-0.03
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	12.25	17.35	14.89	8.02	12.65	9.48	-0.14	0.21
3	China	4.85	4.74	6.38	3.17	3.46	4.06	0.34	0.32
4	Luxembourg	1.45	4.87	4.51	0.95	3.55	2.87	-0.07	2.11
5	Pakistan	3.42	2.51	3.07	2.24	1.83	1.96	0.22	-0.10
6	United Kingdom	5.20	2.66	2.67	3.40	1.94	1.70	0.00	-0.49
7	Hong Kong	2.80	3.95	2.52	1.83	2.88	1.60	-0.36	-0.10
8	Singapore	0.00	0.46	1.97	0.00	0.34	1.25	3.23	0.00
9	Egypt	1.90	1.27	1.72	1.25	0.93	1.09	0.35	-0.10
10	Congo	2.23	1.70	1.71	1.46	1.24	1.09	0.01	-0.23
	Rest of the World	14.98	8.98	16.86	9.80	6.55	10.73	0.88	0.13
	Total	152.81	137.09	157.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.59%	2.81%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2024–Re-exports

Re-Exports (f.o.b.)									
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2023		2024	2023		2024	April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	41.75	60.72	47.20	93.75	88.74	96.60	-22.26%	13.05%
2	Burundi	0.36	1.08	0.57	0.81	1.57	0.36	-46.82%	58.26%
3	Uganda	0.37	0.12	0.37	0.83	0.17	0.24	222.03%	1.79%
4	South Sudan	0.05	0.29	0.24	0.11	0.42	0.15	-17.02%	365.87%
5	United Arab Emirates	0.53	0.66	0.19	1.19	0.97	0.12	-71.76%	-64.71%
6	South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.08	784945.51%	0.00%
7	France	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.04	678.36%	0.00%
8	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.02	194.21%	37123.18%
9	Belgium	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	57.40%	93.06%
10	Germany	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	1.46	5.52	0.01	3.27	8.07	0.01	-99.83%	-99.34%
	Total	44.53	68.42	48.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	-28.58%	9.72%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2024

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2023	2024		2023	2024		April2024/Mar2023	April2024/April2023
		April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April(R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	China	64.87	149.26	107.37	14.29	24.64	20.02	-28.07%	65.50%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	59.59	59.92	70.58	13.13	9.89	13.16	17.78%	18.45%
3	India	53.53	70.29	59.48	11.79	11.60	11.09	-15.38%	11.13%
4	Cameroon	0.00	34.45	37.67	0.00	5.69	7.03	9.37%	994119.77%
5	United Arab Emirates	23.57	27.47	35.16	5.19	4.54	6.56	27.98%	413.46%
6	Kenya	55.09	63.40	24.21	12.14	10.47	4.51	-61.82%	-56.06%
7	Uganda	16.45	19.66	19.37	3.62	3.25	3.61	-1.47%	17.79%
8	Indonesia	7.70	11.61	14.06	1.70	1.92	2.62	21.08%	82.60%
9	Russian Federation	5.73	0.46	10.79	1.26	0.08	2.01	2266.43%	88.18%
10	Belgium	5.83	6.48	10.08	1.28	1.07	1.88	55.58%	72.96%
	Rest of the World	161.57	162.68	147.51	35.59	26.86	27.51	-9.33%	-8.71%
	Total	453.93	605.69	536.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	-11.46%	18.14%

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹
<i>Air</i>	123.85	151.32	119.54	99.87	76.54	99.42	1.53	2.55	0.12
<i>Land</i>	330.09	454.37	416.73	52.94	60.55	57.67	43.01	65.87	48.74
Total	453.93	605.69	536.27	152.81	137.09	157.10	44.53	68.42	48.86

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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