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Formal External Trade in Goods

MAY 2016

July 2016

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods

May 2016

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 106.87 million in May 2016, a decrease of 14.18 percent compared to the previous month of April 2016. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 2.43 percent on the deficit of May 2015.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016 /May2015
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	45.31	46.66	52.73	23.24	21.42	24.84	13.01%	16.38%
Domestic exports	29.32	27.27	31.69	15.04	12.52	14.93	16.23%	8.10%
Re-exports	16.00	19.40	21.04	8.20	8.90	9.91	8.48%	31.54%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	149.64	171.19	159.61	76.76	78.58	75.16	-6.77%	6.66%
Total External Trade (A+B)	194.96	217.85	212.34	100.00	100.00	100.00	-2.53%	8.91%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-104.33	-124.52	-106.87				-14.18%	2.43%

NOTE: (R) – Revised, ¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2016, domestic exports values increased by 16.23 % compared to April 2016 and by 8.10% compared to May 2015. Table 2 shows the ten most exported goods in value of exports.

Table 2. Top 10 Most Exported Goods

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016/ May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
09024000	Other black tea (fermented) and other partly fermented tea	3.57	4.82	5.27	12.18	17.68	16.62	9.27%	47.56%
71081200	Other unwrought gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	0.50	5.54	4.27	1.72	20.31	13.47	-22.91%	749.18%
26159000	Niobium, vanadium ores, tantalum and concentrates	5.64	3.23	3.81	19.23	11.84	12.03	18.10%	-32.38%
09011100	Coffee, not roasted, Not decaffeinated	3.79	0.88	3.39	12.94	3.24	10.70	283.57%	-10.60%
26090000	Tin ores and concentrates.	2.99	1.86	2.64	10.20	6.81	8.34	42.24%	-11.63%
09023000	Black tea (fermented) and partly fermented tea, in immediate	1.93	2.60	2.16	6.57	9.53	6.80	-17.06%	11.89%
26110000	Tungsten ores and concentrates.	1.87	0.83	1.20	6.39	3.03	3.80	45.93%	-35.68%
11022000	Maize (corn) flour	0.66	0.40	0.98	2.26	1.45	3.10	147.81%	0.00%
11010000	Wheat or meslin flour.	0.76	1.03	0.97	2.60	3.79	3.06	-6.00%	27.58%
12119090	Other plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits),	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.00	0.00	2.60	0.00%	0.00%
Other Goods		7.60	6.08	6.17	25.92	22.31	19.47	1.43%	-18.79%
Total Domestic Exports		29.32	27.27	31.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.23%	8.10%

NOTE: (R) – Revised, ¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In May 2016, total imports values decreased by 6.77 percent compared to April 2016 and increased by 6.66 percent compared to May 2015.

Table 3. Top 10 Most Imported Goods

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016/ May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
30049000	Other medicaments in measured doses for retail sale	5.54	8.83	6.68	3.71	5.16	4.18	-24.43%	20.40%
85238010	Other discs, tapes, solid state whether or not recorded	0.06	0.12	5.62	0.04	0.07	3.52	4591.98%	9801.24%
17019990	Other sugar, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	4.55	4.44	5.37	3.04	2.59	3.37	21.06%	17.99%
25232900	Other portland cement	8.01	4.74	4.95	5.35	2.77	3.10	4.36%	-38.24%
85171200	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless	6.20	5.23	4.37	4.14	3.06	2.74	-16.51%	-29.58%
10019990	Other wheat and meslin	3.20	2.28	3.08	2.14	1.33	1.93	35.19%	-3.52%
84306900	Other machinery, not self-propelled	0.01	0.04	2.96	0.01	0.02	1.85	7753.44%	22545.70%
63090000	Worn clothing and other worn articles.	2.02	3.84	2.31	1.35	2.24	1.45	-39.72%	14.70%
84733000	Parts and accessories of the machines of heading 84.71	0.13	1.23	2.28	0.09	0.72	1.43	85.43%	1663.20%
85446000	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1,000 V	0.06	0.23	2.19	0.04	0.13	1.37	866.72%	3741.01%
Other Goods		119.87	140.22	119.80	80.10	81.91	75.06	-14.56%	-0.06%
Total Imports		149.64	171.19	159.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.77%	6.66%

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Re-exports

In May 2016, re-exports values increased by 8.48 percent compared to April 2016 and also by 31.54 percent compared to May 2015.

Table 4. Top 10 Most Re-exported Goods by HS Codes

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016/ May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
27101220	Motor Spirit (gasoline) premium	2.97	3.64	5.06	18.58	18.76	24.07	39.21%	70.39%
27101931	Gas oil (automotive, light, amber for high speed engines)	2.22	2.67	4.73	13.90	13.77	22.49	77.14%	112.80%
27101921	Kerosene type Jet Fuel	1.48	5.06	1.93	9.22	26.10	9.18	-61.82%	31.01%
10064000	Broken rice	0.42	0.99	1.50	2.63	5.11	7.12	51.28%	256.46%
15162000	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions	1.05	1.18	1.19	6.59	6.11	5.67	0.68%	0.00%
85185000	Electric sound amplifier sets	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.00	0.00	4.54	0.00%	0.00%
85176200	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.00	3.34	0.00%	0.00%
15180000	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, boiled,	0.00	0.25	0.46	0.02	1.28	2.20	86.54%	0.00%
15119090	Other palm oil (excl. crude) and fractions	0.06	0.22	0.35	0.37	1.14	1.68	59.95%	0.00%
34011900	Other soap and organic surface active products in bars, etc	0.13	0.15	0.34	0.81	0.79	1.63	124.85%	162.87%
Other Goods		16.00	19.40	21.04	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.48%	31.54%
Total Re-exports		16.00	19.40	21.04	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.48%	31.54%

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Table 5. Summary by SITC Revision 4

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentages (%)			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/April2016	May2016/May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0-Food and live animals	Exports	14.11	12.52	15.66	48.11	45.92	49.41	25.04%	11.01%
	Imports	19.66	17.35	19.45	13.14	10.14	12.19	12.10%	-1.03%
	Re-exports	2.69	2.32	2.95	16.79	11.95	14.03	27.32%	9.93%
1-Beverages and tobacco	Exports	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.16	0.28	0.21	-13.34%	41.15%
	Imports	1.97	2.06	2.01	1.31	1.205	1.26	-2.79%	1.99%
	Re-exports	0.18	0.22	0.21	1.15	1.15	0.98	-7.70%	12.19%
2-Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	Exports	11.98	6.91	9.53	40.86	25.33	30.06	37.90%	-20.49%
	Imports	4.11	7.30	4.92	2.75	4.26	3.08	-32.59%	19.61%
	Re-exports	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.38	0.32	0.32	6.61%	9.47%
3-Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	Exports	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.01	0.01	11.03%	-95.38%
	Imports	4.64	1.65	2.14	3.10	0.96	1.34	30.10%	-53.75%
	Re-exports	6.67	11.41	11.73	41.71	58.84	55.75	2.79%	75.82%
4-Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	Exports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
	Imports	5.83	2.97	4.34	3.90	1.73	2.72	46.32%	-25.59%
	Re-exports	1.94	1.85	2.11	12.11	9.53	10.02	13.98%	8.85%
5-Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	Exports	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.41	0.51	0.40	-9.16%	5.74%
	Imports	17.68	29.14	18.00	11.82	17.02	11.28	-38.22%	1.83%
	Re-exports	0.31	0.30	0.51	1.93	1.52	2.42	72.13%	64.78%
6-Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	Exports	1.20	0.78	1.08	4.08	2.87	3.41	38.45%	-9.57%
	Imports	41.54	30.24	32.60	27.76	17.66	20.43	7.82%	-21.53%
	Re-exports	0.30	0.42	0.26	1.90	2.18	1.24	-38.16%	-14.11%
7-Machinery and transport equipment	Exports	0.77	0.40	0.64	2.63	1.48	2.03	59.64%	-16.27%
	Imports	43.27	64.39	52.58	28.91	37.62	32.94	-18.35%	21.51%
	Re-exports	3.70	2.44	2.40	23.10	12.56	11.39	-1.62%	-35.12%
8-Miscellaneous manufactured articles	Exports	0.53	1.40	0.32	1.82	5.15	1.00	-77.48%	-40.90%
	Imports	10.95	16.09	23.56	7.32	9.40	14.76	46.44%	115.21%
	Re-exports	0.20	0.37	0.81	1.26	1.932	3.85	116.47%	301.20%
9-Other commodities &	Exports	0.50	5.54	4.27	1.72	20.31	13.47	-22.91%	749.18%

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	Flow	2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/April2016	May2016/May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
transactions, n.e.s	Imports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
	Re-exports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total	Exports	29.32	27.27	31.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.23%	8.10%
	Imports	149.64	171.19	159.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.77%	6.66%
	Re-exports	16.00	19.40	21.04	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.48%	31.54%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main trading partner countries in May 2016 - Exports and re-exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)								Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease				Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016/ May2015			2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/ April2016	May2016/ May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹					May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Kenya	7.11	8.15	8.39	24.25	29.89	26.47	2.91%	17.98%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	11.02	11.29	11.98	68.87	58.19	56.94	6.15%	8.75%
2	United Arab Emirates	1.17	6.10	4.99	3.99	22.35	15.76	-18.08%	327.07%	2	Burundi	0.41	1.60	4.91	2.57	8.27	23.35	206.13%	1094.88%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.79	3.20	3.61	12.92	11.72	11.38	12.83%	-4.77%	3	South Africa	0.00	0.00	1.27	0.00	0.00	6.05	0.00%	0.00%
4	Switzerland	4.10	1.94	3.35	13.99	7.11	10.56	72.67%	-18.44%	4	Kenya	0.81	2.64	0.81	5.08	13.62	3.86	0.00%	0.00%
5	Singapore	1.56	1.28	2.46	5.33	4.71	7.77	91.79%	57.63%	5	Switzerland	0.01	0.00	0.69	0.05	0.00	3.27	0.00%	0.00%
6	Hong Kong	2.06	1.42	1.50	7.02	5.21	4.74	5.77%	-26.95%	6	Belgium	0.05	1.26	0.64	0.31	6.49	3.04	-49.28%	1204.52%
7	Belgium	2.55	0.58	1.36	8.68	2.13	4.30	134.57%	-46.49%	7	Ethiopia	0.28	0.54	0.35	1.77	2.80	1.68	0.00%	0.00%
8	China	0.44	0.47	0.98	1.51	1.72	3.09	108.34%	121.27%	8	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	1.10	0.21	0.00	5.66	0.98	0.00%	93605.51%
9	United States	2.41	1.13	0.87	8.21	4.15	2.75	-22.97%	-63.77%	9	United Arab Emirates	1.91	0.13	0.05	11.94	0.68	0.23	0.00%	0.00%
10	Uganda	1.02	0.73	0.78	3.48	2.68	2.46	6.54%	-23.64%	10	Turkey	0.05	0.12	0.04	0.29	0.61	0.21	-63.08%	-6.93%
	Rest of the World	3.12	2.27	3.40	10.63	8.32	10.73	49.94%	9.12%		Rest of the World	1.46	0.71	0.08	9.13	3.65	0.38	-88.60%	-94.47%
	Total	29.32	27.27	31.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.23%	8.10%			16.00	19.40	21.04	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.48%	31.54%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in May 2016

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		May2016/April2016	May2016/May2015
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	25.19	29.56	37.30	16.83	17.27	23.37	26.17%	48.05%
2	Uganda	19.14	14.93	17.25	12.79	8.72	10.81	15.52%	-9.88%
3	India	17.94	20.17	12.76	11.99	11.78	7.99	-36.73%	-28.86%
4	Kenya	12.26	12.19	11.98	8.20	7.12	7.51	-1.71%	-2.32%
5	United Arab Emirates	8.29	7.53	9.73	5.54	4.40	6.10	29.13%	17.32%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	6.42	7.13	9.46	4.29	4.16	5.93	32.70%	47.43%
7	United States	1.97	4.82	5.06	1.32	2.82	3.17	4.90%	156.59%
8	South Africa	5.45	3.62	4.90	3.64	2.12	3.07	35.24%	-10.18%
9	Japan	3.48	5.90	4.41	2.33	3.45	2.76	-25.26%	26.70%
10	Germany	2.72	6.50	4.10	1.82	3.79	2.57	-36.85%	50.68%
	Rest of the World	46.78	58.84	42.67	31.26	34.37	26.73	-27.49%	-8.79%
	Total	149.64	171.19	159.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.77%	6.66%

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Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b: Free On Board

H.S: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification

n.e.s : Not Elsewhere Specified