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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## December 2016

February 2017

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods December 2016

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 83.52 million in December 2016, a decrease of 3.33 per cent compared to the previous month of November 2016. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 21.59 per cent on the deficit of December 2015.

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

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Dec2016/ Dec2015
	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>48.89</b>	<b>55.92</b>	<b>57.49</b>	<b>23.93</b>	<b>28.21</b>	<b>28.96</b>	<b>2.81%</b>	<b>17.61%</b>
Domestic exports	34.11	36.90	35.36	16.70	18.62	17.81	-4.18%	3.68%
Re-exports	14.78	19.02	22.13	7.23	9.59	11.15	16.39%	49.74%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>155.40</b>	<b>142.31</b>	<b>141.01</b>	<b>76.07</b>	<b>71.79</b>	<b>71.04</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>	<b>-9.26%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>204.28</b>	<b>198.23</b>	<b>198.50</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>-2.83%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-106.51</b>	<b>-86.40</b>	<b>-83.52</b>				<b>-3.33%</b>	<b>-21.59%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In December 2016, domestic exports values decreased by 4.18 per cent compared to November 2016 and increased by 3.68 per cent compared to December 2015. Table 2 shows the ten most exported goods in value of exports in December 2016.

**Table 2. Top 10 Most Exported Goods in December 2016**

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Dec2016/ Dec2015
		Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
71081200	Other unwrought gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	3.87	7.88	8.34	11.36	21.36	23.59	5.86%	115.34%
09024000	Other black tea (fermented) and other partly fermented tea, in immediate packings of a content exceeding 3 kg	5.66	7.62	7.19	16.59	20.65	20.34	-5.59%	27.10%
26090000	Tin ores and concentrates.	2.19	3.58	3.97	6.41	9.69	11.24	11.17%	81.85%
09011100	Coffee, not roasted, not decaffeinated.	5.05	6.40	3.72	14.81	17.35	10.53	-41.82%	-26.25%
26159000	Niobium, vanadium ores, tantalum and concentrates	6.49	2.13	3.61	19.02	5.77	10.21	69.51%	-44.33%
11010000	Wheat or meslin flour.	1.29	2.02	1.33	3.78	5.49	3.77	-34.20%	3.19%
26110000	Tungsten ores and concentrates.	1.27	0.96	0.99	3.73	2.61	2.81	2.86%	-21.96%
25232900	Other portland cement	0.14	0.21	0.59	0.42	0.56	1.68	185.26%	315.28%
01029090	Live bovine animals, other than purebred breeding	0.48	0.46	0.54	1.42	1.24	1.52	17.45%	0.00%
11022000	Maize (corn) flour	0.36	0.36	0.43	1.04	0.97	1.21	19.88%	0.00%
<b>Other Goods</b>		<b>7.31</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>4.63</b>	<b>21.43</b>	<b>14.32</b>	<b>13.09</b>	<b>-12.36%</b>	<b>-36.64%</b>
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>		<b>34.11</b>	<b>36.90</b>	<b>35.36</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.18%</b>	<b>3.68%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In December 2016, total imports values decreased by 0.91 per cent compared to November 2016 and also decreased by 9.26 per cent compared to December 2015.

**Table 3. Top 10 Most Imported Goods in December 2016**

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Dec2016/ Dec2015
		Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
85171200	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless	7.19	4.35	5.93	4.63	2.80	3.82	36.29%	-17.52%
25232900	Other portland cement	6.96	3.64	5.34	4.48	2.34	3.44	46.96%	-23.23%
17019990	Other sugar, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	1.93	3.73	5.04	1.24	2.40	3.24	35.00%	160.51%
30049000	Other medicaments in measured doses for retail sale	4.78	5.11	4.76	3.08	3.29	3.06	-6.90%	-0.47%
84295900	Other self-propelled bulldozers, excavators...	0.47	1.15	3.68	0.30	0.74	2.37	219.62%	683.32%
90189000	Other instruments and appliances for medical, surgical... sciences	1.11	2.84	2.65	0.71	1.83	1.71	-6.60%	139.74%
10064000	Broken rice	1.99	1.84	2.55	1.28	1.18	1.64	38.96%	28.18%
72104900	Flat-rolled iron/steel, width >=600mm, otherwise plated	0.78	0.65	2.40	0.50	0.42	1.54	266.61%	206.98%
85238010	Other discs, tapes, solid state whether or not recorded	0.29	0.46	2.16	0.19	0.30	1.39	367.78%	644.18%
87032390	Other vehicles, piston engine, cylinder >1500 =<3000cc	1.93	2.02	1.93	1.24	1.30	1.24	-4.37%	-0.11%
<b>Other Goods</b>		<b>127.96</b>	<b>116.51</b>	<b>104.55</b>	<b>82.34</b>	<b>81.87</b>	<b>74.15</b>	<b>-10.26%</b>	<b>-18.29%</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>155.40</b>	<b>142.31</b>	<b>141.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>	<b>-9.26%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In December 2016, re-exports values increased by 16.39 per cent compared to November 2016 and also increased by 49.74 per cent compared to December 2015.

**Table 4. Top 10 Most Re-exported Goods by HS Codes in December 2016**

HS Code	Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Nov2016/ Nov2015
		Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
27101220	Motor Spirit (gasoline) premium	3.18	4.56	4.75	21.49	23.98	21.44	4.09%	49.40%
27101931	Gas oil (automotive, light, amber for high speed engines)	2.10	4.19	3.64	14.19	22.01	16.43	0.00%	73.35%
27101921	Kerosene type Jet Fuel	4.76	1.56	2.86	32.22	8.23	12.92	0.00%	0.00%
10064000	Broken rice	0.71	1.15	2.23	4.82	6.03	10.08	94.74%	213.46%
15119090	Other palm oil (excl. crude) and its fractions	0.34	1.08	0.95	2.29	5.69	4.28	-12.51%	180.14%
10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	0.60	0.42	0.54	4.03	2.22	2.46	29.08%	-8.67%
82055900	Other hand tools (including glaziers† diamonds)	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.00	2.06	0.00%	0.00%
15162000	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions	0.93	0.82	0.43	6.28	4.31	1.95	-47.38%	0.00%
84669300	For machines of headings 84.56 to 84.61	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.00%	0.00%
15159000	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils(excl. crude) and their fractions	0.04	0.17	0.32	0.28	0.89	1.43	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Other Goods</b>		<b>2.13</b>	<b>5.07</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>14.40</b>	<b>26.65</b>	<b>25.30</b>	<b>10.47%</b>	<b>163.15%</b>
<b>Total Re-exports</b>		<b>14.78</b>	<b>19.02</b>	<b>22.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.39%</b>	<b>49.74%</b>

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Table 5. Summary by SITC Revision 4

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million				Shares in percentages (%)			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	Flow	2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/Nov2016	Dec2016/Dec2015
		Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
0-Food and live animals	Exports	17.12	18.22	14.34	50.20	49.38	40.54	-21.33%	-16.27%
	Imports	20.16	25.07	22.59	12.97	17.61	16.02	-9.87%	12.08%
	Re-exports	2.03	2.69	3.70	13.73	14.15	16.73	37.62%	82.45%
1-Beverages and tobacco	Exports	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.24	0.10	0.09	-13.56%	-59.69%
	Imports	2.10	2.12	2.31	1.35	1.492	1.64	8.90%	10.25%
	Re-exports	0.18	0.32	0.30	1.24	1.68	1.35	-6.79%	62.45%
2-Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	Exports	11.24	7.90	9.33	32.95	21.40	26.37	18.11%	-17.01%
	Imports	5.29	4.06	4.34	3.41	2.86	3.08	6.78%	-18.01%
	Re-exports	0.03	0.73	0.70	0.20	3.85	3.18	-3.78%	2266.66%
3-Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	Exports	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.14	0.04	0.08	80.88%	-40.12%
	Imports	2.82	2.96	1.93	1.82	2.08	1.37	-34.87%	-31.70%
	Re-exports	10.08	10.31	11.27	68.22	54.21	50.90	9.28%	11.73%
4-Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	Exports	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00%	12883.52%
	Imports	5.51	4.69	3.98	3.54	3.30	2.82	-15.09%	-27.65%
	Re-exports	1.53	2.24	2.08	10.32	11.76	9.41	-6.87%	36.53%
5-Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	Exports	0.27	0.32	0.29	0.79	0.87	0.81	-10.42%	7.22%
	Imports	16.72	17.84	18.43	10.76	12.54	13.07	3.31%	10.28%
	Re-exports	0.33	0.52	0.54	2.26	2.73	2.44	3.67%	61.54%
6-Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	Exports	0.60	1.13	1.35	1.77	3.05	3.80	19.44%	122.93%
	Imports	33.65	34.62	31.10	21.65	24.33	22.05	-10.17%	-7.58%
	Re-exports	0.13	0.40	0.87	0.88	2.11	3.94	117.20%	574.03%
7-Machinery and transport equipment	Exports	0.24	0.72	0.73	0.72	1.94	2.08	2.67%	200.13%
	Imports	48.43	37.31	39.65	31.16	26.22	28.12	6.29%	-18.12%
	Re-exports	0.32	1.47	2.06	2.17	7.735	9.33	40.34%	544.71%
8-Miscellaneous manufactured articles	Exports	0.63	0.69	0.89	1.84	1.86	2.52	29.94%	42.01%
	Imports	20.73	14.42	16.67	13.34	10.13	11.82	15.62%	-19.59%
	Re-exports	0.15	0.34	0.60	0.98	1.766	2.72	79.31%	315.02%
9-Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	Exports	3.87	7.88	8.34	11.36	21.36	23.59	5.86%	115.34%
	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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>34.11</b>	<b>36.90</b>	<b>35.36</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.18%</b>	<b>3.68%</b>
	<b>Imports</b>	<b>155.40</b>	<b>142.31</b>	<b>141.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>	<b>-9.26%</b>
	<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>14.78</b>	<b>19.02</b>	<b>22.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.39%</b>	<b>49.74%</b>

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## Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in December 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		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Dec2016/ Dec2015			2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/ Nov2016	Dec2016/ Dec2015
		Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>					Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	4.34	8.43	8.44	12.73	22.85	23.87	0.12%	94.51%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	8.70	14.21	14.62	58.85	74.74	66.04	2.84%	68.04%
2	Kenya	9.27	8.69	8.17	27.17	23.55	23.10	-6.02%	-11.88%	2	Burundi	1.01	2.37	4.15	6.83	12.45	18.76	75.27%	311.23%
3	Switzerland	5.95	5.30	5.86	17.46	14.35	16.58	10.67%	-1.54%	3	Kenya	2.12	0.86	1.21	14.33	4.51	5.48	0.00%	0.00%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.66	3.91	3.77	10.72	10.61	10.66	-3.69%	3.07%	4	Belgium	0.04	0.53	0.88	0.26	2.77	3.99	0.00%	0.00%
5	United States	0.77	2.35	1.63	2.25	6.38	4.60	-30.93%	111.84%	5	Ethiopia	0.41	0.13	0.39	2.77	0.70	1.74	0.00%	0.00%
6	Hong Kong	2.05	0.84	1.44	6.01	2.27	4.07	71.86%	-29.85%	6	Germany	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	1.10	0.00%	0.00%
7	Singapore	1.25	1.04	1.14	3.66	2.82	3.22	9.46%	-8.74%	7	United Kingdom	1.35	0.00	0.19	9.16	0.03	0.84	0.00%	0.00%
8	Malaysia	0.88	1.13	1.13	2.59	3.05	3.21	0.75%	28.26%	8	United Arab Emirates	0.27	0.07	0.15	1.86	0.35	0.69	0.00%	0.00%
9	Belgium	0.38	0.92	0.86	1.12	2.50	2.45	-6.22%	127.12%	9	United States	0.01		0.08	0.03	0.00	0.36	0.00%	0.00%
10	China	1.24	0.23	0.45	3.64	0.62	1.26	93.10%	-64.13%	10	Turkey	0.12	0.04	0.08	0.81	0.21	0.36	0.00%	0.00%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	4.31	4.06	2.47	12.65	11.00	6.99	-39.09%	-42.68%		<b>Rest of the World</b>	0.75	0.80	0.14	5.10	4.23	0.65	-82.14%	-80.95%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34.11</b>	<b>36.90</b>	<b>35.36</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.18%</b>	<b>3.68%</b>			<b>14.78</b>	<b>19.02</b>	<b>22.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.39%</b>	<b>49.74%</b>

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in December 2016**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2015	2016		2015	2016		Dec2016/Nov2016	Dec2016/Dec2015
		Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	33.47	25.87	35.11	21.54	18.18	24.90	35.76%	4.92%
2	Uganda	18.39	26.70	18.91	11.83	18.76	13.41	-29.17%	2.86%
3	India	11.90	7.27	11.52	7.66	5.11	8.17	58.50%	-3.26%
4	Kenya	14.26	10.94	10.43	9.18	7.69	7.39	-4.71%	-26.90%
5	Tanzania, United Republic of	7.99	9.05	8.34	5.14	6.36	5.91	-7.89%	4.37%
6	United Arab Emirates	10.48	7.62	6.45	6.75	5.35	4.57	-15.34%	-38.50%
7	Zambia	1.39	4.02	4.43	0.89	2.83	3.14	10.10%	218.61%
8	Japan	3.46	4.22	4.36	2.23	2.97	3.09	3.31%	26.08%
9	Belgium	3.10	2.30	3.59	1.99	1.62	2.55	56.16%	15.97%
10	Pakistan	2.32	2.11	3.26	1.49	1.48	2.32	54.91%	40.61%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		48.64	42.22	34.61	31.30	29.67	24.54	-18.02%	-28.84%
<b>Total</b>		<b>155.40</b>	<b>142.31</b>	<b>141.01</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>	<b>-9.26%</b>

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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

Nov: November

Dec: December