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Formal External Trade in Goods

March 2017

May 2017

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 102.22 million in March 2017, an increase of 34.61 per cent compared to the previous month of February. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 10.51 per cent on the deficit of March 2016.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/Feb2017	Mar2017/Mar2016
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	50.38	49.64	60.61	23.43	28.33	27.13	22.12%	20.31%
Domestic exports	34.52	30.52	42.60	16.06	17.42	19.06	39.56%	23.40%
Re-exports	15.86	19.11	18.02	7.38	10.91	8.06	-5.73%	13.57%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	164.61	125.57	162.84	76.57	71.67	72.87	29.68%	-1.08%
Total External Trade (A+B)	214.99	175.21	223.45	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.53%	3.93%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-114.23	-75.94	-102.22				34.61%	-10.51%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In March 2017, domestic exports values increased by 39.56 per cent compared to February 2017 and increased by 23.40 per cent compared to March 2016. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2017 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/Feb2017	Mar2017/Mar2016
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.15	11.17	15.91	43.89	36.60	37.34	42.39%	5.00%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.17	0.10	0.25	240.24%	82.67%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.25	10.60	12.37	26.78	34.71	29.04	16.74%	33.78%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.12	0.03	0.05	129.39%	-53.92%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.00%	91.04%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.14	0.19	0.28	0.39	0.64	0.65	42.03%	103.34%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.33	1.44	2.31	3.85	4.71	5.42	60.46%	73.83%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.94	0.37	0.82	8.50	1.20	1.93	124.74%	-71.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.04	0.29	0.62	3.02	0.95	1.46	114.98%	-40.42%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.57	6.43	10.14	13.23	21.06	23.80	57.73%	121.92%
Total Domestic Exports	34.52	30.52	42.60	100.00	100.00	100.00	39.56%	23.40%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In March 2017, total imports values increased by 29.68 per cent compared to February 2017 and also decreased by 1.08 per cent compared to March 2016.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/Feb2017	Mar2017/Mar2016
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	17.82	19.81	33.69	10.83	15.78	20.69	70.08%	89.03%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.15	1.82	2.84	0.70	1.45	1.74	55.70%	146.10%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.60	3.10	5.63	2.79	2.47	3.46	81.79%	22.49%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.89	2.38	3.45	1.75	1.90	2.12	44.86%	19.57%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.96	4.39	3.83	5.44	3.50	2.35	-12.74%	-57.23%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	20.81	17.16	20.67	12.64	13.66	12.69	20.48%	-0.68%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	33.15	27.93	30.04	20.14	22.24	18.45	7.55%	-9.38%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	56.93	40.06	46.60	34.59	31.90	28.62	16.31%	-18.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.29	8.92	16.08	11.11	7.10	9.88	80.32%	-12.08%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	164.61	125.57	162.84	100.00	100.00	100.00	29.68%	-1.08%

Note: (R) – Revised
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Re-exports

In March 2017, re-exports values decreased by 5.73 per cent compared to February 2017 and also increased by 13.57 per cent compared to March 2016.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/Feb2017	Mar2017/Mar2016
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	3.83	3.06	3.79	24.13	16.00	21.04	23.94%	-1.01%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.32	0.21	0.33	2.02	1.11	1.86	57.24%	4.23%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.05	0.94	1.13	0.33	4.93	6.30	20.51%	2064.15%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5.60	11.08	9.10	35.32	57.97	50.49	-17.90%	62.34%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.71	1.18	2.19	17.09	6.19	12.15	85.08%	-19.28%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.38	0.69	0.47	2.41	3.63	2.62	-32.09%	23.50%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.75	0.25	0.15	4.73	1.33	0.83	-41.44%	-80.11%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.68	1.21	0.36	10.60	6.35	2.01	-70.22%	-78.52%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.53	0.47	0.49	3.35	2.48	2.72	3.08%	-8.08%
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	15.86	19.11	18.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.73%	13.57%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2017 - 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	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/	Mar2017/			2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/	Mar2017/
		Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Feb2017	Mar2016			Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Feb2017	Mar2016
1	United Arab Emirates	5.22	6.99	10.85	15.11	22.90	25.46	55.15%	107.97%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	13.44	14.39	17.20	84.74	75.29	95.47	19.54%	-21.84%
2	Kenya	10.66	6.65	8.66	30.89	21.79	20.33	30.24%	-18.79%	2	Burundi	1.83	1.20	0.33	11.51	6.27	1.83	-72.54%	455.25%
3	Switzerland	5.17	3.12	6.02	14.97	10.22	14.14	93.14%	16.53%	3	Uganda	0.02	0.91	0.24	0.15	4.75	1.35	-73.27%	-90.51%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.32	3.45	4.68	9.61	11.31	11.00	35.69%	41.18%	4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.03	0.13	0.00	0.14	0.70	367.37%	-100.00%
5	Uganda	0.83	1.29	2.39	2.40	4.23	5.61	84.95%	188.39%	5	United Kingdom	0.00	0.08	0.05	0.00	0.40	0.25	-40.70%	-100.00%
6	United States	0.43	1.22	1.89	1.24	4.00	4.43	54.37%	339.50%	6	Senegal	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00%	-100.00%
7	Turkey	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.00	0.00	4.06	0.00%	0.00%	7	United Arab Emirates	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.20	0.09	-60.39%	-100.00%
8	Singapore	1.73	1.15	1.34	5.00	3.77	3.14	16.24%	-22.52%	8	South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.06	477.38%	-100.00%
9	Belgium	0.79	1.08	1.20	2.28	3.55	2.83	11.22%	53.01%	9	Switzerland	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.06	102.18%	-45.36%
10	Hong Kong	0.67	3.64	0.68	1.94	11.92	1.59	-81.41%	1.13%	10	Qatar	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.05	4566.71%	-100.00%
Rest of the World		5.71	1.93	3.16	16.55	6.31	7.42	63.97%	-44.70%	Rest of the World		0.57	0.46	0.33	3.57	2.42	1.83	-28.74%	71.98%
Total		34.52	30.52	42.60	100.00	100.00	100.00	39.56%	23.40%	Total		15.86	19.11	18.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.73%	-11.95%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Mar2017/Feb2017	Mar2017/Mar2016
		Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	34.78	25.23	37.06	21.13	20.09	22.76	46.90%	-6.16%
2	Kenya	13.19	9.32	10.44	8.01	7.42	6.41	12.00%	26.32%
3	India	11.58	13.11	7.76	7.04	10.44	4.77	-40.80%	49.23%
4	Japan	5.35	4.14	3.67	3.25	3.30	2.26	-11.29%	45.52%
5	Germany	3.80	2.77	6.63	2.31	2.20	4.07	139.71%	-42.72%
6	Belgium	3.76	3.66	1.90	2.29	2.91	1.16	-48.15%	98.50%
7	Hong Kong	1.29	0.16	0.18	0.79	0.13	0.11	6.86%	636.66%
9	Egypt	1.16	1.42	1.85	0.70	1.13	1.14	30.11%	-37.43%
10	Italy	1.11	1.07	1.53	0.67	0.85	0.94	42.47%	-27.45%
11	Indonesia	0.77	0.48	0.19	0.47	0.38	0.12	-60.66%	304.71%
Rest of the World		87.82	64.20	91.63	53.35	51.13	56.27	42.72%	-4.15%
Total		164.61	125.57	162.84	100.00	100.00	100.00	29.68%	-1.08%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar (R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹
Air	27.64	17.33	23.28	5.84	9.04	12.88	0.01	2.43	0.08
Land	137.60	108.30	139.55	28.68	21.48	29.71	15.85	16.68	17.94
Total	165.23	125.63	162.84	34.52	30.52	42.60	15.86	19.11	18.02

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
Feb: February
Mar: March