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Formal External Trade in Goods

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Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods August 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 66.47 million in August 2017, a decrease of 27.12 per cent when compared to the previous month of July. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 37.48 per cent on the deficit of August 2016.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

TRADE FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/July2017	Aug2017/Aug2016
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	58.06	71.30	89.56	26.10	30.49	36.47	25.61%	54.26%
Domestic exports	39.58	49.65	63.41	17.79	21.23	25.82	27.73%	60.21%
Re-exports	18.48	21.66	26.15	8.31	9.26	10.65	20.74%	41.51%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	164.38	162.51	156.03	73.90	69.51	63.53	-3.99%	-5.08%
Total External Trade (A+B)	222.44	233.82	245.60	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.04%	10.41%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-106.32	-91.21	-66.47				-27.12%	-37.48%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2017, domestic exports values increased by 27.73 per cent when compared to July 2017 and increased by 60.21 per cent vs. August 2016. Table 2 shows exported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/ July2017	Aug2017/ Aug2016
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.71	17.21	19.38	39.69	34.67	30.56	12.60%	23.35%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.26	0.01	0.02	305.46%	-89.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.62	12.26	13.37	21.77	24.69	21.08	9.06%	55.15%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.05	11.69%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.23	0.20	0.16	0.58	0.40	0.26	-18.14%	-29.04%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.88	1.87	2.91	4.76	3.77	4.59	55.52%	54.34%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.27	1.66	1.12	5.73	3.34	1.77	-32.26%	-50.46%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.38	1.16	1.26	0.96	2.34	1.98	8.24%	230.80%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	10.33	15.25	25.11	26.11	30.72	39.60	64.64%	142.98%
Total Domestic Exports	39.58	49.65	63.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.73%	60.21%

Source: NISR

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Imports

In August 2017, total imports values decreased by 3.99 per cent when compared to July 2017 and also by 5.08 per cent vis-a-vis August 2016.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/ July2017	Aug2017/ Aug2016
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.57	28.35	22.99	16.17	17.45	14.73	-18.92%	-13.49%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.60	1.32	1.50	0.97	0.81	0.96	13.79%	-6.20%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.14	2.62	2.77	1.91	1.61	1.78	5.96%	-11.63%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.23	2.72	2.73	1.35	1.67	1.75	0.36%	22.60%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.85	4.35	6.04	2.95	2.68	3.87	38.73%	24.52%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	22.95	27.56	23.42	13.96	16.96	15.01	-15.02%	2.07%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	37.16	28.39	32.61	22.61	17.47	20.90	14.88%	-12.23%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	48.95	49.91	47.80	29.78	30.71	30.64	-4.23%	-2.34%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.94	17.29	16.17	10.31	10.64	10.36	-6.49%	-4.55%
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	164.38	162.51	156.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.99%	-5.08%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In August 2017, re-exports values increased by 20.74 per cent when compared to July2017 and increased by 41.51 per cent when compared to August 2016.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/ July2017	Aug2017/ Aug2016
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	2.43	3.45	3.22	13.13	15.95	12.31	-6.82%	32.69%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.31	0.41	0.40	1.66	1.88	1.54	-1.30%	31.13%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.55	1.03	1.02	2.98	4.77	3.89	-1.58%	84.56%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.04	11.97	16.36	54.33	55.26	62.58	36.74%	63.01%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.97	2.15	2.39	10.66	9.94	9.16	11.24%	21.56%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.59	0.63	0.77	3.17	2.92	2.93	20.95%	30.85%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.92	0.79	0.67	4.96	3.65	2.57	-15.07%	-26.73%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.19	0.67	0.46	6.41	3.11	1.74	-32.32%	-61.53%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.50	0.54	0.86	2.71	2.51	3.28	57.76%	71.68%
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	18.48	21.66	26.15	100.00	100.00	100.00	20.74%	41.51%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 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		Aug2017/ July2017	Aug2017/ Aug2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/ July2017	Aug2017/ Aug2016
		Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹					Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	11.09	16.32	25.89	28.03	32.88	40.83	58.60%	133.35%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	13.82	17.54	18.75	74.80	81.01	71.71	6.88%	35.65%
2	Kenya	5.32	6.60	5.80	13.45	13.30	9.14	-12.15%	8.94%	2	Saudi Arabia	0.04	1.21	3.85	0.24	5.59	14.73	218.28%	0.00%
3	Switzerland	4.60	6.44	5.68	11.62	12.98	8.96	-11.83%	23.58%	3	Burundi	1.58	1.10	1.37	8.55	5.08	5.25	0.00%	-13.20%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.18	4.53	5.59	10.55	9.13	8.81	23.20%	33.74%	4	Belgium	0.65	0.82	0.80	3.51	3.77	3.04	-2.52%	22.64%
5	Singapore	2.11	4.00	3.32	5.32	8.06	5.24	-17.06%	57.71%	5	Uganda	0.08	0.23	0.31	0.41	1.05	1.19	0.00%	312.44%
6	United States	1.34	2.60	2.94	3.40	5.24	4.64	13.07%	119.01%	6	United Kingdom	0.03	0.03	0.28	0.17	0.12	1.08	0.00%	790.05%
7	Uganda	2.19	0.27	2.26	5.52	0.54	3.56	740.84%	0.00%	7	Ethiopia	0.46	0.14	0.28	2.51	0.65	1.06	0.00%	0.00%
8	Hong Kong	1.45	1.94	2.13	3.65	3.91	3.36	0.00%	0.00%	8	United Arab Emirates	0.08	0.13	0.15	0.41	0.58	0.58	0.00%	0.00%
9	Belgium	1.45	1.57	1.95	3.65	3.17	3.08	23.95%	35.06%	9	Kenya	1.00	0.05	0.12	5.43	0.23	0.45	0.00%	-88.30%
10	Finland	0.21	0.28	1.48	0.53	0.57	2.34	0.00%	609.40%	10	South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.24	2841.61%	0.00%
Rest of the World		5.65	5.07	6.37	14.28	10.21	10.04	25.63%	12.69%	Rest of the World		0.73	0.41	0.17	3.95	1.90	0.65	-58.82%	-76.78%
Total		39.58	49.65	63.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.73%	60.21%	Total		18.48	21.66	26.15	100.00	100.00	100.00	20.74%	41.51%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Aug2017/July2017	Aug2017/Aug2016
		Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	China	41.03	32.65	33.84	24.96	20.09	21.69	3.65%	-17.53%
2	Uganda	18.71	17.08	18.80	11.39	10.51	12.05	10.08%	0.43%
3	India	11.39	12.57	11.81	6.93	7.74	7.57	-6.11%	3.67%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	8.45	7.81	9.85	5.14	4.81	6.31	26.15%	16.60%
5	Kenya	13.24	10.24	9.67	8.06	6.30	6.20	-5.58%	-26.98%
6	United Arab Emirates	9.41	8.15	6.42	5.72	5.01	4.12	-21.19%	-31.74%
7	United States	2.38	1.80	5.61	1.45	1.11	3.60	211.98%	135.47%
9	Japan	5.01	4.13	4.58	3.05	2.54	2.93	10.73%	-8.66%
10	Russian Federation	3.37	4.30	4.32	2.05	2.64	2.77	0.54%	28.15%
11	South Africa	3.82	9.52	4.17	2.32	5.86	2.67	-56.19%	9.30%
	Rest of the World	47.57	54.27	46.97	28.94	33.40	30.11	-13.44%	-1.24%
	Total	164.38	162.51	156.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.99%	-5.08%

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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	
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹
<i>Air</i>	25.42	25.02	21.06	11.95	16.48	27.64	2.25	2.50	5.59
<i>Land</i>	138.96	137.50	134.97	27.63	33.17	35.77	16.22	19.16	20.55
Total	164.38	162.51	156.03	39.58	49.65	63.41	18.48	21.66	26.15

Source: NISR

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

Aug: August