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Formal External Trade in Goods

September 2017

November 2017

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 81.82 million in September 2017, an increase of 23.09 per cent when compared to the previous month of August. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 6.89 per cent on the deficit of September 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		Sept2017/Aug2017	Sept2017/Sept2016
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	51.60	89.56	82.49	27.01	36.47	33.42	-7.89%	59.86%
Domestic exports	35.94	63.41	58.73	18.81	25.82	23.80	-7.38%	63.40%
Re-exports	15.66	26.15	23.76	8.20	10.65	9.63	-9.13%	51.73%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	139.48	156.03	164.31	72.99	63.53	66.58	5.31%	17.80%
Total External Trade (A+B)	191.09	245.60	246.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.49%	29.16%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-87.88	-66.47	-81.82				23.09%	-6.89%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In September 2017, domestic exports values decreased by 7.38 per cent when compared to August 2017 and increased by 63.40 per cent vs. September 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 September 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	17.83	19.38	18.51	49.59	30.56	31.51	-4.50%	3.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.02	0.02	-13.87%	-67.96%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.50	13.37	12.80	23.64	21.08	21.79	-4.30%	50.59%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.01	-77.45%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.40	0.16	0.27	1.12	0.26	0.46	63.67%	-33.45%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.03	2.91	3.08	2.87	4.59	5.25	6.01%	199.03%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.57	1.12	0.57	1.59	1.77	0.97	-49.20%	-0.37%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.26	1.26	0.64	3.49	1.98	1.08	-49.47%	-49.41%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.32	25.11	22.86	17.57	39.60	38.91	-8.98%	261.91%
Total Domestic Exports	35.94	63.41	58.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.38%	63.40%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
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Imports

In September 2017, total imports values increased by 5.31 per cent when compared to August 2017 and also by 17.80 per cent vis-a-vis September 2016 (See Table 1). Table 3 shows imported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.43	22.99	34.46	13.93	14.73	20.97	49.88%	77.33%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.65	1.50	2.59	1.19	0.96	1.57	72.80%	56.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.34	2.77	4.68	2.39	1.78	2.85	68.63%	39.97%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.39	2.73	3.39	1.71	1.75	2.07	24.33%	42.26%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.12	6.04	7.05	4.39	3.87	4.29	16.82%	15.20%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	27.63	23.42	26.65	19.81	15.01	16.22	13.78%	-3.54%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	29.01	32.61	29.63	20.80	20.90	18.03	-9.14%	2.15%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	35.93	47.80	42.37	25.76	30.64	25.78	-11.37%	17.91%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13.99	16.17	13.50	10.03	10.36	8.22	-16.49%	-3.46%
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	139.48	156.03	164.31	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.31%	17.80%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In September 2017, re-exports values decreased by 9.13 per cent when compared to August 2017 and increased by 51.73 per cent when compared to September 2016. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	1.87	3.22	4.23	11.95	12.31	17.81	31.45%	126.06%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.38	0.40	0.58	2.46	1.54	2.43	43.81%	50.38%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.51	1.02	1.29	3.25	3.89	5.43	26.94%	153.78%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7.97	16.36	13.59	50.87	62.58	57.20	-16.95%	70.61%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.14	2.39	2.18	13.65	9.16	9.16	-9.09%	1.83%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.84	0.77	0.40	5.37	2.93	1.67	-48.29%	-52.91%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.28	0.67	0.51	1.77	2.57	2.13	-24.66%	82.42%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.04	0.46	0.35	6.62	1.74	1.49	-22.48%	-65.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.64	0.86	0.64	4.06	3.28	2.68	-25.77%	0.22%
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	15.66	26.15	23.76	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.13%	51.73%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in September 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		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
		Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹					Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	6.96	25.89	23.47	19.38	40.83	39.96	-9.35%	236.99%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	13.04	18.75	17.52	83.29	71.71	73.72	-6.59%	34.30%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.68	5.59	5.98	10.25	8.81	10.18	7.04%	62.34%	2	Saudi Arabia	0.00	3.85	2.07	0.00	14.73	8.73	-46.17%	0.00%
3	Switzerland	5.79	5.68	5.57	16.12	8.96	9.49	-1.92%	-3.81%	3	Belgium	0.00	0.80	1.67	0.00	3.04	7.03	0.00%	0.00%
4	Singapore	2.31	3.32	4.93	6.44	5.24	8.40	48.51%	113.13%	4	Burundi	1.60	1.37	1.16	10.21	5.25	4.89	-15.23%	-27.27%
5	Kenya	4.01	5.80	4.83	11.14	9.14	8.22	-16.71%	20.57%	5	Ethiopia	0.00	0.28	0.49	0.00	1.06	2.06	0.00%	0.00%
6	United States	3.14	2.94	4.38	8.73	4.64	7.46	48.81%	39.53%	6	United Arab Emirates	0.11	0.15	0.24	0.71	0.58	1.00	0.00%	114.79%
7	Belgium	2.13	1.95	2.24	5.93	3.08	3.81	14.69%	0.00%	7	Kenya	0.16	0.12	0.15	1.04	0.45	0.63	0.00%	0.00%
8	United Kingdom	1.82	1.34	1.75	5.07	2.12	2.98	0.00%	0.00%	8	Turkey	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.00	0.21	0.61	0.00%	0.00%
9	Luxembourg	0.22	0.70	0.88	0.61	1.10	1.49	26.20%	298.65%	9	Uganda	0.32	0.31	0.12	2.06	1.19	0.49	0.00%	-64.21%
10	Japan	0.81	0.03	0.81	2.25	0.05	1.37	0.00%	-0.28%	10	United Kingdom	0.00	0.28	0.07	0.00	1.08	0.30	-75.24%	0.00%
Rest of the World		5.06	10.17	3.90	14.08	16.04	6.63	-61.70%	-23.03%	Rest of the World		0.42	0.18	0.13	2.69	0.68	0.55	-26.71%	-69.14%
Total		35.94	63.41	58.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.38%	63.40%	Total		15.66	26.15	23.76	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.13%	51.73%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Sept2017/ Aug2017	Sept2017/ Sept2016
		Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	China	25.43	33.84	35.30	18.23	21.69	21.48	4.32%	38.83%
2	Uganda	17.68	18.80	16.61	12.67	12.05	10.11	-11.65%	-6.06%
3	India	10.76	11.81	12.76	7.72	7.57	7.77	8.09%	18.54%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	1.50	9.85	10.74	1.08	6.31	6.53	8.98%	614.27%
5	Kenya	7.35	9.67	9.51	5.27	6.20	5.79	-1.67%	29.28%
6	United Arab Emirates	12.07	6.42	8.10	8.65	4.12	4.93	26.18%	-32.87%
7	United States	8.70	5.61	7.85	6.24	3.60	4.78	39.94%	-9.79%
9	Japan	4.23	4.58	6.58	3.03	2.93	4.01	43.80%	55.71%
10	Russian Federation	3.32	4.32	5.41	2.38	2.77	3.29	25.29%	63.01%
11	South Africa	5.83	4.17	5.16	4.18	2.67	3.14	23.59%	-11.54%
Rest of the World		42.61	46.97	46.30	30.55	30.11	28.18	-1.44%	8.67%
Total		139.48	156.03	164.31	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.31%	17.80%

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¹Preliminary figures**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	
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹
Air	23.40	21.06	24.27	7.71	27.64	24.12	0.24	5.59	4.95
Land	116.09	134.97	140.04	28.23	35.77	34.62	15.42	20.55	18.81
Total	139.48	156.03	164.31	35.94	63.41	58.73	15.66	26.15	23.76

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

Sept: September