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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## October 2017

December 2017

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods October 2017

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 53.19 million in October 2017, a decrease of 34.99 per cent when compared to the previous month of September 2017. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 24.47 per cent on the deficit of October 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		Oct2017/Sept2017	Oct2017/Oct2016
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>56.39</b>	<b>82.49</b>	<b>94.39</b>	<b>30.78</b>	<b>33.42</b>	<b>39.01</b>	<b>14.43%</b>	<b>67.38%</b>
Domestic exports	37.24	58.73	71.81	20.33	23.80	29.68	22.26%	92.83%
Re-exports	19.16	23.76	22.58	10.46	9.63	9.33	-4.95%	17.90%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>126.82</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>147.59</b>	<b>69.22</b>	<b>66.58</b>	<b>60.99</b>	<b>-10.18%</b>	<b>16.38%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>183.21</b>	<b>246.81</b>	<b>241.98</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-1.96%</b>	<b>32.08%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-70.42</b>	<b>-81.82</b>	<b>-53.19</b>				<b>-34.99%</b>	<b>-24.47%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In October 2017, domestic exports values increased by 22.26 per cent when compared to September 2017 and increased by 92.83 per cent when compared to October 2016. Table 2 shows exported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

**Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in October 2017**

SITC section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Oct2017/Sept2017	Oct2017/Oct2016
	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	15.87	18.51	22.00	42.61	31.51	30.63	18.85%	38.63%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	-32.03%	-49.83%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.39	12.80	15.97	25.22	21.79	22.24	24.83%	70.09%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.17	0.27	0.37	0.45	0.46	0.52	39.13%	124.67%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.20	3.08	2.04	3.21	5.25	2.84	-33.95%	70.27%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.49	0.57	0.48	1.31	0.97	0.67	-15.03%	-0.67%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.62	0.64	0.88	1.67	1.08	1.22	38.31%	41.35%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9.47	22.86	30.06	25.44	38.91	41.86	31.52%	217.33%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>37.24</b>	<b>58.73</b>	<b>71.81</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>22.26%</b>	<b>92.83%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In October 2017, total imports values decreased by 10.18 per cent when compared to September 2017 and increased by 16.38 per cent when compared to October 2016. Table 3 shows imported goods in US \$ million by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Oct2017/ Sept2017	Oct2017/ Oct2016
	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	21.67	34.46	27.37	17.09	20.97	18.55	-20.55%	26.31%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.78	2.59	2.14	1.41	1.57	1.45	-17.44%	19.69%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.09	4.68	3.81	3.23	2.85	2.58	-18.59%	-7.01%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.50	3.39	2.64	1.97	2.07	1.79	-22.35%	5.30%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5.65	7.05	6.12	4.45	4.29	4.14	-13.26%	8.32%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	17.99	26.65	21.15	14.19	16.22	14.33	-20.65%	17.53%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	26.85	29.63	32.10	21.17	18.03	21.75	8.32%	19.53%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	33.39	42.37	39.09	26.33	25.78	26.49	-7.72%	17.09%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12.89	13.50	13.18	10.16	8.22	8.93	-2.39%	2.27%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>126.82</b>	<b>164.31</b>	<b>147.59</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-10.18%</b>	<b>16.38%</b>

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In October 2017, re-exports values decreased by 4.95 per cent when compared to September 2017 and increased by 17.90 per cent when compared to October 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 October 2017**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Oct2017/ Sept2017	Oct2017/ Oct2016
	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	2.85	4.23	4.57	14.90	17.81	20.23	7.96%	60.06%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.36	0.58	0.45	1.86	2.43	1.99	-22.46%	25.73%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.50	1.29	1.05	2.59	5.43	4.63	-19.04%	110.57%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.65	13.59	11.11	55.58	57.20	49.22	-18.22%	4.40%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.06	2.18	2.35	10.77	9.16	10.41	7.98%	13.98%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.50	0.40	0.81	2.63	1.67	3.59	105.08%	60.95%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.35	0.51	0.28	1.83	2.13	1.24	-44.57%	-19.95%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.52	0.35	1.61	7.91	1.49	7.13	355.40%	6.20%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.37	0.64	0.35	1.93	2.68	1.57	-44.34%	-3.94%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>19.16</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>22.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.95%</b>	<b>17.90%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in October 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		Oct2017/ Sept2017	Oct2017/ Oct2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Oct2017/ Sept2017	Oct2017/ Oct2016
		Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>					Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	6.96	23.47	30.79	18.70	39.96	32.68	31.18%	236.99%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	13.49	17.52	17.96	70.42	73.72	79.53	2.54%	33.15%
2	Switzerland	5.79	5.68	8.28	15.56	9.67	7.91	45.78%	-1.92%	2	Burundi	2.79	1.16	1.71	14.57	4.89	7.59	47.35%	-38.61%
3	Kenya	4.68	5.80	7.38	12.58	9.87	8.33	27.35%	23.82%	3	Saudi Arabia	0.00	2.07	1.09	0.00	8.73	4.84	-47.24%	0.00%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.11	5.98	5.60	8.35	10.18	4.10	-6.34%	92.40%	4	Belgium	0.53	1.67	0.65	2.75	7.03	2.87	-61.21%	22.80%
5	United States	2.75	2.94	4.52	7.40	5.01	4.62	53.60%	6.87%	5	Qatar	0.00	0.02	0.33	0.00	0.10	1.47	1344.98%	55883.95%
6	Singapore	1.82	3.32	4.33	4.88	5.65	2.72	30.45%	82.58%	6	Uganda	0.53	0.12	0.31	2.79	0.49	1.39	170.72%	-41.43%
7	Belgium	0.96	1.95	3.02	2.58	3.32	0.01	54.97%	103.40%	7	Ethiopia	0.30	0.49	0.13	1.55	2.06	0.57	-73.65%	-56.61%
8	Hong Kong	1.61	0.01	2.22	4.34	0.01	2.44	32636.08%	-99.58%	8	Kenya	0.94	0.15	0.10	4.92	0.63	0.45	-32.19%	-89.20%
9	United Kingdom	0.66	1.75	1.69	1.77	2.98	0.97	-3.69%	166.16%	9	Germany	0.16	0.06	0.10	0.82	0.26	0.45	65.44%	-35.28%
10	Luxembourg	0.50	0.70	0.84	1.35	1.18	9.93	20.26%	38.24%	10	Congo	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		8.38	7.13	3.13	22.51	12.15	81.79	-56.08%	-14.89%	Rest of the World		0.42	0.50	0.11	2.17	2.09	0.48	-78.35%	-74.12%
Total		37.24	58.73	71.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	22.26%	57.72%	Total		19.16	23.76	22.58	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.95%	17.90%

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in October 2017**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Oct2017/Sept2017	Oct2017/Oct2016
		Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	21.93	35.30	25.32	17.29	21.48	17.16	-28.26%	15.46%
2	Uganda	16.01	16.61	18.22	12.62	10.11	12.35	9.72%	13.80%
3	Kenya	10.05	9.51	10.11	7.92	5.79	6.85	6.27%	0.56%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	8.91	10.74	9.55	7.03	6.53	6.47	-11.00%	7.20%
5	India	9.12	12.76	8.70	7.19	7.77	5.89	-31.82%	-4.57%
6	United Arab Emirates	9.41	8.10	6.57	7.42	4.93	4.45	-18.91%	-30.16%
7	Japan	4.27	6.58	6.51	3.37	4.01	4.41	-1.15%	52.37%
8	South Africa	3.50	5.16	5.38	2.76	3.14	3.64	4.31%	53.79%
9	Germany	4.24	5.16	4.64	3.34	3.14	3.14	-10.08%	9.35%
10	Zambia	3.15	5.41	4.54	2.49	3.29	3.08	-16.07%	44.10%
Rest of the World		36.23	48.99	48.05	28.57	29.82	32.56	-1.93%	32.63%
Total		126.82	164.31	147.59	100.00	100.00	100.00	-10.18%	16.38%

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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	
	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct(R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>
Air	18.04	24.27	21.46	10.01	24.12	31.49	0.24	4.95	2.48
Land	108.78	140.04	126.13	27.23	34.62	40.32	15.42	18.81	20.11
Total	126.82	164.31	147.59	37.24	58.73	71.81	15.66	23.76	22.58

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

Sept: September

Oct: October