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Formal External Trade in Goods

November 2017

January 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods November 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 57.14 million in November 2017, an increase of 7.43 per cent when compared to the previous month of October 2017. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 25.39 per cent on the deficit of November 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		Nov2017/Oct2017	Nov2017/Nov2016
	Nov (R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov (R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	55.92	94.39	102.18	30.78	39.01	39.07	8.24%	82.72%
Domestic exports	36.90	71.81	75.32	20.33	29.68	28.80	4.89%	104.10%
Re-exports	19.02	22.58	26.86	10.46	9.33	10.27	18.92%	41.24%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	132.51	147.59	159.32	69.22	60.99	60.93	7.95%	20.23%
Total External Trade (A+B)	188.43	241.98	261.49	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.06%	38.78%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-76.59	-53.19	-57.14				7.43%	-25.39%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In November 2017, domestic exports values increased by 4.89 per cent when compared to October 2017 and increased by 104.10 per cent when compared to November 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 November 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.22	22.00	24.30	49.38	30.63	32.26	10.46%	33.33%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.01	0.01	-14.42%	-86.30%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.90	15.97	13.62	21.40	22.24	18.09	-14.71%	72.53%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.00%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.32	0.37	0.15	0.87	0.52	0.20	-58.66%	-51.87%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.13	2.04	2.17	3.05	2.84	2.88	6.63%	92.71%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.72	0.48	0.85	1.94	0.67	1.13	75.08%	18.54%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.69	0.88	1.12	1.86	1.22	1.49	27.70%	63.43%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.88	30.06	33.03	21.36	41.86	43.85	9.87%	319.02%
Total Domestic Exports	36.90	71.81	75.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	4.89%	104.10%

Source: NISR

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Imports

In November 2017, total imports values increased by 7.95 per cent when compared to October 2017 and also by 20.23 per cent when compared to November 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 November 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	25.07	27.37	35.94	18.92	18.55	22.56	31.31%	43.39%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.11	2.14	1.93	1.59	1.45	1.21	-9.75%	-8.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.06	3.81	3.09	3.07	2.58	1.94	-18.74%	-23.89%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2.96	2.64	2.86	2.23	1.79	1.79	8.49%	-3.40%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.69	6.12	3.63	3.54	4.14	2.28	-40.58%	-22.55%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	17.85	21.15	26.05	13.47	14.33	16.35	23.16%	45.91%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24.03	32.10	28.37	18.14	21.75	17.80	-11.63%	18.03%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	37.31	39.09	41.68	28.16	26.49	26.16	6.61%	11.71%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14.42	13.18	15.77	10.88	8.93	9.90	19.61%	9.33%
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	132.51	147.59	159.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.95%	20.23%

Source: NISR

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Re-exports

In November 2017, re-exports values increased by 18.92 per cent when compared to October 2017 and also by 41.24 per cent when compared to November 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 November 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	2.69	4.57	4.61	14.15	20.23	17.16	0.91%	71.38%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.32	0.45	0.37	1.68	1.99	1.38	-17.12%	16.19%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.73	1.05	1.05	3.85	4.63	3.90	0.16%	42.91%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.31	11.11	13.82	54.21	49.22	51.46	24.34%	34.07%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.24	2.35	2.67	11.76	10.41	9.93	13.44%	19.23%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.52	0.81	0.88	2.73	3.59	3.27	8.19%	68.93%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.40	0.28	0.50	2.11	1.24	1.87	78.99%	24.80%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.47	1.61	2.33	7.73	7.13	8.68	44.87%	58.55%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.34	0.35	0.63	1.77	1.57	2.34	77.60%	87.54%
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	19.02	22.58	26.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.92%	41.24%

Source: NISR

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in November 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		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹					Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	8.43	30.79	34.15	22.85	42.87	45.33	10.91%	304.95%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	14.21	17.96	19.32	74.74	79.53	71.94	7.57%	35.94%
2	Kenya	8.69	7.38	11.64	23.55	10.28	15.46	57.64%	33.97%	2	United Arab Emirates	0.07	0.03	2.30	0.35	0.14	8.55	7353.63%	0.00%
3	Switzerland	5.30	8.28	7.56	14.35	11.53	10.04	-8.68%	42.80%	3	Saudi Arabia	0.00	1.09	1.70	0.00	4.84	6.32	0.00%	0.00%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.91	5.60	5.36	10.61	7.80	7.12	-4.21%	37.06%	4	Belgium	0.53	0.65	1.03	2.77	2.87	3.83	58.71%	95.13%
5	United States	2.35	4.52	4.66	6.38	6.30	6.18	3.01%	97.85%	5	Burundi	2.37	1.71	0.96	12.45	7.59	3.59	0.00%	0.00%
6	Singapore	1.04	4.33	2.73	2.82	6.03	3.62	-37.01%	162.13%	6	Qatar	0.00	0.33	0.73	0.00	1.47	2.73	0.00%	0.00%
7	Belgium	0.92	3.02	1.85	2.50	4.21	2.46	-38.68%	0.00%	7	Ethiopia	0.13	0.13	0.32	0.70	0.57	1.19	0.00%	0.00%
8	United Kingdom	0.54	1.69	1.32	1.48	2.35	1.75	0.00%	0.00%	8	Uganda	0.40	0.31	0.19	2.10	1.39	0.69	0.00%	0.00%
9	Luxembourg	0.24	0.84	1.11	0.65	1.16	1.47	32.43%	361.15%	9	Turkey	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.21	0.15	0.29	0.00%	93.68%
10	China	0.23	0.15	0.95	0.62	0.20	1.27	0.00%	313.95%	10	Kenya	0.86	0.10	0.07	4.51	0.45	0.25	-34.75%	0.00%
Rest of the World		5.24	5.21	3.98	14.20	7.25	5.29	-23.53%	-24.01%	Rest of the World		0.41	0.23	0.17	2.16	1.01	0.62	-26.69%	-59.34%
Total		36.90	71.81	75.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	4.89%	104.10%	Total		19.02	22.58	26.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.92%	41.24%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in November 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Nov2017/ Oct2017	Nov2017/ Nov2016
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	China	25.87	25.32	28.06	19.52	17.16	17.61	10.81%	8.49%
2	Uganda	16.11	18.22	18.05	12.16	12.35	11.33	-0.94%	12.02%
3	India	7.27	8.70	16.72	5.48	5.89	10.49	92.14%	130.07%
4	Russian Federation	3.71	2.31	10.49	2.80	1.56	6.58	354.88%	182.74%
5	Kenya	10.94	10.11	9.76	8.26	6.85	6.13	-3.40%	-10.78%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.05	9.55	8.90	6.83	6.47	5.59	-6.85%	-1.66%
7	South Africa	2.62	5.38	7.50	1.98	3.64	4.71	39.52%	186.26%
9	United Arab Emirates	7.62	6.57	7.23	5.75	4.45	4.54	10.00%	-5.10%
10	Japan	4.22	6.51	5.51	3.19	4.41	3.46	-15.29%	30.49%
11	Zambia	4.02	4.54	4.42	3.04	3.08	2.78	-2.61%	9.93%
Rest of the World		41.08	50.38	42.68	31.00	34.14	26.79	-15.29%	3.89%
Total		132.51	147.59	159.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.95%	20.23%

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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	
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹
Air	19.48	21.46	28.61	9.30	31.49	34.85	1.48	2.48	4.18
Land	113.02	126.13	130.71	27.60	40.32	40.47	17.54	20.11	22.68
Total	132.51	147.59	159.32	36.90	71.81	75.32	19.02	22.58	26.86

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

Oct: October

Nov: November