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Formal External Trade in Goods

December 2017

January 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods December 2017

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 20.58 million in December 2017, a decrease of 63.98 per cent when compared to the previous month of November 2017. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 75.38 per cent on the deficit of December 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		Dec2017/Nov2017	Dec2017/Dec2016
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	57.49	102.18	121.91	28.95	39.07	46.11	19.32%	112.05%
Domestic exports	35.36	75.32	95.42	17.81	28.80	36.09	26.69%	169.84%
Re-exports	22.13	26.86	26.50	11.15	10.27	10.02	-1.34%	19.72%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	141.09	159.32	142.50	71.05	60.93	53.89	-10.56%	1.00%
Total External Trade (A+B)	198.58	261.49	264.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.12%	33.15%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-83.59	-57.14	-20.58				-63.98%	-75.38%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In December 2017, domestic exports values increased by 26.69 per cent when compared to November 2017 and also by 169.84 per cent when compared to December 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 December 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Dec2017/Nov2017	Dec2017/Dec2016
	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	14.34	24.30	26.30	40.54	32.26	27.57	8.27%	83.49%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.09	0.01	0.03	514.74%	-2.60%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.33	13.62	15.49	26.37	18.09	16.24	13.72%	66.13%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.29	0.15	0.14	0.81	0.20	0.14	-10.82%	-52.08%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.35	2.17	2.60	3.80	2.88	2.73	19.98%	93.59%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.73	0.85	0.53	2.08	1.13	0.56	-37.40%	-27.73%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.89	1.12	0.92	2.52	1.49	0.96	-18.25%	2.82%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	8.34	33.03	49.39	23.59	43.85	51.76	49.56%	492.01%
Total Domestic Exports	35.36	75.32	95.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.69%	169.84%

Source: NISR

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Imports

In December 2017, total imports values decreased by 10.56 per cent when compared to November 2017 and increased by 1.00 per cent when compared to December 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 December 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Dec2017/ Nov2017	Dec2017/ Dec2016
	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	22.59	35.94	21.04	16.01	22.56	14.76	-41.48%	-6.89%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.31	1.93	1.63	1.64	1.21	1.15	-15.18%	-29.30%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.34	3.09	4.89	3.08	1.94	3.43	58.20%	12.76%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1.98	2.86	2.55	1.40	1.79	1.79	-10.75%	28.74%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.98	3.63	3.51	2.82	2.28	2.46	-3.53%	-12.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	18.44	26.05	26.15	13.07	16.35	18.35	0.42%	41.86%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	31.10	28.37	25.94	22.04	17.80	18.20	-8.57%	-16.61%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	39.65	41.68	45.21	28.11	26.16	31.73	8.48%	14.02%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.69	15.77	11.57	11.83	9.90	8.12	-26.59%	-30.64%
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	141.09	159.32	142.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	-10.56%	1.00%

Source: NISR

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Re-exports

In December 2017, re-exports values decreased by 1.34 per cent when compared to November 2017 and increased by 19.72 per cent when compared to December 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 December 2017

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2016	2017		2016	2017		Dec2017/ Nov2017	Dec2017/ Dec2016
	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	2.69	4.61	5.76	12.15	17.16	21.74	24.96%	114.16%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.32	0.37	0.63	1.45	1.38	2.38	69.55%	97.00%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.73	1.05	1.00	3.31	3.90	3.78	-4.41%	36.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.31	13.82	13.98	46.58	51.46	52.78	1.18%	35.65%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.24	2.67	2.62	10.11	9.93	9.88	-1.82%	17.05%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.52	0.88	0.56	2.35	3.27	2.13	-35.74%	8.55%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.40	0.50	0.48	1.82	1.87	1.80	-5.04%	18.50%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.47	2.33	0.59	6.65	8.68	2.22	-74.82%	-60.08%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.34	0.63	0.88	1.52	2.34	3.31	39.09%	160.84%
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	22.13	26.86	26.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.34%	19.72%

Source: NISR

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in December 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		Dec2017/ Nov2017	Dec2017/ Dec2016			2016	2017		2016	2017		Dec2017/ Nov2017	Dec2017/ Dec2016
		Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹					Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	8.44	34.15	49.93	23.87	45.33	52.33	46.22%	491.43%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	14.62	19.32	20.15	66.04	71.94	76.03	4.27%	37.84%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.77	5.36	10.84	10.66	7.12	11.36	102.11%	187.64%	2	Saudi Arabia	0.00	1.70	2.18	0.00	6.32	8.24	28.62%	0.00%
3	Kenya	8.17	11.64	10.24	23.10	15.46	10.73	-12.03%	25.39%	3	Burundi	4.15	0.96	1.69	18.76	3.59	6.37	0.00%	0.00%
4	Switzerland	5.86	7.56	5.15	16.58	10.04	5.40	-31.85%	-12.07%	4	Belgium	0.88	1.03	0.83	3.99	3.83	3.15	-18.92%	-5.49%
5	Singapore	1.14	2.73	4.30	3.22	3.62	4.51	57.65%	277.55%	5	Uganda	0.04	0.19	0.42	0.18	0.69	1.58	0.00%	0.00%
6	Uganda	0.41	0.25	3.69	1.17	0.34	3.87	1359.70%	794.18%	6	Ethiopia	0.39	0.32	0.36	1.74	1.19	1.35	0.00%	0.00%
7	Hong Kong	1.44	0.59	2.98	4.07	0.79	3.12	401.48%	107.26%	7	Qatar	0.00	0.73	0.31	0.01	2.73	1.17	0.00%	0.00%
8	United States	1.63	4.66	2.27	4.60	6.18	2.38	-51.21%	39.77%	8	Somalia	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00%	0.00%
9	Belgium	0.86	1.85	2.14	2.45	2.46	2.24	15.44%	147.64%	9	United Kingdom	0.19	0.01	0.10	0.84	0.05	0.37	0.00%	-47.75%
10	Luxembourg	0.00	1.11	0.91	0.00	1.47	0.95	-18.16%	0.00%	10	Kenya	1.21	0.07	0.09	5.48	0.25	0.33	32.07%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	3.64	5.41	2.96	10.29	7.18	3.10	-45.36%	-18.82%		Rest of the World	0.66	2.53	0.25	2.96	9.42	0.93	-90.30%	-62.59%
	Total	35.36	75.32	95.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.69%	169.84%		Total	22.13	26.86	26.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.34%	19.72%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in December 2017

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2016	2017		2016	2017		Dec2017/Nov2017	Dec2017/Dec2016
		Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	China	35.11	28.06	28.16	24.89	17.61	19.76	0.36%	-19.80%
2	Belgium	3.59	2.34	2.82	2.55	1.47	1.98	20.80%	-21.38%
3	Burundi	0.08	0.32	0.68	0.05	0.20	0.48	115.40%	791.40%
4	Canada	0.07	0.17	0.27	0.05	0.11	0.19	57.87%	293.93%
5	Bulgaria	0.08	0.30	0.10	0.06	0.19	0.07	-68.46%	20.29%
6	Australia	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.06	63.23%	179.15%
7	Botswana	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00%	0.00%
9	Brazil	0.72	0.58	0.04	0.51	0.36	0.03	-93.54%	-94.78%
10	Azerbaijan	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00%	1517.20%
11	Cambodia	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	913.79%	270.87%
Rest of the World		101.41	127.50	110.28	71.88	80.03	77.39	-13.50%	8.75%
Total		141.09	159.32	142.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	-10.56%	1.00%

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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	
	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹
<i>Air</i>	24.20	28.61	33.24	9.16	34.85	50.31	2.88	4.18	4.07
<i>Land</i>	116.88	130.71	109.26	26.20	40.47	45.11	19.25	22.68	22.43
Total	141.09	159.32	142.50	35.36	75.32	95.42	22.13	26.86	26.50

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

Nov: November

Dec: December