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Formal External Trade in Goods

January 2018

May 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods January 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 136.17 million in January 2018, a decrease of 24.06 per cent compared to the previous month of December 2017. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 1.45 per cent on the deficit of January 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/Dec2017	Jan2018/Jan2017
	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	52.81	81.26	75.61	22.02	23.77	26.31	-6.96%	43.16%
Domestic exports	27.89	53.37	47.81	11.63	15.61	16.64	-10.41%	71.44%
Re-exports	24.92	27.90	27.79	10.39	8.16	9.67	-0.37%	11.52%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	187.04	260.58	211.78	77.98	76.23	73.69	-18.73%	13.23%
Total External Trade (A+B)	239.85	341.84	287.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.93%	19.82%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-134.23	-179.31	-136.17				-24.06%	1.45%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In January 2018, domestic exports values decreased by 10.41 per cent compared to December 2017 and increased by 71.44 per cent compared to January 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in January 2018 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/Dec2017	Jan2018/Jan2017
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	13.39	26.30	26.05	48.00	49.29	54.49	-0.95%	94.64%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.12	0.06	0.01	-88.05%	-88.78%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.77	15.49	11.02	24.28	29.03	23.05	-28.87%	62.75%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.06	756.64%	70.84%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	-90.60%	-97.46%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.11	0.14	0.21	0.41	0.26	0.44	52.01%	84.22%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.73	2.60	2.11	6.20	4.88	4.41	-19.02%	22.04%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.64	0.53	0.55	2.31	1.00	1.16	4.13%	-13.96%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.58	0.92	0.66	2.09	1.72	1.38	-28.12%	12.93%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.61	7.34	7.17	16.52	13.75	15.00	-2.21%	55.72%
Total Domestic Exports	27.89	53.37	47.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-10.41%	71.44%

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Imports

In January 2018, total imports values decreased by 18.73 per cent compared to December 2017 but increased by 13.23 per cent compared to January 2017.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/Dec2017	Jan2018/Jan2017
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	33.60	34.67	31.66	17.97	13.30	14.95	-8.68%	-5.79%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.36	2.73	2.09	1.26	1.05	0.99	-23.37%	-11.46%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.63	6.09	5.66	1.94	2.34	2.67	-7.08%	55.72%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	32.36	38.55	44.06	17.30	14.79	20.80	14.29%	36.16%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.44	6.50	9.53	3.98	2.50	4.50	46.59%	28.05%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	18.72	41.78	21.98	10.01	16.03	10.38	-47.38%	17.46%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	30.26	35.72	33.58	16.18	13.71	15.85	-6.01%	10.95%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	38.73	77.76	43.90	20.71	29.84	20.73	-43.54%	13.35%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19.93	14.89	18.11	10.66	5.72	8.55	21.59%	-9.13%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
Total Imports	187.04	260.58	211.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	-18.73%	13.23%

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Re-exports

In January 2018, re-exports values decreased by 0.37 per cent compared to December 2017 but increased by 11.52 per cent compared to January 2017.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2018

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/Dec2017	Jan2018/Jan2017
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	3.38	6.02	5.70	13.56	21.59	20.51	-5.33%	68.72%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.28	0.64	0.59	1.11	2.28	2.11	-7.96%	111.88%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.12	1.37	1.30	4.48	4.89	4.69	-4.46%	16.97%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	15.87	13.99	13.09	63.69	50.16	47.09	-6.46%	-17.54%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.04	3.06	3.34	8.20	10.96	12.03	9.31%	63.60%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.74	0.67	0.64	2.97	2.41	2.31	-4.74%	-13.25%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.32	0.50	0.68	1.27	1.80	2.43	34.24%	113.00%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.71	0.91	1.32	2.84	3.26	4.76	45.46%	86.57%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.47	0.69	1.05	1.89	2.48	3.77	51.56%	122.65%
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	24.92	27.90	27.79	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.37%	11.52%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2018 - 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	
		2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/ Dec2017	Jan2018/ Jan2017			2017		2018	2017		2018	Jan2018/ Dec2017	Jan2018 /Jan2017
		Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹					Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	3.49	10.85	10.27	12.52	20.32	21.48	-5.33%	193.99%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	14.90	21.54	23.25	59.78	77.21	83.65	7.94%	56.04%
2	Kenya	7.96	10.24	9.77	28.53	19.19	20.44	-4.57%	22.80%	2	Burundi	2.20	1.89	0.68	8.81	6.79	2.45	-63.97%	-68.93%
3	United Arab Emirates	4.64	2.26	8.37	16.65	4.24	17.51	270.11%	80.33%	3	Qatar	0.00	0.31	0.50	0.02	1.11	1.79	60.24%	10389.85%
4	Switzerland	4.46	7.78	5.91	16.00	14.57	12.35	-24.06%	32.32%	4	United Arab Emirates	0.27	0.07	0.43	1.06	0.26	1.54	492.85%	61.23%
5	Uganda	0.53	3.69	4.32	1.91	6.92	9.04	17.05%	710.56%	5	Belgium	2.47	0.83	0.33	9.91	2.99	1.17	-60.90%	-86.80%
6	Singapore	1.00	4.30	1.97	3.58	8.06	4.12	-54.19%	97.34%	6	Ethiopia	1.24	0.36	0.21	4.97	1.28	0.77	-40.11%	-82.72%
7	United States	1.78	2.27	1.37	6.39	4.26	2.87	-39.63%	-22.97%	7	Uganda	0.10	0.35	0.20	0.41	1.27	0.73	-42.31%	99.44%
8	China	0.18	0.51	1.09	0.65	0.95	2.28	115.23%	497.33%	8	Turkey	0.13	0.06	0.11	0.51	0.23	0.38	66.88%	-15.65%
9	Belgium	0.68	2.14	0.88	2.43	4.01	1.84	-58.89%	29.76%	9	Germany	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.26	259.73%	0.00%
10	Malaysia	0.27	0.00	0.76	0.98	0.00	1.58	0.00%	176.82%	10	Kenya	3.09	0.05	0.05	12.38	0.18	0.17	0.00%	-98.50%
Rest of the World		2.88	9.32	3.10	10.34	17.47	6.48	-66.75%	7.49%	Rest of the World		0.53	2.40	1.97	2.14	8.61	7.08	-18.08%	268.50%
Total		27.89	53.37	47.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-10.41%	71.44%	Total		24.92	27.90	27.79	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.37%	11.52%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2018

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2017		2018	2016		2018	Jan2018/Dec2017	Jan2017/Jan2018
		Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	China	36.59	43.29	39.18	19.56	16.61	18.50	-9.51%	7.07%
2	United Arab Emirates	21.35	26.39	25.79	11.41	10.13	12.18	-2.30%	20.79%
3	Uganda	13.91	17.89	19.04	7.44	6.87	8.99	6.44%	36.91%
4	India	17.11	24.82	17.34	9.15	9.52	8.19	-30.11%	1.34%
5	Kenya	11.61	14.06	12.12	6.21	5.40	5.73	-13.78%	4.41%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	6.86	8.88	10.95	3.67	3.41	5.17	23.34%	59.68%
7	Saudi Arabia	5.77	8.86	10.23	3.09	3.40	4.83	15.36%	77.21%
8	South Africa	3.83	4.91	7.11	2.05	1.89	3.36	44.65%	85.35%
9	Pakistan	6.02	6.08	5.28	3.22	2.33	2.49	-13.13%	-12.30%
10	Belgium	3.81	3.86	4.80	2.04	1.48	2.27	24.31%	26.00%
	Rest of the World	60.17	101.52	59.94	32.17	38.96	28.30	-40.96%	-0.38%
	Total	187.04	260.58	211.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	-18.73%	13.23%

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Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in us \$ Million)

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports				
	2017		2018	2017		2018	2017		2018		
	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹	January(R)	December ¹	January ¹		
<i>Air</i>	16.61	34.08	24.21	<i>Air</i>	5.58	8.26	8.83	<i>Air</i>	7.52	3.98	3.00
<i>Land</i>	170.43	226.49	187.57	<i>Land</i>	22.31	45.11	38.98	<i>Land</i>	17.41	23.92	24.79
Total	187.04	260.58	211.78	Total	27.89	53.37	47.81	Total	24.92	27.90	27.79

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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

Dec: December

Jan: January