



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## March 2018

May 2018

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2018

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 165.11 million in March 2018, an increase of 1.08 per cent compared to the previous month of February 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 16.80 per cent on the deficit of March 2017.

**Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods**

	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>55.34</b>	<b>71.31</b>	<b>80.09</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>23.04</b>	<b>24.62</b>	<b>12.31%</b>	<b>44.72%</b>
<b>Domestic exports</b>	36.59	44.95	49.34	11.84	14.52	15.17	9.78%	34.87%
<b>Re-exports</b>	18.76	26.36	30.75	6.07	8.52	9.45	16.64%	63.94%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>253.79</b>	<b>238.22</b>	<b>245.20</b>	<b>82.10</b>	<b>76.96</b>	<b>75.38</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>309.13</b>	<b>309.53</b>	<b>325.29</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.09%</b>	<b>5.23%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-198.44</b>	<b>-166.91</b>	<b>-165.11</b>				<b>-1.08%</b>	<b>-16.80%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In March 2018, domestic exports values increased by 9.78 per cent when compared to February 2018 and increased by 34.87 per cent when compared to March 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2018 by SITC sections.

**Table2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in March 2018**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	15.90	17.66	25.18	43.46	39.29	51.02	42.55%	58.31%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.29	0.00	0.01	266.65%	-93.63%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.37	14.72	11.73	33.81	32.75	23.77	-20.34%	-5.19%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.03	2.41%	-28.98%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.28	0.14	0.31	0.76	0.32	0.63	117.77%	12.36%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.31	2.13	1.50	6.31	4.74	3.04	-29.65%	-35.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.82	0.16	0.49	2.25	0.37	0.98	195.57%	-41.08%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.62	1.71	0.89	1.70	3.79	1.81	-47.69%	43.73%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.13	8.37	9.23	11.30	18.62	18.70	10.28%	123.31%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>36.59</b>	<b>44.95</b>	<b>49.34</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>9.78%</b>	<b>34.87%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In March 2018, total imports values increased by 2.93 per cent compared to February 2018 but decreased by 3.38 per cent compared to March 2017.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	46.49	40.04	26.53	18.32	16.81	10.82	-33.74%	-42.94%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.54	2.21	2.88	1.40	0.93	1.17	30.17%	-18.86%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.20	4.87	4.56	2.84	2.05	1.86	-6.37%	-36.66%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38.31	33.55	46.64	15.10	14.08	19.02	39.02%	21.75%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.02	8.17	8.89	2.77	3.43	3.63	8.79%	26.63%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	25.15	31.62	26.06	9.91	13.27	10.63	-17.60%	3.62%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	39.00	35.46	36.70	15.37	14.89	14.97	3.49%	-5.90%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	67.17	62.92	69.25	26.47	26.41	28.24	10.06%	3.09%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19.89	18.25	22.72	7.84	7.66	9.26	24.47%	14.21%
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>253.79</b>	<b>238.22</b>	<b>245.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In March 2018, re-exports values increased by 16.64 per cent compared to February 2018 and also by 63.94 per cent compared to March 2017.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	4.40	5.05	6.55	23.47	19.17	21.30	29.60%	48.84%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.34	0.57	0.48	1.79	2.16	1.57	-15.38%	43.40%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.24	1.22	1.10	6.61	4.62	3.59	-9.18%	-10.82%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.10	13.57	14.32	48.50	51.48	46.56	5.49%	57.38%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.30	2.98	3.40	12.25	11.31	11.07	14.22%	48.23%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.48	0.58	1.09	2.54	2.20	3.54	87.97%	128.52%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.25	0.51	0.44	1.34	1.95	1.44	-13.55%	77.08%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.21	1.16	2.57	1.14	4.41	8.34	120.86%	1100.68%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.45	0.70	0.77	2.37	2.66	2.51	10.28%	73.42%
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>18.76</b>	<b>26.36</b>	<b>30.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.64%</b>	<b>63.94%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 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		Mar2018/ Feb2018	Mar2018/ Mar2017			2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/ Feb2018	Mar2018/ Mar2017
		Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>					Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	Kenya	8.66	9.28	14.25	23.67	20.64	28.89	53.63%	64.57%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	18.14	20.90	24.29	96.74	79.28	78.99	16.20%	33.85%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.68	4.61	5.30	12.79	10.26	10.74	14.93%	13.26%	2	United Arab Emirates	0.02	0.17	1.59	0.08	0.65	5.18	827.36%	10212.41%
3	Switzerland	6.51	5.95	5.15	17.79	13.24	10.44	-13.47%	-20.87%	3	Burundi	0.37	0.90	1.33	1.96	3.40	4.32	48.35%	261.47%
4	United Arab Emirates	3.75	5.68	4.87	10.24	12.64	9.87	-14.28%	30.00%	4	Qatar	0.01	0.67	0.47	0.04	2.53	1.53	0.00%	0.00%
5	Kazakhstan	0.00	0.00	4.51	0.00	0.00	9.13	0.00%	14888599.02%	5	Uganda	0.20	0.25	0.33	1.04	0.94	1.09	34.05%	70.88%
6	Uganda	2.39	1.87	4.25	6.53	4.16	8.62	127.27%	77.98%	6	Belgium	0.00	0.17	0.16	0.00	0.66	0.53	-6.47%	0.00%
7	Singapore	1.34	3.42	3.08	3.66	7.62	6.23	-10.16%	129.90%	7	Ethiopia	0.00	0.14	0.09	0.00	0.54	0.28	-40.73%	0.00%
8	Belgium	1.20	0.62	1.49	3.29	1.38	3.01	139.84%	23.39%	8	Turkey	0.00	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.38	0.25	-22.31%	0.00%
9	Germany	0.51	1.51	1.41	1.40	3.35	2.86	-6.22%	176.20%	9	Germany	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.13	487.12%	0.00%
10	United States	1.89	2.26	1.28	5.15	5.03	2.60	0.00%	-32.04%	10	United Kingdom	0.00	0.14	0.02	0.00	0.51	0.07	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		5.66	9.75	3.76	15.48	21.68	7.61	-61.47%	-33.70%	<b>Rest of the World</b>		0.02	2.92	2.35	0.13	11.07	7.64	-19.54%	9394.79%
<b>Total</b>		<b>36.59</b>	<b>44.95</b>	<b>49.34</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>9.78%</b>	<b>34.87%</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>18.76</b>	<b>26.36</b>	<b>30.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.64%</b>	<b>63.94%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2018**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Mar2018/Feb2018	Mar2018/Mar2017
		Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	49.30	41.68	46.89	19.43	17.50	19.12	12.49%	-4.90%
2	United Arab Emirates	37.14	21.99	25.47	14.64	9.23	10.39	15.81%	-31.43%
3	India	19.78	30.99	18.93	7.79	13.01	7.72	-38.90%	-4.27%
4	Uganda	18.83	18.48	18.05	7.42	7.76	7.36	-2.32%	-4.13%
5	Kenya	12.41	11.55	14.32	4.89	4.85	5.84	24.03%	15.39%
6	Germany	9.87	7.58	10.09	3.89	3.18	4.11	33.08%	2.14%
7	Saudi Arabia	13.69	4.07	9.92	5.39	1.71	4.05	143.60%	-27.49%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.96	7.86	8.17	3.93	3.30	3.33	3.99%	-18.01%
10	Japan	6.93	4.32	7.29	2.73	1.81	2.97	68.85%	5.20%
11	Sweden	0.80	10.40	6.94	0.32	4.36	2.83	-33.27%	763.63%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	71.31	60.08	62.20	28.10	25.22	25.37	3.54%	-12.78%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>253.79</b>	<b>238.22</b>	<b>245.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**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	
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	23.29	33.55	25.31	6.88	11.14	11.92	0.02	3.7	3.18
<b>Land</b>	230.49	204.67	219.89	29.71	33.81	37.42	18.74	22.66	27.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>253.79</b>	<b>238.22</b>	<b>245.20</b>	<b>36.59</b>	<b>44.95</b>	<b>49.34</b>	<b>18.76</b>	<b>26.36</b>	<b>30.75</b>

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**Acronyms used:**

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

Dec: December

f.o.b: Free On Board

Jan: January

Mar: March

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification