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Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2018

July 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 141.71 million in May 2018, an increase of 10.94 per cent compared to the previous month of April 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 13.57 per cent on the deficit of May 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage change	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/April2018	May2018/May2017
	May (R)	1-Apr	1-May	May (R)	1-Apr	1-May		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	67.18	80.87	82.25	22.52	27.93	26.86	1.70%	22.43%
Domestic exports	40.04	54.06	51.46	13.42	18.67	16.8	-4.82%	28.51%
Re-exports	27.14	26.81	30.79	9.1	9.26	10.05	14.85%	13.47%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	231.17	208.64	223.99	77.48	72.07	73.14	7.36%	-3.10%
Total External Trade (A+B)	298.34	289.51	306.24	100	100	100	5.78%	2.65%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-163.99	-127.77	-141.74				10.94%	-13.57%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2018, domestic exports values decreased by 4.82 per cent compared to April 2018 and increased by 28.51 per cent compared to May 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/April2018	May2018/May2017
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.23	22.03	22.06	45.54	40.76	42.88	0.13%	21.00%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.04	387.66%	25.66%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.71	16.80	14.45	31.74	31.08	28.07	-14.03%	13.66%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.02	-76.17%	1473.67%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.35	0.19	0.20	0.86	0.34	0.39	7.75%	-41.96%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.22	1.71	1.68	5.54	3.16	3.26	-1.56%	-24.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.11	1.05	0.70	2.78	1.94	1.37	-32.91%	-36.76%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.88	0.94	0.98	2.20	1.73	1.91	4.75%	11.53%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4.51	11.21	11.35	11.26	20.74	22.06	1.25%	151.72%
Total Domestic Exports	40.04	54.06	51.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.82%	28.51%

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Imports

In May 2018, total imports values increased by 7.36 per cent compared to April 2018 but decreased by 3.10 per cent compared to May 2017. Table 3 shows imported goods in value of imports in May 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/April2018	May2018/May2017
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	40.44	33.37	38.72	17.50	15.99	17.28	16.03%	-4.27%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.41	3.17	3.06	1.04	1.52	1.37	-3.55%	26.89%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.96	6.14	4.71	2.58	2.94	2.10	-23.22%	-20.97%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	29.98	36.77	42.33	12.97	17.62	18.90	15.12%	41.18%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13.30	11.86	9.56	5.75	5.68	4.27	-19.34%	-28.09%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	24.74	26.05	26.80	10.70	12.49	11.97	2.90%	8.35%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	37.36	27.61	33.88	16.16	13.23	15.13	22.72%	-9.31%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	58.94	51.10	48.24	25.50	24.49	21.54	-5.60%	-18.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.03	11.99	16.68	7.80	5.75	7.45	39.12%	-7.47%
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	231.17	208.64	223.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.36%	-3.10%

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Re-exports

In May 2018, re-exports values increased by 14.85 per cent compared to April 2018 and also by 13.47 per cent compared to May 2017. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in value of re-exports in May 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/April2018	May2018/May2017
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	5.29	4.92	6.41	19.50	18.35	20.83	30.40%	21.20%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.55	0.37	0.61	2.03	1.38	1.97	63.74%	10.52%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.41	1.03	1.03	5.21	3.85	3.36	0.15%	-26.83%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14.80	13.27	13.01	54.53	49.50	42.27	-1.93%	-12.05%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.82	2.99	4.01	10.38	11.17	13.02	33.93%	42.41%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.50	0.96	1.26	1.85	3.60	4.08	30.35%	150.07%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.61	0.79	1.19	2.26	2.95	3.86	50.26%	94.07%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.41	1.79	2.48	1.53	6.67	8.04	38.55%	498.34%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.74	0.67	0.79	2.72	2.48	2.56	18.56%	7.12%
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	27.14	26.81	30.79	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.85%	13.47%

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 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		May2018/ April2018	May2018/ May2017			2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/ April2018	May2018/ May2017
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹					May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Kenya	10.88	11.09	10.64	27.17	20.51	19.68	-4.04%	-2.19%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	21.85	20.39	24.70	80.51	76.07	80.23	21.13%	13.07%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.42	4.96	6.09	11.04	9.17	11.26	22.80%	37.77%	2	United Arab Emirates	0.20	1.04	1.39	0.74	3.88	4.53	34.14%	0.00%
3	Uganda	3.15	5.03	5.64	7.86	9.30	10.43	12.21%	79.19%	3	Burundi	0.76	1.01	1.09	2.81	3.78	3.54	7.66%	42.74%
4	Switzerland	5.84	4.30	4.38	14.59	7.96	8.10	1.74%	-25.07%	4	Qatar	0.01	0.71	0.67	0.02	2.66	2.16	0.00%	0.00%
5	Hong Kong	0.40	0.08	2.93	1.00	0.15	5.43	0.00%	631.88%	5	Kenya	1.71	0.04	0.25	6.29	0.17	0.80	450.70%	0.00%
6	United States	1.87	2.13	1.85	4.66	3.94	3.42	-13.15%	-0.91%	6	Uganda	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.93	1.21	0.80	-24.23%	0.00%
7	Singapore	0.89	2.38	1.73	2.23	4.40	3.19	-27.45%	93.34%	7	Ethiopia	0.36	0.16	0.21	1.34	0.60	0.68	30.18%	0.00%
8	Luxembourg	0.39	2.05	1.11	0.97	3.80	2.05	-46.02%	185.71%	8	Turkey	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.36	0.34	0.28	-5.17%	0.00%
9	Belgium	1.37	2.57	0.89	3.42	4.75	1.64	-65.35%	-35.16%	9	Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00%	0.00%
10	United Kingdom	0.16	0.27	0.45	0.39	0.50	0.84	0.00%	192.25%	10	Germany	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.10	0.21	0.00%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	10.68	19.21	15.75	26.68	35.53	29.14	-18.00%	47.46%		Rest of the World	1.89	3.00	2.01	6.98	11.19	6.52	-33.08%	6.05%
	Total	40.04	54.06	51.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.82%	35.01%		Total	27.14	26.81	30.79	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.85%	13.47%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2018

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		May2018/April2018	May2018/May2017
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	40.89	29.86	37.93	17.69	14.31	16.93	27.03%	-7.23%
2	India	11.02	18.98	29.40	4.77	9.10	13.12	54.89%	166.83%
3	United Arab Emirates	22.86	25.95	25.83	9.89	12.44	11.53	-0.48%	12.99%
4	Uganda	16.06	18.45	20.13	6.95	8.84	8.99	9.06%	25.32%
5	Kenya	16.27	12.98	14.98	7.04	6.22	6.69	15.45%	-7.93%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.48	10.10	10.17	4.10	4.84	4.54	0.65%	7.29%
7	Russian Federation	6.28	4.83	8.94	2.72	2.31	3.99	85.16%	42.45%
9	South Africa	5.41	4.90	6.64	2.34	2.35	2.96	35.53%	22.80%
10	Japan	6.73	3.73	5.40	2.91	1.79	2.41	44.90%	-19.72%
11	Switzerland	0.31	5.46	5.21	0.13	2.62	2.33	-4.45%	1576.40%
Rest of the World		95.88	73.41	59.37	41.48	35.18	26.51	-19.12%	-38.08%
Total		231.17	208.64	223.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.36%	-3.10%

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

Mode/Period	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	22.30	20.91	25.07	8.12	15.46	13.33	4.14	4.09	3.74
Land	208.91	187.73	198.92	31.92	38.60	38.13	22.99	22.71	27.06
Total	231.21	208.64	223.99	40.04	54.06	51.46	27.14	26.81	30.81

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Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b: Free On Board

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

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

US \$: United States Dollar