



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

August 2018

September 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods August 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 164.15 million in August 2018, an increase of 1.55 per cent compared to the previous month of July 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 14.48 per cent on the deficit of August 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/July2018	Aug2018/Aug2017
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	75.68	79.44	96.29	22.04	24.78	26.99	21.21%	27.24%
Domestic exports	48.58	50.39	68.54	14.15	15.72	19.21	36.01%	41.08%
Re-exports	27.09	29.05	27.75	7.89	9.06	7.78	-4.47%	2.41%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	267.62	241.07	260.43	77.96	75.22	73.01	8.03%	-2.69%
Total External Trade (A+B)	343.30	320.51	356.72	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.30%	3.91%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-191.95	-161.64	-164.15				1.55%	-14.48%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2018, domestic exports values increased by 36.01 per cent compared to July 2018 and by 41.08 per cent compared to August 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in August 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/July2018	Aug2018/Aug2017
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.38	17.61	21.38	39.88	34.95	31.19	21.38%	10.32%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	-42.46%	-71.24%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	13.37	13.45	15.46	27.52	26.70	22.56	14.92%	15.64%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.02	13.15%	-66.48%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.16	0.19	0.24	0.34	0.38	0.34	22.76%	44.12%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.91	2.29	2.55	5.99	4.55	3.72	11.03%	-12.40%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.12	0.43	2.66	2.31	0.85	3.89	521.92%	137.22%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.16	1.14	1.13	4.46	2.27	1.65	-1.21%	-47.86%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9.37	15.25	25.11	19.30	30.27	36.64	64.64%	167.87%
Total Domestic Exports	48.58	50.39	68.54	100.00	100.00	100.00	36.01%	41.08%

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Imports

In August 2018, total imports values increased by 8.03 per cent compared to July 2018 but decreased by 2.69 per cent compared to August 2017. Table 3 shows imported goods in value of imports in August 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/July2018	Aug2018/Aug2017
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	35.32	27.47	35.96	13.20	11.40	13.81	30.92%	1.83%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.35	10.48	2.60	0.88	4.35	1.00	-75.21%	10.42%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.77	4.44	6.23	2.16	1.84	2.39	40.50%	8.01%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	35.83	49.64	42.17	13.39	20.59	16.19	-15.06%	17.69%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.17	10.48	11.39	4.17	4.35	4.37	8.63%	1.97%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	31.23	28.96	34.43	11.67	12.01	13.22	18.87%	10.23%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42.27	35.94	44.04	15.79	14.91	16.91	22.56%	4.19%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	82.07	55.17	63.16	30.67	22.88	24.25	14.48%	-23.04%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21.55	16.69	18.04	8.05	6.92	6.93	8.12%	-16.28%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.06	0.00	2.41	0.02	0.00	0.93	0.00%	3919.63%
Total Imports	267.62	241.07	260.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.03%	-2.69%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In August 2018, re-exports values decreased by 4.47 per cent compared to July 2018 but increased by 2.41 per cent compared to August 2017. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in value of re-exports in August 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/July2018	Aug2018/Aug2017
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	3.57	4.66	4.79	13.16	16.04	17.26	2.80%	34.35%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.40	0.50	0.40	1.48	1.73	1.46	-19.48%	0.73%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.33	1.09	1.42	4.90	3.74	5.11	30.57%	6.77%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	16.36	14.85	12.90	60.40	51.12	46.48	-13.15%	-21.19%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.61	3.72	3.58	9.64	12.81	12.89	-3.82%	36.97%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.77	1.09	0.78	2.83	3.76	2.79	-28.99%	1.28%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.68	1.23	1.37	2.50	4.23	4.92	11.11%	101.31%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.77	0.99	1.62	2.83	3.41	5.85	64.01%	111.44%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.61	0.89	0.88	2.26	3.05	3.18	-0.58%	43.99%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.13	0.07	0.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	27.09	29.05	27.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.47%	2.41%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 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		Aug2018/ July2018	Aug2018/ Aug2017			2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/ July2018	Aug2018/ Aug2017
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹					Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.59	5.98	6.42	11.50	11.87	12.73	7.23%	14.83%	1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	19.56	22.55	21.73	72.19	77.63	78.33	-3.61%	11.12%
2	Kenya	5.80	7.96	5.14	11.94	15.79	10.20	-35.44%	-11.39%	2	Saudi Arabia	3.85	2.88	2.80	14.22	9.93	10.08	-2.98%	-27.39%
3	Switzerland	6.16	4.58	5.03	12.69	9.10	9.99	9.75%	-18.36%	3	Qatar	0.00	0.89	0.81	0.01	3.06	2.93	-8.55%	38282.37%
4	China	2.30	0.03	3.80	4.74	0.05	7.54	14915.57%	65.07%	4	Burundi	1.91	1.54	0.78	7.03	5.30	2.80	-49.57%	-59.29%
5	Kazakhstan	0.00	3.80	3.01	0.00	7.55	5.98	-20.79%	0.00%	5	Ethiopia	0.28	0.31	0.37	1.03	1.05	1.33	21.18%	33.28%
6	Belgium	2.20	1.30	2.53	4.54	2.58	5.01	94.40%	14.57%	6	Kenya	0.08	0.03	0.29	0.31	0.12	1.05	755.37%	242.37%
7	Singapore	3.32	4.29	2.17	6.84	8.52	4.31	-49.44%	-34.65%	7	United Arab Emirates	0.15	0.14	0.20	0.56	0.47	0.73	49.05%	33.31%
8	United Kingdom	1.34	0.93	1.08	2.76	1.84	2.15	17.26%	-19.19%	8	South Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.73	0.00%	0.00%
9	Canada	1.87	8.82	0.89	3.85	17.51	1.77	-89.90%	-52.39%	9	Uganda	0.27	0.34	0.17	1.00	1.16	0.62	-49.23%	-36.91%
10	Uganda	2.26	0.71	0.88	4.65	1.41	1.75	24.20%	-60.92%	10	Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	17.73	11.98	37.58	36.50	23.78	74.59	213.62%	111.97%		Rest of the World	0.99	0.37	0.25	3.65	1.29	0.91	-32.45%	-74.42%
	Total	48.58	50.39	68.54	100.00	100.00	100.00	36.01%	41.08%		Total	27.09	29.05	27.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.47%	2.41%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2018

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Aug2018/July2018	Aug2018/Aug2017
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	China	57.94	46.23	51.89	18.94	20.19	21.53	12.24%	-10.44%
2	United Arab Emirates	21.74	19.29	24.93	7.11	8.42	10.34	29.20%	14.63%
3	Uganda	19.78	21.24	22.87	6.47	9.27	9.48	7.65%	15.58%
4	India	28.84	17.08	21.05	9.43	7.46	8.73	23.26%	-27.01%
5	Kenya	12.11	21.92	15.24	3.96	9.57	6.32	-30.45%	25.84%
6	Saudi Arabia	11.55	10.08	12.05	3.78	4.40	5.00	19.55%	4.30%
7	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.50	13.27	10.97	3.43	5.80	4.55	-17.33%	4.49%
9	Belgium	2.82	8.75	10.69	0.92	3.82	4.43	22.11%	278.93%
10	Switzerland	3.24	8.35	9.94	1.06	3.65	4.12	19.09%	206.70%
11	Germany	5.88	3.81	6.17	1.92	1.67	2.56	61.75%	4.93%
Rest of the World		131.50	58.99	55.27	42.99	25.76	22.93	-6.30%	-57.97%
Total		305.92	229.01	241.07	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.27%	-21.20%

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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	
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹
Air	21.26	22.64	20.00	12.21	17.55	28.52	5.25	4.56	4.66
Land	246.37	218.44	240.43	36.37	32.84	40.02	21.84	24.49	23.09
Total	267.63	241.08	260.43	48.58	50.39	68.54	27.09	29.05	27.75

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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

Aug: August