



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

September 2018

October 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 147.84 million in September 2018, a decrease of 9.93 per cent compared to the previous month of August 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 29.05 per cent on the deficit of September 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	73.84	96.29	89.62	20.74	26.99	27.40	-6.92%	21.38%
Domestic exports	48.72	68.54	60.81	13.68	19.21	18.59	-11.28%	24.81%
Re-exports	25.12	27.75	28.82	7.06	7.78	8.81	3.84%	14.71%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	282.21	260.43	237.47	79.26	73.01	72.60	-8.82%	-15.85%
Total External Trade (A+B)	356.05	356.72	327.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.31%	-8.13%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-208.37	-164.15	-147.84				-9.93%	-29.05%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In September 2018, domestic exports values decreased by 11.28 per cent compared to August 2018 and increased by 24.81 per cent compared to September 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in September 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	22.71	21.38	20.81	46.62	31.19	34.23	-2.63%	-8.36%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	32.18%	-55.86%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.80	15.46	12.47	26.26	22.56	20.50	-19.36%	-2.56%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	125.54%	235.16%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00%	16.40%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.27	0.24	0.15	0.55	0.34	0.24	-38.53%	-45.87%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.08	2.55	2.61	6.33	3.72	4.30	2.56%	-15.30%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.59	2.66	0.64	1.22	3.89	1.04	-76.15%	7.01%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.71	1.13	1.23	1.46	1.65	2.02	9.03%	72.54%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	8.53	25.11	22.87	17.51	36.64	37.61	-8.92%	168.08%
Total Domestic Exports	48.72	68.54	60.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-11.28%	24.81%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In September 2018, total imports values have decreased by 8.82 per cent compared to August 2018 and by 15.85 per cent compared to September 2017. Table 3 shows imported goods in value of imports in September 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	47.02	35.96	37.25	16.66	13.81	15.68	3.56%	-20.78%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.85	2.60	2.45	1.36	1.00	1.03	-5.83%	-36.48%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.72	6.23	7.49	2.38	2.39	3.15	20.09%	11.37%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36.16	42.17	44.60	12.81	16.19	18.78	5.77%	23.36%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	10.39	11.39	8.44	3.68	4.37	3.55	-25.91%	-18.81%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	34.23	34.43	23.42	12.13	13.22	9.86	-31.96%	-31.57%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42.62	44.04	38.00	15.10	16.91	16.00	-13.71%	-10.83%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	76.97	63.16	59.74	27.27	24.25	25.16	-5.41%	-22.38%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23.52	18.04	14.55	8.33	6.93	6.13	-19.37%	-38.15%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	0.73	2.41	1.54	0.26	0.93	0.65	-36.15%	110.96%
Total Imports	282.21	260.43	237.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.82%	-15.85%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In September 2018, re-exports values have increased by 3.84 per cent compared to August 2018 and by 14.71 per cent compared to September 2017. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in value of re-exports in September 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	4.61	4.79	5.93	18.35	17.26	20.59	23.86%	28.70%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.72	0.40	0.39	2.88	1.46	1.37	-2.75%	-45.52%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.65	1.42	1.71	6.57	5.11	5.92	20.43%	3.40%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	13.59	12.90	13.01	54.10	46.48	45.15	0.87%	-4.28%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.20	3.58	2.74	8.77	12.89	9.49	-23.55%	24.15%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.40	0.78	1.17	1.58	2.79	4.07	51.28%	196.28%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.48	1.37	1.00	1.91	4.92	3.47	-26.70%	108.74%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.82	1.62	1.93	3.26	5.85	6.70	18.90%	135.52%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.62	0.88	0.85	2.45	3.18	2.94	-3.99%	37.30%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.07	0.31	0.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	25.12	27.75	28.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.84%	14.71%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2018 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.98	6.42	8.02	12.28	9.36	11.70	25.01%	34.07%
2	United States	4.38	7.94	6.27	9.00	11.59	9.15	-21.07%	43.00%
3	Kenya	7.84	5.14	5.26	16.08	7.50	7.68	2.39%	-32.86%
4	Switzerland	5.57	5.03	3.97	11.44	7.34	5.79	-21.08%	-28.74%
5	Kazakhstan	4.27	3.01	3.00	8.77	4.40	4.38	-0.35%	-29.71%
6	Singapore	4.93	2.17	2.11	10.12	3.17	3.08	-2.67%	-57.17%
7	Canada	0.08	0.89	1.67	0.16	1.30	2.43	86.92%	2016.23%
8	United Kingdom	1.75	1.08	1.23	3.60	1.58	1.79	13.33%	-29.84%
9	China	2.97	3.80	1.15	6.10	5.55	1.68	-69.74%	-61.29%
10	Hong Kong	0.01	0.73	1.09	0.01	1.07	1.59	48.40%	15924.54%
Rest of the World		10.93	32.32	27.04	22.44	47.15	39.45	-16.33%	147.34%
Total		48.72	68.54	60.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	-11.28%	24.81%

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Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2018 - Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	18.41	21.73	22.36	73.28	78.33	77.59	2.86%	21.46%
2	Burundi	1.68	0.78	0.94	6.70	2.80	3.25	20.76%	-44.36%
3	Qatar	0.02	0.81	0.72	0.09	2.93	2.51	-10.90%	3059.07%
4	Ethiopia	0.48	0.37	0.33	1.93	1.33	1.15	-10.52%	-31.68%
5	Belgium	1.67	0.03	0.32	6.65	0.10	1.09	1002.38%	-81.14%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.24	0.20	0.26	0.94	0.73	0.89	26.92%	8.60%
7	Uganda	0.11	0.17	0.23	0.46	0.62	0.80	34.69%	101.23%
8	Sudan	0.00	0.14	0.21	0.00	0.50	0.72	49.85%	0.00%
9	South Sudan	0.00	0.20	0.13	0.00	0.73	0.45	-36.18%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.57	0.36	0.39	14.31%	-21.83%
Rest of the World		2.35	3.21	3.21	9.37	11.58	11.15	0.00%	36.51%
Total		25.12	27.75	28.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.84%	14.71%

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Table 6.3. Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2018 - Imports

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Sept2018/Aug2018	Sept2018/Sept2017
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	China	52.17	51.89	53.66	18.49	19.93	22.60	3.41%	2.86%
2	India	24.08	21.05	26.96	8.53	8.08	11.35	28.05%	11.97%
3	United Arab Emirates	31.23	24.93	23.87	11.06	9.57	10.05	-4.23%	-23.55%
4	Uganda	17.84	22.87	21.78	6.32	8.78	9.17	-4.76%	22.04%
5	Kenya	16.14	15.24	12.67	5.72	5.85	5.34	-16.85%	-21.48%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.83	10.97	12.05	3.48	4.21	5.07	9.80%	22.53%
7	Switzerland	2.87	9.94	8.72	1.02	3.82	3.67	-12.28%	204.18%
8	Saudi Arabia	7.17	12.05	6.21	2.54	4.63	2.61	-48.47%	-13.42%
9	Russian Federation	11.09	3.18	6.10	3.93	1.22	2.57	91.72%	-44.98%
10	Japan	9.16	4.09	4.61	3.25	1.57	1.94	12.91%	-49.64%
	Rest of the World	100.63	84.22	60.83	35.66	32.34	25.62	-27.77%	-39.55%
	Total	282.21	260.43	237.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.82%	-15.85%

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Table 7. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in us \$ Million)

Mode/Period	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2017	2018		2017	2018		2017	2018	
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹
Air	25.45	20.00	15.67	9.87	28.52	26.27	4.90	4.66	4.58
Land	256.76	240.43	221.80	38.85	40.02	34.54	20.22	23.09	24.23
Total	282.21	260.43	237.47	48.72	68.54	60.81	25.12	27.75	28.82

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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

Sept: September