



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

October 2018

November 2018

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods October 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 172.99 million in October 2018, an increase of 17.01 per cent compared to the previous month of September 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 7.81 per cent on the deficit of October 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct2017
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	75.86	89.62	98.17	24.30	27.40	26.58	9.54%	29.41%
Domestic exports	53.82	60.81	69.75	17.24	18.59	18.88	14.70%	29.59%
Re-exports	22.04	28.82	28.43	7.06	8.81	7.70	-1.35%	28.98%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	236.31	237.47	271.16	75.70	72.60	73.42	14.19%	14.75%
Total External Trade (A+B)	312.17	327.09	369.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.91%	18.31%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-160.45	-147.84	-172.99				17.01%	7.81%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In October 2018, domestic exports value increased by 14.70 per cent compared to September 2018 and by 29.59 per cent compared to October 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in October 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct2017
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	24.15	20.81	24.25	44.87	34.23	34.77	16.52%	0.42%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	321.75%	173.89%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.97	12.47	11.97	29.68	20.50	17.17	-3.96%	-25.03%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.06	56.94%	0.00
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	-77.69%	-80.15%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.37	0.15	0.41	0.69	0.24	0.59	182.47%	9.89%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.04	2.61	1.52	3.78	4.30	2.18	-41.89%	-25.44%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.48	0.64	0.55	0.90	1.04	0.79	-13.02%	13.99%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.92	1.23	0.94	1.71	2.02	1.35	-23.77%	1.73%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9.87	22.87	30.05	18.34	37.61	43.09	31.39%	204.39%
Total Domestic Exports	53.82	60.81	69.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.70%	29.59%

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Imports

In October 2018, total imports value has increased by 14.19 per cent compared to September 2018 and by 14.75 per cent compared to October 2017. Table 3 shows imported goods in value of imports in October 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct 2017
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	39.09	37.25	44.06	72.64	61.25	89.22	18.29%	12.70%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.28	2.45	3.30	6.09	4.02	6.69	35.01%	0.76%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.23	7.49	6.89	11.57	12.31	13.95	-7.95%	10.69%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	30.80	44.60	43.74	57.23	73.35	88.57	-1.94%	41.99%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	10.69	8.44	8.67	19.86	13.88	17.56	2.74%	-18.87%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	26.25	23.42	33.75	48.77	38.52	68.34	44.09%	28.58%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	41.59	38.00	44.94	77.28	62.50	91.00	18.26%	8.05%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	59.56	59.74	62.28	110.67	98.25	126.12	4.25%	4.56%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.04	14.55	22.13	33.51	23.92	44.81	52.12%	22.68%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	1.54	0.00	0.00	2.53	0.00	-100.00%	0.00
Total Imports	236.31	237.47	271.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.19%	14.75%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In October 2018, re-exports value has decreased by 1.35 per cent compared to September 2018 but increased by 28.98 per cent compared to October 2017. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in value of re-exports in October 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct 2017
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	4.91	5.93	5.17	9.12	9.76	10.47	-12.84%	5.31%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.45	0.39	0.61	0.83	0.65	1.24	55.37%	36.48%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.31	1.71	1.39	2.44	2.81	2.82	-18.30%	6.13%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.11	13.01	13.48	20.65	21.39	27.30	3.63%	21.29%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.35	2.74	3.81	4.37	4.50	7.71	39.19%	61.94%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.81	1.17	1.11	1.51	1.93	2.25	-5.07%	37.14%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.28	1.00	0.79	0.51	1.65	1.60	-20.92%	187.43%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.46	1.93	1.29	0.85	3.17	2.61	-33.20%	181.52%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.35	0.85	0.74	0.66	1.39	1.49	-12.97%	107.64%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	22.04	28.82	28.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.35%	28.98%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in October 2018 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct2017
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	1.36	19.28	24.29	2.53	31.71	34.83	25.97%	1684.65%
2	Kenya	8.23	5.26	8.25	15.30	8.65	11.82	56.73%	0.14%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.60	6.53	5.24	10.41	10.74	7.51	-19.79%	-6.50%
4	Switzerland	14.03	3.97	4.83	26.06	6.53	6.93	21.75%	-65.53%
5	Kazakhstan	0.86	3.00	4.82	1.60	4.94	6.91	60.59%	459.23%
6	Singapore	4.33	2.11	3.99	8.05	3.47	5.73	89.10%	-7.81%
7	United States	4.53	6.27	3.92	8.41	10.31	5.61	-37.55%	-13.48%
8	Belgium	3.06	0.41	2.04	5.68	0.68	2.93	394.52%	-33.21%
9	United Kingdom	1.69	1.23	2.04	3.14	2.02	2.92	65.62%	20.65%
10	Canada	0.00	1.67	1.90	0.00	2.74	2.73	14.22%	188304.15%
Rest of the World		10.14	11.07	8.43	18.83	18.21	12.08	-23.87%	-16.85%
Total		53.82	60.81	69.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.70%	29.59%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct2017
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	18.65	22.36	22.87	84.64	77.59	80.45	2.28%	22.59%
2	Saudi Arabia	1.09	2.81	3.03	4.96	9.74	10.67	8.15%	177.30%
3	Qatar	0.33	0.72	0.61	1.50	2.51	2.15	-15.50%	84.74%
4	Burundi	0.77	0.94	0.43	3.48	3.25	1.51	-54.30%	-44.22%
5	Sudan	0.00	0.21	0.38	0.00	0.72	1.35	85.95%	0.00%
6	Uganda	0.11	0.23	0.37	0.50	0.80	1.29	58.72%	230.23%
7	United Arab Emirates	0.03	0.26	0.17	0.14	0.89	0.61	-32.41%	464.91%
8	Belgium	0.65	0.32	0.17	2.94	1.09	0.59	-47.03%	-74.25%
9	Ethiopia	0.13	0.33	0.13	0.59	1.15	0.46	-60.26%	2.11%
10	Turkey	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.15	0.39	0.30	-24.58%	150.07%
Rest of the World		0.24	0.54	0.18	1.09	1.86	0.62	-67.30%	-26.70%
Total		22.04	28.82	28.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.35%	28.98%

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

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Oct2018/Sept2018	Oct2018/Oct2017
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	China	35.45	53.66	61.74	15.00	22.60	22.77	15.05%	74.17%
2	United Arab Emirates	23.20	23.87	24.43	9.82	10.05	9.01	2.33%	5.28%
3	India	23.51	26.96	22.52	9.95	11.35	8.31	-16.46%	-4.20%
4	Uganda	21.27	21.78	21.93	9.00	9.17	8.09	0.70%	3.13%
5	Kenya	11.94	12.67	14.74	5.05	5.34	5.44	16.33%	23.45%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.31	12.05	12.93	4.36	5.07	4.77	7.31%	25.36%
7	Saudi Arabia	4.38	6.21	9.29	1.85	2.61	3.42	49.57%	111.91%
8	Belgium	5.48	3.32	6.50	2.32	1.40	2.40	95.64%	18.56%
9	Switzerland	0.62	8.72	6.49	0.26	3.67	2.39	-25.65%	945.66%
10	Russian Federation	5.09	6.10	6.36	2.15	2.57	2.35	4.27%	24.91%
Rest of the World		95.06	62.13	84.24	40.23	26.16	31.07	35.60%	-11.37%
Total		236.31	237.47	271.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.19%	14.75%

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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	
	Oct(R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct(R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹
Air	22.89	15.67	23.42	11.34	26.27	31.85	2.40	4.58	4.18
Land	213.43	221.80	247.74	42.48	34.54	37.89	19.64	24.23	24.25
Total	236.31	237.47	271.16	53.82	60.81	69.75	22.04	28.82	28.43

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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

Sept: September

Oct: October