



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

December 2018

January 2019

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods December 2018

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 181.90 million in December 2018, a decrease of 21.51 per cent compared to the previous month of November 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 1.44 per cent on the deficit of December 2017.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	81.26	83.75	78.03	23.77	20.98	23.09	-6.83%	-3.98%
Domestic exports	53.37	51.67	50.06	15.61	12.94	14.81	-3.11%	-6.19%
Re-exports	27.90	32.09	27.97	8.16	8.04	8.28	-12.83%	0.26%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	260.58	315.50	259.93	76.23	79.02	76.91	-17.61%	-0.25%
Total External Trade (A+B)	341.84	399.26	337.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.35%	-1.14%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-179.31	-231.75	-181.90				-21.51%	1.44%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In December 2018, domestic exports values decreased by 3.11 per cent compared to November 2018 and by 6.19 per cent compared to December 2017. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in December 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.30	18.73	17.68	49.29	36.25	35.32	-5.60%	-32.79%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.02	99.87%	-74.64%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.49	12.79	11.45	29.03	24.75	22.88	-10.42%	-26.06%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.08	2063.12%	1253.54%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	-83.98%	-10.07%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.14	0.10	0.05	0.26	0.20	0.11	-48.18%	-61.50%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.60	2.00	2.09	4.88	3.87	4.17	4.37%	-19.80%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.53	0.10	0.30	1.00	0.20	0.59	185.75%	-44.18%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.92	0.93	0.44	1.72	1.80	0.87	-52.91%	-52.27%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.34	17.00	18.00	13.75	32.90	35.96	5.90%	145.38%
Total Domestic Exports	53.37	51.67	50.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.11%	-6.19%

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Imports

In December 2018, total imports values have decreased by 17.61 per cent compared to November 2018 and by 0.25 per cent compared to December 2017. Table 3 shows imported goods in value of imports in December 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	34.67	48.46	29.70	13.30	15.36	11.42	-38.73%	-14.35%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.73	2.28	3.10	1.05	0.72	1.19	35.77%	13.78%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.09	5.24	5.68	2.34	1.66	2.19	8.45%	-6.65%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38.55	38.65	36.36	14.79	12.25	13.99	-5.93%	-5.68%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.50	10.09	9.52	2.50	3.20	3.66	-5.61%	46.43%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	41.78	30.36	36.31	16.03	9.62	13.97	19.59%	-13.09%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	35.72	50.14	45.67	13.71	15.89	17.57	-8.92%	27.84%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	77.76	108.96	70.50	29.84	34.54	27.12	-35.30%	-9.34%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14.89	18.59	21.42	5.72	5.89	8.24	15.24%	43.84%
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	260.58	315.50	259.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	-17.61%	-0.25%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In December 2018, re-exports values decreased by 12.83 per cent compared to November 2018 and increased by 0.26 per cent compared to December 2017. Table 4 shows re-exported goods in value of re-exports in December 2018 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.02	6.34	6.51	21.59	19.75	23.29	2.80%	8.18%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.64	0.31	0.44	2.28	0.96	1.56	42.08%	-31.35%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.37	1.24	1.16	4.89	3.87	4.15	-6.60%	-14.96%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	13.99	14.74	13.16	50.16	45.95	47.05	-10.75%	-5.95%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.06	4.14	2.47	10.96	12.90	8.83	-40.34%	-19.27%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.67	1.42	0.69	2.41	4.43	2.48	-51.20%	2.99%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.50	1.07	0.92	1.80	3.32	3.30	-13.52%	83.11%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.91	1.95	1.74	3.26	6.08	6.20	-11.10%	90.86%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.69	0.85	0.86	2.48	2.66	3.06	0.24%	23.78%
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	27.90	32.09	27.97	100.00	100.00	100.00	-12.83%	0.26%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in December 2018 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	10.85	4.86	4.79	20.32	9.41	9.57	-1.44%	-55.82%
2	Kenya	10.24	7.61	7.54	19.19	14.73	15.06	-0.92%	-26.39%
3	Switzerland	7.78	4.54	4.87	14.57	8.78	9.73	7.34%	-37.38%
4	Singapore	4.30	4.22	2.39	8.06	8.17	4.77	-43.44%	-44.52%
5	Uganda	3.69	0.06	0.06	6.92	0.11	0.12	4.88%	-98.36%
6	Hong Kong	2.98	3.45	1.20	5.59	6.68	2.40	-65.24%	-59.74%
7	Canada	2.34	0.36	0.37	4.38	0.70	0.73	0.63%	-84.38%
8	United States	2.27	0.87	1.19	4.26	1.68	2.38	37.12%	-47.64%
9	United Arab Emirates	2.26	14.67	14.07	4.24	28.40	28.10	-4.14%	521.76%
10	Belgium	2.14	1.05	1.60	4.01	2.03	3.19	52.35%	-25.40%
Rest of the World		4.51	9.98	12.00	8.45	19.31	23.96	20.24%	166.03%
Total		53.37	51.67	50.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-3.11%	-6.19%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	21.54	25.51	21.80	77.21	79.52	77.95	-14.55%	1.21%
2	Burundi	1.89	0.76	0.64	6.79	2.37	2.29	-15.89%	-66.23%
3	Ethiopia	0.36	0.22	0.43	1.28	0.68	1.54	96.00%	20.13%
4	Belgium	0.83	0.37	0.30	2.99	1.15	1.07	-18.73%	-64.17%
5	Kenya	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.18	0.20	0.04	-83.14%	0.00%
6	Germany	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.07	0.13	0.03	-79.68%	0.00%
7	China	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00%	0.00%
8	Hong Kong	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.00%	-71.19%
9	Congo	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
10	Jordan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		3.20	5.07	4.77	11.45	15.80	17.06	-5.88%	49.32%
Total		27.90	32.09	27.97	100.00	100.00	100.00	-12.83%	0.26%

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

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2017	2018		2017	2018		Dec2018/Nov2018	Dec2018/Dec2017
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	China	43.29	60.47	55.32	16.61	19.17	21.28	-8.51%	27.79%
2	United Arab Emirates	26.39	27.05	30.81	10.13	8.57	11.85	13.90%	16.75%
3	India	24.82	21.26	27.55	9.52	6.74	10.60	29.58%	11.02%
4	Uganda	17.89	19.31	20.62	6.87	6.12	7.93	6.80%	15.27%
5	Kenya	14.06	16.48	13.23	5.40	5.22	5.09	-19.71%	-5.88%
6	Sweden	14.30	26.26	11.30	5.49	8.32	4.35	-56.95%	-20.94%
7	Tanzania, United Republic Of	8.88	14.03	11.12	3.41	4.45	4.28	-20.78%	25.22%
8	Belgium	3.86	6.24	8.69	1.48	1.98	3.34	39.28%	125.04%
9	Saudi Arabia	8.86	7.99	7.49	3.40	2.53	2.88	-6.20%	-15.45%
10	Japan	11.75	7.50	6.72	4.51	2.38	2.58	-10.41%	-42.85%
Rest of the World		86.47	108.91	67.06	33.18	34.52	25.80	-38.42%	-22.44%
Total		260.58	315.50	259.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	-17.61%	-0.25%

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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	
	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec(R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹
Air	34.08	24.02	24.94	8.26	18.51	20.22	3.98	5.02	4.32
Land	226.49	291.49	234.99	45.11	33.16	29.84	23.92	27.07	23.65
Total	260.58	315.50	259.93	53.37	51.67	50.06	27.90	32.09	27.97

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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

Nov: November

Dec: December