



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

February 2019

March 2019

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods February 2019

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 182.83 million in February 2019, an increase of 13.59 per cent compared to the previous month of January. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 12.27 per cent on the deficit of February 2018.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/Jan2019	Feb2019/Feb2018
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	80.00	67.23	65.86	24.78	22.76	20.94	-2.04%	-17.67%
Domestic exports	56.04	38.53	39.36	17.36	13.04	12.51	2.15%	-29.77%
Re-exports	23.95	28.70	26.50	7.42	9.71	8.42	-7.66%	10.62%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	242.85	228.19	248.69	75.22	77.24	79.06	8.98%	2.41%
Total External Trade (A+B)	322.84	295.42	314.55	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.48%	-2.57%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-162.85	-160.96	-182.83				13.59%	12.27%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In February 2019, domestic exports values increased by 2.15 per cent compared to January 2019 and decreased by 29.77 per cent compared to February 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in February 2019 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2019

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/Jan2019	Feb2019/Feb2018
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.29	17.19	20.88	32.63	44.62	53.06	21.47%	14.21%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.11	0.09	-17.19%	-23.88%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20.74	14.58	12.26	37.00	37.83	31.15	-15.90%	-40.87%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.12	0.02	0.06	0.31	0.06	-80.19%	-24.74%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-86.30%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.19	0.95	0.18	0.33	2.47	0.46	-81.09%	-3.62%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.25	3.31	2.85	14.73	8.58	7.24	-13.84%	-65.47%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.44	0.96	1.27	0.78	2.50	3.23	31.84%	189.11%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.73	0.53	1.02	3.08	1.38	2.59	91.09%	-41.02%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.30	0.84	0.84	11.24	2.17	2.13	0.00%	-86.72%
Total Domestic Exports	56.04	38.53	39.36	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.15%	-29.77%

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Imports

In February 2019, total imports values increased by 8.98 per cent compared to January 2019 and also by 2.41 per cent compared to February 2018.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2019

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/ Jan2019	Feb2019/ Feb2018
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	40.18	28.67	33.66	16.54	12.56	13.53	17.40%	-16.23%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.21	2.47	2.39	0.91	1.08	0.96	-3.23%	8.21%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.87	6.03	6.15	2.01	2.64	2.47	1.99%	26.21%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	37.93	30.62	36.23	15.62	13.42	14.57	18.29%	-4.48%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.17	8.61	9.61	3.37	3.77	3.86	11.60%	17.61%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	31.67	25.40	32.78	13.04	11.13	13.18	29.04%	3.50%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	35.41	41.58	42.82	14.58	18.22	17.22	2.98%	20.91%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	63.14	66.04	66.53	26.00	28.94	26.75	0.74%	5.38%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.15	17.76	16.25	7.47	7.78	6.53	-8.51%	-10.49%
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	242.85	228.19	248.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.98%	2.41%

Note: (R) – Revised
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Re-exports

In February 2019, re-exports values decreased by 7.66 per cent compared to January 2019 but increased by 10.62 per cent compared to February 2018.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2019

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/ Jan2019	Feb2019/ Feb2018
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	5.05	5.80	5.45	21.10	20.21	20.56	-6.06%	7.78%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.57	0.46	0.36	2.38	1.61	1.37	-21.16%	-36.21%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.22	2.19	1.77	5.08	7.63	6.68	-19.25%	45.40%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.16	11.00	9.69	46.61	38.34	36.56	-11.95%	-13.23%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.98	3.94	3.80	12.44	13.72	14.35	-3.44%	27.57%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.58	0.93	1.30	2.42	3.25	4.92	39.65%	125.25%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.51	1.14	1.04	2.14	3.97	3.92	-8.79%	102.49%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.16	2.11	2.03	4.85	7.35	7.64	-3.95%	74.35%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.70	1.10	1.00	2.92	3.85	3.77	-9.54%	42.78%
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	23.95	28.70	26.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.66%	10.62%

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/Jan2019	Feb2019/Feb2018
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	South Sudan	0.02	0.24	4.45	0.04	0.63	11.30	1722.90%	21376.24%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.61	5.37	4.10	8.23	13.93	10.41	-23.66%	-11.12%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.92	4.81	4.02	1.65	12.49	10.20	-16.59%	335.52%
4	Singapore	3.31	2.88	3.24	5.90	7.46	8.23	12.72%	-1.98%
5	Pakistan	3.40	3.95	3.23	6.07	10.25	8.20	-18.26%	-5.10%
6	China	0.04	0.88	2.55	0.08	2.27	6.48	191.53%	5925.57%
7	Burundi	0.42	1.98	2.26	0.76	5.15	5.74	13.82%	431.63%
8	Switzerland	5.72	4.46	1.99	10.20	11.57	5.05	-55.38%	-65.22%
9	Uganda	2.85	1.39	1.98	5.08	3.60	5.02	42.65%	-30.52%
10	United Kingdom	2.32	1.79	1.45	4.14	4.65	3.68	0.00%	-37.70%
Rest of the World		32.43	10.79	10.11	57.86	27.99	25.67	-6.30%	-68.83%
Total		56.04	38.53	39.36	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.15%	-29.77%

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Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2019 – Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/Jan2019	Feb2019/Feb2018
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	20.90	26.31	24.02	80.66	106.66	83.71	-8.69%	14.93%
2	Qatar	0.67	0.77	0.68	2.57	3.10	2.37	-11.11%	2.16%
3	Burundi	0.90	0.47	0.64	3.46	1.89	2.22	36.55%	0.00%
4	Uganda	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.96	1.02	1.05	19.99%	20.92%
5	Belgium	0.17	0.28	0.18	0.67	1.12	0.64	-34.13%	4.89%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.17	0.10	0.16	0.66	0.41	0.56	58.34%	-6.66%
7	United Kingdom	0.14	0.03	0.15	0.52	0.13	0.51	368.88%	0.00%
8	Germany	0.01	0.00	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.39	0.00%	0.00%
9	Ethiopia	0.14	0.16	0.11	0.55	0.64	0.38	-31.41%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.38	0.22	0.23	0.00%	-34.50%
Rest of the World		0.51	0.28	0.08	9.52	-15.20	7.96	-160.92%	-7.48%
Total		23.95	28.70	26.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.34%	10.75%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in February 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Feb2019/Jan2019	Feb2019/Feb2018
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	China	41.70	42.03	61.07	17.17	18.42	24.56	45.30%	46.45%
2	India	31.20	29.92	28.79	12.85	13.11	11.58	-3.77%	-7.74%
3	Uganda	18.57	20.41	17.14	7.65	8.95	6.89	-16.04%	-7.70%
4	United Arab Emirates	25.32	22.69	16.06	10.42	9.94	6.46	-29.20%	-36.54%
5	Kenya	11.59	12.73	12.34	4.77	5.58	4.96	-3.05%	6.50%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	7.86	9.48	10.92	3.24	4.15	4.39	15.20%	39.02%
7	Switzerland	2.84	7.08	7.59	1.17	3.10	3.05	7.28%	167.76%
9	Sweden	10.40	4.17	7.30	4.28	1.83	2.93	74.97%	-29.80%
10	Saudi Arabia	4.40	7.27	6.06	1.81	3.19	2.44	-16.69%	37.79%
11	Indonesia	3.75	4.69	5.71	1.54	2.05	2.30	21.78%	52.34%
Rest of the World		85.23	67.72	75.70	35.10	29.68	30.44	11.79%	-11.18%
Total		242.85	228.19	248.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	8.98%	2.41%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2018	2019		2018	2019		2018	2019	
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹
Air	33.57	22.05	25.19	20.68	5.34	3.78	1.29	1.31	1.30
Land	209.28	206.14	223.50	35.37	33.20	35.58	22.66	27.39	25.20
Total	242.85	228.19	248.69	56.04	38.53	39.36	23.95	28.70	26.50

Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight
f.o.b: Free On Board
S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification
n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified
Jan: January
Feb: February