



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## March 2019

April 2019

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2019

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 193.50 million in March 2019, an increase of 5.83 per cent compared to the previous month of February. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 16.52 per cent on the deficit of March 2018.

**Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods**

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>83.45</b>	<b>65.86</b>	<b>69.59</b>	<b>25.06</b>	<b>20.94</b>	<b>20.92</b>	<b>5.67%</b>	<b>-16.61%</b>
Domestic exports	55.82	39.36	40.15	16.77	12.51	12.07	1.99%	-28.08%
Re-exports	27.63	26.50	29.45	8.30	8.42	8.85	11.14%	6.58%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>249.51</b>	<b>248.69</b>	<b>263.09</b>	<b>74.94</b>	<b>79.06</b>	<b>79.08</b>	<b>5.79%</b>	<b>5.44%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>332.97</b>	<b>314.55</b>	<b>332.68</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.77%</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-166.06</b>	<b>-182.83</b>	<b>-193.50</b>				<b>5.83%</b>	<b>16.52%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In March 2019, domestic exports values increased by 1.99 per cent compared to February 2019 and decreased by 28.08 per cent compared to March 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/ Feb2019	Mar2019/ Mar2018
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	22.40	20.88	21.45	40.13	53.06	53.42	2.69%	-4.26%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.15	68.39%	156.38%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17.51	12.26	11.64	31.37	31.15	29.00	-5.06%	-33.53%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.01	-75.87%	-83.50%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.33	0.18	0.31	0.60	0.46	0.78	74.49%	-5.93%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7.69	2.85	3.49	13.78	7.24	8.68	22.33%	-54.68%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.65	1.27	1.46	1.17	3.23	3.64	14.93%	123.42%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.94	1.02	0.87	1.69	2.59	2.16	-14.92%	-7.87%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.23	0.84	0.85	11.16	2.13	2.11	1.20%	-86.41%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>55.82</b>	<b>39.36</b>	<b>40.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.99%</b>	<b>-28.08%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In March 2019, total imports values increased by 5.79 per cent compared to February 2019 and also by 5.44 per cent compared to March 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	26.65	33.66	26.68	10.68	13.53	10.14	-20.72%	0.12%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.88	2.39	2.24	1.15	0.96	0.85	-6.18%	-21.97%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.55	6.15	6.94	1.82	2.47	2.64	12.75%	52.50%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	51.17	36.23	46.12	20.51	14.57	17.53	27.32%	-9.87%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.89	9.61	8.37	3.56	3.86	3.18	-12.96%	-5.88%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	25.97	32.78	35.79	10.41	13.18	13.60	9.19%	37.82%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	36.76	42.82	50.31	14.73	17.22	19.12	17.51%	36.86%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	68.99	66.53	71.01	27.65	26.75	26.99	6.73%	2.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	22.68	16.25	15.62	9.09	6.53	5.94	-3.84%	-31.12%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>249.51</b>	<b>248.69</b>	<b>263.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.79%</b>	<b>5.44%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In March 2019, re-exports values increased by 11.14 per cent compared to February 2019 and also by 6.58 per cent compared to March 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	6.55	5.45	6.17	23.71	20.56	20.96	13.31%	-5.77%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.48	0.36	0.38	1.75	1.37	1.30	5.15%	-20.72%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.10	1.77	1.37	4.00	6.68	4.64	-22.75%	23.68%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.22	9.69	11.76	40.59	36.56	39.92	21.36%	4.81%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.40	3.80	3.13	12.32	14.35	10.65	-17.56%	-7.92%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.09	1.30	1.17	3.94	4.92	3.98	-10.07%	7.77%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.44	1.04	0.88	1.60	3.92	2.99	-15.27%	98.47%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.57	2.03	3.43	9.29	7.64	11.65	69.37%	33.70%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.76	1.00	1.15	2.74	3.77	3.91	15.12%	52.19%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>27.63</b>	<b>26.50</b>	<b>29.45</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>11.14%</b>	<b>6.58%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
		Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.30	4.10	5.70	9.49	10.41	14.20	39.13%	7.59%
2	Switzerland	5.96	1.99	3.90	10.68	5.05	9.71	96.03%	-34.59%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.15	4.02	3.82	0.27	10.20	9.51	-4.91%	2471.95%
4	South Sudan	0.10	4.45	3.26	0.18	11.30	8.11	-26.78%	3115.51%
5	Kenya	2.46	0.74	3.22	4.41	1.87	8.02	336.85%	30.85%
6	Pakistan	3.85	3.23	3.01	6.90	8.20	7.50	-6.70%	-21.80%
7	Singapore	3.08	3.24	2.99	5.51	8.23	7.45	-7.78%	-2.80%
8	United Kingdom	2.02	1.45	2.54	3.61	3.68	6.34	75.76%	26.19%
9	Uganda	5.37	1.98	2.52	9.61	5.02	6.27	27.35%	-53.05%
10	China	6.12	2.55	1.60	10.97	6.48	3.98	0.00%	-73.92%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	21.42	11.63	7.59	38.37	29.54	18.90	-34.74%	-64.58%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>55.82</b>	<b>39.36</b>	<b>40.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.99%</b>	<b>-28.08%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
		Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	24.27	24.02	26.80	87.83	90.65	91.00	11.57%	10.42%
2	Ethiopia	0.00	0.11	0.80	0.00	0.41	2.71	635.63%	0.00%
3	Burundi	1.33	0.64	0.44	4.81	2.40	1.50	-30.52%	0.00%
4	Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.00%	0.00%
5	United Arab Emirates	1.46	0.16	0.32	5.28	0.61	1.10	101.68%	-77.83%
6	Belgium	0.16	0.18	0.24	0.58	0.69	0.80	29.82%	48.90%
7	Uganda	0.33	0.30	0.20	1.21	1.14	0.70	-32.02%	0.00%
8	Mozambique	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00%	0.00%
9	Turkey	0.00	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.25	0.18	-18.90%	0.00%
10	United Kingdom	0.01	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.55	0.11	0.00%	282.42%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	0.07	0.88	0.06	0.26	3.30	0.20	-93.17%	-16.23%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27.63</b>	<b>26.50</b>	<b>29.45</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>11.14%</b>	<b>6.58%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2019**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Mar2019/Feb2019	Mar2019/Mar2018
		Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	46.90	61.07	63.20	18.80	24.56	24.02	3.48%	34.76%
2	India	18.96	28.79	22.04	7.60	11.58	8.38	-23.44%	16.25%
3	United Arab Emirates	25.63	16.06	22.02	10.27	6.46	8.37	37.06%	-14.07%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.25	10.92	16.98	3.71	4.39	6.45	55.45%	83.63%
5	Kenya	14.33	12.34	16.70	5.74	4.96	6.35	35.27%	16.53%
6	Switzerland	4.96	7.59	13.66	1.99	3.05	5.19	79.85%	175.40%
7	Turkey	2.37	2.45	10.76	0.95	0.99	4.09	338.53%	353.68%
9	Sweden	6.94	7.30	8.11	2.78	2.93	3.08	11.16%	16.96%
10	Germany	10.09	3.99	7.06	4.05	1.60	2.69	77.14%	-30.01%
11	United States	1.79	2.92	5.99	0.72	1.17	2.28	105.48%	235.16%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	108.31	95.25	76.57	43.41	38.30	29.10	-19.62%	-29.30%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>249.51</b>	<b>248.69</b>	<b>263.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.79%</b>	<b>5.44%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**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	
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	25.31	25.19	25.91	20.48	3.78	10.49	0.08	1.30	1.31
<b>Land</b>	224.20	223.50	237.18	35.34	35.58	29.65	27.55	25.20	28.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>249.51</b>	<b>248.69</b>	<b>263.09</b>	<b>55.82</b>	<b>39.36</b>	<b>40.15</b>	<b>27.63</b>	<b>26.50</b>	<b>29.45</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**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  
Feb: February  
Mar: March