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Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2019

June 2019

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2019

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 196.43 million in May 2019, a decrease of 11.91 percent compared to the previous month of April. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 41.58 percent on the deficit of May 2018.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	91.00	73.86	73.89	75.84	19.92	21.47	0.03%	-18.81%
Domestic exports	62.02	44.09	37.39	51.68	11.89	10.86	-15.20%	-39.72%
Re-exports	28.99	29.77	36.50	191.47	8.03	10.60	22.60%	25.92%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	229.75	296.85	270.32	24.16	80.08	78.53	-8.94%	17.66%
Total External Trade (A+B)	119.99	370.71	344.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.15%	186.86%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-138.74	-222.98	-196.43				-11.91%	41.58%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2019, domestic exports value has decreased by 15.20 percent compared to April 2019 and also by 39.72 percent compared to May 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	25.69	16.76	18.78	41.43	38.02	50.23	12.02%	-26.91%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.01	4.55%	-94.55%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20.38	11.96	13.51	32.86	27.13	36.14	0.00%	-33.69%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.04	613.87%	-46.11%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.05	480.75%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.40	0.49	0.53	-8.34%	-18.89%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7.73	11.64	2.63	12.47	26.41	7.04	-77.41%	-65.99%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.78	1.46	0.41	1.26	3.31	1.10	-71.81%	-47.31%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.98	1.20	0.98	1.58	2.72	2.63	-18.09%	0.22%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.12	0.84	0.84	9.87	1.90	2.24	0.00%	0.00%
Total domestic exports	62.02	44.09	37.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.20%	-39.72%

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Imports

In May 2019, total imports value has decreased by 8.94 percent compared to April 2019 and increased by 17.66 percent compared to May 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	38.93	32.15	28.94	16.94	10.83	10.70	-10.00%	-25.66%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.07	1.71	2.17	1.33	0.57	0.80	27.43%	-29.11%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.71	5.47	8.13	2.05	1.84	3.01	48.70%	72.50%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	47.56	50.02	47.17	20.70	16.85	17.45	-5.69%	-0.81%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	9.56	10.83	12.24	4.16	3.65	4.53	13.10%	28.03%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	26.79	35.73	30.20	11.66	12.04	11.17	-15.48%	12.74%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	32.80	51.05	49.18	14.28	17.20	18.19	-3.66%	49.95%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	48.59	88.31	61.61	21.15	29.75	22.79	-30.23%	26.81%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.84	17.67	29.37	7.33	5.95	10.87	66.20%	74.46%
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	229.75	296.85	270.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.94%	17.66%

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Re-exports

In May 2019, total re-exports value has increased by 22.60 percent compared to April 2019 and also by 25.92 percent compared to May 2018.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of goods by S.I.T.C section in May 2019

SITC section/description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.41	6.90	6.71	22.13	23.19	18.38	-2.86%	4.57%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.61	0.38	0.29	2.10	1.29	0.80	-23.70%	-51.69%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.03	0.99	1.46	3.57	3.32	3.99	47.64%	40.83%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.04	13.65	18.30	38.08	45.85	50.13	34.05%	65.75%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.01	3.22	3.64	13.83	10.82	9.98	13.11%	-9.11%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.26	1.00	0.98	4.35	3.37	2.68	-2.57%	-22.48%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.19	0.88	1.22	4.11	2.96	3.34	38.19%	2.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.63	1.84	2.63	9.07	6.18	7.19	42.71%	-0.10%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.79	0.86	1.25	2.72	2.90	3.42	44.59%	57.99%
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	28.99	29.77	36.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	22.60%	25.92%

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main trading partner countries in May 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	7.85	17.55	6.71	12.66	39.81	14.78	-61.77%	-14.52%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.09	4.86	4.78	9.82	11.01	10.53	-1.52%	-21.45%
3	Pakistan	3.65	0.00	4.10	5.89	0.00	9.02	0.00%	12.18%
4	Singapore	1.73	2.69	2.77	2.78	6.10	6.10	2.92%	60.36%
5	South Sudan	0.13	1.78	2.24	0.22	4.04	4.92	25.34%	1563.69%
6	Belgium	1.03	0.69	2.21	1.66	1.56	4.86	220.83%	114.43%
7	Switzerland	14.94	2.51	2.10	24.08	5.68	4.63	-16.15%	-85.93%
8	Hong Kong	2.88	0.02	1.57	4.65	0.05	3.45	7143.45%	-45.69%
9	United Kingdom	2.08	0.75	0.98	3.36	1.70	2.16	31.23%	-52.86%
10	Malaysia	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.00	1.83	85264.32%	0.00%
Rest of the World		21.64	13.25	17.12	34.89	30.04	37.72	29.27%	-20.86%
Total		62.02	44.09	37.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.20%	-39.72%

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.41	6.90	6.71	22.13	23.19	18.38	-2.86%	4.57%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.61	0.38	0.29	2.10	1.29	0.80	-23.70%	-51.69%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.03	0.99	1.46	3.57	3.32	3.99	47.64%	40.83%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.04	13.65	18.30	38.08	45.85	50.13	34.05%	65.75%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.01	3.22	3.64	13.83	10.82	9.98	13.11%	-9.11%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.26	1.00	0.98	4.35	3.37	2.68	-2.57%	-22.48%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.19	0.88	1.22	4.11	2.96	3.34	38.19%	2.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.63	1.84	2.63	9.07	6.18	7.19	42.71%	-0.10%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.79	0.86	1.25	2.72	2.90	3.42	44.59%	57.99%
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	28.99	29.77	36.50	100.00	100.00	100.00	22.60%	25.92%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in May 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		May2019/April2019	May2019/May2018
		May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	37.46	55.71	50.91	16.30	18.77	18.83	-8.62%	35.90%
2	India	32.96	31.04	25.57	14.35	10.46	9.46	-17.63%	-22.42%
3	United Arab Emirates	25.90	24.92	22.58	11.27	8.39	8.35	-9.38%	-12.82%
4	Kenya	15.05	16.91	21.65	6.55	5.70	8.01	28.03%	43.83%
5	Germany	3.22	19.67	20.40	1.40	6.63	7.55	3.68%	533.84%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.21	17.71	19.45	4.45	5.97	7.19	9.83%	90.40%
7	Saudi Arabia	2.74	12.93	16.00	1.19	4.36	5.92	23.68%	483.68%
9	Turkey	1.98	19.92	12.58	0.86	6.71	4.66	-36.83%	535.22%
10	Switzerland	5.21	8.71	11.48	2.27	2.93	4.25	31.88%	120.24%
11	Indonesia	3.20	6.29	7.55	1.39	2.12	2.79	20.10%	135.84%
Rest of the World		91.80	83.03	62.15	39.96	27.97	22.99	-25.15%	-32.30%
Total		229.75	296.85	270.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.94%	17.66%

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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	
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	25.13	41.12	36.36	19.73	15.86	4.83	1.77	2.86	0.09
Land	204.62	255.73	233.96	42.28	28.23	32.56	27.22	26.91	36.41
Total	229.75	296.85	270.32	62.02	44.09	37.39	28.99	29.77	36.50

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary 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