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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## September 2019

November 2019

## Monthly Formal Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2019

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 185.17 million in September 2019, an increase of 2.24 percent compared to the previous month of August. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 24.49 percent on the deficit of September 2018.

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

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/ Aug2019	Sept2019/ Sept2018
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>85.41</b>	<b>83.16</b>	<b>72.70</b>	<b>26.73</b>	<b>23.94</b>	<b>21.99</b>	<b>-12.59%</b>	<b>-14.89%</b>
Domestic exports	59.40	38.06	43.00	18.59	10.95	8.98	12.97%	-27.62%
Re-exports	26.01	45.10	29.70	8.14	12.98	13.01	-34.15%	14.18%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>234.16</b>	<b>264.27</b>	<b>257.86</b>	<b>73.27</b>	<b>76.06</b>	<b>78.01</b>	<b>-2.42%</b>	<b>10.12%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>319.57</b>	<b>347.43</b>	<b>330.56</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.86%</b>	<b>3.44%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-148.75</b>	<b>-181.11</b>	<b>-185.17</b>				<b>2.24%</b>	<b>24.49%</b>

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

### Exports

In September 2019, domestic exports value has increased by 12.97 percent compared to August 2019 and decreased by 27.62 percent compared to September 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in September 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	23.77	18.68	21.43	40.02	49.07	49.84	14.74%	-9.86%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	-29.64%	-54.27%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.65	8.62	9.33	31.39	22.64	21.69	8.24%	-49.99%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.08	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.00	0.04	1527.65%	-76.56%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.02	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.28	652.10%	3414.45%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.16	0.24	0.19	0.27	0.63	0.44	-20.51%	18.86%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.60	2.62	2.33	14.48	6.89	5.42	-11.03%	-72.88%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.75	0.83	0.70	1.27	2.17	1.63	-15.22%	-7.06%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.25	1.35	1.82	2.11	3.54	4.24	35.56%	45.36%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.11	5.71	7.05	10.29	14.99	16.40	23.55%	15.33%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>59.40</b>	<b>38.06</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12.97%</b>	<b>-27.62%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In September 2019, total imports value has decreased by 2.42 percent compared to August 2019 and increased by 10.12 percent compared to September 2018. More details are in the following table.

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

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	38.05	38.21	31.65	16.25	14.46	12.27	-17.16%	-16.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.45	2.44	2.49	1.05	0.92	0.97	2.40%	1.91%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.49	5.96	6.83	3.20	2.26	2.65	14.60%	-8.79%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	44.94	39.90	44.81	19.19	15.10	17.38	12.31%	-0.30%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.44	10.98	8.68	3.60	4.15	3.37	-20.94%	2.82%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	23.15	35.67	28.97	9.89	13.50	11.24	-18.79%	25.12%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	36.83	47.16	54.53	15.73	17.85	21.15	15.62%	48.05%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	58.26	62.61	61.77	24.88	23.69	23.96	-1.33%	6.04%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14.55	21.34	18.12	6.21	8.08	7.03	-15.11%	24.50%
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>234.16</b>	<b>264.27</b>	<b>257.86</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-2.42%</b>	<b>10.12%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In September 2019, total re-exports value has decreased by 34.15 percent compared to August 2019 and increased by 14.18 percent compared to September 2018.

**Table 4. Total re-exports of goods by S.I.T.C section in September 2019**

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	5.93	5.97	6.67	22.78	13.24	22.47	11.79%	12.62%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.39	0.31	0.58	1.51	0.69	1.96	86.77%	47.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.71	1.78	1.50	6.56	3.94	5.05	-15.52%	-12.08%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.29	26.57	12.10	39.58	58.92	40.73	-54.48%	17.51%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.74	2.65	2.72	10.53	5.87	9.16	2.70%	-0.67%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.18	1.09	1.22	4.55	2.43	4.11	11.63%	3.29%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.00	1.90	1.86	3.85	4.20	6.25	-2.09%	85.61%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.93	3.82	1.96	7.40	8.47	6.60	-48.66%	1.85%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.85	1.01	1.08	3.25	2.24	3.65	7.21%	28.15%
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>26.01</b>	<b>45.10</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-34.15%</b>	<b>14.18%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main trading partner countries in September 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
		Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	2.51	10.06	10.26	4.23	26.44	23.85	1.94%	308.49%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.53	5.10	5.52	10.99	13.39	12.84	8.26%	-15.47%
3	United Kingdom	5.15	3.66	5.35	8.68	9.61	12.44	46.19%	3.78%
4	Pakistan	3.69	3.14	3.07	6.20	8.24	7.14	-2.10%	-16.66%
5	Singapore	3.73	2.23	2.14	6.27	5.86	4.97	-4.09%	-42.61%
6	Switzerland	3.96	1.83	1.86	6.67	4.80	4.33	1.79%	-53.04%
7	United States	3.46	0.67	1.67	5.82	1.76	3.89	149.92%	-51.61%
8	Belgium	0.39	1.27	1.49	0.65	3.35	3.48	17.37%	285.42%
9	China	0.20	0.45	1.03	0.34	1.19	2.40	127.38%	414.98%
10	Kenya	1.71	1.03	0.98	2.88	2.70	2.28	-4.50%	-42.71%
Rest of the World		28.07	8.62	9.62	47.26	22.65	22.37	11.57%	-65.73%
Total		59.40	38.06	43.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.97%	-27.62%

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
		Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	22.36	26.36	25.61	85.96	58.44	86.23	-2.84%	14.54%
2	Burundi	0.94	14.88	1.19	3.60	33.00	4.00	-92.03%	26.65%
3	Ethiopia	0.33	0.95	0.93	1.27	2.10	3.15	-1.23%	182.09%
4	Congo	0.00	0.87	0.89	0.01	1.93	3.00	2.45%	32920.81%
5	United Arab Emirates	0.26	0.26	0.44	0.99	0.58	1.50	70.72%	72.57%
6	United Kingdom	0.06	0.07	0.20	0.24	0.17	0.67	166.86%	225.11%
7	Uganda	0.23	0.30	0.11	0.89	0.67	0.36	-65.04%	-54.29%
8	Belgium	0.32	0.11	0.09	1.21	0.24	0.30	-16.71%	-71.97%
9	Germany	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.07	0.28	176.55%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.43	0.16	0.19	-21.45%	-50.57%
Rest of the World		1.40	1.20	0.10	5.40	2.66	0.34	-91.58%	-92.80%
Total		26.01	45.10	29.70	100.00	100.00	100.00	-34.15%	14.18%

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main imports partner countries in September 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Sept2019/Aug2019	Sept2019/Sept2018
		Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept(R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	51.73	55.46	61.15	22.09	20.98	23.72	10.27%	18.22%
2	India	26.67	29.54	24.77	11.39	11.18	9.61	-16.15%	-7.12%
3	Kenya	12.69	22.70	21.98	5.42	8.59	8.52	-3.19%	73.20%
4	United Arab Emirates	23.99	18.46	21.67	10.24	6.98	8.40	17.40%	-9.66%
5	Tanzania, United Republic Of	11.99	19.66	20.96	5.12	7.44	8.13	6.61%	74.81%
6	Saudi Arabia	6.13	14.86	13.01	2.62	5.62	5.04	-12.46%	112.20%
7	Switzerland	8.72	13.32	11.59	3.73	5.04	4.49	-13.03%	32.84%
8	South Africa	3.73	7.99	6.24	1.59	3.02	2.42	-21.89%	67.46%
9	Japan	4.63	5.09	4.95	1.98	1.93	1.92	-2.79%	6.93%
10	Russian Federation	5.60	7.61	4.63	2.39	2.88	1.79	-39.23%	-17.31%
Rest of the World		78.29	69.57	66.92	33.43	26.33	25.95	-3.81%	-14.53%
Total		234.16	264.27	257.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	-2.42%	10.12%

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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	
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>
Air	15.67	23.26	19.16	19.73	8.40	10.49	1.78	2.68	1.80
Land	218.49	241.01	238.70	39.68	29.66	32.51	24.24	42.42	27.90
Total	234.16	264.27	257.86	59.40	38.06	43.00	26.01	45.10	29.70

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures**Acronyms:**

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  
Aug : August  
Sept : September