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Formal External Trade in Goods

November 2019

January 2020

Monthly Formal Statistics of External Trade in Goods November 2019

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 171.92 million in November 2019, a decrease of 23.83 percent compared to the previous month of October. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 17.80 percent on the deficit of November 2018.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/ Oct2019	Nov2019/ Nov2018
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	81.02	82.34	69.93	21.83	21.09	22.43	-15.08%	-13.69%
Domestic exports	52.57	50.32	40.06	14.16	12.89	12.85	-20.39%	-23.80%
Re-exports	28.45	32.03	29.87	7.66	8.20	9.58	-6.73%	5.00%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	290.16	308.04	241.85	78.17	78.91	77.57	-21.49%	-16.65%
Total External Trade (A+B)	371.18	390.39	311.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	-20.13%	-16.00%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-209.14	-225.70	-171.92				-23.83%	-17.80%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In November 2019, domestic exports value has decreased by 20.39 percent compared to October 2019 and also by 23.80 percent compared to November 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in November 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/ Oct2019	Nov2019/ Nov2018
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.13	26.08	17.48	34.49	51.83	43.63	-32.99%	-3.62%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	-20.22%	22.27%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.99	11.25	12.24	36.12	22.35	30.55	8.81%	-35.56%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.12	2.27	0.02	0.23	4.52	0.05	-99.09%	-83.10%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.04	-51.71%	36.09%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.17	0.19	0.25	0.32	0.37	0.61	30.87%	46.12%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.09	2.61	2.24	15.38	5.19	5.60	-14.13%	-72.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.14	0.54	0.72	0.26	1.07	1.80	33.67%	418.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.93	1.70	1.50	1.77	3.37	3.74	-11.80%	60.94%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	5.99	5.66	5.60	11.39	11.24	13.98	-1.00%	-6.45%
Total Domestic Exports	52.57	50.32	40.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-20.39%	-23.80%

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Imports

In November 2019, total imports value has decreased by 21.49 percent compared to October 2019 and also by 16.65 percent compared to November 2018. More details are in the following table.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/ Oct2019	Nov2019/ Nov2018
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	47.98	38.21	39.68	16.54	12.40	16.41	3.84%	-17.30%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.20	2.65	2.13	0.76	0.86	0.88	-19.76%	-3.31%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.17	6.88	5.04	1.78	2.23	2.08	-26.70%	-2.44%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38.92	43.47	30.48	13.41	14.11	12.60	-29.89%	-21.68%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	10.08	6.29	7.94	3.48	2.04	3.28	26.22%	-21.27%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	26.66	30.54	27.39	9.19	9.91	11.32	-10.33%	2.73%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	47.83	61.67	42.90	16.48	20.02	17.74	-30.43%	-10.30%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	94.27	85.56	67.08	32.49	27.77	27.73	-21.60%	-28.85%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17.05	25.19	19.21	5.88	8.18	7.94	-23.73%	12.67%
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	290.16	308.04	241.85	100.00	100.00	100.00	-21.49%	-16.65%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In November 2019, total re-exports value has decreased by 6.73 percent compared to October 2019 but increased by 5.0 percent compared to November 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/Oct2019	Nov2019/Nov2018
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.34	8.59	6.76	22.28	26.81	22.64	-21.26%	35.49%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.33	0.39	0.39	1.16	1.20	1.30	0.42%	16.88%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.24	1.40	1.52	4.37	4.36	5.09	8.91%	12.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.11	12.28	12.61	39.04	38.33	42.22	2.75%	10.52%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.14	2.67	2.43	14.55	8.33	8.15	-8.75%	-35.53%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.42	1.38	1.20	5.00	4.31	4.00	-13.35%	-2.93%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.07	1.40	1.15	3.75	4.37	3.85	-17.89%	31.42%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.95	2.57	2.50	6.86	8.04	8.36	-2.95%	31.86%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.85	1.36	1.31	3.00	4.24	4.38	-3.75%	59.06%
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	28.45	32.03	29.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.73%	5.00%

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main trading partner countries in November 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/Oct2019	Nov2019/Nov2018
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	8.37	10.19	10.84	15.92	20.25	27.07	6.41%	29.55%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.86	5.75	4.75	9.25	11.43	11.86	-17.39%	-2.30%
3	Singapore	4.45	1.76	3.25	8.47	3.49	8.12	85.14%	-26.94%
4	United Kingdom	3.17	5.33	2.86	6.03	10.59	7.14	-46.29%	-9.70%
5	United States	0.42	0.24	2.28	0.80	0.48	5.68	844.28%	439.44%
6	South Sudan	0.35	0.45	1.94	0.67	0.90	4.85	329.50%	448.24%
7	Belgium	0.58	0.81	1.84	1.10	1.61	4.60	127.23%	219.49%
8	Kenya	1.33	0.87	1.82	2.53	1.73	4.55	109.88%	37.11%
9	China	0.12	1.07	1.73	0.23	2.12	4.31	61.92%	1358.29%
10	Switzerland	5.02	0.16	1.60	9.55	0.32	4.00	908.25%	-68.10%
Rest of the World		23.89	23.69	7.13	45.45	47.08	17.81	-69.90%	-70.15%
Total		52.57	50.32	40.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-20.39%	-23.80%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/Oct2019	Nov2019/Nov2018
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.52	27.95	23.25	89.69	87.28	77.83	-16.83%	-8.88%
2	Burundi	0.76	1.56	4.51	2.67	4.86	15.09	189.86%	492.88%
3	Ethiopia	0.22	0.96	0.71	0.77	3.01	2.38	-26.20%	224.58%
4	Uganda	0.12	0.34	0.36	0.43	1.05	1.22	0.00%	201.11%
5	United Arab Emirates	0.20	0.16	0.21	0.70	0.52	0.70	27.02%	5.42%
6	Sudan	0.18	0.41	0.17	0.63	1.27	0.58	-57.14%	-2.29%
7	Qatar	0.67	0.01	0.12	2.34	0.02	0.39	1562.37%	-82.65%
8	United Kingdom	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.24	0.37	45.53%	256.49%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.02	0.00	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.35	0.00%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.39	0.22	0.27	14.54%	-27.38%
Rest of the World		0.63	0.49	0.24	2.22	1.54	0.81	-50.83%	-61.46%
Total		28.45	32.03	29.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	-6.73%	5.00%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in November 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Nov2019/Oct2019	Nov2019/Nov2018
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	China	55.04	76.01	61.24	18.97	24.67	25.32	-19.43%	11.25%
2	India	20.45	25.75	27.16	7.05	8.36	11.23	5.48%	32.80%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	14.02	21.21	23.60	4.83	6.89	9.76	11.25%	68.24%
4	Kenya	15.93	23.45	22.74	5.49	7.61	9.40	-3.05%	42.75%
5	United Arab Emirates	25.52	17.81	17.13	8.79	5.78	7.08	-3.82%	-32.88%
6	Germany	5.78	6.18	8.60	1.99	2.01	3.56	39.05%	48.66%
7	Switzerland	8.35	9.29	7.28	2.88	3.02	3.01	0.00%	-12.82%
8	Japan	7.42	6.17	7.02	2.56	2.00	2.90	13.86%	-5.36%
9	Russian Federation	13.33	3.23	6.16	4.59	1.05	2.55	90.79%	-53.77%
10	Turkey	3.32	2.86	5.33	1.14	0.93	2.21	86.62%	60.85%
Rest of the World		121.00	116.08	55.60	41.70	37.68	22.99	-52.10%	-54.05%
Total		290.16	308.04	241.85	100.00	100.00	100.00	-21.49%	-16.65%

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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	
	Nov (R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov (R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹
<i>Air</i>	24.02	25.64	42.14	18.63	10.50	23.03	1.38	1.40	2.74
<i>Land</i>	266.15	282.40	199.71	33.94	39.82	17.03	27.07	30.63	27.13
Total	290.16	308.04	241.85	52.57	50.32	40.06	28.45	32.03	29.87

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures**Acronyms:**

c.i.f : Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b : Free On Board

n.e.s : Not Elsewhere Specified

Nov : November

Oct : October

S.I.T.C : Standard International Trade Classification