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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## December 2019

February 2020

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

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 216.13 million in December 2019, an increase of 25.71 percent compared to the previous month of November. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 22.21 percent on the deficit of December 2018.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/Nov2019	Dec2019/Dec2018
	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>78.91</b>	<b>69.93</b>	<b>109.07</b>	<b>23.58</b>	<b>22.43</b>	<b>22.43</b>	<b>55.97%</b>	<b>38.23%</b>
Domestic exports	54.27	40.06	79.80	16.22	12.85	12.85	99.22%	47.05%
Re-exports	24.64	29.87	29.27	76.42	9.58	9.58	-2.02%	18.79%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>255.76</b>	<b>241.85</b>	<b>325.20</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>77.57</b>	<b>77.57</b>	<b>34.46%</b>	<b>27.15%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>334.67</b>	<b>311.78</b>	<b>434.27</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>39.29%</b>	<b>29.76%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-176.85</b>	<b>-171.92</b>	<b>-216.13</b>				<b>25.71%</b>	<b>22.21%</b>

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

### Exports

In December 2019, domestic exports value has increased by 99.22 percent compared to November 2019 and also by 47.05 percent compared to December 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in December 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/ Nov2019	Dec2019/ Dec2018
	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	21.74	17.48	56.05	40.07	43.63	70.23	220.72%	157.75%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.03	424.27%	10.60%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17.22	12.24	8.81	31.74	30.55	11.04	-28.03%	-48.87%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.24	0.05	0.01	-73.56%	-95.88%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	-91.04%	-23.85%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.07	0.25	0.22	0.13	0.61	0.27	-11.97%	205.54%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.26	2.24	2.74	15.21	5.60	3.43	22.13%	-66.84%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.42	0.72	4.57	0.77	1.80	5.73	533.47%	987.12%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.46	1.50	1.79	0.85	3.74	2.24	19.68%	286.72%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	5.93	5.60	5.60	10.93	13.98	7.01	-0.04%	-5.62%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>54.27</b>	<b>40.06</b>	<b>79.80</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>99.22%</b>	<b>47.05%</b>

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

## Imports

In December 2019, total imports value has increased by 34.46 percent compared to November 2019 and also by 27.15 percent compared to December 2018. More details are in the following table.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/ Nov2019	Dec2019/ Dec2018
	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	29.57	39.68	43.23	11.56	16.41	13.29	8.95%	46.21%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.10	2.13	2.56	1.21	0.88	0.79	20.29%	-17.51%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.66	5.04	5.61	2.21	2.08	1.73	11.36%	-0.84%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36.76	30.48	38.76	14.37	12.60	11.92	27.16%	5.44%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	9.52	7.94	8.57	3.72	3.28	2.64	7.94%	-9.98%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	35.74	27.39	38.77	13.98	11.32	11.92	41.56%	8.46%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	45.56	42.90	63.42	17.81	17.74	19.50	47.81%	39.20%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	68.32	67.08	97.62	26.71	27.73	30.02	45.53%	42.88%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21.52	19.22	26.67	8.41	7.95	8.20	38.75%	23.91%
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>255.76</b>	<b>241.85</b>	<b>325.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>34.46%</b>	<b>27.15%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In December 2019, total re-exports value has decreased by 2.02 percent compared to November 2019 but increased by 18.79 percent compared to December 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/ Nov2019	Dec2019/ Dec2018
	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	6.45	6.76	8.34	26.18	22.64	28.49	23.32%	4.81%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.44	0.39	0.31	1.77	1.30	1.04	-21.13%	-11.32%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.16	1.52	1.16	4.71	5.09	3.97	-23.56%	31.04%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.92	12.61	9.67	40.25	42.22	33.02	-23.37%	27.17%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.47	2.43	3.39	10.02	8.15	11.57	39.15%	-1.40%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.69	1.20	1.13	2.82	4.00	3.86	-5.54%	72.33%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.92	1.15	1.27	3.74	3.85	4.33	10.30%	24.77%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.74	2.50	2.16	7.04	8.36	7.37	-13.67%	43.94%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.86	1.31	1.61	3.47	4.38	5.52	23.51%	52.73%
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>24.64</b>	<b>29.87</b>	<b>29.27</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-2.02%</b>	<b>18.79%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main trading partner countries in December 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/Nov2019	Dec2019/Dec2018
		Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	1.55	10.84	8.47	2.86	27.07	10.61	-21.89%	446.62%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.79	4.75	5.94	8.83	11.86	7.44	25.04%	24.03%
3	Switzerland	5.52	1.60	4.03	10.18	4.00	5.05	151.79%	-27.02%
4	Burundi	4.22	0.46	3.90	7.78	1.14	4.89	755.31%	-7.63%
5	United Kingdom	3.07	2.86	2.47	5.65	7.14	3.09	-13.80%	-19.54%
6	Belgium	1.63	1.84	1.97	3.00	4.60	2.47	7.01%	21.34%
7	Singapore	2.56	3.25	1.91	4.72	8.12	2.39	-41.40%	-25.48%
8	United States	0.92	2.28	1.65	1.70	5.68	2.06	-27.68%	78.99%
9	China	0.79	1.73	1.14	1.45	4.31	1.42	-34.18%	44.00%
10	Kenya	1.93	1.82	0.94	3.55	4.55	1.17	-48.69%	-51.41%
Rest of the World		27.30	8.62	47.39	50.30	21.52	59.39	449.89%	73.62%
Total		54.27	40.06	79.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.22%	47.05%

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/Nov2019	Dec2019/Dec2018
		Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	21.74	23.25	25.49	88.23	77.83	87.09	9.65%	17.27%
2	Burundi	0.64	4.51	1.21	2.60	15.09	4.13	-73.21%	88.82%
3	Ethiopia	0.43	0.71	0.81	1.74	2.38	2.78	14.54%	89.68%
4	Belgium	0.30	0.08	0.48	1.21	0.25	1.66	0.00%	62.29%
5	Uganda	0.22	0.36	0.44	0.90	1.22	1.52	21.79%	99.05%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.20	0.21	0.16	0.81	0.70	0.56	-21.27%	-17.34%
7	Sudan	0.41	0.17	0.15	1.65	0.58	0.53	-11.55%	-62.07%
8	Turkey	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.31	0.27	0.30	8.31%	14.95%
9	Qatar	0.33	0.12	0.00	1.32	0.39	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
10	South Sudan	0.23	0.01	0.00	0.93	0.02	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
Rest of the World		0.07	0.38	0.42	0.30	1.27	1.44	10.91%	473.71%
Total		24.64	29.87	29.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	-2.02%	18.79%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in December 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Dec2019/Nov2019	Dec2019/Dec2018
		Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec(R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	55.29	67.30	86.67	21.62	27.83	26.65	28.79%	56.76%
2	United Arab Emirates	30.83	18.20	38.14	12.05	7.52	11.73	109.59%	23.70%
3	India	25.30	30.01	26.55	9.89	12.41	8.16	-11.54%	4.95%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	11.05	23.60	26.01	4.32	9.76	8.00	10.19%	135.28%
5	Kenya	13.04	22.97	24.35	5.10	9.50	7.49	6.01%	86.81%
6	Japan	6.75	7.22	11.01	2.64	2.99	3.39	52.48%	63.15%
7	Switzerland	5.46	7.41	7.71	2.13	3.06	2.37	0.00%	41.28%
8	Indonesia	2.66	4.24	7.61	1.04	1.75	2.34	79.32%	185.76%
9	South Africa	5.18	4.40	7.44	2.03	1.82	2.29	68.98%	43.53%
10	United States	2.62	2.23	6.95	1.02	0.92	2.14	210.97%	165.11%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	97.58	54.26	82.76	38.15	22.44	25.45	52.53%	-15.18%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>255.76</b>	<b>241.85</b>	<b>325.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>34.46%</b>	<b>27.15%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

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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	
	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Dec (R)	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	24.94	42.14	28.68	19.34	23.03	9.21	1.08	2.74	1.30
<i>Land</i>	230.82	199.71	296.52	34.93	17.03	70.59	23.56	27.13	27.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>255.76</b>	<b>241.85</b>	<b>325.20</b>	<b>54.27</b>	<b>40.06</b>	<b>79.80</b>	<b>24.64</b>	<b>29.87</b>	<b>29.27</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

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### 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  
Nov : November  
Dec : December