



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## January 2020

March 2020

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods January 2020

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 120.47 million in January 2020, a decrease of 13.45 per cent compared to the previous month of December 2019. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 12.55 per cent on the deficit of January 2019.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/Dec2019	Jan2020/Jan2019
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>75.33</b>	<b>69.04</b>	<b>106.19</b>	<b>26.12</b>	<b>24.90</b>	<b>24.90</b>	<b>53.80%</b>	<b>40.96%</b>
Domestic exports	46.56	40.34	78.89	16.14	14.55	14.55	95.54%	69.42%
Re-exports	28.76	28.70	27.30	73.88	10.35	10.35	-4.88%	-5.10%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>213.08</b>	<b>208.22</b>	<b>226.65</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>75.10</b>	<b>75.10</b>	<b>8.85%</b>	<b>6.37%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>288.41</b>	<b>277.26</b>	<b>332.84</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>20.04%</b>	<b>15.40%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-137.75</b>	<b>-139.18</b>	<b>-120.47</b>				<b>-13.45%</b>	<b>-12.55%</b>

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

### Exports

In January 2020, domestic exports values increased by 95.54 per cent compared to December 2019 and by 69.42 per cent compared to January 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in January 2020 by SITC sections.

**Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2020**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/Dec2019	Jan2020/Jan2019
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	17.36	18.83	19.03	37.28	46.69	24.12	1.03%	9.62%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.09	0.06	0.01	-55.82%	-74.06%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.68	8.39	9.62	33.67	20.79	12.20	14.71%	-38.62%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.39	0.03	0.00	0.84	0.08	0.00	-95.89%	-99.66%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	809.23%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.95	0.14	0.15	2.04	0.35	0.19	5.28%	-84.40%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.83	2.43	2.80	6.07	6.01	3.55	15.44%	-0.89%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.96	0.96	1.84	2.07	2.38	2.33	91.49%	90.49%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.55	1.74	0.84	1.19	4.32	1.07	-51.59%	52.69%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.79	7.79	44.58	16.73	19.31	56.51	472.25%	472.25%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>46.56</b>	<b>40.34</b>	<b>78.89</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>95.54%</b>	<b>69.42%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In January 2020, total imports values increased by 8.85 per cent compared to December 2019 and by 6.37 per cent compared to January 2019.

**Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2020**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/ Dec2019	Jan2020/ Jan2019
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	30.24	32.29	21.15	14.19	15.51	9.33	-34.50%	-30.06%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.52	1.75	1.25	1.18	0.84	0.55	-28.35%	-50.25%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.32	4.03	2.93	2.50	1.94	1.29	-27.33%	-44.92%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	29.24	30.39	19.23	13.72	14.60	8.48	-36.73%	-34.23%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.41	6.58	7.05	3.48	3.16	3.11	7.20%	-4.80%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	27.53	22.80	18.97	12.92	10.95	8.37	-16.81%	-31.08%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	39.63	42.06	35.25	18.60	20.20	15.55	-16.20%	-11.05%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	52.18	46.36	61.20	24.49	22.27	27.00	32.00%	17.28%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17.03	18.66	13.00	7.99	8.96	5.74	-30.31%	-23.66%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	44.16	0.00	0.00	19.49	251891420.67%	0.00%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>213.08</b>	<b>208.22</b>	<b>226.65</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.85%</b>	<b>6.37%</b>

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

## Re-exports

In January 2020, re-exports values decreased by 4.88 per cent compared to December 2019 and also by 5.10 per cent compared to January 2019.

**Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2020**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/ Dec2019	Jan2020/ Jan2019
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	5.80	8.36	7.04	20.15	29.12	25.80	-15.72%	44.15%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.46	0.31	0.18	1.62	1.06	0.66	-41.22%	-34.25%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.21	1.16	1.63	7.69	4.06	5.96	39.67%	-47.39%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.03	9.29	8.58	38.33	32.38	31.43	-7.67%	-15.73%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.95	3.40	3.14	13.72	11.85	11.49	-7.81%	-13.85%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.93	1.13	1.35	3.25	3.94	4.93	18.98%	21.04%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.15	1.23	1.43	4.00	4.30	5.25	16.10%	7.22%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.10	2.05	2.58	7.31	7.15	9.45	25.71%	-2.38%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.11	1.52	1.18	3.85	5.30	4.32	-22.62%	37.31%
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>28.76</b>	<b>28.70</b>	<b>27.30</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.88%</b>	<b>-5.10%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

### Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2020 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/Dec2019	Jan2020/Jan2019
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	5.00	10.55	48.53	10.74	26.14	61.51	360.16%	870.74%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.37	5.94	6.18	11.53	14.73	7.83	3.97%	15.04%
3	South Sudan	0.24	0.50	4.21	0.52	1.23	5.34	747.53%	1625.77%
4	Pakistan	3.95	2.58	3.73	8.48	6.39	4.73	44.70%	-5.63%
5	Hong Kong	2.37	0.71	2.30	5.08	1.75	2.92	225.88%	-2.71%
6	United Kingdom	1.80	2.47	1.52	3.87	6.12	1.93	-38.27%	-15.37%
7	Singapore	2.90	1.91	1.45	6.24	4.73	1.84	-23.71%	-49.89%
8	Egypt	0.23	0.20	1.42	0.49	0.51	1.80	592.32%	515.53%
9	Belgium	0.91	1.97	1.32	1.95	4.89	1.68	-32.95%	45.87%
10	Switzerland	10.83	4.03	1.12	23.26	9.99	1.43	-72.10%	-89.62%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		12.96	9.49	7.10	27.84	23.52	9.00	-25.20%	-45.23%
<b>Total</b>		<b>46.56</b>	<b>40.34</b>	<b>78.89</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>95.54%</b>	<b>69.42%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2020 - Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/Dec2019	Jan2020/Jan2019
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	26.38	25.53	25.24	91.70	88.95	92.46	-1.13%	-4.31%
2	Ethiopia	0.16	0.81	0.70	0.55	2.84	2.58	-13.64%	344.78%
3	Burundi	0.47	0.83	0.46	1.62	2.90	1.67	-45.23%	-2.12%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.00	1.59	0.00%	0.00%
5	Uganda	0.25	0.44	0.10	0.87	1.55	0.35	-78.33%	-61.72%
6	Germany	0.00	0.07	0.09	0.00	0.25	0.32	22.82%	0.00%
7	United Arab Emirates	0.10	0.14	0.09	0.35	0.49	0.32	-37.66%	-13.95%
8	Turkey	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.19	0.30	0.29	-9.74%	42.44%
9	United States	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.17	0.26	0.00%	0.00%
10	Belgium	0.28	0.48	0.03	0.96	1.69	0.10	-94.34%	-90.10%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		1.05	0.25	0.02	3.65	0.87	0.07	-92.72%	-98.27%
<b>Total</b>		<b>28.76</b>	<b>28.70</b>	<b>27.30</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.88%</b>	<b>-5.10%</b>

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2020**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019		2020	2019		2020	Jan2020/Dec2019	Jan2020/Jan2019
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	41.17	47.91	63.51	19.32	23.01	28.02	32.55%	54.28%
2	Kenya	12.60	19.76	24.36	5.91	9.49	10.75	23.29%	93.40%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	9.82	19.68	23.47	4.61	9.45	10.36	19.28%	139.13%
4	United Arab Emirates	18.72	27.40	18.74	8.79	13.16	8.27	-31.60%	0.08%
5	South Africa	3.19	4.82	16.51	1.50	2.32	7.28	242.22%	417.44%
6	India	17.75	16.04	10.56	8.33	7.70	4.66	-34.15%	-40.49%
7	Burkina Faso	0.01	0.04	9.44	0.00	0.02	4.16	0.00%	163153.49%
8	Cameroon	0.00	0.01	6.40	0.00	0.01	2.82	58468.09%	1356065.21%
9	Indonesia	3.44	5.70	5.56	1.61	2.74	2.45	-2.52%	61.58%
10	Korea, Republic Of	1.40	0.54	4.35	0.66	0.26	1.92	704.50%	209.67%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		104.99	66.31	43.75	49.27	31.85	19.30	-34.03%	-58.33%
<b>Total</b>		<b>213.08</b>	<b>208.22</b>	<b>226.65</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.85%</b>	<b>6.37%</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		
	2019		2020	2019		2020	2019		2020
	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	20.92	24.76	68.54	12.35	11.30	47.86	1.31	1.22	1.07
<b>Land</b>	192.16	183.46	158.12	34.21	29.04	31.03	27.46	27.48	26.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>213.08</b>	<b>208.22</b>	<b>226.65</b>	<b>46.56</b>	<b>40.34</b>	<b>78.89</b>	<b>28.76</b>	<b>28.70</b>	<b>27.30</b>

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

**Acronyms used:**

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

Dec: December

f.o.b: Free On Board

Jan: January

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

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