



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

February 2020

March 2020

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods February 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 155.83 million in February 2020, an increase of 29.36 per cent compared to the previous month of January. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 11.54 per cent on the deficit of February 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/Jan2020	Feb2020/Feb2019
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	74.09	106.19	97.06	22.84	31.90	27.73	-8.60%	31.00%
Domestic exports	47.67	78.89	68.91	14.70	23.70	19.69	-12.65%	44.56%
Re-exports	26.42	27.30	28.15	8.15	8.20	8.04	3.11%	6.54%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	250.25	226.65	252.89	77.16	68.10	72.27	11.58%	1.06%
Total External Trade (A+B)	324.33	332.84	349.95	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.14%	7.90%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-176.16	-120.47	-155.83				29.36%	-11.54%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In February 2020, domestic exports values decreased by 12.65 per cent compared to January 2020 but increased by 44.56 per cent compared to February 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in February 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/Jan2020	Feb2020/Feb2019
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	21.75	22.52	20.49	45.62	28.54	29.73	-9.02%	-5.80%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.03	54.67%	-51.37%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.56	9.91	9.00	26.34	12.56	13.07	-9.13%	-28.29%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.71	0.03	0.01	1.48	0.04	0.01	-78.43%	-99.12%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00%	173.29%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.18	0.40	0.21	0.38	0.50	0.30	-47.75%	15.43%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.28	3.07	2.65	4.78	3.89	3.84	-13.64%	16.17%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.34	2.92	1.37	2.81	3.70	1.99	-53.07%	2.22%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.03	0.85	0.87	2.17	1.07	1.26	2.10%	-16.22%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.79	44.60	34.29	16.34	56.54	49.75	-23.13%	340.07%
Total Domestic Exports	47.67	78.89	68.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	-12.65%	44.56%

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Imports

In February 2020, total imports values increased by 11.58 per cent compared to January 2020 and also by 1.06 per cent compared to February 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/ Jan2020	Feb2020/ Feb2019
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	32.13	21.15	20.66	12.84	9.33	8.17	-2.30%	-35.69%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.04	1.25	10.79	0.81	0.55	4.27	760.12%	429.70%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.47	2.93	3.99	2.19	1.29	1.58	36.00%	-27.12%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	49.44	19.23	27.79	19.76	8.48	10.99	44.51%	-43.80%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.40	7.05	3.65	4.56	3.11	1.44	-48.24%	-68.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	30.14	18.97	39.41	12.04	8.37	15.58	107.73%	30.75%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42.08	35.25	36.47	16.81	15.55	14.42	3.45%	-13.33%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	59.38	61.20	36.40	23.73	27.00	14.39	-40.52%	-38.70%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16.37	13.00	32.77	6.54	5.74	12.96	152.02%	100.16%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	44.16	39.19	0.00	19.49	15.50	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	250.25	226.65	252.89	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.58%	1.06%

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Re-exports

In February 2020, re-exports values increased by 3.11 per cent compared to January 2020 and increased by 6.54 per cent compared to February 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/ Jan2020	Feb2020/ Feb2019
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	5.40	7.04	7.98	20.46	25.80	28.36	13.33%	47.68%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.36	0.18	0.29	1.37	0.66	1.02	60.05%	-20.36%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.75	1.63	1.09	6.61	5.96	3.86	-33.23%	-37.82%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.66	8.58	10.14	36.57	31.43	36.01	18.15%	4.91%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.81	3.14	2.89	14.41	11.49	10.28	-7.72%	-24.02%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.30	1.35	0.97	4.93	4.93	3.45	-27.93%	-25.49%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.03	1.43	1.17	3.89	5.25	4.15	-18.49%	13.52%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.03	2.58	1.90	7.69	9.45	6.75	-26.35%	-6.43%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.02	1.18	1.39	3.85	4.32	4.94	18.09%	36.94%
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	26.42	27.30	28.15	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.11%	6.54%

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2020 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/Jan2020	Feb2020/Feb2019
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	10.79	48.73	37.50	22.63	61.78	54.42	-23.04%	247.69%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.10	7.10	5.65	8.60	9.01	8.20	-20.46%	37.86%
3	Pakistan	3.23	3.73	3.71	6.77	4.73	5.39	-0.38%	15.01%
4	Canada	0.00	0.00	2.89	0.00	0.00	4.19	81586.54%	742619.48%
5	Hong Kong	0.92	2.30	2.57	1.93	2.92	3.73	11.80%	180.46%
6	Singapore	3.24	1.45	1.55	6.80	1.84	2.25	6.52%	-52.19%
7	Switzerland	1.99	1.12	1.50	4.17	1.43	2.18	33.69%	-24.42%
8	United Kingdom	1.48	1.53	1.45	3.10	1.94	2.11	-5.18%	-1.68%
9	Egypt	0.36	1.42	1.41	0.76	1.80	2.05	-0.36%	288.46%
10	Belgium	0.87	1.33	1.39	1.83	1.68	2.01	0.00%	59.19%
Rest of the World		20.69	10.16	9.28	43.41	12.88	13.46	-8.68%	-55.17%
Total		47.67	78.89	68.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	-12.65%	44.56%

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Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2020–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Feb2020/Jan2020	Feb2020/Feb2019
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	23.94	25.41	25.15	90.63	93.10	89.35	-1.05%	5.03%
2	Qatar	0.68	0.00	1.34	2.57	0.00	4.75	0.00	96.76%
3	Burundi	0.64	0.46	0.43	2.41	1.67	1.54	-5.09%	0.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.11	0.70	0.28	0.41	2.58	1.00	-60.18%	158.23%
5	Uganda	0.30	0.10	0.24	1.14	0.35	0.86	150.65%	-20.03%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.16	0.09	0.15	0.61	0.32	0.53	71.58%	-6.75%
7	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.43	0.11	0.01	1.59	0.41	-73.50%	0.00%
8	United Kingdom	0.15	0.00	0.11	0.56	0.00	0.38	0.00%	0.00%
9	Belgium	0.18	0.03	0.09	0.69	0.10	0.31	214.82%	0.00%
10	Turkey	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.00%	24.20%
Rest of the World		0.19	0.00	0.17	0.73	0.00	0.60	22075.42%	-12.67%
Total		26.42	27.30	28.15	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.11%	6.54%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in February 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2018	2020		Feb2020/Jan2020	Feb2020/Feb2019
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	China	59.60	63.51	58.92	23.82	28.02	23.30	-7.22%	-1.13%
2	Kenya	12.28	24.36	40.85	4.91	10.75	16.15	67.67%	232.49%
3	India	32.84	10.56	22.40	13.12	4.66	8.86	112.05%	-31.81%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	11.09	23.47	20.75	4.43	10.36	8.20	-11.61%	87.15%
5	South Africa	4.63	16.51	18.47	1.85	7.28	7.30	11.87%	299.31%
6	Burkina Faso	0.00	9.44	11.01	0.00	4.16	4.35	16.63%	0.00
7	United Arab Emirates	16.90	18.74	10.97	6.75	8.27	4.34	-41.48%	-35.10%
9	United States	4.12	4.75	10.03	1.65	2.09	3.97	111.24%	143.52%
10	Belgium	3.62	3.76	6.00	1.45	1.66	2.37	59.57%	65.93%
11	Switzerland	6.69	10.38	5.68	2.67	4.58	2.25	-45.26%	-15.06%
Rest of the World		98.49	41.17	47.82	39.36	18.16	18.91	16.16%	-51.45%
Total		250.25	226.65	252.89	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.58%	1.06%

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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	
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹
Air	26.67	68.54	64.16	10.91	47.86	40.39	1.30	1.07	2.18
Land	223.58	158.11	188.73	36.76	31.03	28.52	25.12	26.23	25.96
Total	250.25	226.65	252.89	47.67	78.89	68.91	26.42	27.30	28.15

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

Jan: January

Feb: February