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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## March 2020

April 2020

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2020

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 191.9 million in March 2020, an increase of 23.2 percent compared to the previous month of February. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 17 percent on the deficit of March 2019.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/Feb2020	Mar2020/Mar2019
	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>77.72</b>	<b>97.06</b>	<b>107.63</b>	<b>24.32</b>	<b>27.73</b>	<b>26.43</b>	<b>10.89%</b>	<b>38.49%</b>
Domestic exports	48.24	68.91	59.46	15.10	19.69	14.60	-13.72%	23.27%
Re-exports	29.48	28.15	48.17	9.23	8.04	11.83	71.15%	63.40%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>241.80</b>	<b>252.89</b>	<b>299.58</b>	<b>75.68</b>	<b>72.27</b>	<b>73.57</b>	<b>18.46%</b>	<b>23.90%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>319.51</b>	<b>349.95</b>	<b>407.21</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.36%</b>	<b>27.45%</b>
<b>Trade balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-164.08</b>	<b>-155.83</b>	<b>-191.95</b>				<b>23.2%</b>	<b>17%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In March 2020, domestic exports values decreased by 13.7 percent compared to February 2020 but increased by 23.3 percent compared to March 2019. Table 2 shows value of exported in March 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	23.34	20.49	19.86	48.39	29.73	33.40	-3.06%	-14.92%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.13	0.03	0.09	191.54%	-19.11%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.26	9.00	5.82	23.34	13.07	9.78	-35.40%	-48.33%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.09	750.99%	55.97%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.10	0.00%	174.54%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.32	0.21	0.76	0.67	0.30	1.27	265.74%	133.43%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.94	2.67	2.13	6.09	3.87	3.58	-20.22%	-27.44%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.65	1.37	1.29	3.42	1.99	2.18	-5.45%	-21.60%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.81	0.87	1.13	1.67	1.26	1.90	30.75%	40.15%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.80	34.29	28.31	16.17	49.75	47.60	-17.44%	262.89%
<b>Total domestic exports</b>	<b>48.24</b>	<b>68.91</b>	<b>59.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-13.72%</b>	<b>23.27%</b>

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## Imports

In March 2020, total imports values increased by 18.46 percent compared to February 2020 and also by 23.90 percent compared to March 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	27.13	20.66	39.87	11.22	8.17	13.31	93.00%	46.96%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.81	10.79	10.80	0.75	4.27	3.61	0.08%	496.93%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.39	3.99	5.88	2.23	1.58	1.96	47.40%	9.05%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	50.98	29.56	42.56	21.08	11.69	14.21	43.97%	-16.52%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	12.75	3.65	13.34	5.27	1.44	4.45	265.55%	4.65%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	36.27	39.41	36.30	15.00	15.58	12.12	-7.89%	0.09%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42.35	36.47	38.87	17.51	14.42	12.98	6.60%	-8.21%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	51.93	36.40	67.72	21.47	14.39	22.61	86.05%	30.42%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13.20	32.77	19.40	5.46	12.96	6.48	-40.80%	47.01%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	39.19	24.83	0.00	15.50	8.29	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>241.80</b>	<b>252.89</b>	<b>299.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>18.46%</b>	<b>23.90%</b>

**Note:** (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In March 2020, re-exports values increased by 71.2 percent compared to February 2020 and increased by 63.4 percent compared to March 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	6.15	7.98	6.43	20.85	28.36	13.34	-19.49%	4.53%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.38	0.29	0.32	1.30	1.02	0.66	10.66%	-16.90%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.40	1.09	0.97	4.76	3.86	2.01	-10.96%	-31.10%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.83	10.47	30.41	40.13	37.21	63.12	190.34%	157.03%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.14	2.89	2.77	10.64	10.28	5.76	-4.16%	-11.58%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.17	0.97	1.45	3.98	3.45	3.00	49.15%	23.22%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.84	1.17	1.02	2.84	4.15	2.11	-12.97%	21.47%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.42	1.90	3.67	11.62	6.75	7.61	92.83%	7.01%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.15	1.39	1.15	3.89	4.94	2.39	-17.17%	0.56%
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>29.48</b>	<b>28.15</b>	<b>48.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>71.15%</b>	<b>63.40%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 5: Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2020 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
		Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	3.82	37.50	31.69	7.91	54.42	53.30	-15.50%	730.63%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.70	5.65	6.18	11.82	8.20	10.39	9.29%	8.31%
3	Uganda	2.55	0.72	2.74	5.29	1.04	4.61	281.09%	7.28%
4	Hong Kong	0.05	2.57	2.14	0.11	3.73	3.60	-16.93%	3999.46%
5	Singapore	2.99	1.55	1.08	6.20	2.25	1.82	-30.11%	-63.76%
6	Belgium	0.52	1.39	0.96	1.07	2.01	1.61	-30.89%	85.41%
7	Burundi	1.04	0.88	0.94	2.15	1.27	1.59	7.47%	-8.90%
8	Switzerland	10.26	1.50	0.72	21.28	2.18	1.21	-52.22%	-93.00%
9	United Kingdom	2.50	1.45	0.66	5.19	2.11	1.10	-54.86%	-73.79%
10	China	1.45	0.05	0.46	3.01	0.07	0.78	0.00%	-68.07%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		17.35	15.64	11.89	35.98	22.70	20.00	-24.00%	-31.48%
<b>Total</b>		<b>48.24</b>	<b>68.91</b>	<b>59.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-13.72%</b>	<b>23.27%</b>

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Table 6: Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2020–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
		Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	26.83	25.15	44.92	91.01	89.35	93.24	78.62%	67.42%
2	Burundi	0.44	0.43	1.48	1.50	1.54	3.06	240.85%	233.74%
3	Qatar	0.03	1.34	0.50	0.10	4.75	1.03	-62.97%	0.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.80	0.28	0.34	2.71	1.00	0.70	19.97%	-57.89%
5	South Sudan	0.03	0.00	0.24	0.09	0.00	0.49	0.00%	822.28%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.32	0.15	0.18	1.10	0.53	0.38	23.37%	-42.96%
7	Uganda	0.20	0.24	0.18	0.69	0.86	0.38	-23.72%	0.00%
8	Turkey	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.18	0.29	0.15	0.00%	0.00%
9	United States	0.00	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.24	0.11	-21.36%	0.00%
10	United Kingdom	0.03	0.11	0.05	0.11	0.38	0.11	0.00%	58.12%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		0.74	0.30	0.17	2.51	1.07	0.34	-44.66%	-77.52%
<b>Total</b>		<b>29.48</b>	<b>28.15</b>	<b>48.17</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>71.15%</b>	<b>63.40%</b>

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Table 7: Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Mar2020/ Feb2020	Mar2020/ Mar2019
		Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar(R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	46.55	58.92	66.52	19.25	23.30	22.20	12.89%	42.89%
2	Kenya	17.14	40.85	34.63	7.09	16.15	11.56	-15.23%	102.01%
3	India	23.98	22.40	32.27	9.92	8.86	10.77	44.10%	34.56%
4	United Arab Emirates	17.85	10.97	24.68	7.38	4.34	8.24	125.04%	38.23%
5	Tanzania, United Republic Of	15.99	20.75	19.70	6.61	8.20	6.58	-5.05%	23.19%
6	South Africa	3.84	18.47	12.69	1.59	7.30	4.24	-31.30%	230.60%
7	Indonesia	5.58	1.69	10.25	2.31	0.67	3.42	505.76%	83.59%
9	Belgium	3.70	6.00	9.23	1.53	2.37	3.08	53.72%	149.53%
10	Cameroon	0.00	4.99	6.26	0.00	1.97	2.09	25.61%	0.00%
11	United States	6.47	10.03	6.06	2.68	3.97	2.02	-39.57%	-6.30%
Rest of the World		100.69	57.83	77.29	41.64	22.87	25.80	33.65%	-23.23%
Total		241.80	252.89	299.58	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.46%	23.90%

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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	
	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Mar (R)	Feb <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	23.20	64.16	52.20	11.21	40.39	30.17	1.31	2.18	1.29
<i>Land</i>	218.60	188.73	247.38	37.03	28.52	29.29	28.17	25.96	46.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>241.80</b>	<b>252.89</b>	<b>299.58</b>	<b>48.24</b>	<b>68.91</b>	<b>59.46</b>	<b>29.48</b>	<b>28.15</b>	<b>48.17</b>

**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

Feb : February

Mar : March