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Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2020

May 2020

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods April 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 128.60 million in April 2020, a decrease of 33.00 per cent compared to the previous month of March. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 4.43 per cent on the deficit of April 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

| FLOW | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/Mar2020 | April2020/April2019 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| A. Total Exports (f.o.b) | 92.31 | 107.63 | 72.99 | 28.92 | 26.43 | 26.58 | -32.18% | -20.93% |
| Domestic exports | 64.12 | 59.46 | 52.90 | 20.09 | 14.60 | 19.27 | -11.03% | -17.49% |
| Re-exports | 28.20 | 48.17 | 20.09 | 8.83 | 11.83 | 7.32 | -58.30% | -28.75% |
| B. Total Imports (c.i.f) | 226.87 | 299.58 | 201.59 | 71.08 | 73.57 | 73.42 | -32.71% | -11.14% |
| Total External Trade (A+B) | 319.18 | 407.21 | 274.58 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -32.57% | -13.97% |
| Trade Balance (A-B) | -134.56 | -191.95 | -128.60 | | | | -33.00% | -4.43% |

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2020, domestic exports values decreased by 11.03 per cent compared to March 2020 and by 17.49 per cent compared to April 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in April 2020 by SITC sections.

Table2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in April 2020

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/Mar2020 | April2020/April2019 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 23.40 | 19.86 | 15.69 | 36.50 | 33.40 | 29.66 | -20.99% | -32.95% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.01 | -93.41% | -94.53% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 15.31 | 5.82 | 5.66 | 23.88 | 9.78 | 10.70 | -2.72% | -63.05% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 7.89 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 12.31 | 0.09 | 0.01 | -89.94% | -99.93% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.00 | -96.28% | -23.01% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 0.24 | 0.76 | 0.53 | 0.37 | 1.27 | 0.99 | -30.65% | 123.30% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 12.48 | 2.13 | 1.66 | 19.47 | 3.58 | 3.13 | -22.27% | -86.73% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 2.12 | 1.29 | 0.09 | 3.31 | 2.18 | 0.17 | -92.94% | -95.69% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 1.22 | 1.13 | 0.10 | 1.91 | 1.90 | 0.19 | -90.94% | -91.62% |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 1.38 | 28.31 | 29.17 | 2.16 | 47.60 | 55.13 | 3.04% | 2007.84% |
| Total Domestic Exports | 64.12 | 59.46 | 52.90 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -11.03% | -17.49% |

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In April 2020, total imports values decreased by 32.71 per cent compared to March 2020 and also by 11.14 per cent compared to April 2019.

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

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/ Mar2020 | April2020/ April2019 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 25.41 | 39.87 | 31.28 | 11.20 | 13.31 | 15.52 | -21.54% | 23.11% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 1.44 | 10.80 | 1.15 | 0.64 | 3.61 | 0.57 | -89.35% | -20.27% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 4.76 | 5.88 | 5.85 | 2.10 | 1.96 | 2.90 | -0.49% | 22.96% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 37.57 | 42.56 | 38.95 | 16.56 | 14.21 | 19.32 | -8.50% | 3.65% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 7.06 | 13.34 | 9.16 | 3.11 | 4.45 | 4.54 | -31.34% | 29.72% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 29.70 | 36.30 | 26.25 | 13.09 | 12.12 | 13.02 | -27.69% | -11.64% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 43.35 | 38.87 | 29.35 | 19.11 | 12.98 | 14.56 | -24.50% | -32.30% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 62.03 | 67.72 | 29.75 | 27.34 | 22.61 | 14.76 | -56.07% | -52.04% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 15.54 | 19.40 | 15.11 | 6.85 | 6.48 | 7.49 | -22.12% | -2.79% |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 0.00 | 24.83 | 14.75 | 0.00 | 8.29 | 7.32 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Total Imports | 226.87 | 299.58 | 201.59 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -32.71% | -11.14% |

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In April 2020, re-exports values decreased by 58.30 per cent compared to March 2020 and by 28.75 per cent compared to April 2019.

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

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/ Mar2020 | April2020/ April2019 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 6.90 | 6.43 | 7.35 | 24.46 | 13.34 | 36.57 | 14.34% | 6.52% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 0.38 | 0.32 | 0.26 | 1.36 | 0.66 | 1.32 | -16.71% | -31.16% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 0.95 | 0.97 | 1.23 | 3.37 | 2.01 | 6.10 | 26.70% | 28.94% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 12.14 | 30.41 | 4.47 | 43.06 | 63.12 | 22.24 | -85.31% | -63.20% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 3.22 | 2.77 | 3.15 | 11.42 | 5.76 | 15.67 | 13.50% | -2.27% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 1.04 | 1.45 | 0.72 | 3.69 | 3.00 | 3.56 | -50.50% | -31.17% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 0.88 | 1.02 | 1.10 | 3.12 | 2.11 | 5.48 | 8.28% | 25.04% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 1.84 | 3.67 | 1.29 | 6.52 | 7.61 | 6.42 | -64.80% | -29.83% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 0.85 | 1.15 | 0.53 | 3.00 | 2.39 | 2.64 | -53.95% | -37.38% |
| 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 | 28.20 | 48.17 | 20.09 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -58.30% | -28.75% |

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2020 - Exports

| Rank | Country | Exports (f.o.b.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/Mar2020 | April2020/April2019 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | United Arab Emirates | 18.01 | 31.60 | 31.17 | 28.09 | 53.15 | 58.91 | -1.38% | 73.02% |
| 2 | Congo, The Democratic Republic Of | 4.83 | 6.60 | 5.09 | 7.53 | 11.10 | 9.63 | -22.83% | 5.53% |
| 3 | Pakistan | 4.26 | 3.43 | 3.43 | 6.64 | 5.76 | 6.48 | 0.00% | -19.48% |
| 4 | United Kingdom | 2.43 | 1.48 | 2.19 | 3.80 | 2.49 | 4.15 | 48.15% | -9.86% |
| 5 | Singapore | 2.80 | 1.30 | 1.88 | 4.37 | 2.19 | 3.55 | 44.70% | -32.82% |
| 6 | Uganda | 4.27 | 2.74 | 1.77 | 6.65 | 4.61 | 3.34 | -35.51% | -58.59% |
| 7 | Hong Kong | 0.02 | 2.14 | 1.28 | 0.03 | 3.60 | 2.43 | -39.98% | 5836.06% |
| 8 | Ireland | 0.55 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.85 | 1.03 | 1.16 | 0.00% | 12.74% |
| 9 | Switzerland | 5.17 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 8.07 | 0.97 | 1.09 | 0.00% | -88.82% |
| 10 | Russian Federation | 0.60 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 1.05 | 0.00% | -7.51% |
| Rest of the World | | 21.18 | 8.42 | 4.34 | 33.03 | 14.16 | 8.20 | -48.45% | -79.51% |
| Total | | 64.12 | 59.46 | 52.90 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -11.03% | -17.49% |

Note: (R) – Revised

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2020–Re-exports

| Rank | Country | Re-Exports (f.o.b.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/Mar2020 | April2020/April2019 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | Congo, The Democratic Republic Of | 25.46 | 23.21 | 19.74 | 90.31 | 48.19 | 98.24 | -14.98% | -22.49% |
| 2 | Uganda | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.27 | 0.63 | 0.38 | 1.33 | 45.43% | 49.56% |
| 3 | Burundi | 0.85 | 1.48 | 0.07 | 3.01 | 3.06 | 0.37 | -95.00% | -91.30% |
| 4 | China | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.03 | -54.61% | 616.27% |
| 5 | United Arab Emirates | 0.22 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0.78 | 0.38 | 0.02 | -97.77% | -98.13% |
| 6 | Congo | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.01 | -86.02% | -92.13% |
| 7 | Qatar | 0.00 | 0.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.03 | 0.00 | -100.00% | 0.00% |
| 8 | Ethiopia | 0.89 | 0.34 | 0.00 | 3.15 | 0.70 | 0.00 | -100.00% | -100.00% |
| 9 | South Sudan | 0.00 | 0.24 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.49 | 0.00 | -100.00% | -100.00% |
| 10 | Turkey | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.27 | 0.15 | 0.00 | -100.00% | -100.00% |
| Rest of the World | | 0.50 | 21.95 | 0.00 | 1.77 | 45.56 | 0.00 | -100.00% | -100.00% |
| Total | | 28.20 | 48.17 | 20.09 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -58.30% | -28.75% |

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2020

| Rank | Country | Imports (c.i.f.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 | | April2020/Mar2020 | April2020/April2019 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | China | 40.77 | 52.30 | 30.50 | 17.97 | 17.46 | 15.13 | -41.68% | -25.19% |
| 2 | India | 14.63 | 32.23 | 25.63 | 6.45 | 10.76 | 12.71 | -20.50% | 75.18% |
| 3 | Kenya | 15.56 | 25.02 | 23.91 | 6.86 | 8.35 | 11.86 | -4.44% | 53.72% |
| 4 | United Arab Emirates | 17.69 | 22.17 | 16.54 | 7.80 | 7.40 | 8.20 | -25.40% | -6.52% |
| 5 | Tanzania, United Republic Of | 16.50 | 19.11 | 12.13 | 7.27 | 6.38 | 6.02 | -36.51% | -26.47% |
| 6 | Saudi Arabia | 13.61 | 1.87 | 10.49 | 6.00 | 0.62 | 5.21 | 461.48% | -22.87% |
| 7 | Switzerland | 6.30 | 5.86 | 8.69 | 2.78 | 1.96 | 4.31 | 48.42% | 38.09% |
| 9 | Belgium | 2.77 | 9.20 | 8.27 | 1.22 | 3.07 | 4.10 | -10.07% | 198.31% |
| 10 | United States | 11.74 | 5.97 | 7.42 | 5.17 | 1.99 | 3.68 | 24.33% | -36.76% |
| 11 | Indonesia | 4.35 | 10.17 | 6.81 | 1.92 | 3.40 | 3.38 | -33.06% | 56.71% |
| Rest of the World | | 82.96 | 115.68 | 51.19 | 36.57 | 38.61 | 25.39 | -55.75% | -38.30% |
| Total | | 226.87 | 299.58 | 201.59 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -32.71% | -11.14% |

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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 | |
| | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ |
| Air | 40.21 | 52.20 | 25.72 | 19.30 | 30.17 | 31.14 | 1.38 | 1.29 | 0.00 |
| Land | 186.66 | 247.38 | 175.87 | 44.81 | 29.29 | 21.76 | 26.82 | 46.88 | 20.09 |
| Total | 226.87 | 299.58 | 201.59 | 64.12 | 59.46 | 52.90 | 28.20 | 48.17 | 20.09 |

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

Mar: March