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Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2020

June 2020

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 132.02 million in May 2020, an increase of 2.66 per cent compared to the previous month of April. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 42.66 per cent compared to May 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/April2020	May2020/May2019
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	86.95	72.99	103.35	21.52	26.58	30.51	41.59%	18.86%
Domestic exports	56.96	52.90	67.06	14.09	19.27	19.80	26.76%	17.73%
Re-exports	29.99	20.09	36.29	7.42	7.32	10.71	80.65%	21.01%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	317.18	201.59	235.37	78.48	73.42	69.49	16.75%	-25.79%
Total External Trade (A+B)	404.13	274.58	338.72	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.36%	-16.19%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-230.23	-128.60	-132.02				2.66%	-42.66%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2020, domestic exports values increased by 26.76 per cent compared to April 2020 and by 17.73 per cent compared to May 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/April2020	May2020/May2019
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	28.43	15.69	13.66	49.91	29.66	20.36	-12.96%	-51.96%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.01	0.00	-88.23%	-99.68%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	16.93	5.66	3.38	29.72	10.70	5.04	-40.29%	-80.05%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3.40	0.01	0.00	5.98	0.01	0.01	-12.95%	-99.86%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	-4.18%	-87.30%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.28	0.53	0.34	0.49	0.99	0.51	-35.30%	22.95%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.91	1.66	1.93	5.10	3.13	2.87	16.34%	-33.71%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.05	0.09	0.49	1.85	0.17	0.73	436.74%	-53.51%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.02	0.10	0.88	1.79	0.19	1.31	756.86%	-13.80%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	2.79	29.17	46.38	4.91	55.13	69.17	59.02%	1559.58%
Total Domestic Exports	56.96	52.90	67.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.76%	17.73%

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Imports

In May 2020, total imports values increased by 16.75 per cent compared to April 2020 and decreased by 25.79 per cent compared to May 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/ April2020	May2020/ May2019
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	34.26	31.28	22.06	10.80	15.52	9.37	-29.49%	-35.62%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.69	1.15	1.54	0.85	0.57	0.65	33.44%	-42.98%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.13	5.85	4.33	2.88	2.90	1.84	-25.88%	-52.51%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	67.28	38.95	11.67	21.21	19.32	4.96	-70.04%	-82.66%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	14.53	9.16	4.63	4.58	4.54	1.97	-49.42%	-68.11%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	31.50	26.25	20.43	9.93	13.02	8.68	-22.18%	-35.16%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	53.90	29.35	30.03	16.99	14.56	12.76	2.31%	-44.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	68.14	29.75	60.02	21.48	14.76	25.50	101.75%	-11.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	33.83	15.11	13.65	10.67	7.49	5.80	-9.65%	-59.65%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	1.93	14.75	67.02	0.61	7.32	28.47	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	317.18	201.59	235.37	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.75%	-25.79%

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Re-exports

In May 2020, re-exports values increased by 80.65 per cent compared to April 2020 and by 21.01 per cent compared to May 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/ April2020	May2020/ May2019
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.71	7.35	6.88	22.38	36.57	18.97	-6.32%	2.56%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.29	0.26	0.26	0.98	1.32	0.73	-0.18%	-9.94%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.46	1.23	1.04	4.86	6.10	2.87	-14.98%	-28.52%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.81	4.47	20.15	39.38	22.24	55.52	350.97%	70.60%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.64	3.15	2.81	12.15	15.67	7.73	-10.86%	-23.02%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.98	0.72	1.09	3.26	3.56	3.01	52.83%	11.94%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.22	1.10	1.04	4.07	5.48	2.87	-5.37%	-14.69%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.63	1.29	2.26	8.78	6.42	6.23	75.19%	-14.15%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.25	0.53	0.75	4.16	2.64	2.07	41.50%	-39.82%
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	29.99	20.09	36.29	100.00	100.00	100.00	80.65%	21.01%

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Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/April2020	May2020/May2019
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Turkey	0.09	0.10	25.48	0.15	0.19	38.00	25339.90%	29071.32%
2	United Arab Emirates	9.38	31.17	22.08	16.47	58.91	32.93	-29.14%	135.37%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.78	5.09	6.29	8.40	9.63	9.38	23.43%	31.47%
4	Pakistan	4.10	3.43	3.43	7.19	6.48	5.11	0.10%	-16.28%
5	South Sudan	2.24	0.29	1.09	3.92	0.54	1.63	280.30%	-51.06%
6	United Kingdom	2.38	2.19	1.06	4.18	4.15	1.59	-51.49%	-55.36%
7	Belgium	0.73	0.27	0.91	1.28	0.52	1.36	232.24%	24.98%
8	Switzerland	2.02	0.58	0.69	3.55	1.09	1.02	18.69%	-66.06%
9	Italy	0.62	0.26	0.65	1.10	0.49	0.97	151.40%	4.29%
10	Hong Kong	2.68	1.28	0.43	4.70	2.43	0.64	0.00%	-83.91%
	Rest of the World	27.94	8.24	4.94	49.04	15.57	7.36	-40.06%	-82.32%
	Total	56.96	52.90	67.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.76%	17.73%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/April2020	May2020/May2019
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Belgium	26.83	19.74	32.48	89.45	98.24	89.50	64.57%	21.08%
2	Burundi	0.00	0.00	1.84	0.00	0.00	5.06	0.00%	0.00%
3	China	0.20	0.00	0.59	0.67	0.00	1.63	0.00%	196.32%
4	Congo	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.00%	0.00%
5	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	1.01	0.07	0.32	3.37	0.37	0.89	334.94%	-68.17%
6	Egypt	1.10	0.00	0.24	3.68	0.00	0.65	0.00%	-78.64%
7	Ethiopia	0.04	0.27	0.18	0.15	1.33	0.50	-31.52%	311.02%
8	Germany	0.17	0.00	0.08	0.57	0.02	0.22	1850.15%	-52.67%
9	Hong Kong	0.12	0.00	0.07	0.41	0.00	0.19	0.00%	-44.26%
10	India	0.06	0.00	0.05	0.19	0.00	0.14	0.00%	-12.98%
	Rest of the World	0.45	0.01	0.12	1.51	0.04	0.32	1354.11%	-74.49%
	Total	29.99	20.09	36.29	100.00	100.00	100.00	80.65%	21.01%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		May2020/April2020	May2020/May2019
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	60.42	30.50	41.36	19.05	15.13	17.57	35.61%	-31.55%
2	Kenya	24.04	23.91	33.39	7.58	11.86	14.19	39.64%	38.91%
3	Cameroon	0.00	1.08	27.89	0.00	0.54	11.85	2480.51%	12044740.75%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	20.01	12.13	27.62	6.31	6.02	11.74	127.69%	38.03%
5	India	29.80	25.63	15.17	9.39	12.71	6.44	-40.81%	-49.10%
6	United Arab Emirates	31.74	16.54	10.83	10.01	8.20	4.60	-34.54%	-65.89%
7	Belgium	3.79	8.27	8.41	1.20	4.10	3.57	1.67%	121.81%
9	Japan	2.20	0.58	6.73	0.69	0.29	2.86	1051.97%	205.52%
10	Germany	19.16	2.06	5.12	6.04	1.02	2.18	148.03%	-73.27%
11	Switzerland	14.90	8.69	4.60	4.70	4.31	1.95	-47.12%	-69.15%
Rest of the World		111.11	72.19	54.25	35.03	35.81	23.05	-24.85%	-51.18%
Total		317.18	201.59	235.37	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.75%	-25.79%

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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	
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	37.72	25.72	85.09	10.01	31.14	48.66	1.59	0.00	2.69
Land	279.46	175.87	150.28	46.96	21.76	18.40	28.40	20.09	33.60
Total	317.18	201.59	235.37	56.97	52.90	67.06	29.99	20.09	36.29

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