



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

August 2020

September 2020

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods August 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 184.67 million in August 2020, an increase of 22.67 per cent compared to the previous month of July. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 2.56 per cent on the deficit of August 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/July2020	Aug2020/Aug2019
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	109.75	147.91	211.59	27.47	33.14	34.81	43.05%	92.80%
Domestic exports	78.07	122.22	185.23	19.54	27.38	30.47	51.56%	137.25%
Re-exports	31.67	25.69	26.36	7.93	5.76	4.34	2.59%	-16.77%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	289.80	298.45	396.26	72.53	66.86	65.19	32.77%	36.74%
Total External Trade (A+B)	399.55	446.36	607.85	100.00	100.00	100.00	36.18%	52.14%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-180.05	-150.54	-184.67				22.67%	2.56%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2020, domestic exports values increased by 51.56 per cent compared to July 2020 and by 137.25 per cent compared to August 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in August 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/July2020	Aug2020/Aug2019
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.54	19.62	20.34	25.03	16.05	10.98	3.70%	4.09%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	207.99%	-43.10%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.91	8.62	8.34	10.14	7.05	4.50	-3.23%	5.39%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.01	-79.47%	-52.70%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.00	-93.32%	-61.13%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.24	0.40	0.58	0.31	0.33	0.32	44.73%	145.14%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.41	3.45	3.14	5.65	2.82	1.69	-9.09%	-28.87%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.82	0.98	0.66	1.05	0.81	0.36	-32.49%	-18.96%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.30	2.00	4.96	1.66	1.63	2.68	148.59%	282.77%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	43.79	86.98	147.18	56.09	71.17	79.46	69.21%	236.07%
Total Domestic Exports	78.07	122.22	185.23	100.00	100.00	100.00	51.56%	137.25%

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Imports

In August 2020, total imports values increased by 32.77 per cent compared to July 2020 and by 36.74 per cent compared to August 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/ July2020	Aug2020/ Aug2019
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	38.94	29.31	35.45	13.44	9.82	8.95	20.92%	-8.96%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.13	1.23	1.83	0.74	0.41	0.46	48.88%	-14.04%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.91	7.56	5.82	2.04	2.53	1.47	-23.04%	-1.50%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45.23	18.95	25.44	15.61	6.35	6.42	34.21%	-43.77%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	9.76	9.29	11.24	3.37	3.11	2.84	20.95%	15.14%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	34.76	37.31	36.86	11.99	12.50	9.30	-1.21%	6.04%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	45.10	55.14	68.18	15.56	18.48	17.21	23.64%	51.17%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	44.96	57.53	51.30	15.51	19.27	12.95	-10.83%	14.10%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20.68	21.93	20.24	7.13	7.35	5.11	-7.72%	-2.12%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	42.35	60.19	135.99	14.61	20.17	34.32	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	289.80	298.45	396.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	32.77%	36.74%

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Re-exports

In August 2020, re-exports values increased by 2.59 per cent compared to July 2020 and decreased by 16.77 per cent compared to August 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/ July2020	Aug2020/ Aug2019
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	5.85	7.80	8.00	18.48	30.37	30.33	2.45%	36.61%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.31	0.36	0.43	0.98	1.40	1.62	18.63%	36.99%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.78	1.61	1.84	5.61	6.27	6.96	14.04%	3.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	13.15	6.30	6.46	41.51	24.53	24.50	2.49%	-50.86%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.65	3.36	2.89	8.36	13.06	10.98	-13.75%	9.32%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.09	1.35	0.90	3.45	5.26	3.43	-33.15%	-17.40%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.90	1.96	2.38	5.99	7.63	9.02	21.27%	25.33%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.82	1.58	1.60	12.06	6.16	6.08	1.37%	-58.02%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.01	1.37	1.69	3.19	5.32	6.40	23.45%	66.95%
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	31.67	25.69	26.36	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.59%	-16.77%

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Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/July2020	Aug2020/Aug2019
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	48.15	61.77	149.44	61.67	50.54	80.68	141.94%	210.37%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.10	8.47	10.94	6.53	6.93	5.91	29.14%	114.64%
3	Singapore	2.23	1.57	3.07	2.86	1.28	1.66	95.69%	37.55%
4	United States	0.67	1.39	3.02	0.86	1.14	1.63	116.43%	349.94%
5	Uganda	0.05	2.21	2.20	0.06	1.80	1.19	-0.39%	4414.68%
6	Pakistan	3.14	1.70	2.12	4.02	1.39	1.15	24.70%	-32.40%
7	United Kingdom	3.66	2.38	1.95	4.69	1.95	1.05	-18.37%	-46.83%
8	China	2.43	1.08	1.92	3.11	0.89	1.04	77.19%	-21.01%
9	Kenya	0.25	0.45	1.56	0.33	0.36	0.84	250.64%	513.54%
10	Hong Kong	0.04	0.56	1.42	0.06	0.46	0.77	155.15%	3124.92%
Rest of the World		12.35	40.64	7.60	15.82	33.25	4.11	-81.29%	-38.45%
Total		78.07	122.22	185.23	100.00	100.00	100.00	51.56%	137.25%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/July2020	Aug2020/Aug2019
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	26.36	25.01	25.41	83.21	97.33	96.40	1.61%	-3.59%
2	Uganda	0.30	0.21	0.28	0.95	0.81	1.05	32.49%	-8.16%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.80	0.06	0.21	2.51	0.24	0.79	232.54%	-73.98%
4	South Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.01	0.00	0.71	0.00%	5475.57%
5	Kenya	0.12	0.01	0.12	0.38	0.02	0.46	1937.75%	1.55%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.26	0.12	0.11	0.82	0.47	0.43	-7.85%	-56.97%
7	Congo	0.87	0.06	0.03	2.74	0.23	0.12	-44.86%	-96.30%
8	Canada	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.05	61.31%	0.00%
9	Ethiopia	0.95	0.07	0.00	2.99	0.28	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
10	Netherlands	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		2.02	0.10	0.00	6.38	0.41	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total		31.67	25.69	26.36	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.59%	-16.77%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Aug2020/July2020	Aug2020/Aug2019
		Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	19.56	28.73	114.97	6.75	9.63	29.01	300.19%	487.87%
2	Kenya	32.12	23.50	68.71	11.08	7.87	17.34	192.37%	113.95%
3	China	50.94	64.05	67.19	17.58	21.46	16.96	4.90%	31.90%
4	India	24.95	18.57	20.26	8.61	6.22	5.11	9.12%	-18.78%
5	United Arab Emirates	16.29	12.57	19.28	5.62	4.21	4.87	53.37%	18.36%
6	South Africa	19.18	18.88	10.58	6.62	6.33	2.67	-43.94%	-44.81%
7	Indonesia	2.74	6.21	7.74	0.94	2.08	1.95	24.71%	182.89%
9	Belgium	3.59	5.70	7.22	1.24	1.91	1.82	26.51%	100.71%
10	United States	2.47	9.51	6.70	0.85	3.19	1.69	-29.59%	171.67%
11	Egypt	2.73	5.16	6.23	0.94	1.73	1.57	20.93%	128.50%
Rest of the World		115.25	105.57	67.37	39.77	35.37	17.00	-36.18%	-41.54%
Total		289.80	298.45	396.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	32.77%	36.74%

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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	
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹
Air	65.37	91.01	164.75	45.60	89.53	149.53	2.68	0.19	0.00
Land	224.44	207.45	231.51	32.48	32.69	35.71	29.00	25.51	26.36
Total	289.80	298.45	396.26	78.07	122.22	185.23	31.67	25.69	26.36

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

Aug: August