



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

September 2020

October 2020

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods September 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 142.82 million in September 2020, a decrease of 22.66 per cent compared to the previous month of August. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 10.07 per cent on the deficit of September 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/Aug2020	Sept2020/Sept2019
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	137.18	211.59	149.95	33.95	34.81	33.87	-29.13%	9.31%
Domestic exports	78.32	185.23	122.74	19.38	30.47	27.72	-33.74%	56.71%
Re-exports	58.86	26.36	27.21	66.05	4.34	6.15	3.21%	-53.78%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	266.94	396.26	292.77	14.56	65.19	66.13	-26.12%	9.68%
Total External Trade (A+B)	404.13	607.85	442.72	100.00	100.00	100.00	-27.17%	9.55%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-129.76	-184.67	-142.82				-22.66%	10.07%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In September 2020, domestic exports value has decreased by 33.74 per cent compared to August 2020 and increased by 56.71 per cent compared to September 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in September 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/Aug2020	Sept2020/Sept2019
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	23.46	20.34	24.91	29.95	10.98	20.30	22.47%	6.21%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	62.88%	30.58%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.56	8.34	6.96	9.65	4.50	5.67	-16.55%	-7.96%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.03	149.77%	-17.17%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.12	0.01	0.03	0.15	0.00	0.02	336.31%	-77.45%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.19	0.58	0.58	0.24	0.32	0.47	-1.51%	203.76%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.67	3.14	5.05	5.97	1.69	4.12	61.16%	8.13%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.69	0.66	0.62	0.89	0.36	0.50	-6.95%	-10.92%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.74	4.96	1.69	2.22	2.68	1.38	-65.91%	-2.62%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	39.83	147.18	82.85	50.85	79.46	67.50	-43.71%	108.01%
Total Domestic Exports	78.32	185.23	122.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	-33.74%	56.71%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In September 2020, total imports values decreased by 26.12 per cent compared to August 2020 and increased by 9.68 per cent compared to September 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/ Aug2020	Sept2020/ Sept2019
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	28.08	35.45	33.67	10.52	8.95	11.50	-5.01%	19.92%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.41	1.83	1.49	0.90	0.46	0.51	-18.75%	-38.36%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.42	5.82	4.81	2.41	1.47	1.64	-17.24%	-25.04%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	48.61	25.44	20.79	18.21	6.42	7.10	-18.26%	-57.23%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.48	11.24	7.70	2.80	2.84	2.63	-31.49%	2.98%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	29.53	40.78	34.06	11.06	10.29	11.63	-16.48%	15.34%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	52.43	68.18	51.29	19.64	17.21	17.52	-24.77%	-2.16%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	38.54	51.30	38.20	14.44	12.95	13.05	-25.54%	-0.88%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17.27	20.24	15.47	6.47	5.11	5.28	-23.55%	-10.39%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	36.19	135.99	85.29	13.56	34.32	29.13	-37.28%	135.69%
Total Imports	266.94	396.26	292.77	100.00	100.00	100.00	-26.12%	9.68%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Re-exports

In September 2020, re-exports value has increased by 3.21 per cent compared to August 2020 and decreased by 53.78 per cent compared to September 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/ Aug2020	Sept2020/ Sept2019
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	36.20	8.17	8.58	61.50	30.99	31.54	5.02%	-76.29%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.56	0.43	0.32	0.95	1.62	1.17	-25.14%	-42.82%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.50	1.84	2.59	2.55	6.96	9.52	41.04%	72.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.76	6.46	6.15	19.98	24.50	22.59	-4.86%	-47.73%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.72	2.89	2.62	4.62	10.98	9.63	-9.53%	-3.70%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.22	0.90	1.03	2.07	3.43	3.78	13.95%	-15.69%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.86	2.38	3.00	3.15	9.02	11.03	26.22%	61.57%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.93	1.60	1.48	3.28	6.08	5.44	-7.71%	-23.40%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.12	1.69	1.45	1.90	6.40	5.33	-14.06%	29.53%
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	58.86	26.36	27.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.21%	-53.78%

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/Aug2020	Sept2020/Sept2019
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	44.42	149.44	86.04	56.71	80.68	70.10	-42.42%	93.72%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.52	10.94	8.80	7.05	5.91	7.17	-19.55%	59.50%
3	United Kingdom	5.35	1.95	3.60	6.83	1.05	2.94	85.26%	-32.62%
4	United States	1.67	3.02	3.41	2.14	1.63	2.78	13.15%	103.80%
5	Pakistan	3.07	2.12	2.67	3.92	1.15	2.18	25.88%	-13.08%
6	Uganda	0.08	2.20	2.23	0.10	1.19	1.81	1.36%	2828.19%
7	India	0.48	0.58	2.07	0.62	0.31	1.69	258.41%	329.06%
8	Belgium	1.50	1.38	1.48	1.91	0.75	1.20	6.79%	-1.37%
9	Netherlands	0.69	0.90	1.40	0.88	0.48	1.14	55.57%	102.14%
10	Hong Kong	0.32	1.42	1.20	0.40	0.77	0.98	-15.24%	280.06%
Rest of the World		15.23	11.29	9.83	19.44	6.10	8.01	-12.94%	-35.45%
Total		78.32	185.23	122.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	-33.74%	56.71%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/Aug2020	Sept2020/Sept2019
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.59	25.41	26.40	43.47	96.40	97.02	3.88%	3.16%
2	Ethiopia	0.93	0.00	0.28	1.59	0.00	1.03	0.00%	-70.16%
3	Belgium	0.09	0.00	0.13	0.15	0.00	0.48	0.00%	49.06%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.44	0.11	0.09	0.76	0.43	0.33	-18.84%	-79.54%
5	Qatar	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00%	0.00%
6	Congo	0.89	0.03	0.06	1.51	0.12	0.23	95.94%	-92.93%
7	Uganda	29.63	0.28	0.06	50.34	1.05	0.22	-78.43%	-99.80%
8	United Kingdom	0.20	0.00	0.04	0.34	0.00	0.14	0.00%	-80.92%
9	Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00%	0.00%
10	Cote D'Ivoire	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		1.09	0.53	0.03	1.85	2.01	0.09	-95.11%	-97.63%
Total		58.86	26.36	27.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	3.21%	-53.78%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Sept2020/Aug2020	Sept2020/Sept2019
		Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	25.00	114.97	69.71	9.37	29.01	23.81	-39.36%	178.85%
2	China	54.31	67.19	43.06	20.34	16.96	14.71	-35.91%	-20.71%
3	Kenya	33.18	68.71	41.39	12.43	17.34	14.14	-39.77%	24.74%
4	India	18.54	20.26	17.95	6.94	5.11	6.13	-11.42%	-3.17%
5	South Africa	16.03	10.58	15.73	6.01	2.67	5.37	48.62%	-1.88%
6	United Arab Emirates	18.33	19.28	13.73	6.87	4.87	4.69	-28.79%	-25.07%
7	Egypt	3.81	6.23	12.32	1.43	1.57	4.21	97.68%	223.10%
9	Russian Federation	4.63	4.20	8.93	1.73	1.06	3.05	112.54%	92.95%
10	Burkina Faso	9.56	0.00	8.44	3.58	0.00	2.88	0.00%	-11.65%
11	Cameroon	0.01	0.00	7.31	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00%	57838.87%
Rest of the World		83.55	84.83	54.20	31.30	21.41	18.51	-36.11%	-35.14%
Total		266.94	396.26	292.77	100.00	100.00	100.00	-26.12%	9.68%

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¹Preliminary figures**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	
	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept (R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹
Air	55.16	164.75	109.89	42.81	149.53	85.58	1.80	0.00	0.55
Land	211.78	231.51	182.88	35.52	35.71	37.16	57.06	26.36	26.66
Total	266.94	396.26	292.77	78.32	185.23	122.74	58.86	26.36	27.21

Source: NISR

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures**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

Sept: September