



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## November 2020

December 2020

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods November 2020

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 215.35 million in November 2020, an increase of 28.58 per cent compared to the previous month of October. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 24.29 per cent on the deficit of November 2019.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/Oct2020	Nov2020/Nov2019
	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>108.24</b>	<b>133.98</b>	<b>112.66</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>30.77</b>	<b>25.57</b>	<b>-15.91%</b>	<b>4.08%</b>
Domestic exports	81.48	104.44	82.74	20.91	23.99	18.78	-20.78%	1.55%
Re-exports	26.76	29.53	29.92	72.23	6.78	6.79	1.31%	11.80%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>281.51</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>328.02</b>	<b>6.87</b>	<b>69.23</b>	<b>74.43</b>	<b>8.81%</b>	<b>16.52%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>389.75</b>	<b>435.44</b>	<b>440.68</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.20%</b>	<b>13.07%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-173.27</b>	<b>-167.48</b>	<b>-215.35</b>				<b>28.58%</b>	<b>24.29%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In November 2020, domestic exports value has decreased by 20.78 per cent compared to October 2020 and increased by 1.55 per cent compared to November 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in November 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/Oct2020	Nov2020/Nov2019
	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	20.61	26.44	20.04	25.30	25.32	24.22	-24.20%	-2.76%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.08	9562.28%	1158.72%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.94	6.52	8.15	12.20	6.24	9.85	25.05%	-18.01%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.02	7.43%	-65.31%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.03	18760.50%	92.94%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.25	0.43	0.61	0.30	0.41	0.74	42.87%	149.53%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.81	6.44	4.59	3.45	6.16	5.54	-28.74%	63.13%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.74	0.70	0.63	0.91	0.67	0.77	-9.37%	-14.75%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.50	1.75	1.00	1.84	1.68	1.20	-43.20%	-33.44%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	45.56	62.14	47.61	55.92	59.49	57.54	-23.38%	4.50%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>81.48</b>	<b>104.44</b>	<b>82.74</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-20.78%</b>	<b>1.55%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In November 2020, total imports values increased by 8.81 per cent compared to October 2020 and by 16.52 per cent compared to November 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/ Oct2020	Nov2020/ Nov2019
	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	40.50	43.65	40.54	14.39	14.48	12.36	-7.13%	0.12%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.16	1.93	2.64	0.77	0.64	0.80	37.11%	21.93%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.96	6.08	6.73	1.76	2.02	2.05	10.67%	35.54%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36.02	24.85	31.39	12.80	8.24	9.57	26.33%	-12.84%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.92	4.69	13.32	2.81	1.56	4.06	184.18%	68.18%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	30.94	30.45	35.27	10.99	10.10	10.75	15.81%	14.01%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	41.13	49.22	44.47	14.61	16.33	13.56	-9.66%	8.10%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	59.33	53.95	78.87	21.08	17.90	24.05	46.19%	32.94%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17.60	23.41	27.16	6.25	7.77	8.28	15.99%	54.34%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	40.95	63.22	47.62	14.55	20.97	14.52	-24.68%	16.30%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>281.51</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>328.02</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.81%</b>	<b>16.52%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In November 2020, re-exports values increased by 1.31 per cent compared to October 2020 and by 11.80 per cent compared to November 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/ Oct2020	Nov2020/ Nov2019
	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	6.76	9.43	10.15	25.27	31.92	33.92	7.65%	50.10%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.39	0.73	0.57	1.45	2.48	1.91	-22.02%	47.65%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.52	2.15	2.37	5.69	7.30	7.91	9.85%	55.57%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.68	5.84	5.54	36.18	19.77	18.51	-5.15%	-42.81%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.43	3.49	3.41	9.10	11.83	11.39	-2.45%	39.95%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.20	1.33	1.12	4.47	4.49	3.73	-15.81%	-6.57%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.06	2.74	1.98	3.98	9.29	6.61	-27.88%	85.85%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.45	1.76	2.59	9.17	5.95	8.64	47.22%	5.33%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.22	2.06	2.11	4.55	6.97	7.07	2.68%	73.47%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.15	0.00	0.30	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>26.76</b>	<b>29.53</b>	<b>29.92</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.31%</b>	<b>11.80%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/Oct2020	Nov2020/Nov2019
		Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	51.55	63.77	51.14	63.26	61.05	61.81	-19.80%	-0.79%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.78	8.78	7.99	5.86	8.40	9.66	-8.93%	67.29%
3	United States	2.28	2.88	2.83	2.80	2.76	3.42	-1.80%	24.30%
4	United Kingdom	2.86	3.82	2.50	3.51	3.66	3.03	-34.52%	-12.49%
5	Singapore	3.25	1.14	2.49	3.99	1.09	3.00	118.42%	-23.63%
6	India	0.46	2.32	2.02	0.56	2.22	2.44	-13.04%	342.31%
7	Pakistan	3.52	2.67	1.65	4.32	2.56	2.00	-38.16%	-53.02%
8	Kenya	0.17	1.66	1.53	0.21	1.59	1.85	-7.85%	814.24%
9	Switzerland	1.40	0.70	1.10	1.72	0.67	1.33	57.68%	-21.16%
10	Netherlands	0.33	0.68	1.04	0.41	0.65	1.26	52.07%	211.31%
Rest of the World		10.89	16.01	8.44	13.36	15.33	10.20	-47.29%	-22.44%
Total		81.48	104.44	82.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	-20.78%	1.55%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/Oct2020	Nov2020/Nov2019
		Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	23.25	28.43	29.03	86.87	96.25	97.03	2.14%	24.88%
2	Ethiopia	0.71	0.15	0.40	2.66	0.49	1.35	178.67%	-43.05%
3	Uganda	0.36	0.22	0.15	1.36	0.74	0.50	-30.96%	-58.55%
4	United States	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.20	0.00%	1316.59%
5	Congo	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.19	0.17	-7.72%	0.00%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.21	0.02	0.05	0.78	0.07	0.15	115.37%	361.46%
7	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.40	0.00	0.11	0.00%	-68.62%
8	Sudan	0.17	0.00	0.03	0.65	0.00	0.10	0.00%	472.15%
9	Mauritius	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00%	0.00%
10	South Sudan	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		1.93	0.67	0.06	7.20	2.26	0.19	-91.69%	-97.12%
Total		26.76	29.53	29.92	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.31%	11.80%

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in November 2020**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Nov2020/Oct2020	Nov2020/Nov2019
		Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	30.68	69.75	73.99	10.90	23.14	22.56	6.07%	141.19%
2	China	65.77	44.67	64.21	23.37	14.82	19.57	43.74%	-2.38%
3	Kenya	41.00	41.66	40.44	14.56	13.82	12.33	-2.92%	-1.36%
4	India	21.46	17.86	20.85	7.62	5.92	6.36	16.76%	-2.84%
5	United Arab Emirates	15.97	13.57	15.89	5.67	4.50	4.84	17.09%	-0.51%
6	Germany	7.35	3.35	11.45	2.61	1.11	3.49	242.31%	55.69%
7	South Africa	3.07	14.04	6.89	1.09	4.66	2.10	-50.91%	124.78%
8	Belgium	5.53	21.24	5.14	1.96	7.05	1.57	-75.81%	-7.07%
9	United States	9.43	5.84	5.09	3.35	1.94	1.55	-12.96%	-46.10%
10	Malaysia	3.03	2.95	4.36	1.07	0.98	1.33	47.95%	44.09%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		78.22	66.54	79.72	27.79	22.07	24.30	19.81%	1.91%
<b>Total</b>		<b>281.51</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>328.02</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.81%</b>	<b>16.52%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

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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	
	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Nov (R)	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	61.88	91.35	74.90	49.11	65.08	50.26	1.28	0.33	0.32
<b>Land</b>	219.63	210.11	253.12	32.37	39.36	32.48	25.48	29.20	29.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>281.51</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>328.02</b>	<b>81.48</b>	<b>104.44</b>	<b>82.74</b>	<b>26.76</b>	<b>29.53</b>	<b>29.92</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

Oct: October

Nov: November