



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

February 2021

March 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods February 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 171.58 million in February 2021, an increase of 11.65 per cent compared to the previous month of January 2021. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 12.71 per cent on the deficit of February 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	94.28	75.49	82.80	24.48	24.78	24.56	9.69%	-12.17%
Domestic exports	65.98	49.96	52.82	17.13	16.40	15.66	5.73%	-19.96%
Re-exports	28.30	25.53	29.99	7.35	8.38	8.89	17.44%	5.97%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	290.85	229.16	254.38	75.52	75.22	75.44	11.01%	-12.54%
Total External Trade (A+B)	385.13	304.65	337.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	10.68%	-12.45%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-196.57	-153.67	-171.58				11.65%	-12.71%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In February 2021 domestic exports values increased by 5.73 per cent compared to January 2021 and decreased by 19.96 per cent compared to February 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in February 2021 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2021

SITC section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.76	18.20	18.07	28.44	36.44	34.22	-0.72%	-3.69%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.08	248.56%	262.41%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.87	6.20	8.69	13.44	12.42	16.45	40.05%	-2.01%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	189.50%	234.10%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.09	0.00%	1027.13%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.16	0.45	1.13	0.25	0.90	2.14	150.08%	591.60%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.38	2.48	5.70	3.61	4.97	10.80	129.93%	139.37%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.72	0.48	0.84	1.09	0.96	1.59	74.66%	17.29%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.78	1.21	0.86	1.19	2.42	1.64	-28.45%	10.31%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	34.29	20.90	17.41	51.96	41.84	32.96	-16.71%	-49.22%
Total Domestic Exports	65.98	49.96	52.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.73%	-19.96%

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Imports

In February 2021, total imports values increased by 11.01 per cent compared to January 2021 and decreased by 12.54 per cent compared to February 2020.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2021

SITC section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	28.46	34.80	32.53	9.79	15.19	12.79	-6.55%	14.27%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.45	1.68	1.59	0.50	0.73	0.63	-5.31%	9.54%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4.67	4.78	3.81	1.61	2.09	1.50	-20.37%	-18.46%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	51.40	15.96	18.43	17.67	6.97	7.25	15.45%	-64.14%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.28	5.75	12.80	2.16	2.51	5.03	122.61%	103.90%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	43.61	29.61	34.54	14.99	12.92	13.58	16.62%	-20.81%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	41.05	35.60	39.21	14.11	15.54	15.41	10.14%	-4.46%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	50.87	64.60	78.41	17.49	28.19	30.82	21.38%	54.14%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23.55	15.25	15.34	8.10	6.65	6.03	0.64%	-34.84%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	39.51	21.12	17.73	13.58	9.22	6.97	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	290.85	229.16	254.38	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.01%	-12.54%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In February 2021, re-exports values increased by 17.44 per cent compared to January 2021 and by 5.96 per cent compared to February 2020.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in February 2021

SITC section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	8.00	9.34	8.82	28.27	36.57	29.40	-5.59%	10.19%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.29	0.54	0.36	1.02	2.13	1.19	-34.59%	23.75%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.09	1.79	1.85	3.84	7.00	6.16	3.38%	70.16%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.47	4.75	6.69	36.99	18.60	22.31	40.87%	-36.11%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.91	2.40	3.59	10.27	9.38	11.99	50.09%	23.70%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.97	1.56	0.92	3.43	6.12	3.05	-41.35%	-5.78%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.18	2.15	2.54	4.16	8.42	8.48	18.24%	116.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.96	1.80	1.49	6.94	7.05	4.98	-17.06%	-23.99%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.44	1.21	3.73	5.07	4.73	12.44	209.04%	159.80%
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	28.30	25.53	29.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.44%	5.97%

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures**Trading Partners****Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2021 - Exports**

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	37.92	24.06	21.52	57.48	48.16	40.74	-10.56%	-43.26%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.10	6.32	7.72	9.24	12.66	14.62	22.10%	26.58%
3	Pakistan	3.71	3.11	3.11	5.63	6.23	5.89	-0.10%	-16.23%
4	Kenya	0.18	1.89	2.51	0.27	3.78	4.76	33.08%	1330.96%
5	Netherlands	0.48	0.74	1.99	0.73	1.48	3.77	169.98%	312.35%
6	United Kingdom	1.46	1.65	1.81	2.21	3.31	3.43	9.57%	24.38%
7	Hong Kong	2.57	1.54	1.80	3.90	3.08	3.41	17.03%	-30.04%
8	India	0.77	0.23	1.67	1.17	0.47	3.16	618.48%	115.97%
9	Singapore	1.55	1.32	1.55	2.35	2.64	2.94	17.61%	0.15%
10	Switzerland	1.50	1.00	1.00	2.28	2.00	1.90	0.00%	-33.42%
Rest of the World		9.73	8.09	8.13	14.75	16.19	15.39	0.47%	-16.48%
Total		65.98	49.96	52.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.73%	-19.96%

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¹Preliminary figures**Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in February 2021–Re-exports**

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.30	25.07	29.06	89.40	98.18	96.91	15.93%	14.87%
2	United Arab Emirates	0.15	0.03	0.35	0.53	0.12	1.17	1010.43%	133.79%
3	Uganda	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.85	0.84	0.58	-18.99%	0.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.28	0.09	0.17	0.99	0.33	0.55	93.22%	-41.07%
5	Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00%
6	United Kingdom	0.11	0.00	0.04	0.38	0.00	0.13	0.00	-64.75%
7	Canada	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00%
8	Congo	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.14	0.11	-8.04%	0.00%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.11	0.00	0.02	0.41	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00%
10	Belgium	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.31	0.03	0.07	161.68%	-76.82%
Rest of the World		2.00	0.09	0.04	7.06	0.35	0.14	-53.20%	-97.88%
Total		28.30	25.53	29.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.44%	5.97%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in February 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2020	2021		Feb2021/Jan2021	Feb2021/Feb2020
		Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹	Feb (R)	Jan ¹	Feb ¹		
1	China	57.54	47.24	46.88	19.78	20.61	18.43	-0.76%	-18.53%
2	Kenya	19.99	34.60	27.97	6.87	15.10	11.00	-19.16%	39.95%
3	India	32.82	21.02	21.99	11.28	9.17	8.64	4.57%	-33.01%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	31.83	16.61	19.73	10.94	7.25	7.76	18.78%	-38.01%
5	South Africa	23.36	13.47	16.90	8.03	5.88	6.64	25.47%	-27.68%
6	Burkina Faso	0.39	3.31	16.41	0.13	1.44	6.45	395.79%	4155.57%
7	United Arab Emirates	5.82	6.24	10.86	2.00	2.72	4.27	73.95%	86.42%
8	United States	3.72	6.84	8.33	1.28	2.99	3.27	21.69%	124.11%
9	Belgium	11.04	8.45	7.28	3.80	3.69	2.86	-13.84%	-34.08%
10	Switzerland	9.86	3.38	6.86	3.39	1.47	2.70	103.17%	-30.39%
Rest of the World		94.49	68.01	71.19	32.49	29.68	27.98	4.68%	-24.66%
Total		290.85	229.16	254.38	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.01%	-12.54%

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Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in US \$ Million)

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
	February(R)	January ¹	February ¹	February(R)	January ¹	February ¹	February(R)	January ¹	February ¹
Air	64.71	48.69	51.43	47.89	23.15	20.43	2.18	0.06	0.60
Land	226.13	180.48	202.95	36.22	26.81	32.38	26.11	25.47	29.38
Total	290.85	229.16	254.38	84.11	49.96	52.82	28.30	25.53	29.99

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

Jan: January

Feb: February