



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

March 2021

April 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods March 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 193.43 million in March 2021, an increase of 12.73 per cent compared to the previous month of February 2021. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 1.74 per cent on the deficit of March 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	84.07	82.80	96.57	23.47	24.56	24.98	16.62%	14.87%
Domestic exports	57.60	52.82	58.61	16.08	15.66	15.16	10.96%	1.75%
Re-exports	26.47	29.99	37.96	7.39	8.89	9.82	26.59%	43.42%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	274.19	254.38	290.00	76.53	75.44	75.02	14.00%	5.77%
Total External Trade (A+B)	358.25	337.19	386.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.65%	7.90%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-190.12	-171.58	-193.43				12.73%	1.74%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In March 2021 domestic exports values increased by 10.96 per cent compared to February 2021 and by 1.75 per cent compared to March 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in March 2021 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	18.26	18.07	26.13	31.70	34.22	44.59	44.62%	43.11%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.09	0.08	0.01	-79.53%	-83.69%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.82	8.69	11.58	10.10	16.45	19.76	33.30%	99.10%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.02	0.07	0.09	0.04	0.12	246.17%	35.37%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.11	0.09	0.00	0.00%	-96.10%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.76	1.13	0.46	1.32	2.14	0.79	-58.89%	-38.68%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.13	5.70	6.63	3.69	10.80	11.31	16.25%	211.76%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.29	0.83	0.53	2.25	1.58	0.90	-36.77%	-59.25%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.13	0.86	1.04	1.97	1.64	1.78	20.55%	-7.97%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	28.05	17.42	12.14	48.69	32.98	20.72	-30.28%	-56.70%
Total Domestic Exports	57.60	52.82	58.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	10.96%	1.75%

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Imports

In March 2021, total imports values increased by 14.00 per cent compared to February 2021 and by 5.77 per cent compared to March 2021.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	39.59	32.53	40.11	14.44	12.79	13.83	23.32%	1.33%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.73	1.59	1.68	0.63	0.63	0.58	5.39%	-3.37%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.41	3.81	6.54	1.97	1.50	2.26	71.73%	20.98%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36.31	18.43	23.97	13.24	7.25	8.27	30.05%	-33.99%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13.41	12.80	11.24	4.89	5.03	3.88	-12.17%	-16.17%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	36.26	34.54	38.90	13.22	13.58	13.42	12.65%	7.30%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	38.07	39.21	42.17	13.88	15.41	14.54	7.54%	10.76%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	57.23	78.41	77.52	20.87	30.82	26.73	-1.13%	35.46%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.98	15.34	22.99	6.92	6.03	7.93	49.83%	21.12%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	27.20	17.73	24.88	9.92	6.97	8.58	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	274.19	254.38	290.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.00%	5.77%

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Re-exports

In March 2021, re-exports values increased by 26.59 per cent compared to February 2021 and by 43.42 per cent compared to March 2020

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.43	8.82	11.08	24.28	29.40	29.18	25.65%	72.38%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.32	0.36	0.58	1.20	1.19	1.54	64.42%	83.87%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.97	1.85	2.01	3.65	6.16	5.30	8.79%	107.90%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	8.62	6.17	9.45	32.55	20.59	24.90	53.11%	9.68%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.77	3.59	6.96	10.48	11.99	18.34	93.69%	151.09%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.45	1.43	1.43	5.46	4.77	3.76	-0.29%	-1.42%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.02	2.54	2.48	3.84	8.48	6.53	-2.49%	144.13%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.67	1.49	2.19	13.85	4.98	5.78	46.91%	-40.14%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.24	3.73	1.78	4.68	12.44	4.69	-52.31%	43.43%
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	26.47	29.99	37.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.59%	43.42%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2021 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	31.34	21.52	17.60	54.42	40.74	30.03	-18.20%	-43.85%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.60	7.72	10.45	11.46	14.62	17.83	35.33%	58.25%
3	Pakistan	3.43	3.11	3.26	5.95	5.89	5.57	4.95%	-4.72%
4	Singapore	1.30	1.55	3.10	2.26	2.94	5.29	99.69%	138.52%
5	United Kingdom	1.48	1.81	2.93	2.57	3.43	4.99	61.46%	97.58%
6	India	0.25	1.67	2.38	0.44	3.16	4.05	42.16%	841.07%
7	Netherlands	0.38	1.99	1.39	0.65	3.77	2.37	-30.26%	269.53%
8	Egypt	0.44	0.64	1.37	0.76	1.21	2.34	114.29%	213.80%
9	Belgium	0.85	0.48	1.36	1.48	0.92	2.33	182.30%	60.30%
10	China	0.43	0.29	1.07	0.74	0.56	1.82	0.00%	149.79%
Rest of the World		11.10	12.02	13.71	19.28	22.77	23.39	13.98%	23.42%
Total		57.60	52.82	58.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	10.96%	1.75%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in March 2021–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	23.21	29.06	36.48	87.70	96.91	96.10	25.53%	57.14%
2	Ethiopia	0.34	0.17	0.57	1.27	0.55	1.51	246.76%	70.34%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.18	0.35	0.29	0.70	1.17	0.77	-16.50%	0.00%
4	Uganda	0.18	0.17	0.10	0.69	0.58	0.28	-40.17%	-43.12%
5	Sudan	0.00	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.16	0.23	0.00%	#DIV/0!
6	United Kingdom	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.19	0.13	0.20	105.86%	53.28%
7	Germany	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.19	#DIV/0!	0.00%
8	South Sudan	0.24	0.00	0.05	0.90	0.00	0.14	0.00%	0.00%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.08	0.11	82.67%	0.00%
10	Congo	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.11	0.00%	294.37%
Rest of the World		2.24	0.10	0.13	8.46	0.32	0.36	41.47%	-93.97%
Total		26.47	29.99	37.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	26.59%	43.42%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in March 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Mar2021/Feb2021	Mar2021/Mar2020
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	52.30	46.88	57.74	19.07	18.43	19.91	23.18%	10.41%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	19.58	27.97	33.75	7.14	11.00	11.64	20.66%	72.36%
3	United Arab Emirates	22.17	16.90	25.27	8.09	6.64	8.71	49.54%	13.97%
4	India	32.23	19.73	25.20	11.76	7.76	8.69	27.76%	-21.81%
5	Kenya	25.50	21.99	19.13	9.30	8.64	6.60	-12.97%	-24.96%
6	Germany	3.46	10.86	14.98	1.26	4.27	5.17	37.99%	332.95%
7	Burkina Faso	5.36	0.00	9.28	1.95	0.00	3.20	#DIV/0!	73.15%
9	Israel	0.21	16.41	9.08	0.08	6.45	3.13	-44.70%	4287.64%
10	Belgium	9.20	5.12	8.54	3.35	2.01	2.94	66.86%	-7.16%
11	Switzerland	5.86	6.86	7.42	2.14	2.70	2.56	8.20%	26.75%
Rest of the World		98.32	81.68	79.60	35.86	32.11	27.45	-2.54%	-19.04%
Total		274.19	254.38	290.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.00%	5.77%

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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
	March(R)	February ¹	March ¹	March (R)	February ¹	March ¹	March (R)	February ¹	March ¹
<i>Air</i>	54.25	51.43	66.25	29.91	20.43	16.15	1.29	0.60	1.03
<i>Land</i>	219.94	202.95	223.75	27.69	32.38	42.46	25.18	29.38	36.93
Total	274.19	254.38	290.00	57.60	52.82	58.61	26.47	29.99	37.96

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

Feb: February

Mar: March