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Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2021

May 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods April 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 162.36 million in April 2021, a decrease of 16.07 per cent compared to the previous month of March. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 17.62 per cent on the deficit of April 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

| FLOW | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/Mar2021 | April2021/April2020 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| A. Total Exports (f.o.b) | 58.67 | 96.57 | 108.76 | 22.97 | 24.98 | 28.63 | 12.63% | 85.38% |
| Domestic exports | 38.56 | 58.61 | 70.63 | 15.10 | 15.16 | 18.59 | 20.51% | 83.17% |
| Re-exports | 20.11 | 37.96 | 38.14 | 7.88 | 9.82 | 10.04 | 0.47% | 89.61% |
| B. Total Imports (c.i.f) | 196.70 | 290.00 | 271.12 | 77.03 | 75.02 | 71.37 | -6.51% | 37.83% |
| Total External Trade (A+B) | 255.37 | 386.57 | 379.88 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -1.73% | 48.76% |
| Trade Balance (A-B) | -138.03 | -193.43 | -162.36 | | | | -16.07% | 17.62% |

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2021, domestic exports values increased by 20.51 per cent compared to March 2021 and by 83.17 per cent compared to April 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in April 2021 by SITC sections.

Table2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in April 2021

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/Mar2021 | April2021/April2020 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 15.69 | 26.13 | 28.34 | 40.69 | 44.59 | 40.12 | 8.43% | 80.60% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.10 | 704.94% | 1893.04% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 5.66 | 11.58 | 11.51 | 14.67 | 19.76 | 16.30 | -0.60% | 103.45% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.08 | -24.88% | 910.91% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00% | 2153.71% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 0.53 | 0.46 | 0.41 | 1.36 | 0.79 | 0.59 | -10.95% | -21.25% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 1.66 | 6.63 | 3.29 | 4.29 | 11.31 | 4.66 | -50.36% | 98.81% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 0.17 | 0.53 | 3.16 | 0.44 | 0.90 | 4.48 | 499.91% | 1754.30% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 0.10 | 1.04 | 1.18 | 0.27 | 1.78 | 1.67 | 13.16% | 1050.09% |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 14.74 | 12.14 | 22.56 | 38.24 | 20.72 | 31.94 | 85.76% | 53.03% |
| Total Domestic Exports | 38.56 | 58.61 | 70.63 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 20.51% | 83.17% |

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In April 2021, total imports values decreased by 6.51 per cent compared to March 2021 and by 37.83 per cent compared to April 2020.

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

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/ Mar2021 | April2021/ April2020 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 31.95 | 40.11 | 37.38 | 16.24 | 13.83 | 13.79 | -6.80% | 17.00% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 1.15 | 1.68 | 2.25 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.83 | 34.20% | 95.53% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 5.85 | 6.54 | 6.77 | 2.97 | 2.26 | 2.50 | 3.47% | 15.76% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 38.95 | 23.97 | 29.00 | 19.80 | 8.27 | 10.70 | 20.98% | -25.56% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 9.16 | 11.24 | 16.05 | 4.66 | 3.88 | 5.92 | 42.84% | 75.29% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 29.14 | 38.90 | 37.18 | 14.81 | 13.42 | 13.71 | -4.43% | 27.59% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 24.46 | 42.17 | 43.25 | 12.44 | 14.54 | 15.95 | 2.57% | 76.82% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 28.86 | 77.52 | 58.21 | 14.67 | 26.73 | 21.47 | -24.91% | 101.67% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 12.87 | 22.99 | 18.34 | 6.54 | 7.93 | 6.77 | -20.21% | 42.51% |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 14.30 | 24.88 | 22.69 | 7.27 | 8.58 | 8.37 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Total Imports | 196.70 | 290.00 | 271.12 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -6.51% | 37.83% |

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In April 2021, re-exports values increased by 0.47 per cent compared to March 2021 and by 89.61 per cent compared to April 2020.

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

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/ Mar2021 | April2021/ April2020 |
| | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 7.33 | 11.08 | 13.25 | 36.44 | 29.18 | 34.74 | 19.60% | 80.73% |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 0.26 | 0.58 | 0.50 | 1.32 | 1.54 | 1.31 | -14.52% | 88.70% |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 1.23 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 6.09 | 5.30 | 5.28 | 0.17% | 64.36% |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 4.47 | 9.45 | 7.71 | 22.21 | 24.90 | 20.22 | -18.42% | 72.58% |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 3.15 | 6.96 | 4.42 | 15.65 | 18.34 | 11.59 | -36.52% | 40.44% |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 0.72 | 1.43 | 1.65 | 3.56 | 3.76 | 4.32 | 15.55% | 130.14% |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 0.93 | 2.48 | 2.67 | 4.64 | 6.53 | 6.99 | 7.56% | 185.75% |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 1.41 | 2.19 | 4.36 | 7.01 | 5.78 | 11.42 | 98.57% | 209.00% |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 0.62 | 1.78 | 1.58 | 3.08 | 4.69 | 4.13 | -11.41% | 154.14% |
| 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 | 20.11 | 37.96 | 38.14 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.47% | 89.61% |

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

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

| Rank | Country | Exports (f.o.b.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/Mar2021 | April2021/April2020 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | United Arab Emirates | 16.74 | 17.60 | 28.21 | 43.42 | 30.03 | 39.94 | 60.27% | 68.49% |
| 2 | Congo, The Democratic Republic Of | 5.09 | 10.45 | 8.39 | 13.21 | 17.83 | 11.87 | -19.73% | 64.61% |
| 3 | Ethiopia | 0.00 | 3.24 | 6.25 | 0.00 | 5.53 | 8.85 | 93.00% | 0.00% |
| 4 | Pakistan | 3.43 | 3.26 | 3.25 | 8.89 | 5.57 | 4.60 | -0.43% | -5.12% |
| 5 | United Kingdom | 2.19 | 2.93 | 3.08 | 5.69 | 4.99 | 4.37 | 5.40% | 40.57% |
| 6 | Hong Kong | 1.28 | 0.89 | 2.52 | 3.33 | 1.52 | 3.57 | 182.24% | 96.30% |
| 7 | Argentina | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.53 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| 8 | China | 0.15 | 1.07 | 2.09 | 0.38 | 1.82 | 2.96 | 96.54% | 1329.23% |
| 9 | Singapore | 1.88 | 3.10 | 1.54 | 4.88 | 5.29 | 2.17 | -50.47% | -18.35% |
| 10 | Egypt | 0.44 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1.13 | 2.34 | 1.94 | 0.00% | 213.80% |
| Rest of the World | | 7.35 | 14.70 | 11.44 | 19.07 | 25.09 | 16.19 | -22.21% | 55.54% |
| Total | | 38.56 | 58.61 | 70.63 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 20.51% | 83.17% |

Note: (R) – Revised

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

| Rank | Country | Re-Exports (f.o.b.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/Mar2021 | April2021/April2020 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | Congo, The Democratic Republic Of | 19.76 | 36.47 | 37.21 | 98.24 | 96.08 | 97.58 | 2.03% | 88.32% |
| 2 | Tanzania, United Republic Of | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.55 | 397.23% | 0.00% |
| 3 | Sudan | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.00 | 0.23 | 0.49 | 108.92% | 0.00% |
| 4 | Uganda | 0.27 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 1.33 | 0.28 | 0.43 | 56.43% | -38.81% |
| 5 | Congo | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.00% | 5463.24% |
| 6 | United Arab Emirates | 0.00 | 0.29 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.77 | 0.20 | -73.56% | 1773.13% |
| 7 | Ethiopia | 0.00 | 0.57 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 1.51 | 0.15 | -89.93% | 0.00% |
| 8 | United States | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| 9 | Burundi | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.37 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00% | -64.99% |
| 10 | South Sudan | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Rest of the World | | 0.01 | 0.28 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.75 | 0.13 | -82.14% | 679.13% |
| Total | | 20.11 | 37.96 | 38.14 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.47% | 89.61% |

Note: (R) – Revised

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2021

| Rank | Country | Imports (c.i.f.) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Value: US \$ Million | | | Shares in percentage | | | Percentage Increase/Decrease | |
| | | 2020 | 2021 | | 2020 | 2021 | | April2021/Mar2021 | April2021/April2020 |
| | | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April(R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | | |
| 1 | China | 27.31 | 57.74 | 51.99 | 13.88 | 19.91 | 19.17 | -9.97% | 90.39% |
| 2 | India | 25.58 | 24.71 | 32.44 | 13.00 | 8.52 | 11.97 | 31.32% | 26.84% |
| 3 | Tanzania, United Republic Of | 12.13 | 33.76 | 27.28 | 6.17 | 11.64 | 10.06 | -19.19% | 124.89% |
| 4 | Kenya | 23.46 | 19.13 | 24.34 | 11.93 | 6.60 | 8.98 | 27.19% | 3.73% |
| 5 | United Arab Emirates | 16.66 | 25.36 | 19.87 | 8.47 | 8.75 | 7.33 | -21.66% | 19.27% |
| 6 | South Africa | 4.46 | 5.33 | 16.35 | 2.27 | 1.84 | 6.03 | 206.64% | 266.48% |
| 7 | Indonesia | 6.81 | 4.54 | 10.18 | 3.46 | 1.57 | 3.76 | 124.25% | 49.54% |
| 9 | Switzerland | 8.69 | 7.35 | 6.94 | 4.42 | 2.53 | 2.56 | -5.50% | -20.14% |
| 10 | Japan | 0.65 | 1.96 | 6.00 | 0.33 | 0.68 | 2.21 | 205.80% | 816.75% |
| 11 | Belgium | 8.28 | 8.55 | 5.55 | 4.21 | 2.95 | 2.05 | -35.06% | -32.97% |
| Rest of the World | | 62.66 | 101.56 | 70.17 | 31.86 | 35.02 | 25.88 | -30.91% | 11.99% |
| Total | | 196.70 | 290.00 | 271.12 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | -6.51% | 37.83% |

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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 | |
| | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ | April (R) | Mar ¹ | April ¹ |
| Air | 25.34 | 66.26 | 52.79 | 16.72 | 16.15 | 26.05 | 0.00 | 1.04 | 0.08 |
| Land | 171.36 | 223.74 | 218.33 | 21.84 | 42.46 | 44.58 | 20.11 | 36.92 | 38.06 |
| Total | 196.70 | 290.00 | 271.12 | 38.56 | 58.61 | 70.63 | 20.11 | 37.96 | 38.14 |

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

Mar: March