



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

May 2021

June 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 218.26 million in May 2021, an increase of 34.43 per cent compared to the previous month of April. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 89.44 per cent on the deficit of May 2020.

Table 1. Summary of formal external trade in goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		May2021/ April2021	May2021/ May2020
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	89.73	108.76	116.76	30.45	28.63	25.84	7.36%	30.13%
Domestic exports	69.30	70.63	81.74	23.52	18.59	18.09	15.74%	17.96%
Re-exports	20.43	38.14	35.02	6.93	10.04	7.75	-8.17%	71.41%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	204.95	271.12	335.03	69.55	71.37	74.16	23.57%	63.47%
Total External Trade (A+B)	294.67	379.88	451.79	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.93%	53.32%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-115.22	-162.36	-218.26				34.43%	89.44%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2021, domestic exports total value has increased by 15.74 per cent compared to April 2021 and by 17.96 per cent compared to May 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2021 by SITC sections.

Table2.Total domestic exports of goods by S.I.T.C sections in May 2021

SITC sections/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		May2021/ April2021	May2021/ May2020
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	16.41	28.34	25.87	23.68	40.12	31.64	-8.72%	57.61%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.10	0.04	-53.10%	7839.96%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.47	11.51	12.09	5.01	16.30	14.79	5.05%	248.52%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.08	0.04	-45.18%	536.58%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.07	0.11	73.38%	3977.86%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.37	0.41	2.75	0.53	0.59	3.36	564.38%	646.62%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.93	3.29	4.55	2.78	4.66	5.56	38.16%	136.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.47	3.16	0.80	0.68	4.48	0.98	-74.78%	70.24%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.71	1.18	1.32	1.02	1.67	1.62	12.13%	86.37%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	45.93	22.55	34.21	66.29	31.93	41.85	51.71%	-25.52%
Total Domestic Exports	69.30	70.63	81.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.74%	17.96%

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Imports

In May 2021, total imports total value has increased by 23.57 per cent compared to April 2021 and by 63.47 per cent compared to May 2020.

Table 3. Total imports of goods by S.I.T.C sections in May 2021

SITC sections/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		May2021/ April2021	May2021/ May2020
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	23.96	37.09	42.62	11.69	13.68	12.72	14.92%	77.89%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.54	2.25	2.07	0.75	0.83	0.62	-7.89%	34.60%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.23	6.47	6.35	2.55	2.39	1.90	-1.85%	21.44%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	12.86	29.00	30.14	6.27	10.70	9.00	3.94%	134.43%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5.30	15.87	14.49	2.59	5.85	4.33	-8.69%	173.40%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	22.64	36.13	37.25	11.05	13.33	11.12	3.10%	64.53%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	31.40	44.08	48.51	15.32	16.26	14.48	10.07%	54.48%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	47.20	59.21	78.63	23.03	21.84	23.47	32.79%	66.59%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	10.26	18.34	37.68	5.01	6.77	11.25	105.43%	267.20%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	44.56	22.69	37.28	21.74	8.37	11.13	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	204.95	271.12	335.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.57%	63.47%

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Re-exports

In May 2021, re-exports total value has decreased by 8.17 per cent compared to April 2021 but increased by 71.41 per cent compared to May 2020.

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

SITC sections/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		May2021/ April2021	May2021/ May2020
	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	6.88	13.25	11.94	33.69	34.74	34.09	-9.89%	73.44%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.26	0.50	1.12	1.29	1.31	3.21	124.63%	324.61%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.04	2.01	1.82	5.10	5.28	5.19	-9.80%	74.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4.55	7.71	7.77	22.27	20.22	22.18	0.73%	70.68%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.81	4.99	4.87	13.73	13.08	13.91	-2.28%	73.69%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.09	1.65	0.95	5.35	4.32	2.72	-42.20%	-12.96%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.04	3.10	3.05	5.09	8.13	8.72	-1.52%	193.30%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.00	3.36	1.96	9.80	8.80	5.60	-41.61%	-2.09%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.75	1.58	1.54	3.67	4.13	4.40	-2.16%	105.36%
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	20.43	38.14	35.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.17%	71.41%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main trading partner countries in May 2021 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		May2021/ April2021	May2021/ May2020
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	22.16	28.21	39.20	31.98	39.94	47.96	38.98%	76.92%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.27	8.39	13.47	9.05	11.87	16.48	60.66%	114.89%
3	Ethiopia	0.14	6.25	3.92	0.20	8.85	4.80	-37.27%	2754.44%
4	Pakistan	3.43	3.25	3.13	4.94	4.60	3.83	-3.70%	-8.63%
5	Hong Kong	0.43	2.52	2.46	0.62	3.57	3.02	-2.15%	471.74%
6	Singapore	0.43	1.54	2.27	0.62	2.17	2.78	48.00%	428.80%
7	Ghana	0.01	0.00	2.14	0.01	0.01	2.62	53755.60%	38491.99%
8	United Kingdom	1.72	3.08	1.62	2.49	4.37	1.98	-47.43%	-5.96%
9	China	0.07	2.09	1.57	0.10	2.96	1.92	-25.21%	2136.99%
10	India	0.00	0.39	1.35	0.00	0.55	1.66	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		34.64	14.91	10.59	49.99	21.11	12.95	-28.97%	-69.43%
Total		69.30	70.63	81.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.74%	17.96%

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Table 6. Main trading partner countries in May 2021–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		May 2021/ April 2021	May2 021/ May2020
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	18.46	37.21	34.14	90.34	97.58	97.50	-8.25%	84.99%
2	Ethiopia	0.24	0.06	0.27	1.15	0.15	0.78	374.56%	15.93%
3	United Kingdom	0.07	0.00	0.21	0.34	0.00	0.60	0.00%	206.06%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.39	0.20	0.34	55.64%	49.50%
5	South Sudan	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.00	0.07	0.26	266.78%	0.00%
6	Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00%	0.00%
7	Germany	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.10	82.85%	0.00%
8	Spain	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
9	Kenya	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.00%	1760.94%
10	Belgium	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.18	0.02	0.03	27.69%	-67.91%
Rest of the World		1.55	0.74	0.03	7.59	1.93	0.09	-95.55%	-97.89%
Total		20.43	38.14	35.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.17%	71.41%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in May 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		May 2021/ April 2021	May 2021/ May2 020
		May(R)	April ¹	May ¹	May(R)	April ¹	May ¹		
1	China	40.48	51.99	74.43	19.75	19.17	22.22	43.18%	83.87%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.77	27.28	28.33	5.26	10.06	8.46	3.85%	163.00%
3	United Arab Emirates	9.61	19.87	27.17	4.69	7.33	8.11	36.73%	182.64%
4	India	14.68	32.44	21.23	7.16	11.97	6.34	-34.57%	44.60%
5	Kenya	32.27	24.34	20.26	15.74	8.98	6.05	-16.75%	-37.22%
6	Cameroon	25.79	0.01	17.89	12.58	0.00	5.34	176488.81%	-30.61%
7	South Africa	2.88	16.35	17.85	1.41	6.03	5.33	9.15%	518.71%
9	Germany	4.00	5.22	16.97	1.95	1.93	5.07	224.96%	323.89%
10	Switzerland	5.04	6.94	9.06	2.46	2.56	2.70	30.48%	79.77%
11	Australia	0.08	3.34	8.83	0.04	1.23	2.64	164.28%	10403.83%
Rest of the World		59.33	83.33	93.00	28.95	30.74	27.76	11.61%	56.75%
Total		204.95	271.12	335.03	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.57%	63.47%

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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	
	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹	May (R)	April ¹	April ¹	May (R)	April ¹	May ¹
Air	48.04	52.79	38.67	64.03	26.05	64.68	0.85	0.08	0.70
Land	21.26	218.33	43.07	140.92	44.58	270.35	19.58	38.06	34.32
Total	69.30	271.12	81.74	204.95	70.63	335.03	20.43	38.14	35.02

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