The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US$ 325.23 million in January 2026, a decrease of 10.35 percent compared to the previous month of December 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 21.75 percent on the deficit of January 2025.

Exports

In January 2026 domestic exports value decreased by 13.27 per cent compared to December 2025 and decreased by 55.29 per cent compared to January 2025.

Imports

In January 2026 imports value decreased by11.98 per cent compared to December 2025 and decreased by 9.68 per cent compared to January 2025.

Re-exports

In January 2026, re-export values have decreased by 17.95 per cent compared to December 2025 and increased by 28.05 per cent compared to January 2025.

TABLE: Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2026 – Exports

		Value: US $ Million		
		2025		**2026**
		Jan(R)	**Dec[1]**	**Jan[1]**
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	17.69	26.81	26.70
2	China	6.15	19.63	22.36
3	United Arab Emirates	162.68	9.05	17.46
4	Japan	0.39	1.08	4.10
5	Netherlands	1.93	1.43	3.84
6	India	1.34	1.67	3.38
7	United States	3.11	4.88	3.24
8	Uganda	1.94	6.18	3.05
9	Singapore	1.33	2.63	3.02
10	Thailand	1.22	0.59	2.99

Rest of the World	25.63	41.21	9.75

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