



Formal External Trade in Goods

August, 2025



Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of August 2025

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 247.70 million in August 2025, a decrease of 1.72 percent compared to the previous month of July 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 22.82 percent on the deficit of August 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/Aug2024
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	243.08	160.94	216.86	30.12	28.04	31.82	34.74%	-10.79%
Domestic exports	180.09	109.50	158.56	22.31	19.08	23.27	44.81%	-11.95%
Re-exports	62.99	51.45	58.30	7.80	8.96	8.56	13.31%	-7.45%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	564.00	412.96	464.55	69.88	71.96	68.18	12.49%	-17.63%
Total External Trade (A+B)	807.08	573.91	681.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.73%	-15.57%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-320.93	-252.02	-247.70				-1.72%	-22.82%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2025 domestic exports value increased by 44.81 per cent compared to July 2025 and decreased by 11.95 per cent compared to August 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in August 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in August 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/Aug2024
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	25.71	20.70	34.14	14.27	18.91	21.53	64.88%	32.79%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.05	1.20	1.56	0.03	1.10	0.98	29.75%	2881.20%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17.75	25.65	25.83	9.86	23.43	16.29	0.70%	45.49%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.35	0.12	0.21	0.20	0.11	0.13	68.50%	-41.21%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.39	8.80	7.37	1.88	8.04	4.65	-16.21%	117.77%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.76	1.94	1.17	0.98	1.77	0.74	-39.56%	-33.35%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9.76	13.47	14.25	5.42	12.30	8.99	5.82%	46.01%

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	2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/Aug2024
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4.73	0.59	1.15	2.63	0.54	0.72	92.99%	-75.76%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.92	3.96	4.06	1.62	3.62	2.56	2.59%	39.07%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	113.66	33.06	68.82	63.12	30.19	43.40	108.18%	-39.46%
Total Domestic Exports	180.09	109.50	158.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.81%	-11.95%

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Imports

In August 2025 imports value increased by 12.49 per cent compared to July 2025 and decreased by 17.63 per cent compared to August 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in August 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in August 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/ Aug2024
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	66.32	86.44	65.96	11.76	20.93	14.20	-23.70%	-0.55%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	8.58	11.23	13.92	1.52	2.72	3.00	24.04%	62.25%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.56	10.50	14.88	2.76	2.54	3.20	41.72%	-4.43%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	78.46	57.40	57.63	13.91	13.90	12.41	0.40%	-26.55%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	22.20	14.37	24.18	3.94	3.48	5.21	68.32%	8.93%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	52.12	45.30	73.35	9.24	10.97	15.79	61.91%	40.73%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	81.39	70.49	77.63	14.43	17.07	16.71	10.13%	-4.61%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	85.39	78.87	81.42	15.14	19.10	17.53	3.23%	-4.66%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	33.66	29.78	23.48	5.97	7.21	5.05	-21.15%	-30.24%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	120.31	8.58	32.10	21.33	2.08	6.91	274.05%	-73.32%
Total Imports	564.00	412.96	464.55	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.49%	-17.63%

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Re-exports

In August 2025, re-export values have increased by 13.31 per cent compared to July 2025 and decreased by 7.45 per cent compared to August 2024.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in August 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/ Aug2024
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	16.49	18.80	16.21	26.18	36.55	27.80	-13.81%	-1.70%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.63	5.91	13.39	5.76	11.49	22.97	126.52%	269.18%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.73	1.66	1.40	2.75	3.23	2.40	-15.78%	-19.13%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	19.08	9.83	9.91	30.30	19.11	17.00	0.79%	-48.07%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.18	3.17	2.87	5.05	6.17	4.92	-9.59%	-9.85%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	3.54	3.20	2.46	5.62	6.22	4.23	-23.02%	-30.44%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7.91	3.44	5.28	12.56	6.68	9.05	53.46%	-33.30%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4.22	3.55	2.79	6.70	6.90	4.79	-21.25%	-33.81%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.20	1.88	3.99	5.08	3.65	6.84	112.40%	24.54%
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	62.99	51.45	58.30	100.00	100.00	100.00	13.31%	-7.45%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 2025 – Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/ Jul2025	Aug2025/ Aug2024
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	116.32	38.65	72.63	64.59	35.30	45.81	0.88	-0.38
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	23.23	34.68	27.71	12.90	31.67	17.48	-0.20	0.19
3	China	6.16	12.36	14.88	3.42	11.29	9.39	0.20	1.42
4	India	1.07	1.41	3.85	0.59	1.29	2.43	1.73	2.60
5	Luxembourg	5.00	4.33	3.58	2.78	3.95	2.26	-0.17	-0.28
6	United Kingdom	3.41	2.11	3.03	1.90	1.93	1.91	0.44	-0.11
7	Hong Kong	2.25	1.70	2.69	1.25	1.55	1.69	0.58	0.19
8	Netherlands	0.94	0.74	2.32	0.52	0.68	1.47	2.13	1.47
9	Belgium	0.97	0.55	2.24	0.54	0.50	1.41	3.10	1.30
10	United States	1.93	3.30	2.08	1.07	3.02	1.31	-0.37	0.08
	Rest of the World	18.81	9.66	23.54	10.44	8.83	14.85	1.44	0.25
	Total	180.09	109.50	158.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.81%	-11.95%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 2025–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/Jul2025	Aug2025/Aug2024
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	60.69	49.79	55.04	96.35	96.78	94.41	10.54%	-9.31%
2	Ethiopia	0.55	0.00	0.51	0.87	0.00	0.32	0.00%	-7.27%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.64	0.08	0.50	1.01	0.16	0.32	526.05%	-21.51%
4	United Kingdom	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00%	0.00%
5	France	0.00	0.07	0.38	0.00	0.14	0.24	431.00%	0.00%
6	South Sudan	0.30	0.12	0.29	0.48	0.22	0.18	149.08%	-4.23%
7	Burundi	0.34	0.54	0.28	0.54	1.05	0.17	-48.69%	-18.79%
8	Uganda	0.12	0.23	0.18	0.18	0.44	0.11	-22.41%	52.21%
9	Central African Republic	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00%	0.00%
10	Belgium	0.00	0.06	0.13	0.00	0.12	0.08	106.50%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	0.36	0.56	0.46	0.57	1.10	0.29	-17.73%	30.09%
	Total	62.99	51.45	58.30	100.00	100.00	100.00	13.31%	-7.45%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Aug2025/Jul2025	Aug2025/Aug2024
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	China	99.11	95.94	101.82	17.57	23.23	21.92	6.13%	2.74%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	41.14	46.90	57.04	7.29	11.36	12.28	21.62%	38.64%
3	India	39.67	25.29	36.68	7.03	6.12	7.90	45.06%	-7.53%
4	United Arab Emirates	34.03	35.73	33.68	6.03	8.65	7.25	-5.74%	-1.01%
5	Kenya	115.89	35.94	32.28	20.55	8.70	6.95	-10.19%	4.41%
6	Uganda	24.83	23.41	22.74	4.40	5.67	4.89	-2.86%	-8.41%
7	Indonesia	5.43	1.68	18.48	0.96	0.41	3.98	1001.46%	240.64%
8	Cameroon	39.67	6.42	16.03	7.03	1.56	3.45	149.61%	-59.58%
9	Belgium	5.79	5.76	12.44	1.03	1.39	2.68	116.14%	114.95%
10	Argentina	0.27	0.01	10.97	0.05	0.00	2.36	212868.09%	3950.95%
	Rest of the World	158.18	135.89	122.38	28.05	32.91	26.34	-9.95%	-22.64%
	Total	564.00	412.96	464.55	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.49%	-17.63%

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025	
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹
Air	167.26	37.33	89.48	116.80	38.61	76.30	1.09	0.16	1.13
Land	396.74	375.63	375.07	63.29	70.89	82.26	61.90	51.29	57.17
Total	564.00	412.96	464.55	180.09	109.50	158.56	62.99	51.45	58.30

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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

Jul: July

Aug: August

