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Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 295 million in November 2025, an increase of 3.05 percent compared to the previous month of October 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 13.43 percent on the deficit of November 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/Nov2024
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	307.50	194.91	214.84	35.14	28.83	29.65	10.22%	-30.13%
Domestic exports	248.29	136.57	123.69	28.37	20.20	17.07	-9.43%	-50.18%
Re-exports	59.21	58.34	91.14	6.77	8.63	12.58	56.23%	53.94%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	567.57	481.18	509.83	64.86	71.17	70.35	5.95%	-10.17%
Total External Trade (A+B)	875.07	676.09	724.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.18%	-17.19%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-260.08	-286.27	-295.00				3.05%	13.43%

Note: 1- Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In November 2025 domestic exports value decreased by 9.43 per cent compared to October 2025 and decreased by 50.18 per cent compared to November 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in November 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	37.73	37.08	37.49	15.20	27.15	30.31	1.11%	-0.62%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	1.68	1.64	0.01	1.23	1.33	-2.30%	7082.83%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19.62	37.48	27.28	7.90	27.44	22.05	-27.21%	39.02%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.55	0.21	0.27	0.22	0.15	0.22	32.90%	-50.84%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.93	9.87	9.62	3.19	7.23	7.78	-2.58%	21.32%

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	2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.61	2.34	2.19	0.65	1.71	1.77	-6.58%	35.61%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12.48	15.18	14.91	5.03	11.11	12.06	-1.73%	19.48%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.24	2.76	0.99	0.50	2.02	0.80	-64.00%	-19.75%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.02	2.77	3.77	1.22	2.03	3.05	36.36%	24.87%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	164.08	27.21	25.52	66.08	19.92	20.63	-6.20%	-84.45%
Total Domestic Exports	248.29	136.57	123.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.43%	-50.18%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In November 2025 imports value increased by 5.95 per cent compared to October 2025 and decreased by 10.17 per cent compared to November 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in November 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	70.79	87.78	80.96	12.47	18.24	15.88	-7.77%	14.36%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	9.09	15.36	34.41	1.60	3.19	6.75	124.05%	278.66%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.11	14.35	14.71	2.13	2.98	2.89	2.51%	21.52%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	60.44	60.15	105.16	10.65	12.50	20.63	74.84%	74.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	14.07	27.16	23.36	2.48	5.64	4.58	-13.99%	66.02%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	37.23	58.85	33.59	6.56	12.23	6.59	-42.92%	-9.77%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	80.89	65.16	107.95	14.25	13.54	21.17	65.66%	33.46%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	84.03	98.14	76.70	14.81	20.40	15.04	-21.84%	-8.72%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.55	24.11	20.37	4.33	5.01	4.00	-15.49%	-17.02%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	174.38	30.13	12.62	30.72	6.26	2.47	-58.13%	-92.77%
Total Imports	567.57	481.18	509.83	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.95%	-10.17%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Re-exports

In November 2025, re-export values have increased by 56.23 per cent compared to October 2025 and increased by 53.94 per cent compared to November 2024.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024		2025	2024		2025	Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.74	20.53	19.10	26.58	35.18	20.96	-6.93%	21.38%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	4.71	6.90	5.99	7.96	11.83	6.57	-13.30%	26.96%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.42	1.49	1.31	2.41	2.56	1.44	-11.88%	-7.70%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	16.24	11.97	30.86	27.44	20.51	33.86	157.91%	89.97%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.68	3.78	2.57	6.22	6.49	2.82	-32.18%	-30.30%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	3.74	3.68	2.72	6.32	6.30	2.98	-26.15%	-27.39%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.79	4.12	3.89	11.47	7.05	4.27	-5.42%	-42.69%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.17	4.16	23.25	5.36	7.14	25.51	458.32%	632.42%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.58	1.69	1.41	6.05	2.90	1.55	-16.63%	-60.68%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.12	0.02	0.04	0.20	0.03	0.04	100.00%	-66.67%
Total Re-exports	59.21	58.34	91.14	100.00	100.00	100.00	56.23%	53.94%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024		2025	2024		2025	Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹				
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.93	24.40	23.89	10.44	17.87	19.32	-0.02	-0.08
2	Egypt	0.83	1.25	19.45	0.33	0.91	15.73	14.61	22.39
3	China	7.97	18.94	16.50	3.21	13.87	13.34	-0.13	1.07
4	United Arab Emirates	169.62	33.43	12.00	68.32	24.48	9.70	-0.64	-0.93
5	Luxembourg	4.23	4.60	3.66	1.70	3.37	2.96	-0.21	-0.13
6	Singapore	1.57	2.13	3.65	0.63	1.56	2.95	0.71	1.33

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
7	Uganda	1.03	6.11	3.51	0.41	4.48	2.84	-0.43	2.42
8	United Kingdom	4.18	3.50	3.49	1.68	2.56	2.83	0.00	-0.16
9	United States	3.85	5.90	3.09	1.55	4.32	2.50	-0.48	-0.20
10	Switzerland	0.54	2.24	2.92	0.22	1.64	2.36	0.30	4.42
	Rest of the World	28.56	34.05	31.52	11.50	24.94	25.48	-0.07	0.10
	Total	248.29	136.57	123.69	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.43%	-50.18%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/Nov2024
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	54.56	52.82	69.41	92.15	90.55	76.16	31.40%	27.22%
2	Japan	0.00	0.00	20.10	0.00	0.00	16.25	0.00%	0.00%
3	Burundi	0.61	0.53	0.77	1.04	0.91	0.63	45.88%	26.25%
4	Uganda	0.39	1.05	0.26	0.65	1.80	0.21	-74.87%	-31.99%
5	South Sudan	0.07	0.06	0.23	0.11	0.11	0.19	257.81%	254.06%
6	Zambia	0.20	0.04	0.17	0.34	0.07	0.14	311.35%	-16.67%
7	Congo	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.02	0.08	0.06	55.58%	625.92%
8	France	0.00	0.25	0.05	0.01	0.43	0.04	-80.50%	1477.46%
9	China	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.00%	-43.74%
10	United Kingdom	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02	7.57%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	3.31	3.51	0.02	5.60	6.02	0.02	-99.34%	-99.30%
	Total	59.21	58.34	91.14	100.00	100.00	100.00	56.23%	53.94%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in November 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024		2025	2024		2025	Nov2025/ Oct2025	Nov2025/ Nov2024
		Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	133.22	44.38	115.16	23.47	9.22	22.59	159.49%	-13.55%
2	China	96.58	109.03	91.03	17.02	22.66	17.86	-16.50%	-5.75%
3	Kenya	114.01	23.33	76.83	20.09	4.85	15.07	229.36%	-32.61%
4	India	33.10	45.87	43.01	5.83	9.53	8.44	-6.24%	29.94%
5	United Arab Emirates	31.69	33.79	28.97	5.58	7.02	5.68	-14.26%	281.83%
6	Uganda	22.71	24.25	28.59	4.00	5.04	5.61	17.89%	25.90%
7	Malaysia	9.78	11.22	12.99	1.72	2.33	2.55	0.00%	32.79%
8	Oman	0.31	2.43	9.83	0.05	0.51	1.93	303.94%	3060.74%
9	United States	4.83	6.67	7.99	0.85	1.39	1.57	19.91%	65.52%
10	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	15.37	6.52	6.73	2.71	1.36	1.32	3.12%	-56.24%
	Rest of the World	105.98	173.69	88.71	18.67	36.10	17.40	-48.93%	-16.30%
	Total	567.57	481.18	509.83	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.95%	-10.17%

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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
	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹	Nov(R)	Oct ¹	Nov ¹
Air	207.63	60.27	33.95	168.22	37.98	33.46	2.89	3.17	0.03
Land	359.94	420.91	475.87	80.07	98.59	90.23	56.32	55.17	91.11
Total	567.57	481.18	509.83	248.29	136.57	123.69	59.21	58.34	91.14

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

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

Oct: October

Nov: November