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# Formal External Trade in Goods



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## Balance of Trade

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.

**Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods**

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/Dec 2025	Jan 2026/Jan 2025
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	270.98	189.40	160.80	33.49	25.54	24.86	-15.10%	-40.66%
Domestic exports	223.41	115.17	99.89	27.61	15.53	15.44	-13.27%	-55.29%
Re-exports	47.57	74.24	60.91	5.88	10.01	9.42	-17.95%	28.05%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	538.11	552.20	486.03	66.51	74.46	75.14	-11.98%	-9.68%
Total External Trade (A+B)	809.08	741.60	646.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	-12.78%	-20.06%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-267.13	-362.79	-325.23				-10.35%	21.75%

Note: I– Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## 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. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in January 2026 by SITC sections.

**Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2026**

RANK	SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/Dec 2025	Jan 2026/Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Food and live animals	26.64	40.54	15.22	11.92	35.20	15.24	-62.46%	-42.87%
2	Beverages and tobacco	0.01	2.07	2.06	0.01	1.80	2.07	-0.14%	14106.81%
3	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.71	42.98	42.17	8.38	37.32	42.22	-1.88%	125.34%
4	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.40	0.30	0.16	0.18	0.26	0.16	-47.53%	-60.08%
5	Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.16	11.07	10.73	1.86	9.61	10.74	-3.06%	157.70%
6	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.85	2.94	1.58	0.83	2.55	1.58	-46.33%	-14.61%
7	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10.89	9.94	13.68	4.87	8.63	13.70	37.63%	25.64%
8	Machinery and transport equipment	0.79	2.31	0.74	0.35	2.00	0.74	-68.04%	-6.58%
9	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.39	3.00	1.80	0.62	2.61	1.80	-40.10%	29.12%
10	Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	158.56	0.02	11.75	70.97	0.02	11.76	58626.14%	-92.59%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>		<b>223.41</b>	<b>115.17</b>	<b>99.89</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-13.27%</b>	<b>-55.29%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In January 2026 imports value decreased by 11.98 per cent compared to December 2025 and decreased by 9.68 per cent compared to January 2025. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in January 2026 by SITC sections.

**Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2026**

RANK	SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/ Dec 2025	Jan 2026/ Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Food and live animals	73.01	117.30	92.62	13.57	21.24	19.06	-21.04%	26.85%
2	Beverages and tobacco	8.39	16.82	14.77	1.56	3.05	3.04	-12.24%	75.98%
3	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.12	16.33	17.64	1.51	2.96	3.63	8.00%	117.17%
4	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	55.07	70.89	63.65	10.23	12.84	13.10	-10.21%	15.57%
5	Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	32.12	38.29	22.67	5.97	6.93	4.66	-40.81%	-29.43%
6	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	34.84	50.23	54.13	6.48	9.10	11.14	7.76%	55.36%
7	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	75.73	83.73	89.28	14.07	15.16	18.37	6.63%	17.89%
8	Machinery and transport equipment	123.53	104.92	86.02	22.96	19.00	17.70	-18.02%	-30.37%
9	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.02	53.68	33.67	4.46	9.72	6.93	-37.27%	40.17%
10	Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	103.27	0.00	11.59	19.19	0.00	2.38	4375769.75%	-88.78%
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>538.11</b>	<b>552.20</b>	<b>486.03</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.98%</b>	<b>-9.68%</b>

Note: (R)– Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## 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 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2026**

RANK	SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/ Dec 2025	Jan 2026/ Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Food and live animals	12.68	29.81	22.79	26.66	40.15	37.41	-23.56%	79.64%
2	Beverages and tobacco	3.33	8.54	6.56	7.01	11.51	10.77	-23.23%	96.66%
3	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0.94	1.09	0.95	1.98	1.46	1.56	-12.54%	0.97%
4	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14.52	14.03	15.48	30.52	18.90	25.42	10.34%	6.61%
5	Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.73	3.41	2.02	3.63	4.60	3.31	-40.86%	17.02%
6	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.84	3.35	3.63	5.97	4.51	5.95	8.30%	27.69%
7	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.47	5.61	3.56	11.51	7.56	5.85	-36.50%	-34.93%
8	Machinery and transport equipment	3.43	6.33	4.37	7.22	8.52	7.17	-30.97%	27.16%
9	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.60	2.01	1.54	5.47	2.71	2.53	-23.35%	-40.71%
10	Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.03	-66.67%	100.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>		<b>47.57</b>	<b>74.24</b>	<b>60.91</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-17.95%</b>	<b>28.05%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

**Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2026 – Exports**

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/Dec 2025	Jan 2026/Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	17.69	26.81	26.70	7.92	23.28	26.73	0.00	0.51
2	China	6.15	19.63	22.36	2.75	17.05	22.39	0.14	2.64
3	United Arab Emirates	162.68	9.05	17.46	72.82	7.86	17.48	0.93	-0.89
4	Japan	0.39	1.08	4.10	0.18	0.93	4.10	2.81	9.43
5	Netherlands	1.93	1.43	3.84	0.86	1.24	3.85	1.68	0.99
6	India	1.34	1.67	3.38	0.60	1.45	3.39	1.02	1.51
7	United States	3.11	4.88	3.24	1.39	4.24	3.24	-0.34	0.04
8	Uganda	1.94	6.18	3.05	0.87	5.37	3.05	-0.51	0.57
9	Singapore	1.33	2.63	3.02	0.59	2.28	3.02	0.15	1.28
10	Thailand	1.22	0.59	2.99	0.55	0.52	3.00	4.03	1.45
	Rest of the World	25.63	41.21	9.75	11.47	35.78	9.76	-0.76	-0.62
<b>Total</b>		<b>223.41</b>	<b>115.17</b>	<b>99.89</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-13.27%</b>	<b>-55.29%</b>

Note: (R)– Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2026–Re-exports**

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/Dec 2025	Jan 2026/Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	44.48	65.65	52.38	93.51	88.43	86.00	-20.20%	17.77%
2	Kenya	0.05	4.23	5.38	0.10	5.70	5.38	27.13%	11060.77%
3	Ethiopia	0.97	0.75	0.67	2.05	1.01	0.67	-11.59%	-31.63%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.89	0.42	0.63	1.87	0.56	0.63	50.25%	-29.41%
5	Qatar	0.01	0.24	0.38	0.02	0.32	0.38	59.05%	4483.74%
6	Uganda	0.47	0.91	0.35	0.98	1.23	0.35	-61.77%	-25.29%
7	Burundi	0.27	1.28	0.34	0.56	1.73	0.35	-73.17%	29.93%
8	Greece	0.05	0.03	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.14	334.90%	177.24%
9	Central African Republic	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00%	0.00%
10	France	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.13	0.05	0.11	188.38%	75.18%
	Rest of the World	0.32	0.68	0.41	0.67	0.92	0.41	-40.09%	27.16%
<b>Total</b>		<b>47.57</b>	<b>74.24</b>	<b>60.91</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-17.95%</b>	<b>28.05%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2026**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025		2026	2025		2026	Jan 2026/Dec 2025	Jan 2026/Jan 2025
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	140.95	124.91	116.32	26.19	22.62	23.93	-6.88%	-17.48%
2	India	34.40	45.71	55.63	6.39	8.28	11.45	21.69%	61.70%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	90.65	58.76	47.86	16.85	10.64	9.85	-18.55%	-47.20%
4	Kenya	75.42	33.15	35.98	14.02	6.00	7.40	8.55%	-52.29%
5	United Arab Emirates	27.48	33.67	24.92	5.11	6.10	5.13	-25.99%	340.34%
6	Uganda	23.58	35.29	24.62	4.38	6.39	5.07	-30.24%	4.43%
7	Pakistan	1.79	13.62	13.33	0.33	2.47	2.74	0.00%	642.83%
8	Malaysia	30.78	24.71	12.80	5.72	4.48	2.63	-48.20%	-58.40%
9	Belgium	5.18	6.48	10.31	0.96	1.17	2.12	59.17%	99.08%
10	United States	6.05	6.49	9.50	1.12	1.18	1.96	46.41%	57.18%
	Rest of the World	101.83	169.40	134.75	18.92	30.68	27.73	-20.45%	32.33%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>538.11</b>	<b>552.20</b>	<b>486.03</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.98%</b>	<b>-9.68%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2025		2026	2025		2026	2025		2026
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>
Air	131.10	37.69	47.60	162.53	6.89	26.01	1.49	5.75	7.28
Land	407.01	514.51	438.43	60.88	108.28	73.87	46.08	68.49	53.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>538.11</b>	<b>552.20</b>	<b>486.03</b>	<b>223.41</b>	<b>115.17</b>	<b>99.89</b>	<b>47.57</b>	<b>74.24</b>	<b>60.91</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

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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

Dec: December

Jan: January