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Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of May 2026

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 211.83 million in May 2026, representing a decrease of 27.43 % compared with the previous month of April 2026. On a year-to-year basis, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 6.58 % compared to the deficit recorded in May 2025.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	177.31	224.70	205.38	30.50	30.31	32.99	-8.60%	15.83%
Domestic exports	127.81	165.86	157.46	21.98	22.37	25.29	-5.06%	23.20%
Re-exports	49.51	58.84	47.92	8.52	7.94	7.70	-18.56%	-3.20%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	404.06	516.57	417.21	69.50	69.69	67.01	-19.24%	3.25%
Total External Trade (A+B)	581.37	741.27	622.59	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.01%	7.09%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-226.75	-291.88	-211.83				-27.43%	-6.58%

Note: I— Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2026, domestic exports value decreased by 5.06 % compared with April 2026, and increased by 23.20 % compared with May 2025. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in May 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, May 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	31.98	33.31	31.42	25.02	20.09	19.96	-5.68%	-1.74%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.93	1.08	2.84	0.73	0.65	1.80	162.61%	204.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	28.97	85.40	76.03	22.67	51.49	48.29	-10.97%	162.41%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.24	0.30	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.07	-62.35%	-53.04%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.79	10.90	8.19	6.88	6.57	5.20	-24.91%	-6.88%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.53	3.15	1.82	1.20	1.90	1.16	-42.13%	19.28%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13.53	15.17	18.33	10.59	9.15	11.64	20.82%	35.43%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.30	0.82	2.05	1.02	0.50	1.30	148.69%	56.89%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.30	3.63	4.30	1.80	2.19	2.73	18.49%	86.97%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	38.23	12.08	12.37	29.91	7.29	7.85	2.35%	-67.65%
Total Domestic Exports	127.81	165.86	157.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.06%	23.20%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In May 2026, imports value decreased by 19.24 % compared with April 2026, and increased by 3.25 % compared with May 2025. Table 3 presents the value of imported goods in May 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, May 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	75.76	98.30	64.33	18.75	19.03	15.42	-34.56%	-15.08%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	10.10	12.36	12.42	2.50	2.39	2.98	0.44%	22.94%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.50	19.78	7.70	3.09	3.83	1.84	-61.10%	-38.45%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	60.36	57.00	70.70	14.94	11.03	16.95	24.03%	17.13%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	17.08	29.45	10.76	4.23	5.70	2.58	-63.45%	-36.96%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	46.32	62.74	46.44	11.46	12.15	11.13	-25.99%	0.25%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	57.07	90.22	75.98	14.12	17.46	18.21	-15.78%	33.14%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	83.22	94.16	89.35	20.60	18.23	21.42	-5.11%	7.37%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	28.47	32.78	20.19	7.05	6.35	4.84	-38.40%	-29.08%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	13.19	19.77	19.35	3.26	3.83	4.64	-2.15%	46.69%
Total Imports	404.06	516.57	417.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	-19.24%	3.25%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Re-exports

In May 2026, re-exports value decreased by 18.56 % compared with April 2026, and by 3.20 % compared with May 2025. Table 4 presents the value of re-exported goods in May 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, May 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/	May2026/
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	Apr2026	May2025
0 - Food and live animals	17.17	23.19	18.71	34.68	39.41	39.04	-19.33%	8.95%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5.16	5.34	5.50	10.42	9.08	11.47	2.85%	6.61%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.51	0.93	0.49	3.05	1.58	1.03	-47.05%	-67.41%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.45	13.58	10.82	23.14	23.07	22.57	-20.32%	-5.55%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.37	1.41	1.49	2.77	2.40	3.11	5.69%	8.74%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	3.65	4.40	3.73	7.36	7.48	7.78	-15.24%	2.31%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.48	4.73	3.34	7.02	8.04	6.96	-29.53%	-4.06%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4.15	3.45	2.54	8.38	5.87	5.30	-26.49%	-38.81%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.57	1.80	1.31	3.17	3.06	2.74	-27.23%	-16.50%
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	49.51	58.84	47.92	100.00	100.00	100.00	-18.56%	-3.20%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries for Exports, May 2026

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
1	China	14.07	47.74	53.02	11.01	28.79	33.67	11.06%	276.97%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	22.31	28.28	30.78	17.46	17.05	19.55	8.85%	37.93%
3	United Arab Emirates	44.68	18.21	17.53	34.96	10.98	11.13	-3.73%	-60.76%
4	Netherlands	1.25	10.20	8.26	0.98	6.15	5.24	-19.07%	561.34%
5	United States	4.38	8.60	5.51	3.42	5.18	3.50	-35.88%	25.98%
6	Belgium	7.05	1.28	5.43	5.52	0.77	3.45	324.44%	-22.99%
7	Burundi	2.68	4.11	4.44	2.10	2.48	2.82	8.10%	65.53%
8	Thailand	1.48	2.16	3.96	1.16	1.30	2.52	83.60%	168.59%
9	India	1.41	5.32	3.76	1.10	3.21	2.39	-29.30%	167.18%
10	Germany	0.59	1.63	3.26	0.46	0.98	2.07	99.56%	455.34%
	Rest of the World	27.91	38.32	21.49	21.84	23.10	13.65	-43.91%	-22.99%
	Total	127.81	165.86	157.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.06%	23.20%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries for Re-exports, May 2026

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	46.59	55.04	42.64	94.10	93.53	88.97	-22.52%	-8.47%
2	Kenya	0.00	0.05	3.59	0.01	0.09	2.28	6749.69%	99927.71%
3	United Arab Emirates	1.02	0.68	0.53	2.06	1.16	0.34	-22.42%	-48.14%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.05	0.10	0.28	0.09	0.16	0.18	195.81%	502.41%
5	South Sudan	0.21	0.13	0.27	0.43	0.22	0.17	105.48%	27.52%
6	Burundi	0.31	0.64	0.24	0.62	1.08	0.15	-61.72%	-20.43%
7	Greece	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.21	0.22	0.07	-21.71%	-2.46%
8	Uganda	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.13	0.02	0.04	506.35%	8.69%
9	Sudan	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	164.58%	166.04%
10	France	0.00	0.23	0.04	0.00	0.40	0.02	-83.93%	0.00%
	Rest of the World	1.14	1.81	0.10	2.31	3.08	0.07	-94.32%	-90.99%
	Total	49.51	58.84	47.92	100.00	100.00	100.00	-18.56%	-3.20%

Note: (R) – Revised, ¹Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main Trading Partner Countries for Imports, May 2026

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		May2026/ Apr2026	May2026/ May2025
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
1	China	96.88	140.86	127.66	23.98	27.27	30.60	-9.37%	31.77%
2	India	35.97	75.14	49.59	8.90	14.55	11.89	-34.00%	37.89%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	47.09	58.55	33.08	11.66	11.33	7.93	-43.50%	-29.76%
4	Kenya	32.87	34.56	27.92	8.13	6.69	6.69	-19.23%	-15.07%
5	United Arab Emirates	20.99	19.21	22.46	5.20	3.72	5.38	16.89%	476.35%
6	Uganda	19.70	35.43	20.95	4.88	6.86	5.02	-40.88%	6.32%
7	United States	9.17	11.39	13.02	2.27	2.21	3.12	0.00%	41.97%
8	Cameroon	2.42	0.00	12.86	0.60	0.00	3.08	959575.18%	431.78%
9	Pakistan	4.18	10.17	7.51	1.03	1.97	1.80	-26.23%	79.66%
10	Saudi Arabia	17.86	2.99	7.32	4.42	0.58	1.75	145.14%	-59.01%
Rest of the World		116.93	128.26	94.85	28.94	24.83	22.73	-26.05%	-18.88%
Total		404.06	516.57	417.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	-19.24%	3.25%

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹
Air	46.81	50.06	41.69	43.21	43.20	28.14	1.34	2.61	4.38
Land	357.25	466.52	375.52	84.60	122.66	129.32	48.17	56.23	43.54
Total	404.06	516.57	417.21	127.81	165.86	157.46	49.51	58.84	47.92

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