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Formal External Trade in Goods

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Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of August 2026

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 255.32 million in August 2026; a decrease of 11.03 percent compared to the previous month of July 2026. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 3.06 percent on the deficit of August 2025.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/Jul2026	Aug2026/Aug2025
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	216.89	339.43	386.09	31.82	35.14	37.58	13.75%	78.01%
Domestic exports	158.58	264.03	293.16	23.27	27.34	28.53	11.03%	84.86%
Re-exports	58.31	75.39	92.93	8.56	7.81	9.04	23.25%	59.37%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	464.62	626.41	641.40	68.18	64.86	62.42	2.39%	38.05%
Total External Trade (A+B)	681.51	965.83	1027.49	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.38%	50.77%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-247.73	-286.98	-255.32				-11.03%	3.06%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2026 domestic exports value increased by 11.03 per cent compared to July 2026 and increased by 84.86 per cent compared to August 2025. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in August 2026 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/Jul2026	Aug2026/Aug2025
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	34.14	41.04	57.01	21.53	15.54	19.45	38.91%	66.97%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.56	2.28	1.79	0.98	0.86	0.61	-21.46%	15.17%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	25.83	100.59	91.84	16.29	38.10	31.33	-8.70%	255.49%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.21	0.14	0.22	0.13	0.05	0.08	53.46%	6.21%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.38	9.90	11.74	4.65	3.75	4.00	18.53%	59.16%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.17	3.27	3.59	0.74	1.24	1.22	9.51%	205.94%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	14.26	20.99	18.67	8.99	7.95	6.37	-11.04%	30.97%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.15	0.80	1.20	0.72	0.30	0.41	50.27%	4.73%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4.06	6.69	5.19	2.56	2.53	1.77	-22.34%	27.82%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	68.82	78.32	101.91	43.40	29.66	34.76	30.12%	48.07%
Total Domestic Exports	158.58	264.03	293.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.03%	84.86%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In August 2026 imports value increased by 2.39 per cent compared to July 2026 and increased by 38.05 per cent compared to August 2025. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in August 2026 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/ Jul2026	Aug2026/ Aug2025
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	65.97	99.71	164.01	14.20	15.92	25.57	64.49%	148.63%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	14.78	17.28	12.40	3.18	2.76	1.93	-28.29%	-16.14%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.88	15.45	13.43	3.42	2.47	2.09	-13.05%	-15.41%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	57.64	89.78	94.05	12.41	14.33	14.66	4.76%	63.18%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	25.19	29.34	10.17	5.42	4.68	1.59	-65.34%	-59.62%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	73.36	69.15	56.97	15.79	11.04	8.88	-17.62%	-22.35%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	77.64	98.10	67.52	16.71	15.66	10.53	-31.17%	-13.04%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	81.43	103.92	108.74	17.53	16.59	16.95	4.64%	33.54%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.48	30.68	29.78	5.27	4.90	4.64	-2.94%	21.62%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	28.26	73.00	84.34	6.08	11.65	13.15	15.53%	198.49%
Total Imports	464.62	626.41	641.40	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.39%	38.05%

Note: (R)– Revised,

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Re-exports

In August 2026, re-export values have increased by 23.25 per cent compared to July 2026 and increased by 59.37 per cent compared to August 2025.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/ Jul2026	Aug2026/ Aug2025
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	16.21	26.74	22.94	27.80	35.46	24.68	-14.21%	41.50%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	13.39	6.41	6.29	22.97	8.50	6.77	-1.85%	-53.05%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.40	1.21	0.83	2.40	1.61	0.89	-31.65%	-40.68%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.91	23.47	40.23	17.00	31.13	43.30	71.40%	305.90%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.87	0.79	0.32	4.92	1.05	0.35	-59.19%	-88.72%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.46	6.32	8.51	4.23	8.38	9.16	34.66%	245.28%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.28	4.81	6.44	9.05	6.39	6.93	33.77%	22.03%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.80	3.52	5.08	4.79	4.67	5.46	44.16%	81.62%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.97	2.11	2.27	6.81	2.80	2.45	7.84%	-42.73%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	95.92%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	58.31	75.39	92.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.25%	59.37%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in August 2026 – Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/ Jul2026	Aug2026/ Aug2025
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	72.64	89.82	108.04	45.81	34.02	36.85	0.20	0.49
2	China	14.89	65.21	58.99	9.39	24.70	20.12	-0.10	2.96
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	27.71	32.49	51.94	17.48	12.31	17.72	0.60	0.87
4	Netherlands	2.33	7.09	16.33	1.47	2.68	5.57	1.30	6.02
5	United States	2.08	16.66	9.26	1.31	6.31	3.16	-0.44	3.45
6	Burundi	1.43	3.26	5.79	0.90	1.23	1.98	0.78	3.05
7	India	3.85	6.96	3.85	2.43	2.64	1.31	-0.45	0.00
8	Hong Kong	2.69	5.19	3.76	1.69	1.96	1.28	-0.28	0.40
9	Thailand	0.01	1.72	3.49	0.01	0.65	1.19	1.03	413.65
10	United Kingdom	3.03	3.73	3.25	1.91	1.41	1.11	-0.13	0.07
Rest of the World		27.92	31.91	28.46	17.61	12.08	9.71	-0.11	0.02
Total		158.58	264.03	293.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.03%	84.86%

Note: (R)– Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/ Jul2026	Aug2026/ Aug2025
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	55.05	65.61	83.58	94.41	87.02	89.94	27.38%	51.83%
2	Kenya	0.02	6.89	5.62	0.04	9.13	1.92	-18.36%	24087.67%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.50	0.18	1.54	0.86	0.24	0.52	738.87%	207.02%
4	Ethiopia	0.51	1.39	1.06	0.87	1.84	0.36	-23.50%	108.08%
5	Burundi	0.28	0.70	0.59	0.47	0.93	0.20	-14.96%	114.56%
6	Sudan	0.02	0.00	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.00%	631.38%
7	Qatar	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.04	38.39%	71.10%
8	France	0.38	0.08	0.10	0.66	0.11	0.03	21.55%	-73.34%
9	Greece	0.05	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.03	0.00%	79.70%
10	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.02	158.86%	645.66%
Rest of the World		1.44	0.45	0.08	2.46	0.60	0.03	-81.32%	-94.13%
Total		58.31	75.39	92.93	100.00	100.00	100.00	23.25%	59.37%

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¹Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in August 2026

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Aug2026/Jul2026	Aug2026/Aug2025
		Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	57.05	80.67	153.94	12.28	12.88	24.00	90.83%	169.84%
2	China	101.84	145.68	151.87	21.92	23.26	23.68	4.25%	49.13%
3	Cameroon	16.03	0.00	56.96	3.45	0.00	8.88	518766366.08%	255.21%
4	India	36.69	60.14	47.56	7.90	9.60	7.42	-20.92%	29.63%
5	Kenya	32.29	71.76	33.78	6.95	11.46	5.27	-52.92%	274.79%
6	Uganda	22.74	26.55	24.15	4.89	4.24	3.77	-9.01%	6.20%
7	Oman	3.12	2.16	19.33	0.67	0.35	3.01	794.07%	519.61%
8	United Arab Emirates	33.69	22.53	15.87	7.25	3.60	2.47	-29.57%	-52.90%
9	Saudi Arabia	10.74	27.39	15.80	2.31	4.37	2.46	-42.32%	47.05%
10	South Africa	4.83	31.25	9.61	1.04	4.99	1.50	-69.26%	98.93%
Rest of the World		145.61	158.28	112.54	31.34	25.27	17.55	-28.90%	-22.71%
Total		464.62	626.41	641.40	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.39%	38.05%

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¹Preliminary figures

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	Jul ¹	Aug ¹
<i>Air</i>	89.49	111.32	118.89	76.31	103.51	126.59	1.13	8.66	8.51
<i>Land</i>	375.13	515.09	522.50	82.27	160.52	166.58	57.18	66.74	84.42
Total	464.62	626.41	641.40	158.58	264.03	293.16	58.31	75.39	92.93

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

Jul: July

Aug: August