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Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of September 2026

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US$ 336.30 million in September 2026; an increase of 61.01 percent compared to the previous month of August 2026. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 7.8 percent on the deficit of September 2025.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	**168.02**	**353.91**	**320.29**	**25.93**	**38.61**	**32.79**	**-9.50%**	**90.62%**
Domestic exports	104.13	278.13	245.91	16.07	30.34	25.17	-11.58%	136.17%
Re-exports	63.90	75.78	74.38	9.86	8.27	7.61	-1.85%	16.40%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	**480.00**	**562.77**	**656.59**	**74.07**	**61.39**	**67.21**	**16.67%**	**36.79%**
Total External Trade (A+B)	**648.02**	**916.68**	**976.88**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**6.57%**	**50.75%**
Trade Balance (A-B)	-311.97	-208.86	-336.30				61.01%	7.80%

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Exports

In September 2026 domestic exports value decreased by 11.58 per cent compared to August 2026 and increased by 136.17 per cent compared to September 2025. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in September 2026 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
0 - Food and live animals	37.29	41.97	50.72	35.81	15.09	20.63	20.84%	36.02%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.51	1.79	2.15	1.45	0.64	0.87	19.81%	42.75%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	32.46	91.84	87.32	31.17	33.02	35.51	-4.92%	169.05%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.23	0.25	0.15	0.22	0.09	0.06	-39.92%	-34.70%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.86	11.74	12.30	8.51	4.22	5.00	4.81%	38.88%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.49	3.59	3.92	2.39	1.29	1.59	9.22%	57.20%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12.33	18.67	20.24	11.84	6.71	8.23	8.40%	64.12%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.07	1.18	2.92	1.03	0.42	1.19	147.70%	172.47%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.76	5.19	3.85	2.65	1.87	1.57	-25.77%	39.49%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	5.13	101.91	62.33	4.93	36.64	25.35	-38.83%	1115.32%
Total Domestic Exports	**104.13**	**278.13**	**245.91**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**-11.58%**	**136.17%**

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In September 2026 imports value increased by 16.67 per cent compared to August 2026 and increased by 36.79 per cent compared to September 2025. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in September 2026 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
0 - Food and live animals	84.43	84.93	107.00	17.59	15.09	16.30	25.99%	26.72%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	13.43	11.94	14.81	2.80	2.12	2.26	24.01%	10.28%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.91	12.98	21.85	3.32	2.31	3.33	68.34%	37.29%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	65.05	94.60	118.30	13.55	16.81	18.02	25.05%	81.85%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	24.10	9.79	22.53	5.02	1.74	3.43	130.02%	-6.51%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	55.60	57.51	61.69	11.58	10.22	9.40	7.26%	10.96%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	79.96	68.06	91.44	16.66	12.09	13.93	34.34%	14.35%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	84.55	107.74	114.48	17.62	19.15	17.44	6.25%	35.39%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	39.72	30.32	32.33	8.28	5.39	4.92	6.61%	-18.61%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	17.24	84.89	72.18	3.59	15.08	10.99	-14.97%	318.58%
Total Imports	**480.00**	**562.77**	**656.59**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**16.67%**	**36.79%**

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Re-exports

In September 2026, re-export values have decreased by 1.85 per cent compared to August 2026 and increased by 16.40 per cent compared to September 2025.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
0 - Food and live animals	19.74	22.94	24.70	30.89	30.27	33.21	7.69%	25.13%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	6.62	6.29	6.58	10.36	8.30	8.84	4.57%	-0.70%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.93	0.83	0.78	20.24	1.09	1.05	-5.88%	-93.96%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.97	23.09	24.81	15.61	30.46	33.36	7.48%	148.78%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.86	0.32	1.51	4.47	0.43	2.03	365.75%	-47.26%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.77	8.51	3.48	4.33	11.23	4.68	-59.07%	25.86%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.22	6.44	3.88	6.61	8.50	5.21	-39.83%	-8.25%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.87	5.08	6.67	4.50	6.70	8.97	31.35%	132.02%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.84	2.27	1.91	2.88	3.00	2.57	-15.90%	4.01%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.07	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.03	0.09	250.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	**63.90**	**75.78**	**74.38**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**-1.85%**	**16.40%**

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2026 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
		Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
1	United Arab Emirates	11.71	108.04	64.05	11.24	38.85	26.04	-40.72%	447.07%
2	China	13.42	58.99	51.37	12.89	21.21	20.89	-12.92%	282.86%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	26.02	36.90	32.69	24.99	13.27	13.29	-11.42%	25.64%
4	United States	2.87	9.26	18.39	2.76	3.33	7.48	98.58%	539.73%
5	India	2.45	3.85	6.68	2.35	1.38	2.71	73.32%	172.74%
6	Luxembourg	4.27	1.34	6.36	4.10	0.48	2.59	373.29%	48.83%
7	Malaysia	0.48	0.08	5.39	0.46	0.03	2.19	6387.81%	1031.17%
8	Burundi	2.22	5.79	5.37	2.13	2.08	2.19	-7.23%	141.84%
9	Belgium	1.98	2.32	5.12	1.90	0.83	2.08	120.75%	159.08%
10	Hong Kong	3.31	3.76	4.82	3.18	1.35	1.96	28.46%	45.88%
Rest of the World		35.41	47.78	45.68	34.00	17.18	18.57	-4.41%	29.01%
Total		**104.13**	**278.13**	**245.91**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**-11.58%**	**136.17%**

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
		Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	60.92	66.43	62.04	95.33	87.66	83.42	-6.60%	1.85%
2	Kenya	0.07	5.62	6.73	0.10	7.42	2.74	19.71%	10164.34%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.56	1.54	2.10	0.88	2.03	0.86	36.92%	273.12%
4	Ethiopia	0.69	1.06	1.25	1.07	1.40	0.51	18.03%	82.54%
5	Uganda	0.49	0.00	0.51	0.76	0.00	0.21	39125.65%	5.63%
6	Burundi	0.31	0.59	0.38	0.48	0.78	0.16	-35.32%	25.07%
7	South Sudan	0.02	0.00	0.28	0.04	0.00	0.11	0.00%	1066.79%
8	Qatar	0.27	0.11	0.24	0.42	0.14	0.10	125.78%	-11.01%
9	France	0.15	0.10	0.17	0.23	0.14	0.07	66.16%	13.66%
10	Zambia	0.16	0.00	0.17	0.26	0.00	0.07	0.00%	1.63%
Rest of the World		0.27	0.33	0.50	0.42	0.44	0.20	51.55%	87.34%
Total		**63.90**	**75.78**	**74.38**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**-1.85%**	**16.40%**

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2026

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US $ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Sept2026/ Aug2026	Sept2026/ Sept2025
		Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]		
1	China	101.84	113.63	151.87	161.38	20.19	23.13	33.66%	49.13%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	57.05	52.90	75.31	116.25	9.40	11.47	42.35%	32.01%
3	India	36.69	45.15	47.56	70.96	8.02	7.24	5.35%	29.63%
4	Oman	3.12	7.33	19.33	35.43	1.30	2.94	163.86%	519.61%
5	Uganda	22.74	19.74	24.15	30.63	3.51	3.68	22.36%	432.06%
6	Kenya	32.29	34.01	33.78	30.01	6.04	5.14	-0.67%	4.63%
7	South Africa	4.83	9.41	9.61	25.74	1.67	1.46	0.00%	98.93%
8	United Arab Emirates	33.69	29.45	15.87	18.10	5.23	2.42	-46.12%	-52.90%
9	Saudi Arabia	10.74	10.52	15.80	11.54	1.87	2.41	50.23%	47.05%
10	Hungary	0.01	0.02	0.18	10.30	0.00	0.03	636.87%	2677.06%
Rest of the World		177.01	240.62	263.13	36.88	42.76	40.07	9.35%	48.65%
Total		**480.00**	**562.77**	**656.59**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**16.67%**	**36.79%**

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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	
	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]	Sept(R)	Aug[1]	Sept[1]
Air	58.07	118.92	114.76	11.54	126.59	85.92	1.60	8.51	10.42
Land	421.92	443.85	541.82	92.58	151.54	159.99	62.30	67.27	63.96
Total	**480.00**	**562.77**	**656.59**	**104.13**	**278.13**	**245.91**	**63.90**	**75.78**	**74.38**

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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

Aug: August

Sept: September

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