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# Formal External Trade in Goods

## January 2019

March 2019

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods January 2019

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 155.94 million in January 2019, a decrease of 11.99 per cent compared to the previous month of December 2018. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 1.67 per cent on the deficit of January 2018.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/Dec2018	Jan2019/Jan2018
	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>70.54</b>	<b>79.85</b>	<b>72.25</b>	<b>23.96</b>	<b>23.70</b>	<b>24.05</b>	<b>-9.52%</b>	<b>2.42%</b>
Domestic exports	44.63	55.18	43.56	15.16	16.38	14.50	-21.07%	-2.42%
Re-exports	25.91	24.66	28.70	8.80	7.32	9.55	16.34%	10.75%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>223.92</b>	<b>257.03</b>	<b>228.19</b>	<b>76.04</b>	<b>76.30</b>	<b>75.95</b>	<b>-11.22%</b>	<b>1.91%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>294.47</b>	<b>336.88</b>	<b>300.44</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-10.82%</b>	<b>2.03%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-153.38</b>	<b>-177.18</b>	<b>-155.94</b>				<b>- 11.99</b>	<b>-1.67</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In January 2019, domestic exports values decreased by 21.07 per cent compared to December 2018 and by 2.42 per cent compared to January 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in January 2019 by SITC sections.

**Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2019**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/Dec2018	Jan2019/Jan2018
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	21.63	21.74	17.19	48.47	39.40	39.47	-20.94%	-20.53%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.10	86.24%	156.81%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.52	11.91	13.86	25.80	21.58	31.82	16.37%	20.35%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.24	0.27	-9.59%	154.51%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.24	0.07	0.95	0.53	0.13	2.18	1243.78%	300.12%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.23	2.42	2.52	4.99	4.38	5.79	4.42%	13.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.63	0.42	0.96	1.41	0.76	2.21	129.07%	53.14%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.66	0.46	0.53	1.49	0.84	1.22	15.17%	-19.71%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7.66	18.00	7.36	17.16	32.62	16.90	-59.11%	-3.90%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>44.63</b>	<b>55.18</b>	<b>43.56</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-21.07%</b>	<b>-2.42%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In January 2019, total imports values decreased by 11.22 per cent compared to December 2018 but increased by 1.91 per cent compared to January 2018.

**Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2019**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/ Dec2018	Jan2019/ Jan2018
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	31.82	29.57	28.67	14.21	11.50	12.56	-3.04%	-9.89%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.09	3.10	2.47	0.93	1.21	1.08	-20.31%	18.35%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.66	5.66	6.03	2.53	2.20	2.64	6.53%	6.59%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	48.07	36.36	30.62	21.47	14.15	13.42	-15.77%	-36.29%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	9.53	9.52	8.61	4.26	3.70	3.77	-9.53%	-9.63%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	21.99	35.74	25.40	9.82	13.91	11.13	-28.93%	15.52%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	33.65	45.56	41.58	15.03	17.72	18.22	-8.74%	23.56%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	51.78	68.32	66.04	23.13	26.58	28.94	-3.34%	27.53%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.11	21.52	17.76	8.09	8.37	7.78	-17.48%	-1.97%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>223.92</b>	<b>257.03</b>	<b>228.19</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.22%</b>	<b>1.91%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In January 2019, re-exports values increased by 16.34 per cent compared to December 2018 and also by 10.75 per cent compared to January 2018.

**Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in January 2019**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/ Dec2018	Jan2019/ Jan2018
	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	5.70	6.45	5.80	22.00	26.16	20.21	-10.12%	1.72%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.59	0.44	0.46	2.26	1.77	1.61	5.67%	-21.19%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.30	1.16	2.19	5.04	4.71	7.63	88.67%	67.93%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.18	9.92	11.00	43.15	40.21	38.34	10.92%	-1.59%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.34	2.47	3.94	12.90	10.01	13.72	59.48%	17.78%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.64	0.69	0.93	2.48	2.81	3.25	34.60%	45.52%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.69	0.92	1.14	2.66	3.74	3.97	23.55%	65.12%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.32	1.74	2.11	5.10	7.04	7.35	21.52%	59.44%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.06	0.86	1.10	4.09	3.47	3.85	29.08%	4.33%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>25.91</b>	<b>24.66</b>	<b>28.70</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16.34%</b>	<b>10.75%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/Dec2018	Jan2019/Jan2018
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	8.21	14.27	11.28	18.39	25.86	25.89	-20.98%	37.38%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.71	4.79	5.37	10.56	8.68	12.32	12.08%	13.85%
3	Pakistan	3.46	2.34	3.95	7.74	4.24	9.07	69.03%	14.32%
4	Singapore	2.01	2.56	2.88	4.51	4.64	6.60	12.37%	42.88%
5	Switzerland	5.28	5.52	2.80	11.83	10.01	6.44	-49.22%	-46.90%
6	Hong Kong	0.21	1.20	2.38	0.47	2.17	5.47	98.64%	1042.65%
7	Burundi	0.34	4.22	1.98	0.75	7.65	4.56	-52.99%	490.20%
8	United Kingdom	2.43	3.07	1.79	5.45	5.56	4.11	-41.58%	-26.39%
9	Kazakhstan	1.87	4.48	1.50	4.18	8.13	3.44	-66.59%	-19.77%
10	Uganda	5.40	1.17	1.39	12.10	2.11	3.18	0.00%	-74.32%
Rest of the World		10.72	11.57	8.24	24.01	20.96	18.91	-28.80%	-23.16%
Total		44.63	55.18	43.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	-21.07%	-2.42%

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2019 - Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/Dec2018	Jan2019/Jan2018
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Belgium	0.33	0.30	0.28	1.26	1.21	0.97	-7.23%	-15.00%
2	Burundi	0.68	0.64	0.47	2.63	2.59	1.62	-27.11%	-31.67%
3	China	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
4	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	23.25	21.74	26.31	89.74	88.14	91.68	21.01%	13.15%
5	Ethiopia	0.21	0.43	0.16	0.83	1.74	0.55	-63.17%	-26.12%
6	Germany	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.27	0.03	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
7	Hong Kong	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	355.53%	0.00%
8	India	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00%	0.00%
9	Kenya	0.05	0.01	0.08	0.18	0.04	0.28	635.23%	0.00%
10	Mauritania	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
Rest of the World		1.32	1.53	1.37	5.08	6.20	4.78	-10.40%	4.12%
Total		25.91	24.66	28.70	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.34%	10.75%

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2019**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018		2019	2018		2019	Jan2019/Dec2018	Jan2019/Jan2018
		Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan(R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	39.19	55.29	42.03	17.50	21.51	18.42	-23.97%	7.25%
2	India	17.44	25.30	29.92	7.79	9.84	13.11	18.26%	71.51%
3	United Arab Emirates	29.32	30.83	22.69	13.10	11.99	9.94	-26.40%	-22.62%
4	Uganda	19.04	20.61	20.41	8.50	8.02	8.95	-0.98%	7.19%
5	Kenya	12.17	13.04	12.73	5.43	5.07	5.58	-2.34%	4.63%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.99	11.05	9.48	4.91	4.30	4.15	-14.23%	-13.71%
7	Saudi Arabia	10.39	7.49	7.27	4.64	2.92	3.19	-2.97%	-29.99%
9	Switzerland	4.32	5.46	7.08	1.93	2.12	3.10	29.64%	63.67%
10	South Africa	7.15	5.18	6.11	3.19	2.02	2.68	17.77%	-14.56%
11	Germany	3.97	3.72	5.90	1.78	1.45	2.59	58.66%	48.46%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	69.94	79.06	64.57	31.23	30.76	28.30	-18.32%	-7.66%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>223.92</b>	<b>257.03</b>	<b>228.19</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-11.22%</b>	<b>1.91%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2018		2019	2018		2019	2018		2019
	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	32.36	24.94	22.05	9.48	20.28	10.33	1.10	1.08	1.31
<b>Land</b>	191.57	232.09	206.14	35.15	34.90	33.23	24.81	23.59	27.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>223.92</b>	<b>257.03</b>	<b>228.19</b>	<b>44.63</b>	<b>55.18</b>	<b>43.56</b>	<b>25.91</b>	<b>24.66</b>	<b>28.70</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

**Acronyms used:**

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

Dec: December

f.o.b: Free On Board

Jan: January

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification