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Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2019

May 2019

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods April 2019

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 222.98 million in April 2019, an increase of 15.24 per cent compared to the previous month of March. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 77.93 per cent on the deficit of April 2018.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	90.61	69.59	73.86	29.56	20.92	19.92	6.13%	-18.49%
Domestic exports	66.45	40.15	44.09	21.68	12.07	11.89	9.82%	-33.65%
Re-exports	24.16	29.45	29.77	7.88	8.85	8.03	1.10%	23.21%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	215.93	263.09	296.85	70.44	79.08	80.08	12.83%	37.47%
Total External Trade (A+B)	306.54	332.68	370.71	100.00	100.00	100.00	11.43%	20.93%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-125.32	-193.50	-222.98				15.24%	77.93%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2019, domestic exports values increased by 9.82 per cent compared to March 2019 and decreased by 33.65 per cent compared to April 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in April 2019 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	21.60	21.45	16.76	32.50	53.42	38.02	-21.83%	-22.38%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.15	0.01	-94.97%	-33.83%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22.78	11.64	11.96	34.29	29.00	27.13	2.77%	-47.50%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.01	-60.70%	-95.76%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.26	0.31	0.22	0.40	0.78	0.49	-30.80%	-17.89%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.19	3.49	11.64	12.33	8.68	26.41	233.95%	42.11%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4.52	1.46	1.46	6.80	3.64	3.31	-0.11%	-67.72%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.77	0.87	1.20	4.17	2.16	2.72	38.32%	-56.69%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.26	0.85	0.84	9.42	2.11	1.90	-1.18%	-86.63%
Total Domestic Exports	66.45	40.15	44.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.82%	-33.65%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In April 2019, total imports values increased by 12.83 per cent compared to March 2019 and also by 37.47 per cent compared to April 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	33.78	26.68	32.15	15.64	10.14	10.83	20.49%	-4.83%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.17	2.24	1.71	1.47	0.85	0.57	-23.98%	-46.24%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.14	6.94	5.47	2.84	2.64	1.84	-21.18%	-10.94%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	41.48	46.12	53.93	19.21	17.53	18.17	16.93%	30.03%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.86	8.37	10.83	5.49	3.18	3.65	29.41%	-8.69%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	28.26	35.79	35.73	13.09	13.60	12.04	-0.18%	26.44%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	27.36	50.31	51.05	12.67	19.12	17.20	1.47%	86.57%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	51.73	71.01	88.31	23.96	26.99	29.75	24.36%	70.71%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12.15	15.62	17.67	5.63	5.94	5.95	13.12%	45.42%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total Imports	215.93	263.09	296.85	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.83%	37.47%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In April 2019, re-exports values increased by 1.10 per cent compared to March 2019 and also by 23.21 per cent compared to April 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	4.92	6.17	6.90	20.36	20.96	23.19	11.87%	40.36%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.37	0.38	0.38	1.54	1.30	1.29	0.55%	3.68%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.03	1.37	1.02	4.28	4.64	3.42	-25.42%	-1.38%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.62	11.76	13.65	43.97	39.92	45.85	16.12%	28.49%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.99	3.13	3.22	12.39	10.65	10.82	2.78%	7.62%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.96	1.17	1.00	3.99	3.98	3.37	-14.48%	4.04%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	0.79	0.88	0.88	3.28	2.99	2.96	0.28%	11.42%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.79	3.43	1.84	7.40	11.65	6.18	-46.37%	2.90%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.67	1.15	0.86	2.76	3.91	2.90	-25.02%	29.54%
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	24.16	29.45	29.77	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.10%	23.21%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
		April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	1.92	3.82	17.55	2.89	9.51	39.81	359.55%	813.57%
2	Kenya	2.58	3.22	7.33	3.89	8.02	16.64	127.74%	183.89%
3	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	4.96	5.70	4.86	7.46	14.20	11.01	-14.83%	-2.10%
4	Singapore	2.38	2.99	2.69	3.58	7.45	6.10	-10.03%	13.04%
5	Switzerland	4.33	3.90	2.51	6.52	9.71	5.68	-35.73%	-42.14%
6	South Sudan	0.56	3.26	1.78	0.84	8.11	4.04	-45.24%	217.92%
7	China	1.29	1.60	1.50	1.95	3.98	3.41	-5.82%	16.30%
8	Niger	0.03	0.00	1.01	0.05	0.00	2.30	0.00%	3063.49%
9	United Kingdom	2.62	2.54	0.75	3.94	6.34	1.70	-70.58%	-71.42%
10	Belgium	2.38	0.52	0.69	3.58	1.29	1.56	0.00%	-71.07%
Rest of the World		43.39	12.60	3.42	65.30	31.39	7.75	-72.89%	-92.13%
Total		66.45	40.15	44.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.82%	-33.65%

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Table 6.2 Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2019 – Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
		April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	20.39	26.80	25.55	84.40	91.00	85.83	-4.65%	25.30%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.01	0.00	1.49	0.04	0.00	4.99	115848.81%	0.00%
3	Ethiopia	0.16	0.80	0.89	0.66	2.71	2.98	11.35%	0.00%
4	Burundi	1.01	0.44	0.85	4.19	1.50	2.85	0.00%	0.00%
5	United Arab Emirates	1.04	0.32	0.22	4.30	1.10	0.74	-31.97%	-78.82%
6	Sudan	0.00	0.37	0.20	0.00	1.26	0.67	-46.66%	0.00%
7	Uganda	0.33	0.20	0.18	1.35	0.70	0.60	-12.75%	0.00%
8	Turkey	0.09	0.05	0.07	0.38	0.18	0.25	0.00%	0.00%
9	Germany	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.11	0.00	0.22	0.00%	0.00%
10	India	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		1.10	0.46	0.20	4.56	1.55	0.67	-56.16%	-81.89%
Total		24.16	29.45	29.77	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.10%	23.21%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage increase/decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		April2019/Mar2019	April2019/April2018
		April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹		
1	China	28.93	63.20	55.71	13.40	24.02	18.77	-11.84%	92.58%
2	India	19.23	22.04	31.04	8.91	8.38	10.46	40.85%	61.43%
3	United Arab Emirates	26.66	22.02	24.92	12.34	8.37	8.39	13.17%	-6.52%
4	Turkey	3.22	10.76	19.92	1.49	4.09	6.71	85.12%	519.08%
5	Germany	8.55	7.06	19.67	3.96	2.69	6.63	178.49%	130.11%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.12	16.98	17.71	4.68	6.45	5.97	4.31%	75.05%
7	Kenya	13.09	16.69	16.91	6.06	6.35	5.70	1.30%	29.17%
9	Saudi Arabia	7.65	4.70	12.93	3.54	1.79	4.36	174.91%	68.99%
10	United States	2.87	5.99	12.34	1.33	2.28	4.16	105.91%	330.61%
11	Switzerland	5.46	13.65	8.71	2.53	5.19	2.93	-36.24%	59.56%
Rest of the World		90.16	79.98	76.97	41.76	30.40	25.93	-3.76%	-14.63%
Total		215.93	263.09	296.85	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.83%	37.47%

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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	
	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹	April (R)	Mar ¹	April ¹
Air	21.55	25.91	41.12	26.90	10.49	15.86	1.45	1.31	2.86
Land	194.39	237.18	255.73	39.55	29.65	28.23	22.71	28.14	26.91
Total	215.93	263.09	296.85	66.45	40.15	44.09	24.16	29.45	29.77

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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

Mar: March