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Formal External Trade in Goods

August 2019

October 2019

Monthly Formal Statistics of External Trade in Goods August 2019

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 181.11million in August2019, a decrease of 0.61percent compared to the previous month of July. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 10.12 percent on the deficit of August 2018.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	87.25	78.63	83.16	25.74	23.16	23.16	5.76%	-4.68%
Domestic exports	62.33	44.42	38.06	18.39	13.09	13.09	-14.33%	-38.93%
Re-exports	24.92	34.21	45.10	74.26	10.08	10.08	31.84%	80.98%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	251.71	260.85	264.27	7.35	76.84	76.84	1.31%	4.99%
Total External Trade (A+B)	338.96	339.49	347.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	2.34%	2.50%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-164.46	-182.22	-181.11				-0.61%	10.12%

Note: (R) – Revised,
¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In August 2019, domestic exports value has decreased by 14.33 percent compared to July 2019 and by 38.93 percent compared to August 2018. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in August 2019 by SITC sections.

Table2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in August 2019

SITC Section/Description	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	24.09	22.26	18.68	38.65	50.10	49.07	-16.09%	-22.47%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.03	-56.79%	284.38%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19.41	8.89	8.62	31.14	20.02	22.64	-3.12%	-55.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.19	0.00	0.06	0.42	0.00	-99.40%	-96.99%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.26	0.36	0.24	0.42	0.81	0.63	-33.85%	-7.97%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.53	2.78	2.62	13.69	6.27	6.89	-5.82%	-69.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.68	0.54	0.83	4.30	1.23	2.17	52.04%	-69.14%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.13	1.06	1.35	1.81	2.38	3.54	27.24%	19.20%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6.18	8.29	5.71	9.92	18.67	14.99	-31.21%	-7.73%
Total Domestic Exports	62.33	44.42	38.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-14.33%	-38.93%

Note: (R) – Revised,
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Imports

In August 2019, total imports value has increased by 1.31 percent compared to July 2019 and also by 4.99 percent compared to August 2018.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	35.88	32.45	38.21	14.25	12.44	14.46	17.73%	6.50%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.60	2.46	2.44	1.03	0.94	0.92	-0.97%	-6.34%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.24	6.05	5.96	2.48	2.32	2.26	-1.53%	-4.40%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45.02	48.23	39.90	17.89	18.49	15.10	-17.28%	-11.38%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11.06	9.06	10.98	4.40	3.47	4.15	0.00%	0.00%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	34.31	32.55	35.67	13.63	12.48	13.50	9.60%	3.97%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	43.28	43.08	47.16	17.19	16.52	17.85	9.47%	8.97%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	55.16	61.85	62.61	21.91	23.71	23.69	1.22%	13.51%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18.16	25.10	21.34	7.22	9.62	8.08	-14.97%	17.50%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
Total Imports	251.71	260.85	264.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.31%	4.99%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Re-exports

In August 2019, total re-exports value has increased by 31.84 percent compared to July 2019 and also by 80.98 percent compared to August 2018.

Table 4. Total re-exports of goods by S.I.T.C section in August 2019

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	4.78	11.26	5.97	19.18	32.90	13.24	-46.96%	24.92%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.40	0.29	0.31	1.63	0.85	0.85	7.48%	-23.04%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.42	1.78	1.78	5.69	5.22	5.22	-0.50%	25.34%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	10.10	11.35	26.57	40.53	33.18	33.18	134.14%	163.13%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.57	3.06	2.65	14.33	8.94	8.94	-13.46%	-25.82%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.78	0.76	1.09	3.12	2.22	2.22	43.79%	40.63%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.37	2.15	1.90	5.48	6.28	6.28	-11.73%	38.83%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.62	2.32	3.82	6.51	6.79	6.79	64.50%	135.40%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.88	1.24	1.01	3.54	3.63	3.63	-18.55%	14.76%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00%	
Total Re-exports	24.92	34.21	45.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	31.84%	80.98%

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Trading Partners

Table 6.1 Main trading partner countries in August 2019 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
		Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	3.29	12.19	10.06	5.29	27.44	26.44	-17.46%	205.43%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	6.39	5.53	5.10	10.24	12.45	13.39	-7.87%	-20.17%
3	United Kingdom	4.15	4.01	3.66	6.66	9.04	9.61	-8.87%	-11.89%
4	Pakistan	3.78	3.69	3.14	6.07	8.31	8.24	-14.97%	-17.03%
5	Singapore	4.10	1.62	2.23	6.57	3.65	5.86	37.60%	-45.55%
6	Switzerland	10.52	3.95	1.83	16.88	8.90	4.80	-53.75%	-82.61%
7	Belgium	2.43	1.87	1.27	3.90	4.21	3.35	-31.86%	-47.59%
8	United States	4.72	0.46	0.67	7.57	1.03	1.76	46.13%	-85.82%
9	China	10.91	0.39	0.45	17.50	0.87	1.19	17.07%	-95.84%
10	Uganda	2.04	0.16	0.08	3.27	0.35	0.20	-50.87%	-96.21%
	Rest of the World	10.01	10.55	9.57	16.05	23.75	25.15	-9.28%	-4.33%
	Total	62.33	44.42	38.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	-14.33%	-38.93%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
		Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	21.70	30.52	26.36	87.09	89.22	58.44	40.63%	21.44%
2	Burundi	0.78	0.69	14.88	3.11	2.03	33.00	-10.62%	1818.52%
3	Ethiopia	0.37	1.19	0.95	1.49	3.48	2.10	221.23%	155.56%
4	Congo	0.00	0.65	0.87	0.00	1.89	1.93		
5	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.24	0.80	0.00	0.69	1.77		
6	Uganda	0.17	0.32	0.30	0.69	0.94	0.67	86.66%	76.10%
7	United Arab Emirates	0.20	0.14	0.26	0.81	0.41	0.58	-31.13%	28.30%
8	Sudan	0.14	0.21	0.18	0.55	0.62	0.40	53.25%	32.01%
9	Kenya	0.29	0.04	0.12	1.17	0.11	0.26	-87.24%	-58.98%
10	Belgium	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.24	55.95%	270.97%
	Rest of the World	1.24	0.17	0.28	4.97	0.49	0.62	66.28%	-77.44%
	Total	24.92	34.21	45.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	31.84%	80.98%

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Table 7. Main imports partner countries in August 2019

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2018	2019		2018	2019		Aug2019/July2019	Aug2019/Aug2018
		Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug(R)	July ¹	Aug ¹		
1	China	43.68	55.78	55.46	17.35	21.38	20.98	-0.58%	26.97%
2	India	20.64	20.04	29.54	8.20	7.68	11.18	47.44%	43.16%
3	Kenya	15.22	21.20	22.70	6.05	8.13	8.59	7.07%	49.14%
4	Tanzania, United Republic Of	10.90	21.55	19.66	4.33	8.26	7.44	-8.75%	80.40%
5	United Arab Emirates	25.01	32.74	18.46	9.94	12.55	6.98	-43.62%	-26.21%
6	Saudi Arabia	12.05	13.19	14.86	4.79	5.06	5.62	12.67%	23.31%
7	Switzerland	9.94	10.54	13.32	3.95	4.04	5.04	26.37%	33.99%
9	South Africa	4.37	4.14	7.99	1.73	1.59	3.02	93.09%	83.04%
10	Russian Federation	2.88	0.56	7.61	1.14	0.22	2.88	1251.77%	164.18%
11	Japan	4.17	6.81	5.09	1.66	2.61	1.93	-25.23%	22.16%
Rest of the World		102.85	74.31	69.57	40.86	28.49	26.33	-6.38%	-32.36%
Total		251.71	260.85	264.27	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.31%	4.99%

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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	
	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹	Aug (R)	July ¹	Aug ¹
Air	20.01	31.02	23.26	21.16	13.07	8.40	1.87	1.61	2.68
Land	231.73	229.83	241.01	41.17	31.35	29.66	23.06	32.60	42.42
Total	251.74	260.85	264.27	62.33	44.42	38.06	24.92	34.21	45.10

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¹Preliminary figures**Acronyms:**

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