



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## May 2023

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## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods May 2023

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 328.84 million in May 2023, an increase of 28.16 per cent compared to the previous month of April. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 8.17 per cent on the deficit of May 2022.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022		2023	May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>166.53</b>	<b>197.35</b>	<b>227.79</b>	<b>26.14</b>	<b>30.30</b>	<b>29.04</b>	<b>15.43%</b>	<b>36.79%</b>
Domestic exports	113.31	152.81	161.896	17.79	23.46	20.64	5.95%	42.88%
Re-exports	53.22	44.53	65.90	8.35	6.84	8.40	47.97%	23.81%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>470.52</b>	<b>453.93</b>	<b>556.634</b>	<b>73.86</b>	<b>69.70</b>	<b>70.96</b>	<b>22.63%</b>	<b>18.30%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>637.06</b>	<b>651.27</b>	<b>784.43</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>20.44%</b>	<b>23.13%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-303.99</b>	<b>-256.58</b>	<b>-328.84</b>				<b>28.16%</b>	<b>8.17%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In May 2023 domestic exports value increased by 5.95 per cent compared to April 2023 and by 42.88 per cent compared to May 2022. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in May 2023 by SITC sections.

**Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2023**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022		2023	May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	21.05	26.69	27.70	18.58	17.47	17.11	3.75%	31.55%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	0.07	0.19	0.02	0.05	0.11	169.02%	825.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19.49	15.31	19.82	17.20	10.02	12.24	29.49%	1.70%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.06	0.04	0.40	0.06	0.03	0.25	938.37%	547.43%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.43	0.32	0.67	0.38	0.21	0.41	110.35%	56.39%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.98	1.43	0.98	0.87	0.93	0.60	-31.63%	-0.50%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7.95	8.35	8.63	7.02	5.47	5.33	3.34%	8.58%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.30	1.55	1.59	0.27	1.01	0.98	2.89%	422.26%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.40	1.51	2.89	2.12	0.99	1.78	91.67%	20.26%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	60.62	97.55	99.04	53.50	63.84	61.17	1.52%	63.37%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>113.31</b>	<b>152.81</b>	<b>161.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.95%</b>	<b>42.88%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In May 2023, total imports values increased by 22.63 per cent compared to April 2023 and by 18.30 per cent compared to May 2022.

**Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2023**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	74.84	74.23	75.64	15.91	16.35	13.59	1.90%	1.06%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	6.04	7.55	9.60	1.28	1.66	1.72	27.06%	58.85%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	14.43	12.48	10.34	3.07	2.75	1.86	-17.11%	-28.33%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	72.01	52.30	63.48	15.30	11.52	11.40	21.36%	-11.85%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	16.75	19.35	14.98	3.56	4.26	2.69	-22.60%	-10.61%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	47.41	41.30	47.74	10.08	9.10	8.58	15.59%	0.71%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	76.87	52.68	79.42	16.34	11.60	14.27	50.76%	3.32%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	67.95	76.35	119.91	14.44	16.82	21.54	57.06%	76.48%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	32.71	24.78	28.43	6.95	5.46	5.11	14.71%	-13.09%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	61.52	92.91	107.10	13.07	20.47	19.24	15.27%	74.09%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>470.52</b>	<b>453.93</b>	<b>556.63</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>22.63%</b>	<b>18.30%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In May 2023, re-exports values increased by 47.97 per cent compared to April 2023 and by 23.81 per cent compared to May 2022.

**Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in May 2023**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	16.39	17.30	18.78	30.80	38.84	28.50	8.58%	14.57%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.50	2.18	3.61	2.82	4.89	5.48	66.00%	141.06%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.73	1.22	11.40	3.25	2.74	17.29	835.07%	558.93%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	18.11	9.17	12.30	34.03	20.58	18.66	34.14%	-32.10%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.08	3.71	5.64	7.67	8.33	8.56	52.00%	38.15%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.13	1.87	2.69	2.13	4.19	4.08	44.15%	136.99%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.49	4.59	5.32	8.43	10.31	8.08	15.97%	18.66%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.63	2.61	3.90	6.81	5.85	5.91	49.48%	7.46%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.16	1.90	2.26	4.06	4.27	3.43	18.82%	4.51%
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>53.22</b>	<b>44.53</b>	<b>65.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>47.97%</b>	<b>23.81%</b>

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## Trading Partners

### Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 2023 - Exports

		Exports (f.o.b.)							
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
		May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	70.27	103.73	106.46	62.02	67.88	65.76	2.63%	51.50%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	11.84	12.25	12.96	10.45	8.02	8.00	5.75%	9.41%
3	China	1.94	4.85	5.28	1.71	3.17	3.26	8.90%	171.99%
4	Hong Kong	4.00	2.80	4.73	3.53	1.83	2.92	68.85%	18.05%
5	Uganda	1.82	1.18	3.73	1.60	0.77	2.31	217.14%	105.26%
6	Switzerland	0.33	1.03	2.67	0.29	0.67	1.65	160.65%	722.40%
7	Congo	1.41	2.23	2.50	1.24	1.46	1.55	12.31%	77.85%
8	Belgium	0.30	0.64	1.86	0.26	0.42	1.15	192.40%	530.88%
9	Kazakhstan	0.65	0.99	1.72	0.57	0.65	1.06	72.48%	163.90%
10	Ethiopia	0.00	0.00	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.00%	3474534.40%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	20.76	23.12	18.43	18.32	15.13	11.38	-20.28%	-11.21%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>113.31</b>	<b>152.81</b>	<b>161.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5.95%</b>	<b>42.88%</b>

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### Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 2023–Re-exports

		Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022
		May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	50.94	41.75	61.55	95.72	93.75	93.40	47.41%	20.81%
2	United Arab Emirates	0.18	0.53	1.09	0.34	1.19	1.65	104.76%	503.91%
3	Burundi	0.00	0.36	0.95	0.00	0.81	1.45	163.44%	0.00%
4	Ethiopia	0.41	0.53	0.49	0.77	1.20	0.75	-7.17%	20.89%
5	Qatar	0.01	0.25	0.46	0.01	0.55	0.70	88.62%	5803.11%
6	Uganda	0.41	0.37	0.33	0.77	0.83	0.50	0.00%	-19.88%
7	Spain	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00%	0.00%
8	South Sudan	0.00	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.11	0.24	207.47%	0.00%
9	Turkey	0.08	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.29	0.21	7.02%	63.93%
10	Zambia	0.03	0.15	0.11	0.06	0.34	0.17	-28.40%	273.75%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	1.16	0.41	0.30	2.18	0.92	0.46	-26.09%	-73.94%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>53.22</b>	<b>44.53</b>	<b>65.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>47.97%</b>	<b>23.81%</b>

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2023**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage					
		2022	2023		2022	2023		May2023/April2023	May2023/May2022	
		May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>			
1	China	80.42	64.87	107.39	151.10	145.67	162.96	65.53%	33.53%	
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	56.37	59.59	73.22	105.92	133.80	111.12	22.88%	29.89%	
3	India	56.87	53.53	69.29	106.85	120.19	105.14	29.45%	21.84%	
4	Cameroon	6.66	0.00	55.67	12.51	0.01	84.48	1469087.97%	735.92%	
5	United Arab Emirates	45.00	23.57	29.28	84.55	52.92	44.43	24.23%	-34.94%	
6	Kenya	40.22	55.09	29.09	75.56	123.70	44.14	0.00%	-27.67%	
7	Saudi Arabia	8.05	20.78	23.36	15.12	46.65	35.45	12.43%	190.26%	
8	Uganda	0.07	16.45	15.22	0.12	36.93	23.10	-7.46%	23097.04%	
9	Turkey	8.66	7.35	13.24	16.27	16.50	20.09	80.09%	52.89%	
10	Burkina Faso	9.23	30.14	11.16	17.34	67.68	16.94	-62.97%	20.89%	
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	158.98	122.57	129.72	298.69	275.21	196.85	5.84%	-18.40%	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>470.52</b>	<b>453.93</b>	<b>556.63</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>22.63%</b>	<b>18.30%</b>	

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2022	2023		2022	2023		2022	2023	
	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>	May (R)	April <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	94.75	123.84	147.33	62.78	99.87	101.38	2.22	1.52	2.23
<b>Land</b>	375.78	330.09	409.30	50.53	52.94	60.52	51.00	43.01	63.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>470.53</b>	<b>453.93</b>	<b>556.63</b>	<b>113.31</b>	<b>152.81</b>	<b>161.90</b>	<b>53.22</b>	<b>44.53</b>	<b>65.90</b>

**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