



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## September 2023

October 2023

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of September 2023

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 379.47 million in September 2023, an increase of 12.50 percent compared to the previous month of August. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 4.88 percent on the deficit of September 2022.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>171.30</b>	<b>194.39</b>	<b>175.68</b>	<b>24.32</b>	<b>26.77</b>	<b>24.04</b>	<b>-9.63%</b>	<b>2.56%</b>
Domestic exports	110.00	134.11	119.43	15.62	18.47	16.34	-10.95%	8.58%
Re-exports	61.31	60.28	56.25	8.70	8.30	7.70	-6.68%	-8.24%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>533.12</b>	<b>531.70</b>	<b>555.15</b>	75.68	73.23	75.96	4.41%	4.13%
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>704.42</b>	<b>726.09</b>	<b>730.84</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	<b>3.75%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-361.82</b>	<b>-337.31</b>	<b>-379.47</b>				<b>12.50%</b>	<b>4.88%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In September 2023 domestic exports value decreased by 10.95 per cent compared to August 2023 and increased by 8.58 per cent compared to September 2022. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in September 2023 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022		2023	2022		2023	Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	31.80	30.79	31.06	28.91	22.96	26.01	0.89%	-2.33%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.11	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.07	-29.98%	159.96%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	13.97	24.35	20.49	12.70	18.16	17.16	-15.84%	46.66%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.08	0.17	0.58	0.07	0.12	0.49	250.30%	637.57%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.48	0.86	1.06	0.44	0.64	0.89	23.45%	120.60%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.09	1.49	0.87	1.00	1.11	0.73	-41.35%	-20.20%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9.40	11.14	8.68	8.55	8.30	7.27	-22.07%	-7.66%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.70	0.74	0.82	1.55	0.55	0.68	10.24%	-52.01%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.59	2.31	3.08	2.35	1.72	2.58	33.14%	19.07%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	48.85	62.16	52.68	44.41	46.35	44.11	-15.25%	7.83%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>134.11</b>	<b>119.43</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-10.95%</b>	<b>8.58%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In September 2023 imports value increased by 4.41 per cent compared to August 2023 and by 4.13 per cent compared to September 2022. Table 2 shows the value of imported goods in September 2023 by SITC sections.

**Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in September 2023**

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	65.95	97.50	84.18	12.37	18.34	15.16	-13.66%	27.65%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	8.34	10.50	9.33	1.56	1.97	1.68	-11.07%	11.99%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11.95	12.85	14.96	2.24	2.42	2.69	16.39%	25.14%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	87.97	61.28	50.60	16.50	11.53	9.12	-17.42%	-42.48%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	25.11	23.24	12.86	4.71	4.37	2.32	-44.68%	-48.79%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	48.36	52.57	51.08	9.07	9.89	9.20	-2.84%	5.62%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	78.30	73.46	94.05	14.69	13.82	16.94	28.03%	20.12%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	100.62	89.07	129.61	18.87	16.75	23.35	45.52%	28.81%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	51.45	34.28	44.60	9.65	6.45	8.03	30.11%	-13.30%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	55.08	76.96	60.54	10.33	14.47	10.90	-21.34%	9.90%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>533.12</b>	<b>531.70</b>	<b>555.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.13%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In September 2023, re-export values have decreased by 6.68 per cent compared to August 2023 and by 8.24 per cent compared to September 2022.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2022	2023		2022	2023		Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	16.75	17.66	16.04	27.32	29.29	28.52	-9.14%	-4.21%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.96	2.80	2.91	3.19	4.64	5.17	3.89%	48.53%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3.99	2.05	1.48	6.51	3.40	2.63	-27.67%	-62.89%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	17.47	14.50	13.74	28.49	24.05	24.43	-5.21%	-21.32%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.35	6.30	5.43	10.35	10.46	9.65	-13.83%	-14.43%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.85	2.64	2.81	3.02	4.38	5.00	6.43%	52.07%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.57	7.71	6.14	9.08	12.80	10.92	-20.40%	10.32%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	5.18	4.04	3.40	8.46	6.70	6.04	-15.91%	-34.46%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.19	2.58	4.29	3.58	4.27	7.62	66.47%	95.54%
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>61.31</b>	<b>60.28</b>	<b>56.25</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-6.68%</b>	<b>-8.24%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

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

Exports (f.o.b.)									
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
		Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	52.33	67.90	57.09	47.58	50.63	47.80	-15.92%	9.09%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	14.10	14.68	15.30	12.82	10.95	12.81	4.23%	8.49%
3	China	2.66	7.31	8.49	2.42	5.45	7.11	16.14%	219.31%
4	Hong Kong	4.00	3.35	3.54	3.64	2.50	2.96	5.64%	-11.64%
5	Pakistan	2.42	2.25	3.42	2.20	1.68	2.86	52.28%	41.26%
6	United Kingdom	5.22	2.43	2.95	4.74	1.81	2.47	21.68%	-43.44%
7	United States	1.59	1.59	2.56	1.44	1.19	2.15	60.94%	61.62%
8	Switzerland	2.71	2.32	1.72	2.46	1.73	1.44	-26.02%	-36.63%
9	Burundi	0.36	1.89	1.54	0.33	1.41	1.29	-18.29%	322.79%
10	Germany	0.43	0.53	1.51	0.39	0.39	1.26	185.71%	247.78%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		24.16	29.88	21.31	21.97	22.28	17.84	-28.67%	-11.79%
<b>Total</b>		<b>110.00</b>	<b>134.11</b>	<b>119.43</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-10.95%</b>	<b>8.58%</b>

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

Re-Exports (f.o.b.)									
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
		Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	56.29	54.81	50.73	91.82	90.93	90.18	-7.44%	-9.87%
2	United Arab Emirates	0.37	1.61	2.19	0.61	2.67	3.89	36.23%	484.25%
3	Burundi	0.03	1.24	1.59	0.05	2.06	2.82	27.73%	5606.68%
4	Ethiopia	1.23	0.97	0.60	2.00	1.61	1.06	-38.50%	-51.46%
5	Qatar	0.00	0.36	0.40	0.00	0.60	0.70	10.35%	0.00%
6	Belgium	0.07	0.03	0.09	0.11	0.05	0.16	0.00%	33.35%
7	South Sudan	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.15	0.08	0.14	73.14%	-11.33%
8	Greece	0.07	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.18	0.14	-27.94%	16.35%
9	Turkey	0.12	0.06	0.08	0.20	0.10	0.13	21.96%	-38.86%
10	Zambia	0.00	0.51	0.08	0.00	0.84	0.13	-84.98%	0.00%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		3.04	0.54	0.35	4.96	0.89	0.63	-34.60%	-88.40%
<b>Total</b>		<b>61.31</b>	<b>60.28</b>	<b>56.25</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-6.68%</b>	<b>-8.24%</b>

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

		Imports (c.i.f.)							
Rank	Country	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2022		2023	2022		2023	Sept2023/Aug2023	Sept2023/Sept2022
		Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	106.44	91.08	129.38	19.97	17.13	23.30	42.05%	21.55%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	53.06	80.80	74.49	9.95	15.20	13.42	-7.81%	40.39%
3	India	38.72	57.67	58.30	7.26	10.85	10.50	1.08%	50.55%
4	Kenya	65.73	42.21	37.86	12.33	7.94	6.82	-10.29%	-42.40%
5	United Arab Emirates	59.11	36.32	30.37	11.09	6.83	5.47	-16.37%	-48.62%
6	Turkey	4.65	13.26	26.27	0.87	2.49	4.73	0.00%	464.57%
7	Uganda	7.00	19.84	17.62	1.31	3.73	3.17	-11.19%	151.85%
8	Saudi Arabia	12.31	14.81	16.82	2.31	2.78	3.03	13.58%	36.56%
9	Germany	6.49	10.06	15.90	1.22	1.89	2.86	58.00%	144.85%
10	South Africa	23.58	10.75	14.67	4.42	2.02	2.64	36.46%	-37.80%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	156.02	154.90	133.48	29.27	29.13	24.04	-13.83%	-14.45%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>533.12</b>	<b>531.70</b>	<b>555.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>4.13%</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	
	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Sept (R)	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	84.33	124.67	92.81	51.69	64.44	55.23	2.44	2.93	3.43
<i>Land</i>	448.82	407.03	462.35	58.30	69.67	64.20	58.87	57.35	52.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>533.15</b>	<b>531.70</b>	<b>555.16</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>134.11</b>	<b>119.43</b>	<b>61.31</b>	<b>60.28</b>	<b>56.25</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

Aug: August

Sept: September