



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

December 2020

January 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods December 2020

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 194.17 million in December 2020, a decrease of 9.84 per cent compared to the previous month of November. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 4.29 per cent compared to the deficit of December 2019.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	109.84	112.66	84.62	25.99	25.57	23.29	-24.89%	-22.96%
Domestic exports	81.20	82.74	54.16	19.22	18.78	14.90	-34.54%	-33.29%
Re-exports	28.64	29.92	30.46	6.78	6.79	8.38	1.81%	6.35%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	312.71	328.02	278.80	74.01	74.43	76.71	-15.01%	-10.84%
Total External Trade (A+B)	422.55	440.68	363.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	-17.53%	-13.99%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-202.87	-215.35	-194.17				-9.84%	-4.29%

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In December 2020, domestic exports values decreased by 34.54 per cent compared to November 2020 and by 33.29 per cent compared to December 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in December 2020 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in December 2020

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.75	20.04	20.96	24.33	24.22	38.69	4.57%	6.10%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.03	0.08	0.22	91.10%	362.10%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.02	8.15	7.91	8.65	9.85	14.60	-2.98%	12.55%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.02	0.23	590.87%	210.36%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.03	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.19	272.85%	8494.71%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.14	0.61	0.57	0.17	0.74	1.05	-7.35%	302.83%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.22	4.59	6.58	3.96	5.54	12.14	43.36%	104.50%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.96	0.63	1.11	1.18	0.77	2.05	75.02%	15.60%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.74	1.00	1.02	2.15	1.20	1.88	2.38%	-41.47%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	48.29	47.61	15.68	59.48	57.54	28.95	-67.07%	-67.53%
Total Domestic Exports	81.20	82.74	54.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	-34.54%	-33.29%

Note: (R) – Revised

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Imports

In December 2020, total imports values decreased by 15.01 per cent compared to November 2020 and by 10.84 per cent compared to December 2019.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in December 2020

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	43.04	40.54	37.88	13.76	12.36	13.59	-6.56%	-11.98%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.06	2.64	3.33	0.66	0.80	1.20	26.28%	61.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5.26	6.73	5.89	1.68	2.05	2.11	-12.42%	11.96%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	43.54	31.39	22.87	13.92	9.57	8.20	-27.16%	-47.48%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8.53	13.32	10.36	2.73	4.06	3.72	-22.24%	21.41%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	33.47	35.27	47.31	10.70	10.75	16.97	34.14%	41.38%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	52.83	44.47	52.32	16.90	13.56	18.77	17.66%	-0.97%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	55.94	78.87	57.47	17.89	24.05	20.61	-27.14%	2.73%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	22.87	27.16	25.73	7.31	8.28	9.23	-5.25%	12.50%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	45.16	47.62	15.63	14.44	14.52	5.61	-67.17%	-65.38%
Total Imports	312.71	328.02	278.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.01%	-10.84%

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Re-exports

In December 2020, re-exports values increased by 1.81 per cent compared to November 2020 and by 6.35 per cent compared to December 2019.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in December 2020

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	8.34	10.15	12.16	29.12	33.92	39.91	19.78%	45.79%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.31	0.57	1.22	1.07	1.91	4.00	112.81%	298.40%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.16	2.37	2.10	4.06	7.91	6.89	-11.33%	80.45%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.29	5.54	4.80	32.44	18.51	15.75	-13.36%	-48.36%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.39	3.41	3.38	11.83	11.39	11.08	-0.93%	-0.36%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.13	1.12	1.39	3.94	3.73	4.56	24.42%	23.06%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.22	1.98	1.80	4.27	6.61	5.89	-9.29%	46.80%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.28	2.59	2.06	7.96	8.64	6.76	-20.37%	-9.71%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.52	2.11	1.57	5.31	7.07	5.15	-25.76%	3.29%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	-100.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	28.64	29.92	30.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.81%	6.35%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in December 2020 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	52.18	51.14	19.31	64.26	61.81	35.64	-62.25%	-63.00%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.94	7.99	7.46	7.32	9.66	13.78	-6.64%	25.62%
3	India	0.91	2.02	4.45	1.12	2.44	8.22	120.94%	388.10%
4	United Kingdom	2.47	2.50	2.74	3.04	3.03	5.06	9.43%	11.09%
5	South Sudan	0.50	0.84	2.41	0.61	1.02	4.44	186.31%	384.30%
6	United States	1.65	2.83	2.15	2.03	3.42	3.98	-23.91%	30.81%
7	Singapore	1.91	2.49	1.96	2.35	3.00	3.61	-21.32%	2.54%
8	Pakistan	2.58	1.65	1.65	3.17	2.00	3.05	-0.15%	-35.95%
9	Netherlands	0.26	1.04	1.43	0.32	1.26	2.65	38.11%	448.69%
10	Hong Kong	0.71	1.02	1.20	0.87	1.24	2.22	17.77%	70.37%
Rest of the World		12.11	9.22	9.40	14.91	11.14	17.35	1.93%	-22.39%
Total		81.20	82.74	54.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	-34.54%	-33.29%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in December 2020–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	Belgium	25.47	29.03	29.59	88.93	97.03	97.13	1.91%	16.17%
2	Uganda	0.44	0.15	0.46	1.55	0.50	1.51	204.23%	3.55%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.14	0.05	0.14	0.49	0.15	0.45	205.17%	-0.91%
4	Burundi	0.81	0.40	0.14	2.84	1.35	0.44	-66.59%	-83.39%
5	United States	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.18	-8.82%	0.00%
6	Turkey	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.31	0.05	0.07	31.71%	333.10%
7	Canada	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.25	0.01	0.07	495.58%	-71.96%
8	China	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.17	0.05	-68.16%	-26.13%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.11	0.05	-55.89%	0.00%
10	United Kingdom	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.14	0.02	0.03	107.62%	0.00%
Rest of the World		1.52	0.12	0.00	5.29	0.40	0.02	-95.94%	-99.68%
Total		28.64	29.92	30.46	100.00	100.00	100.00	1.81%	6.35%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in December 2020

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Dec2020/Nov2020	Dec2020/Dec2019
		Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹		
1	China	61.86	49.78	60.50	19.78	15.18	21.70	21.55%	-2.19%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	25.54	56.73	42.34	8.17	17.30	15.19	-25.37%	65.79%
3	India	21.48	35.08	24.79	6.87	10.69	8.89	-29.32%	15.40%
4	Kenya	23.71	37.65	22.15	7.58	11.48	7.95	-41.17%	-6.57%
5	United Arab Emirates	33.85	20.99	15.99	10.83	6.40	5.73	-23.82%	-52.77%
6	Germany	3.96	14.00	12.43	1.27	4.27	4.46	-11.18%	214.08%
7	Egypt	4.76	6.10	7.91	1.52	1.86	2.84	29.66%	66.22%
8	South Africa	19.12	10.89	7.76	6.11	3.32	2.78	-28.71%	-59.41%
9	Turkey	4.72	5.81	7.07	1.51	1.77	2.54	21.62%	49.71%
10	Saudi Arabia	6.50	4.25	5.83	2.08	1.30	2.09	37.15%	-10.34%
Rest of the World		107.20	86.74	72.01	34.28	26.44	25.83	-16.97%	-32.82%
Total		312.71	328.02	278.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	-15.01%	-10.84%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹	Dec (R)	Nov ¹	Dec ¹
Air	72.36	74.90	55.34	50.10	50.26	18.73	1.22	0.32	0.36
Land	240.35	253.12	223.46	31.10	32.48	35.43	27.42	29.60	30.10
Total	312.71	328.02	278.80	81.20	82.74	54.16	28.64	29.92	30.46

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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

Nov: November

Dec: December