



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## October 2020

November 2020

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods October 2020

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 167.48 million in October 2020, an increase of 17.26 per cent compared to the previous month of September. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 8.99 per cent on the deficit of October 2019.

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

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/Sept2020	Oct2020/Oct2019
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>114.13</b>	<b>149.95</b>	<b>133.98</b>	<b>27.68</b>	<b>33.87</b>	<b>30.77</b>	<b>-10.65%</b>	<b>17.39%</b>
Domestic exports	82.21	122.74	104.44	19.94	27.72	23.99	-14.91%	27.05%
Re-exports	31.93	27.21	29.53	72.32	6.15	6.78	8.56%	-7.50%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>298.16</b>	<b>292.77</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>66.13</b>	<b>69.23</b>	<b>2.97%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>412.30</b>	<b>442.72</b>	<b>435.44</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-1.64%</b>	<b>5.61%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-184.03</b>	<b>-142.82</b>	<b>-167.48</b>				<b>17.26%</b>	<b>-8.99%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In October 2020, domestic exports values have decreased by 14.91 per cent compared to September 2020 and increased by 27.05 per cent compared to October 2019. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in October 2020 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/ Sept2020	Oct2020/ Oct2019
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	24.28	24.91	26.44	29.54	20.30	25.32	6.14%	8.89%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	-93.88%	-89.64%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	10.55	6.96	6.52	12.84	5.67	6.24	-6.37%	-38.26%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02	-58.85%	-55.06%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	-99.45%	-99.51%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.19	0.58	0.43	0.23	0.47	0.41	-25.49%	128.64%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.88	5.05	6.44	3.51	4.12	6.16	27.37%	123.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.54	0.62	0.70	0.65	0.50	0.67	13.01%	29.98%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.67	1.69	1.75	2.04	1.38	1.68	3.68%	4.79%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	42.01	82.85	62.14	51.11	67.50	59.49	-25.00%	47.90%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>82.21</b>	<b>122.74</b>	<b>104.44</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-14.91%</b>	<b>27.05%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In October 2020, total imports values have increased by 2.97 per cent compared to September 2020 and by 1.11 per cent compared to October 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/ Sept2020	Oct2020/ Oct2019
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	37.12	33.67	43.65	12.45	11.50	14.48	29.65%	17.60%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.52	1.49	1.93	0.85	0.51	0.64	29.40%	-23.66%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.57	4.81	6.08	2.21	1.64	2.02	26.22%	-7.57%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	48.60	20.79	21.38	16.30	7.10	7.09	2.84%	-56.00%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.02	7.70	4.69	2.02	2.63	1.56	-39.11%	-22.08%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	25.26	34.06	30.45	8.47	11.63	10.10	-10.58%	20.55%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	51.99	51.29	49.22	17.44	17.52	16.33	-4.04%	-5.33%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	52.90	38.20	53.95	17.74	13.05	17.90	41.25%	1.99%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20.43	15.47	23.41	6.85	5.28	7.77	51.33%	14.60%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	41.85	85.29	66.69	14.03	29.13	22.12	-21.81%	59.37%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>298.16</b>	<b>292.77</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.97%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised  
<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In October 2020, re-exports values have increased by 8.56 per cent compared to September 2020 and decreased by 7.50 per cent compared to October 2019.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/ Sept2020	Oct2020/ Oct2019
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	8.59	8.58	9.43	26.90	31.54	31.92	9.89%	9.80%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.39	0.32	0.73	1.21	1.17	2.48	129.43%	90.14%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.40	2.59	2.15	4.38	9.52	7.30	-16.79%	54.23%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	12.28	6.15	5.75	38.45	22.59	19.45	-6.52%	-53.20%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.67	2.62	3.49	8.36	9.63	11.83	33.37%	30.91%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.34	1.03	1.33	4.20	3.78	4.49	28.89%	-1.14%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.34	3.00	2.74	4.19	11.03	9.29	-8.53%	104.94%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.56	1.48	1.76	8.01	5.44	5.95	18.65%	-31.30%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.34	1.45	2.06	4.19	5.33	6.97	41.96%	53.90%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.13	0.00	0.30	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>31.93</b>	<b>27.21</b>	<b>29.53</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.56%</b>	<b>-7.50%</b>

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## Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/Sept2020	Oct2020/Oct2019
		Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	46.18	86.04	63.77	56.17	70.10	61.05	-25.89%	38.09%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	5.75	8.80	8.78	7.00	7.17	8.40	-0.29%	52.61%
3	United Kingdom	5.33	3.60	3.82	6.48	2.94	3.66	6.12%	-28.21%
4	United States	1.97	3.41	2.88	2.39	2.78	2.76	-15.48%	46.55%
5	Pakistan	2.91	2.67	2.67	3.54	2.18	2.56	0.09%	-8.25%
6	India	0.63	2.07	2.32	0.76	1.69	2.22	11.76%	269.94%
7	Uganda	0.18	2.23	2.08	0.22	1.81	1.99	-6.72%	1050.91%
8	Kenya	0.11	0.75	1.66	0.13	0.61	1.59	122.93%	1468.37%
9	Belgium	1.38	1.48	1.54	1.68	1.20	1.48	4.29%	11.69%
10	Hong Kong	0.48	1.20	1.53	0.58	0.98	1.47	27.42%	219.67%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	17.30	10.48	13.39	21.04	8.54	12.82	27.71%	-22.62%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>82.21</b>	<b>122.74</b>	<b>104.44</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-14.91%</b>	<b>27.05%</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/Sept2020	Oct2020/Oct2019
		Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	27.95	26.40	28.43	87.55	97.02	96.25	7.69%	1.69%
2	Uganda	0.34	0.06	0.22	1.05	0.22	0.74	265.68%	-34.82%
3	Ethiopia	0.96	0.28	0.15	3.02	1.03	0.49	-47.90%	-84.92%
4	Qatar	0.01	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.24	0.28	30.12%	1102.69%
5	Belgium	0.00	0.13	0.08	0.00	0.48	0.26	-41.27%	0.00%
6	Korea, Republic Of	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00%	-100.00%
7	Congo	0.15	0.06	0.06	0.48	0.23	0.19	-11.18%	-63.47%
8	Zambia	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.12	0.11	-1.75%	-100.00%
9	United Arab Emirates	0.16	0.09	0.02	0.52	0.33	0.07	-76.82%	0.00%
10	Kenya	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.14	0.03	0.02	-14.44%	0.00%
	<b>Rest of the World</b>	2.31	0.08	0.40	7.22	0.30	1.36	393.77%	-82.58%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31.93</b>	<b>27.21</b>	<b>29.53</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8.56%</b>	<b>-7.50%</b>

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in October 2020**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2020/Sept2020	Oct2020/Oct2019
		Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>		
1	Tanzania, United Republic Of	30.68	69.75	73.99	10.29	23.82	24.54	6.07%	141.19%
2	China	65.77	44.67	64.21	22.06	15.26	21.30	43.74%	-2.38%
3	Kenya	41.00	41.66	40.44	13.75	14.23	13.41	-2.92%	-1.36%
4	India	21.46	17.86	20.85	7.20	6.10	6.92	16.76%	-2.84%
5	United Arab Emirates	15.97	13.57	15.89	5.36	4.63	5.27	17.09%	-0.51%
6	Germany	7.35	3.35	11.45	2.47	1.14	3.80	242.31%	55.69%
7	Russian Federation	3.07	14.04	6.89	1.03	4.80	2.29	-50.91%	124.78%
8	Egypt	5.53	21.24	5.14	1.85	7.25	1.70	-75.81%	-7.07%
9	Switzerland	9.43	5.84	5.09	3.16	2.00	1.69	-12.96%	-46.10%
10	United States	3.03	2.95	4.36	1.01	1.01	1.45	47.95%	44.09%
<b>Rest of the World</b>		94.88	57.85	53.16	31.82	19.76	17.64	-8.10%	-43.96%
<b>Total</b>		<b>298.16</b>	<b>292.77</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.97%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

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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	
	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Oct (R)	Sept <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>
<b>Air</b>	67.15	109.89	91.35	46.28	85.58	65.08	1.39	0.55	0.33
<b>Land</b>	231.01	182.88	210.11	35.93	37.16	39.36	30.54	26.66	29.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>298.16</b>	<b>292.77</b>	<b>301.46</b>	<b>82.21</b>	<b>122.74</b>	<b>104.44</b>	<b>31.93</b>	<b>27.21</b>	<b>29.53</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

Sept: September

Oct: October