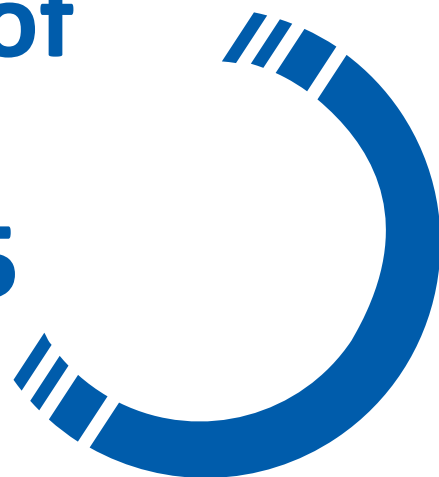




Republic
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Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 226.75 million in May 2025, a decrease of 2.32 percent compared to the previous month of April 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 18.42 percent on the deficit of May 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	270.65	148.51	177.31	33.04	28.07	30.50	19.39%	-34.49%
Domestic exports	211.54	105.42	127.81	25.82	19.92	21.98	21.24%	-39.58%
Re-exports	59.11	43.10	49.51	7.22	8.14	8.52	14.87%	-16.25%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	548.59	380.64	404.06	66.96	71.93	69.50	6.15%	-26.35%
Total External Trade (A+B)	819.24	529.16	581.37	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.87%	-29.04%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-277.93	-232.13	-226.75				-2.32%	-18.42%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In May 2025 domestic exports value increased by 21.24 per cent compared to April 2025 and decreased by 39.58 per cent compared to May 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in May 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in May 2025

SITC SECTION/ DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	22.78	28.39	31.98	10.77	26.93	25.02	12.64%	40.38%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.76	0.93	0.00	0.72	0.73	23.15%	12777.61%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19.67	21.35	28.97	9.30	20.26	22.67	35.69%	47.31%

3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.12	0.24	0.19	-4.86%	-5.31%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.92	7.29	8.79	0.91	6.91	6.88	20.70%	358.48%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.32	1.71	1.53	0.63	1.63	1.20	-10.73%	15.50%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11.52	12.00	13.53	5.45	11.38	10.59	12.77%	17.44%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.45	1.96	1.30	0.21	1.86	1.02	-33.31%	192.34%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4.57	2.41	2.30	2.16	2.29	1.80	-4.61%	-49.70%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	149.05	29.30	38.22	70.46	27.79	29.90	30.45%	-74.36%
Total Domestic Exports	211.54	105.42	127.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	21.24%	-39.58%

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Imports

In May 2025 imports value increased by 6.15 per cent compared to April 2025 and decreased by 26.35 per cent compared to May 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in May 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in May 2025

SITC SECTION/ DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	72.75	73.31	75.76	13.26	19.26	18.75	3.34%	4.14%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	8.05	8.55	10.10	1.47	2.25	2.50	18.12%	25.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12.02	14.27	12.47	2.19	3.75	3.09	-12.61%	3.76%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	62.70	52.08	60.48	11.43	13.68	14.97	16.12%	-3.53%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13.37	26.59	18.08	2.44	6.99	4.47	-32.02%	35.24%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	43.92	49.90	46.32	8.01	13.11	11.46	-7.18%	5.46%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	56.73	54.29	57.07	10.34	14.26	14.12	5.12%	0.60%

7 - Machinery and transport equipment	92.12	73.87	83.22	16.79	19.41	20.60	12.66%	-9.67%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	32.46	27.79	28.47	5.92	7.30	7.05	2.45%	-12.29%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	153.33	0.00	12.10	27.95	0.00	2.99	0.00%	-92.11%
Total Imports	548.59	380.64	404.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.15%	-26.35%

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Re-exports

In May 2025, re-export values have increased by 14.87 per cent compared to April 2025 and decreased by 16.25 per cent compared to May 2024.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in May 2025

SITC SECTION/ DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	17.82	15.78	17.17	30.15	36.62	34.68	8.81%	-3.66%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.35	3.67	5.16	5.67	8.51	10.42	40.57%	53.79%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.54	0.96	1.51	2.61	2.22	3.05	58.14%	-1.92%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	15.86	8.60	11.45	26.84	19.95	23.14	33.23%	-27.80%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.94	1.78	1.37	8.36	4.13	2.77	-22.91%	-72.22%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	4.51	4.13	3.65	7.63	9.58	7.36	-11.71%	-19.21%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.55	4.03	3.48	7.70	9.36	7.02	-13.79%	-23.61%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.30	2.68	4.15	5.58	6.22	8.38	54.72%	25.74%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.23	1.48	1.57	5.46	3.43	3.17	6.15%	-51.34%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	59.11	43.10	49.51	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.87%	-16.25%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 2025 – Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025			
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
1.	United Arab Emirates	152.24	32.75	44.68	71.97	31.07	34.96	0.36	-0.71
2.	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	16.40	21.23	22.31	7.75	20.14	17.46	0.05	0.36
3.	China	7.54	10.37	14.07	3.57	9.84	11.01	0.36	0.86
4.	Belgium	0.88	0.68	7.05	0.42	0.64	5.52	9.41	7.03
5.	Luxembourg	6.41	4.35	5.28	3.03	4.13	4.13	0.21	-0.18
6.	United States	1.15	3.24	4.38	0.54	3.07	3.42	0.35	2.81
7.	United Kingdom	2.60	2.79	3.33	1.23	2.65	2.61	0.19	0.28
8.	Burundi	0.77	1.43	2.68	0.37	1.36	2.10	0.87	2.46
9.	Hong Kong	1.95	1.57	2.48	0.92	1.49	1.94	0.58	0.27
10.	Uganda	0.42	2.47	2.34	0.20	2.35	1.83	-0.05	4.55
	Rest of the World	21.18	24.52	19.20	10.01	23.26	15.02	-0.22	-0.09
	Total	211.54	105.42	127.81	100.00	100.00	100.00	21.24%	-39.58%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in May 2025–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025			
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May2025/ Apr2025	May2025/ May2024
1.	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	55.85	41.29	46.59	94.49	95.81	94.10	12.82%	-16.59%
2.	United Arab Emirates	0.33	0.36	1.02	0.56	0.84	0.80	179.66%	207.08%
3.	Ethiopia	0.77	0.50	0.72	1.30	1.16	0.57	44.80%	-5.60%
4.	Burundi	1.05	0.08	0.31	1.77	0.19	0.24	270.38%	-70.78%
5.	South Sudan	0.02	0.07	0.21	0.03	0.17	0.16	186.88%	1026.85%
6.	Germany	0.06	0.00	0.21	0.10	0.00	0.16	0.00%	240.11%
7.	Greece	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.08	81.60%	87.38%
8.	Turkey	0.13	0.08	0.07	0.22	0.19	0.05	-15.97%	-45.64%
9.	Uganda	0.00	0.17	0.06	0.00	0.40	0.05	-62.46%	0.00%

10. Zambia	0.11	0.00	0.05	0.18	0.00	0.04	0.00%	-53.80%
Rest of the World	0.74	0.47	0.17	1.25	1.09	0.13	-64.63%	-77.43%
Total	59.11	43.10	49.51	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.87%	-16.25%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in May 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)						
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease
		2024		2025	2024		2025	
		May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	
1. China		90.56	79.35	96.88	16.51	20.85	23.98	22.10%
2. Tanzania, United Republic Of		39.34	42.72	47.09	7.17	11.22	11.66	10.23%
3. India		48.21	43.45	35.97	8.79	11.42	8.90	-17.23%
4. Kenya		101.31	24.56	32.87	18.47	6.45	8.13	33.84%
5. United Arab Emirates		28.14	21.95	20.99	5.13	5.77	5.20	-4.35%
6. Uganda		17.55	19.53	19.70	3.20	5.13	4.88	0.87%
7. Saudi Arabia		1.58	3.56	17.86	0.29	0.94	4.42	400.93%
8. Malaysia		6.00	6.94	11.11	1.09	1.82	2.75	60.21%
9. Japan		10.95	7.05	9.50	2.00	1.85	2.35	34.77%
10. United States		7.39	8.00	9.17	1.35	2.10	2.27	14.72%
Rest of the World		197.55	123.53	102.91	36.01	32.45	25.47	-16.70%
Total		548.59	380.64	404.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.15%

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025	
	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹	May(R)	Apr ¹	May ¹
Air	196.73	37.51	46.81	154.10	33.94	43.21	1.66	1.11	1.34
Land	351.86	343.14	357.25	57.45	71.47	84.60	57.45	41.98	48.17
Total	548.59	380.65	404.06	211.54	105.42	127.81	59.11	43.10	49.51

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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

Apr: April

