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Formal External Trade in Goods



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Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 305.57 million in September 2025, an increase of 23.36 percent compared to the previous month of August 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 11.43 percent on the deficit of September 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	303.44	216.86	185.84	34.44	31.82	27.44	-14.30%	-38.75%
Domestic exports	243.02	158.56	121.94	27.58	23.27	18.00	-23.10%	-49.83%
Re-exports	60.42	58.30	63.91	6.86	8.56	9.44	9.62%	5.78%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	577.65	464.55	491.41	65.56	68.18	72.56	5.78%	-14.93%
Total External Trade (A+B)	881.09	681.41	677.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.61%	-23.13%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-274.21	-247.70	-305.57				23.36%	11.43%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In September 2025 domestic exports value decreased by 23.10 per cent compared to August 2025 and decreased by 49.83 per cent compared to September 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in September 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	37.59	34.14	54.09	15.47	21.53	44.36	58.45%	43.90%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	1.56	1.51	0.00	0.98	1.23	-3.31%	13699.06%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	25.13	25.83	32.46	10.34	16.29	26.62	25.67%	29.20%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.36	0.21	0.23	0.15	0.13	0.19	11.05%	-36.88%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5.43	7.37	8.86	2.23	4.65	7.27	20.16%	63.23%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.65	1.17	2.49	0.68	0.74	2.04	112.62%	50.67%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10.74	14.25	12.33	4.42	8.99	10.12	-13.47%	14.90%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.67	1.15	2.01	0.69	0.72	1.65	75.74%	20.65%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.65	4.06	2.76	1.09	2.56	2.27	-31.96%	4.26%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	157.80	68.82	5.19	64.93	43.40	4.26	-92.46%	-96.71%
Total Domestic Exports	243.02	158.56	121.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	-23.10%	-49.83%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In September 2025 imports value increased by 5.78 per cent compared to August 2025 and decreased by 14.93 per cent compared to September 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in September 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	81.82	65.96	95.60	14.16	14.20	19.45	44.94%	16.85%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	9.47	13.92	13.25	1.64	3.00	2.70	-4.86%	39.90%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15.90	14.88	15.54	2.75	3.20	3.16	4.48%	-2.25%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	60.93	57.63	64.69	10.55	12.41	13.16	12.25%	6.16%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	17.12	24.18	23.73	2.96	5.21	4.83	-1.88%	38.63%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	46.98	73.35	55.23	8.13	15.79	11.24	-24.70%	17.56%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	71.36	77.63	79.60	12.35	16.71	16.20	2.53%	11.55%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	84.08	81.42	84.19	14.55	17.53	17.13	3.41%	0.14%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.44	23.48	39.35	4.23	5.05	8.01	67.60%	61.04%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	165.56	32.10	20.23	28.66	6.91	4.12	-36.96%	-87.78%
Total Imports	577.65	464.55	491.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.78%	-14.93%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Re-exports

In September 2025, re-export values have increased by 9.62 per cent compared to August 2025 and increased by 5.78 per cent compared to September 2024.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	17.22	16.21	19.74	28.51	27.80	30.89	21.81%	14.63%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.39	13.39	6.62	5.62	22.97	10.36	-50.54%	95.11%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.79	1.40	12.94	2.97	2.40	20.24	824.93%	622.05%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	17.22	9.91	9.98	28.50	17.00	15.61	0.65%	-42.07%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.06	2.87	2.86	5.06	4.92	4.47	-0.32%	-6.49%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	4.34	2.46	2.77	7.18	4.23	4.33	12.32%	-36.24%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.15	5.28	4.22	10.19	9.05	6.61	-19.94%	-31.36%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3.73	2.79	2.87	6.17	4.79	4.50	2.84%	-22.88%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.51	3.97	1.84	5.81	6.81	2.88	-53.68%	-47.61%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.11	250.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	60.42	58.30	63.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.62%	5.78%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

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

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
		Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	21.48	27.71	32.99	8.84	17.48	27.06	0.19	0.54
2	Uganda	1.89	1.77	13.47	0.78	1.12	11.05	6.59	6.11
3	China	8.77	14.88	13.42	3.61	9.39	11.01	-0.10	0.53
4	United Arab Emirates	162.10	72.63	11.71	66.70	45.81	9.60	-0.84	-0.93
5	Luxembourg	4.96	3.58	4.27	2.04	2.26	3.50	0.19	-0.14
6	Thailand	2.94	0.01	3.69	1.21	0.01	3.03	438.20	0.26
7	United Kingdom	2.82	3.03	3.38	1.16	1.91	2.77	0.11	0.20
8	Japan	1.79	0.08	3.31	0.74	0.05	2.72	38.10	0.85
9	Hong Kong	2.47	2.69	3.31	1.02	1.69	2.71	0.23	0.34
10	United States	3.43	2.08	2.88	1.41	1.31	2.36	0.38	-0.16
	Rest of the World	30.36	30.09	29.50	12.49	18.97	24.19	-0.02	-0.03
	Total	243.02	158.56	121.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	-23.10%	-49.83%

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Main Trading Partner Countries in September 2025–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
		Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	56.40	55.04	60.92	93.35	94.41	95.33	10.70%	8.02%
2	Ethiopia	1.23	0.51	0.69	2.03	0.87	0.56	34.58%	-44.06%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.45	0.50	0.56	0.74	0.86	0.46	12.70%	25.92%
4	Uganda	0.21	0.18	0.49	0.35	0.30	0.40	178.09%	131.34%
5	Burundi	1.04	0.28	0.31	1.72	0.47	0.25	10.99%	-70.56%
6	Qatar	0.01	0.06	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.22	334.23%	3625.77%
7	Zambia	0.13	0.01	0.16	0.21	0.02	0.13	1118.40%	26.13%
8	France	0.00	0.38	0.15	0.00	0.66	0.12	-61.02%	0.00%
9	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.09	1453.66%	5704.69%
10	Turkey	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.14	0.14	0.07	12.07%	6.12%
	Rest of the World	0.87	1.25	0.16	1.43	2.15	0.13	-87.34%	-81.70%
	Total	60.42	58.30	63.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.62%	5.78%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in September 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024	2025		2024	2025		Sept2025/ Aug2025	Sept2025/ Sept2024
		Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹		
1	China	98.15	101.82	113.65	16.99	21.92	23.13	11.61%	15.79%
2	India	32.62	36.68	56.49	5.65	7.90	11.50	54.00%	73.22%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	92.64	57.04	52.91	16.04	12.28	10.77	-7.24%	-42.88%
4	Kenya	31.15	32.28	34.01	5.39	6.95	6.92	5.36%	9.18%
5	United Arab Emirates	26.18	33.68	29.45	4.53	7.25	5.99	-12.56%	362.21%
6	Uganda	22.19	22.74	19.74	3.84	4.89	4.02	-13.18%	-11.05%
7	Burkina Faso	40.42	0.00	11.79	7.00	0.00	2.40	0.00%	-70.83%
8	Malaysia	13.37	7.63	10.63	2.31	1.64	2.16	39.37%	-20.47%
9	Saudi Arabia	11.51	10.74	10.52	1.99	2.31	2.14	-2.09%	-8.64%
10	Germany	5.79	10.39	9.82	1.00	2.24	2.00	-5.52%	69.72%
Rest of the World		203.64	151.54	142.39	35.25	32.62	28.98	-6.04%	-30.08%
Total		577.65	464.55	491.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.78%	-14.93%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

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

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025	
	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹	Sept(R)	Aug ¹	Sept ¹
Air	197.40	89.42	58.08	161.65	76.30	11.55	1.89	1.13	1.60
Land	380.25	375.13	433.33	81.37	82.26	110.39	58.53	57.17	62.31
Total	577.65	464.55	491.41	243.02	158.56	121.94	60.42	58.30	63.91

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

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