



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Formal External Trade in Goods

October 2021

November 2021

Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods October 2021

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 198.76 million in October 2021, a decrease of 11.13 per cent compared to the previous month of September. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit increased by 25.92 per cent on the deficit of October 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	133.35	131.61	139.33	31.41	27.03	29.18	5.86%	4.48%
Domestic exports	103.91	92.22	97.43	24.48	18.94	20.41	5.65%	-6.24%
Re-exports	29.44	39.39	41.90	68.59	8.09	8.78	6.36%	42.31%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	291.20	355.26	338.09	6.93	72.97	70.82	-4.83%	16.10%
Total External Trade (A+B)	424.55	486.87	477.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.94%	12.45%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-157.85	-223.65	-198.76				-11.13%	25.92%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In October 2021, domestic exports values increased by 5.65 per cent compared to September 2021 and decreased by 6.24 per cent compared to October 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in October 2021 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in October 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.44	27.48	33.97	25.45	29.79	34.87	23.65%	28.48%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.04	-27.62%	6237.63%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.52	20.16	16.33	6.27	21.86	16.76	-18.98%	150.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.05	-8.74%	182.08%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.00	0.16	0.06	0.00	0.18	0.06	-61.59%	41824.12%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.43	1.10	0.67	0.41	1.19	0.68	-39.13%	55.68%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6.44	7.07	5.93	6.20	7.66	6.08	-16.16%	-7.96%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.70	0.87	3.02	0.67	0.94	3.10	248.82%	332.57%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.75	2.00	2.85	1.69	2.17	2.93	42.73%	62.66%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	61.60	33.37	34.51	59.29	36.18	35.42	3.43%	-43.98%
Total Domestic Exports	103.91	92.22	97.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.65%	-6.24%

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Imports

In October 2021, total imports values decreased by 4.83 per cent compared to September 2021 and increased by 16.10 per cent compared to October 2020.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in October 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	43.68	37.76	49.30	15.00	10.63	14.58	30.55%	12.86%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.93	2.71	2.61	0.66	0.76	0.77	-3.50%	35.26%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.07	14.22	8.68	2.08	4.00	2.57	-38.95%	43.15%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	21.19	46.06	40.07	7.28	12.97	11.85	-13.00%	89.07%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.65	15.54	20.73	1.60	4.38	6.13	33.33%	346.12%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	28.54	43.83	42.72	9.80	12.34	12.64	-2.52%	49.68%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	48.34	57.05	57.13	16.60	16.06	16.90	0.15%	18.19%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	53.63	73.27	56.66	18.42	20.63	16.76	-22.67%	5.66%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23.42	29.75	27.80	8.04	8.37	8.22	-6.56%	18.71%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	59.76	35.07	32.38	20.52	9.87	9.58	-7.66%	-45.81%
Total Imports	291.20	355.26	338.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.83%	16.10%

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Re-exports

In October 2021, re-exports values increased by 6.36 per cent compared to September 2021 and by 42.31 per cent compared to October 2020.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Section in October 2021

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	9.43	11.05	12.26	32.03	28.07	29.26	10.89%	30.02%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.73	0.36	0.58	2.49	0.91	1.40	62.56%	-20.27%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2.15	2.01	2.18	7.32	5.10	5.20	8.46%	1.17%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5.74	9.98	10.85	19.51	25.35	25.91	8.70%	88.94%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.49	5.41	6.54	11.86	13.74	15.60	20.76%	87.11%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.33	1.98	1.40	4.51	5.03	3.35	-29.08%	5.83%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2.74	4.07	3.24	9.32	10.33	7.73	-20.40%	18.03%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.76	2.66	2.76	5.96	6.75	6.59	3.84%	57.28%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.06	1.86	2.08	6.99	4.71	4.96	11.99%	0.93%
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	29.44	39.39	41.90	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.36%	42.31%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in October 2021 – Domestic Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	63.23	41.67	39.64	60.85	45.18	40.68	-4.87%	-37.32%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	8.78	11.38	10.79	8.45	12.33	11.08	-5.13%	22.96%
3	United Kingdom	3.82	3.25	6.55	3.68	3.53	6.72	101.15%	71.13%
4	Singapore	1.14	1.96	3.73	1.10	2.13	3.83	89.96%	227.57%
5	Uganda	2.08	2.96	3.72	2.00	3.21	3.82	25.80%	79.30%
6	United States	2.88	2.64	3.56	2.78	2.87	3.65	34.55%	23.41%
7	Germany	0.11	0.74	2.73	0.11	0.81	2.80	266.96%	2357.28%
8	Luxembourg	1.08	0.93	2.57	1.04	1.01	2.64	175.83%	137.68%
9	Kenya	1.66	4.88	2.55	1.60	5.29	2.62	-47.74%	53.31%
10	Belgium	1.54	0.48	2.52	1.48	0.52	2.58	420.05%	63.42%
Rest of the World		17.58	21.32	19.08	16.92	23.11	19.58	-10.49%	8.54%
Total		103.91	92.22	97.43	100.00	100.00	100.00	5.65%	-6.24%

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in October 2021–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020	2021		2020	2021		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	28.43	38.21	39.74	96.55	97.01	94.86	4.01%	39.82%
2	Ethiopia	0.15	0.00	0.97	0.49	0.00	2.32	0.00%	569.93%
3	United Kingdom	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.00	1.24	0.00%	0.00%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.02	0.00	0.49	0.07	0.00	1.17	107707.83%	2233.07%
5	Tanzania, United Republic Of	0.00	0.48	0.26	0.00	1.23	0.63	-45.66%	0.00%
6	Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.00%	-100.00%
7	Uganda	0.22	0.46	0.15	0.74	1.16	0.35	-67.51%	-32.27%
8	Turkey	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.00%	-100.00%
9	South Sudan	0.00	0.05	0.08	0.00	0.12	0.18	56.17%	0.00%
10	Zambia	0.03	0.10	0.05	0.11	0.25	0.13	-45.64%	0.00%
Rest of the World		0.60	0.09	-0.72	2.03	0.23	-1.73	-888.94%	-220.83%
Total		29.44	39.39	41.90	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.36%	42.31%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in October 2021

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2019	2020		2019	2020		Oct2021/Sept2021	Oct2021/Oct2020
		Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹		
1	China	62.91	50.95	55.72	21.60	14.34	16.48	9.36%	-11.42%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	72.00	66.02	37.93	24.73	18.59	11.22	-42.56%	-47.33%
3	United Arab Emirates	17.31	26.67	30.53	5.94	7.51	9.03	14.48%	76.40%
4	Kenya	38.99	28.28	24.26	13.39	7.96	7.18	-14.23%	-37.78%
5	India	19.72	31.45	23.82	6.77	8.85	7.04	-24.26%	20.77%
6	Germany	10.02	21.05	19.11	3.44	5.93	5.65	-9.20%	90.83%
7	Indonesia	2.57	11.04	14.76	0.88	3.11	4.37	33.71%	475.36%
8	Cameroon	0.00	0.00	14.45	0.00	0.00	4.28	40573269.18%	377443.21%
9	Japan	2.02	4.50	10.74	0.69	1.27	3.18	138.53%	432.43%
10	Saudi Arabia	4.24	8.59	9.59	1.46	2.42	2.84	11.72%	126.34%
Rest of the World		61.43	106.69	97.16	21.09	30.03	28.74	-8.93%	58.17%
Total		291.20	355.26	338.09	100.00	100.00	100.00	-4.83%	16.10%

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

Via/Year	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2020	2021		2020	2021		2020	2021	
	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹	Oct (R)	Sept ¹	Oct ¹
Air	87.89	67.39	67.22	64.55	37.55	36.67	0.33	0.04	1.96
Land	203.31	287.88	270.86	39.36	54.68	60.76	29.11	39.35	39.94
Total	291.20	355.26	338.09	103.91	92.23	97.43	29.44	39.39	41.90

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