



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



# Formal External Trade in Goods

## January 2021

February 2021

## Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods January 2021

### Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 153.67 million in January 2021, a decrease of 20.28 per cent compared to the previous month of December 2020. Year-over-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 36.61 per cent on the deficit of January 2020.

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

Flow	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>111.60</b>	<b>84.62</b>	<b>75.49</b>	<b>23.97</b>	<b>23.38</b>	<b>24.78</b>	<b>-10.80%</b>	<b>-32.36%</b>
Domestic exports	84.11	54.16	49.96	18.06	14.96	16.40	-7.77%	-40.61%
Re-exports	27.49	30.46	25.53	76.03	8.41	8.38	-16.18%	-7.11%
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>354.02</b>	<b>277.40</b>	<b>229.16</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>76.62</b>	<b>75.22</b>	<b>-17.39%</b>	<b>-35.27%</b>
<b>Total External Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>465.61</b>	<b>362.02</b>	<b>304.65</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-15.85%</b>	<b>-34.57%</b>
<b>Trade Balance (A-B)</b>	<b>-242.42</b>	<b>-192.77</b>	<b>-153.67</b>				<b>-20.28%</b>	<b>-36.61%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

### Exports

In January 2021 domestic exports values decreased by 7.77 per cent compared to December 2020 and by 40.61 per cent compared to January 2020. Table 2 shows exported goods in value of exports in January 2021 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	22.52	20.96	18.20	26.77	38.69	36.44	-13.15%	-19.16%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.01	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.22	0.02	-90.15%	3.05%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.91	7.91	6.20	11.78	14.60	12.42	-21.54%	-37.40%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.03	0.12	0.01	0.03	0.23	0.01	-94.20%	-75.21%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.01	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.01	-93.13%	-35.04%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	0.40	0.57	0.45	0.47	1.05	0.90	-20.29%	13.97%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3.06	6.58	2.48	3.63	12.14	4.97	-62.28%	-18.80%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.73	1.11	0.48	3.25	2.05	0.96	-56.61%	-82.40%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.85	1.02	1.21	1.01	1.88	2.42	18.44%	42.45%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	44.60	15.68	20.90	53.02	28.95	41.84	33.31%	-53.13%
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>84.11</b>	<b>54.16</b>	<b>49.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-7.77%</b>	<b>-40.61%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised,

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Imports

In January 2021, total imports values decreased by 17.39 per cent compared to December 2020 and by 35.27 per cent compared to January 2020.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	39.22	37.73	34.80	11.08	13.60	15.19	-7.75%	-11.26%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.18	3.34	1.68	0.62	1.20	0.73	-49.67%	-22.93%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6.00	5.89	4.78	1.69	2.12	2.09	-18.80%	-20.28%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	60.19	22.84	15.96	17.00	8.23	6.97	-30.09%	-73.47%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13.05	10.35	5.75	3.69	3.73	2.51	-44.48%	-55.95%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	27.84	40.67	29.61	7.86	14.66	12.92	-27.19%	6.38%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	52.57	52.16	35.60	14.85	18.80	15.54	-31.74%	-32.28%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	84.92	57.19	61.01	23.99	20.62	26.62	6.67%	-28.16%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19.75	25.70	15.25	5.58	9.26	6.65	-40.67%	-22.81%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	48.30	21.54	24.71	13.64	7.76	10.78	14.74%	-48.83%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>354.02</b>	<b>277.40</b>	<b>229.16</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-17.39%</b>	<b>-35.27%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Re-exports

In January 2021, re-exports values decreased by 16.18 per cent compared to December 2020 and by 7.11 per cent compared to January 2020.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
0 - Food and live animals	7.09	12.16	9.34	25.78	39.91	36.57	-23.20%	31.77%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.19	1.22	0.54	0.69	4.00	2.13	-55.33%	184.76%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.64	2.10	1.79	5.97	6.89	7.00	-14.83%	9.02%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	8.58	4.80	4.53	31.23	15.75	17.74	-5.56%	-47.21%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.17	3.38	2.40	11.53	11.08	9.38	-29.05%	-24.43%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.35	1.40	1.56	4.92	4.58	6.12	11.93%	15.36%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1.46	1.80	2.15	5.30	5.89	8.42	19.82%	47.67%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.62	1.59	1.80	9.54	5.21	7.05	13.43%	-31.33%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.19	1.57	1.21	4.32	5.15	4.73	-23.12%	1.70%
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>-53.19%</b>	<b>10.00%</b>
<b>Total Re-exports</b>	<b>27.49</b>	<b>30.46</b>	<b>25.53</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-16.18%</b>	<b>-7.11%</b>

Note: (R) – Revised

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

## Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2021 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
		Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	United Arab Emirates	48.73	19.31	24.06	57.94	35.64	48.16	24.61%	-50.64%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	7.10	7.46	6.32	8.44	13.78	12.66	-15.27%	-10.91%
3	Pakistan	3.73	1.65	3.11	4.43	3.05	6.23	88.71%	-16.47%
4	South Sudan	4.03	2.41	1.90	4.79	4.44	3.81	-20.91%	-52.76%
5	Kenya	0.48	0.74	1.89	0.57	1.38	3.78	153.54%	293.96%
6	United Kingdom	1.53	2.74	1.65	1.82	5.06	3.31	-39.65%	7.98%
7	Hong Kong	2.30	1.20	1.54	2.74	2.22	3.08	27.83%	-33.17%
8	Singapore	1.45	1.96	1.32	1.73	3.61	2.64	-32.51%	-9.29%
9	Switzerland	1.12	1.10	1.00	1.34	2.03	2.00	-8.87%	-11.01%
10	Kazakhstan	0.81	0.31	0.80	0.97	0.57	1.60	159.96%	-1.30%
Rest of the World		12.82	15.29	6.36	15.24	28.23	12.72	-58.43%	-50.42%
Total		84.11	54.16	49.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.77%	-40.61%

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<sup>1</sup>Preliminary figures

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
		Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	25.43	29.59	25.07	92.51	97.13	98.18	-15.28%	-1.42%
2	Uganda	0.10	0.46	0.22	0.35	1.51	0.84	-53.05%	124.39%
3	Ethiopia	0.70	0.14	0.09	2.56	0.44	0.33	-36.85%	-87.85%
4	South Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00%	0.00%
5	Congo	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.14	112.07%	1878.87%
6	United Arab Emirates	0.09	0.14	0.03	0.32	0.45	0.12	-77.27%	-63.88%
7	Germany	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.32	0.07	0.08	0.63%	-77.02%
8	United States	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.25	0.18	0.05	-77.08%	-82.25%
9	Belgium	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.00%	-72.12%
10	Burundi	0.46	0.00	0.00	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
Rest of the World		0.53	0.05	0.00	1.92	0.16	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total		27.49	30.46	25.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.18%	-7.11%

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**Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2021**

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2020		2021	2020		2021	Jan2021/Dec2020	Jan2021/Jan2020
		Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Jan (R)	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan <sup>1</sup>		
1	China	90.53	59.85	47.24	25.57	21.57	20.61	-21.07%	-47.83%
2	India	20.39	42.35	34.60	5.76	15.27	15.10	-18.29%	69.70%
3	United Arab Emirates	20.81	22.11	21.02	5.88	7.97	9.17	-4.91%	1.03%
4	Uganda	28.28	24.73	16.61	7.99	8.92	7.25	-32.84%	-41.26%
5	Kenya	41.99	16.02	13.47	11.86	5.77	5.88	-15.92%	-67.93%
6	Tanzania, United Republic Of	17.23	7.41	9.19	4.87	2.67	4.01	23.98%	-46.66%
7	Saudi Arabia	4.98	4.34	8.45	1.41	1.56	3.69	94.79%	69.57%
9	Switzerland	3.83	7.07	6.84	1.08	2.55	2.99	-3.20%	78.84%
10	South Africa	3.66	12.40	6.24	1.03	4.47	2.72	-49.68%	70.52%
11	Germany	4.06	5.68	5.87	1.15	2.05	2.56	3.31%	44.66%
Rest of the World		118.26	75.44	59.64	33.40	27.20	26.02	-20.95%	-49.57%
<b>Total</b>		<b>354.02</b>	<b>277.40</b>	<b>229.16</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-17.39%</b>	<b>-35.27%</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		
	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020		2021
	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>	January(R)	December <sup>1</sup>	January <sup>1</sup>
<i>Air</i>	71.75	55.34	48.69	47.89	18.73	23.15	1.07	0.36	0.06
<i>Land</i>	282.27	222.06	180.48	36.22	35.43	26.81	26.42	30.10	25.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>354.02</b>	<b>277.40</b>	<b>229.16</b>	<b>84.11</b>	<b>54.16</b>	<b>49.96</b>	<b>27.49</b>	<b>30.46</b>	<b>25.53</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

Dec: December

Jan: January