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1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 129,884.6 million in February 2025, increased by 26.0 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2024 and decreased by 7.3 percent compared to the previous month. The trade ratio for February 2025 decreased to 2.5 from 2.8 percent in January 2025 and from 9.2 percent in February 2024 (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in TZS Million		
	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
A. Total Exports (FOB)	10,420.3	4,006.2	3,307.7
Domestic exports	10,397.9	4,006.2	3,307.7
Re-exports	22.4	-	-
B. Total Imports (CIF)	113,488.8	144,179.1	133,192.3
Total International Trade (A + B)	123,909.1	148,185.3	136,500.0
Balance of Trade (A - B)	-103,068.6	-140,172.9	-129,884.6
Trade ratio (A/B) *100	9.2	2.8	2.5

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

2. Exports Statistics

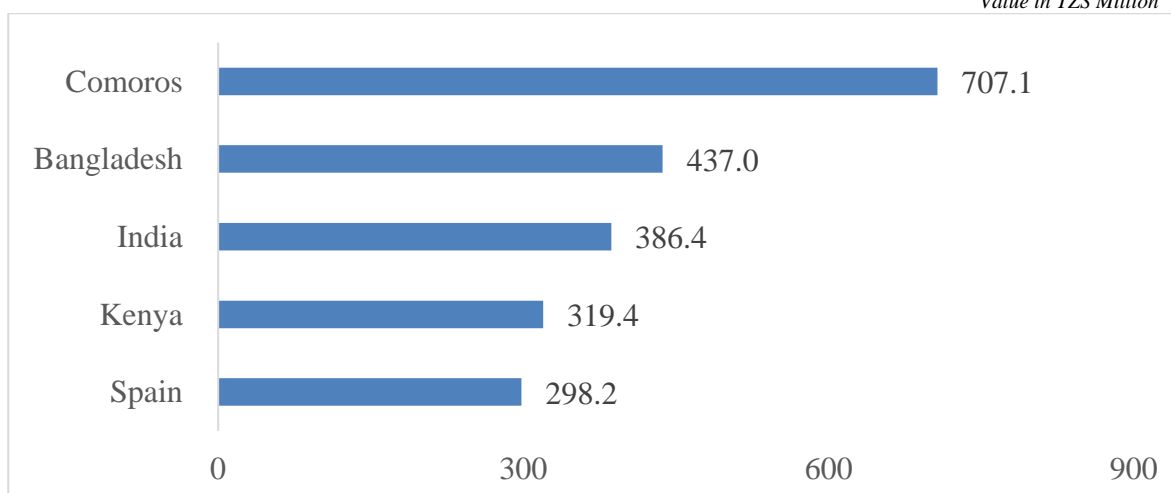
February 2025, recorded a total exports value of TZS 3,307.7 million, decreased by 68.3 percent compared to February 2024 and by 17.4 percent compared to previous month (January 2025). Food and live animals contributed 62.6 percent (TZS 2,071.8 million) of the total exports as seen in table 2.

Table 2: Total Exports of Goods by SITC Section*Value in TZS Million*

SITC Description	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	
			Value	% Share
Food and live animals	9,686.1	1,903.4	2,071.8	62.6
Beverages and tobacco	63.0	38.0	47.9	1.4
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	279.1	866.8	322.3	9.7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.000	-	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	76.8	82.3	88.4	2.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	220.3	1,014.6	425.4	12.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1.1	30.7	18.9	0.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	90.8	70.4	332.9	10.1
Total	10,420.3	4,006.2	3,307.7	100.0

*Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)***3. Exports by Top Five Partner in February 2025**

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the February 2025 accounted 64.9 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was Comoros that accounted 21.4 percent (TZS 707.1 million) of the total export (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Exports Value by Top Five (5) Partners in February 2025*Value in TZS Million**Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)*

4. Imports Statistics

Month of February 2025 recorded a total import value of TZS 133,192.3 million, which increased by 17.4 percent compared to February 2024 and decreased by 7.6 percent compared to previous month. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contribute 50.5 percent (TZS 67,312.0 million) of the total import value followed by Machinery and transport equipment section (10.5 percent). The performances of other sections are as shown in table 3.

Table 3: Total Imports of Goods by SITC Section

SITC DESCRIPTION	February 2024	January 2025	Value in TZS Million	
			February 2025 Value	% Share
Food and live animals	3,021.1	10,813.6	13,779.8	10.3
Beverages and tobacco	342.9	371.1	335.2	0.3
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	735.4	2,728.8	3,246.4	2.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	61,347.1	69,682.6	67,312.0	50.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6,923.1	9,273.0	12,043.4	9.0
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	2,505.9	13,199.7	3,670.2	2.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,463.6	13,869.3	12,458.6	9.4
Machinery and transport equipment	16,744.7	17,372.7	13,928.9	10.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	11,405.0	6,868.2	6,417.9	4.8
Total	113,488.8	144,179.1	133,192.3	100.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

5. Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Imported value of consumer goods for February 2025 was TZS 28,254.7 million, which increased by 48.6 percent compared to the corresponding month and by 1.6 percent compared to previous month. Imports value of capital goods was TZS 20,406.5 million, which decreased 7.0 percent compared corresponding month and by 22.3 percent compared the previous month. Imported value of intermediary goods was TZS 84,531.1 million, which increased by 16.6 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2024 and decreased by 6.2 percent compared to previous month. (Table 4).

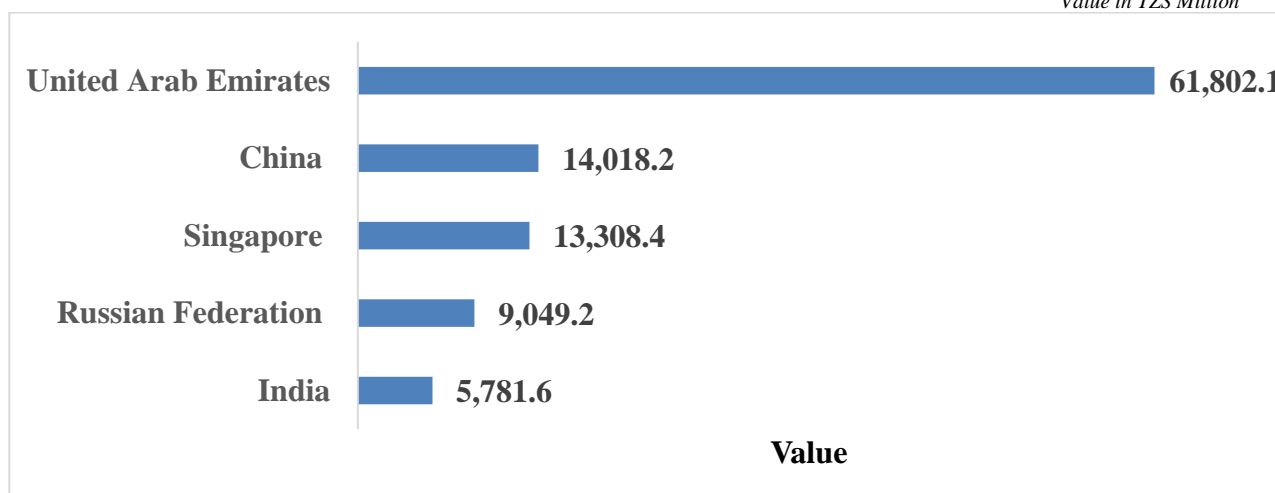
Table 4: Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)*Value in TZS Million*

Categories	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Capital Goods	21,951.6	26,263.2	20,406.5
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	7,833.8	6,972.2	5,677.8
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	5,194.5	8,844.4	6,811.9
<i>Machinery</i>	8,923.3	10,446.6	7,916.8
Intermediate Goods	72,518.0	90,116.9	84,531.1
<i>Oil</i>	61,347.1	69,682.6	67,312.0
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	11,165.0	20,434.3	17,215.9
Consumer Goods	19,019.3	27,798.9	28,254.7
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	3,260.5	11,079.6	13,443.9
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	15,758.8	16,719.3	14,810.8
Total	113,488.8	144,179.1	133,192.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in February 2025

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the February 2025 contributed 78.1 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (46.4 percent, TZS 61,802.1 million).

Figure 2: Import value by Top Five Partner in February 2025*Value in TZS Million*

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

Note:

“ - ” = Means no exportation/importation at particular time

CIF = Includes Cost, Insurance and Freight

FOB = Free in Board

SITC = Standard International Trade Classification (Food and live animals section)

including Cloves and other spices; seaweeds and other sea products).

Annex 1: Import by HS Code for February 2025

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
01	Live animals	17,463,673
02	Meat and edible meat offal	1,271,516,660
03	Fish & crustacean, mollusk & other aquatic invertebrate	115,068,201
04	Dairy prod; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible prod not elsewhere specified	41,516,939
06	Live tree & other plant; bulb, root; cut flowers etc.	2,202,314
07	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	28,482,922
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	612,107,847
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	40,130,536
10	Cereals	9,066,824,616
11	Prod mill industry; malt; starches; insulin; wheat gluten	1,280,315,657
12	Oil seed, oleagi fruits; miscell grain, seed, fruit etc.	861,866
15	Animal/veg fats & oil & their cleavage products; etc.	12,099,686,981
16	Prep of meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks etc.	10,036,866
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	1,180,900,023
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	64,152,551
19	Prep of cereal, flour, starch/milk; pastry cooks' prod	358,718,609
20	Prep of vegetable, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	70,756,630
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	247,235,731
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	336,421,005
23	Residues & waste from the food industry; prepare ani fodder	10,553,134
25	Salt; Sulphur; earth & stone; plastering mat; lime & cement	2,883,340,071
26	Ores, slag and ash	258,141
27	Mineral fuels, oils & product of their distillation; etc.	67,311,988,612
28	Inorganic chemical; compounds of prec met, radio act elements etc.	4,363,099
29	Organic chemicals	53,108,670
30	Pharmaceutical products	903,090,104
31	Fertilizers	3,141,379
32	Tanning/dyeing extract; tannins & derives; pigm etc.	80,986,662
33	Essential oils & resinoids; perf, cosmetic/toilet prep	224,423,905
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing prep, etc.	1,178,670,445
35	Albuminoidal subs; modified starches; glues; enzymes	39,086,162
36	Photographic or cinematographic goods	8,918,067
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods	130,863
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	62,586,548
39	Plastics and articles thereof	2,109,984,646
40	Rubber and articles thereof	214,804,922
42	Articles of leather; saddlery/harness; travel goods etc.	133,974,174
43	Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	759,425
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,263,879,154
45	Cork and articles of cork	1,212,286

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
46	Manufactures of straw, esparto/other plaiting mat; etc.	6,590,596
47	Pulp of wood/of other fibrous cellulosic mat; waste etc.	58,318,957
48	Paper & paperboard; art of paper pulp, paper/paperboard	476,234,981
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures & other product etc	206,633,752
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair, horsehair yarn & fabric	2,287,865
52	Cotton	40,265,071
53	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn & woven fab	57,267
54	Man-made filaments	128,436,753
55	Man-made staple fibres	220,067,948
56	Wadding, felt & nonwoven; yarns; twine, cordage, etc.	121,978,742
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	21,727,729
58	Special woven fab; tufted textile fab; lace; tapestries etc.	14,228,374
59	Impregnated, coated, cover/laminated textile fabric etc.	21,590,226
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1,634,390
61	Art of apparel & clothing access, knitted or crocheted	664,841,873
62	Art of apparel & clothing access, not knitted/crocheted	767,504,508
63	Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing etc.	2,717,418,871
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	793,645,811
65	Umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, etc.	258,799,950
66	Umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, etc.	15,621,948
67	Prepared feathers & down; artificial flower; articles human hair	31,578,050
68	Art of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica/sim mat	258,832,392
69	Ceramic products	1,717,770,958
70	Glass and glassware	286,432,540
71	Natural/cultured pearls, prec stones & metals, coin etc.	87,597,203
72	Iron and steel	2,114,116,798
73	Articles of iron and steel	1,441,809,314
74	Copper and articles thereof	15,876,660
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	888,074,177
79	Zinc and articles thereof	220,448
81	Other base metals; cermet; articles thereof	1,157,350
82	Tool, implement, cutlery, spoon & fork, of base met etc.	266,627,656
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	473,692,414
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance; parts	3,879,852,056
85	Electrical machinery equip parts thereof; sound recorder etc.	4,036,931,928
86	railways /train locum, rolling-stock & parts thereof; etc.	18,628,959
87	Vehicles or railways /train roll-stock, pts & accessories	5,593,322,759
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts of	33,063,143
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	32,822,300
90	Optical, photo, cine, meas, checking, precision, etc.	669,175,734
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof	4,899,001
94	Furniture; bedding, mattress, matt support, cushion etc.	884,233,889
95	Toys, games & sports requisites; parts & access thereof	168,707,523
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	410,786,819

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
97	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	4,501,770
	Total	133,192,257,548

Annex 2: Detailed Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) for February 2025

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
A.	CAPITAL GOODS	20,406,508,984
	Transport equipment	5,677,837,161
86	Railway or tramway locomotive, rolling-st	18,628,958.76
87	Vehicle other than railway or tramway	5,593,322,759.05
88	Aircraft, peace craft, and parts thereof	33,063,142.71
89	Ship, boats and floating structures	32,822,300.47
	Building and Construction material	6,811,887,839
68	Articles of stone	258,832,392
69	Ceramic products	1,717,770,958
70	Glass and glassware	286,432,540
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious	87,597,203
72	Iron and steel	2,114,116,798
73	Articles of iron or steel	1,441,809,314
74	Copper and article thereof	15,876,660
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	888,074,177
79	Zinc and articles thereof	220,448
81	Other base metals	1,157,350
	Machinery	7,916,783,984
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery	3,879,852,056
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	4,036,931,928
B.	INTERMEDIATE GOODS	84,531,070,982
	Oil	67,311,988,612
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	67,311,988,612
	Industrial raw materials	17,215,940,992
23	Residues and waste from the food industries	10,553,134
25	Salt; Sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	2,883,340,071
26	Ores, slag and ash	258,141
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compound	4,363,099
29	Organic chemicals	53,108,670

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannic	80,986,662
33	Essential oils and resinous; perfumery, cosmetic	224,423,905
36	Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches	8,918,067
47	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	58,318,957
52	Cotton	40,265,071
53	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn	57,267
54	Man-made filaments	128,436,753
55	Man-made staple fibres	220,067,948
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarn	121,978,742
11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches	1,280,315,657
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit, miscellany	861,866
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	12,099,686,981
C.	CONSUMER GOODS	28,254,677,582
	Food and food stuffs	13,443,869,136
2	Meat and edible meat offal	1,271,516,660
3	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic	115,068,201
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey	41,516,939
7	Edible vegetable and certain roots and tubers	28,482,922
8	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit	612,107,847
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	40,130,536
10	Cereals	9,066,824,616
16	Preparations of meats, of fish or of crustaceans	10,036,866
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	1,180,900,023
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	64,152,551
19	Preparation of cereals, flour starch or milk	358,718,609
20	Preparation of vegetables, fruit, nuts	70,756,630
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	247,235,731
22	Beverage spirits and vinegar	336,421,005
	All other consumer goods	14,810,808,446
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks	266,627,656
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	473,692,414
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic	669,175,734
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof	4,899,001
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses	884,233,889
95	Toys, game and sports requisites; parts	168,707,523
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	410,786,819
97	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	4,501,770
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	62,586,548
39	Plastics and articles thereof	2,109,984,646
40	Rubber and articles thereof	214,804,922
1	Live animals	17,463,673

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
6	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots	2,202,314
30	Pharmaceuticals products	903,090,104
34	Soap, organic surface active agents, washing	1,178,670,445
35	Albuminoidal substances; modified starches, glues	39,086,162
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods	130,863
42	Articles of leather; saddlery and harness	133,974,174
43	Fur skins and artificial fur; manufactured thereof	759,425
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,263,879,154
45	Cork and articles of cork	1,212,286
46	Manufactured of straw, of esparto	6,590,596
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp	476,234,981
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictured	206,633,752
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horse hair	2,287,865
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	21,727,729
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics	14,228,374
59	Impregnated, coated, covered	21,590,226
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1,634,390
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	664,841,873
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	767,504,508
63	Other made up textile articles	2,717,418,871
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like	793,645,811
65	Headgear parts thereof	258,799,950
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks	15,621,948
67	Prepared feathers	31,578,050
	Total	133,192,257,548

Annex 3: Detailed Import by SITC for February 2025

SITC Code	Description	Value in TZS
0	Food and live animals	13,780,564,425
00	Live animals other than animals of division 03	17,463,673
01	Meat and meat preparations	1,276,805,226
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	43,882,076
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	119,816,501
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	9,936,104,866
05	Vegetables and fruit	712,933,868
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1,181,892,169
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	119,629,771
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	10,553,134
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	361,483,140
1	Beverages and tobacco	335,219,288
11	Beverages	335,219,288
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3,246,356,160
22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	725,782
24	Cork and wood	923,078,974
25	Pulp and waste paper	58,318,957
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	2,169,593,039
27	Crude fertilizers, other than those of Division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	92,042,870
28	Containing antimony, beryllium, cadmium, chromium or their mixtures	258,141
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2,338,398
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	67,311,988,612
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	67,311,988,612
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	12,043,364,138
42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	11,946,073,682
43	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions	97,290,457
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	3,669,400,810
51	Organic chemicals	53,108,670
52	Inorganic chemicals	4,363,099
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	79,022,116
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	903,090,104
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	1,401,569,630
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarn	3,141,379
57	Plastics in primary forms	221,724,232
58	Plastics in non-primary forms	207,810,789
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	795,570,790
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12,458,600,608
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	214,804,922
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	342,012,466
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	710,924,467
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	1,120,100,199

SITC Code	Description	Value in TZS
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	4,933,772,367
67	Iron and steel	2,340,658,200
68	Non-ferrous metals	350,434,472
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	2,445,893,515
7	Machinery and transport equipment	13,928,865,850
71	Power-generating machinery and equipment	593,001,237
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	1,547,258,006
73	Metalworking machinery	13,834,671
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	1,436,276,118
75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	556,753,051
76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,761,457,045
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	2,950,960,236
78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	5,003,440,043
79	Other transport equipment	65,885,443
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,417,897,657
81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	500,113,856
82	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	507,836,702
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	134,055,773
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2,005,544,892
85	Footwear	793,645,811
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	359,440,745
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	11,966,183
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	2,105,293,695
Total		133,192,257,548

Annex 4: Detailed Export by SITC for February 2025

SITC	Description	Value in TZS
0	Food and live animals	2,071,809,205
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	12,500,002
05	Vegetables and fruit	1,153,011,139
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	469,325,163
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	436,972,901
1	Beverages and tobacco	47,921,961
11	Beverages	47,921,961
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	322,306,538
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	113,215,938
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	175,000,007
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	34,090,593
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	88,399,679
51	Organic chemicals	61,399,877
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	26,999,802
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	425,405,577
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	20,950,001
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	341,789,574
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	59,646,002
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	3,020,001
7	Machinery and transport equipment	18,912,306
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	8,669,000
75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	5,236,110
78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	5,007,196
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	332,942,514
82	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	233,626,512
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	556,000
85	Footwear	2,000,000
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	96,760,002
	Total	3,307,697,780