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1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 86,518.3 million in March 2025, decreased by 21.7 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2024 and by 33.4 percent compared to the previous month. The trade ratio for March 2025 decreased to 2.0 from 2.5 percent in February 2025 and from 4.8 percent in March 2024 (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in TZS Million		
	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
A. Total Exports (FOB)	5,618.1	3,307.7	1,733.4
Domestic exports	5,611.9	3,307.7	1,728.9
Re-exports	6.3	-	4.5
B. Total Imports (CIF)	116,048.4	133,192.3	88,251.7
Total International Trade (A + B)	121,666.5	136,500.0	89,985.2
Balance of Trade (A - B)	-110,430.2	-129,884.6	-86,518.3
Trade ratio (A/B) *100	4.8	2.5	2.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

2. Exports Statistics

March 2025, recorded a total exports value of TZS 1,733.4 million, decreased by 69.1 percent compared to March 2024 and by 47.6 percent compared to previous month (February 2025). Food and live animals contributed 33.8 percent (TZS 585.8 million) of the total exports as seen in table 2.

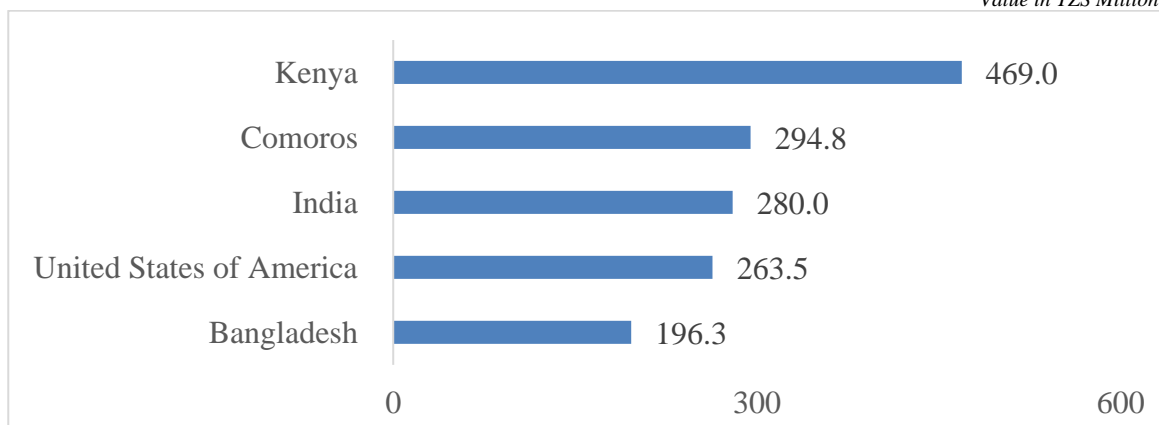
Table 2: Total Exports of Goods by SITC Section*Value in TZS Million*

SITC Description	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	
			Value	% Share
Food and live animals	5,016.2	2,071.8	585.8	33.8
Beverages and tobacco	26.0	47.9	78.8	4.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	109.1	322.3	416.0	24.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	4.5	0.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	2.0	0.1
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	5.8	88.4	52.6	3.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	373.3	425.4	506.8	29.2
Machinery and transport equipment	11.7	18.9	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	76.1	332.9	86.7	5.0
Total	5,618.1	3,307.7	1,733.4	100.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in March 2025

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the March 2025 accounted 86.7 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was Kenya that accounted 27.1 percent (TZS 469.0 million) of the total export (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Exports Value by Top Five (5) Partners in March 2025*Value in TZS Million*

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

4. Imports Statistics

Month of March 2025 recorded a total import value of TZS 88,251.7 million, which decreased by 24.0 percent compared to March 2024 and increased by 33.7 percent compared to previous month. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contribute 87.3 percent (TZS 77,081.6 million) of the total import value followed by Machinery and transport equipment section 3.7 percent (TZS 3,284.0). The performances of other sections are as shown in table 3.

Table 3: Total Imports of Goods by SITC Section

SITC DESCRIPTION	March 2024	February 2025	Value in TZS Million	
			March 2025 Value	% Share
Food and live animals	23,843.3	13,779.8	1,234.0	1.4
Beverages and tobacco	394.3	335.2	57.7	0.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,569.7	3,246.4	490.1	0.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	50,008.6	67,312.0	77,081.6	87.3
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4,514.5	12,043.4	1,559.8	1.8
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	2,215.5	3,670.2	1,274.9	1.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11,605.8	12,458.6	2,178.0	2.5
Machinery and transport equipment	15,616.6	13,928.9	3,284.0	3.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,280.0	6,417.9	1,091.6	1.2
Total	116,048.4	133,192.3	88,251.7	100.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

5. Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Imported value of consumer goods for March 2025 was TZS 4,301.6 million, which decreased by 87.2 percent compared to the corresponding month 2024 and by 84.8 percent compared to previous month. Imports value of capital goods was TZS 4,552.7 million which decreased by 80.3 percent compared corresponding month and by 77.7 percent compared the previous month. Imported value of intermediary goods was TZS 79,397.4 million, which increased by 33.7 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2024 and decreased by 6.1 percent compared to previous month. (Table 4).

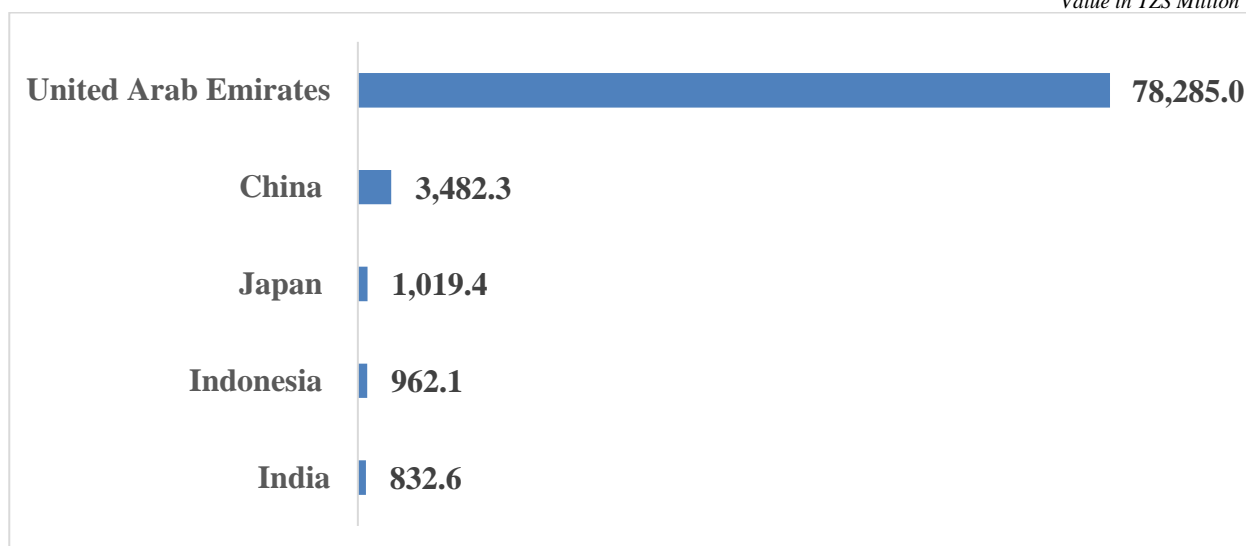
Table 4: Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)*Value in TZS Million*

Categories	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
Capital Goods	23,165.1	20,406.5	4,552.7
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	8,319.3	5,677.8	2,004.5
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	7,546.5	6,811.9	1,274.0
<i>Machinery</i>	7,299.2	7,916.8	1,274.2
Intermediate Goods	59,392.6	84,531.1	79,397.4
<i>Oil</i>	51,286.6	67,312.0	77,081.6
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	8,106.0	17,215.9	2,315.8
Consumer Goods	33,490.6	28,254.7	4,301.6
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	23,740.2	13,443.9	1,200.1
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	9,750.5	14,810.8	3,101.5
Total	116,048.4	133,192.3	88,251.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in March 2025

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the March 2025 contributed 95.8 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (88.7 percent, TZS 78,285.0 million).

Figure 2: Import value by Top Five Partner in March 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 March 2025

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	29,508,211.0
03	Fish & crustacean, mollusk & other aquatic invertebrate	184,467,256.8
04	Dairy prod; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible prod not elsewhere specified	11,336,871.1
06	Live tree & other plant; bulb, root; cut flowers etc.	58,236.6
07	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	839,583.6
08	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	132,319,630.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	76,644,793.8
10	Cereals	57,867,892.3
11	Prod mill industry; malt; starches; insulin; wheat gluten	349,604,550.8
12	Oil seed, oleagi fruits; miscell grain, seed, fruit etc.	86,503,173.2
15	Animal/veg fats & oil & their cleavage products; etc.	1,584,626,072.6
16	Prep of meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks etc.	1,971,873.9
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	242,026,145.0
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	23,804,744.0
19	Prep of cereal, flour, starch/milk; pastry cooks' prod	197,734,471.8
20	Prep of vegetable, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	56,546,722.7
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	127,307,411.5
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	57,694,987.1
23	Residues & waste from the food industry; prepare ani fodder	347,182.3
25	Salt; Sulphur; earth & stone; plastering mat; lime & cement	19,234,462.0
27	Mineral fuels, oils & product of their distillation; etc.	77,081,623,960.9
30	Pharmaceutical products	9,466,107.8
32	Tanning/dyeing extract; tannins & derives; pigm etc.	4,972,523.6
33	Essential oils & resinoids; perf, cosmetic/toilet prep	55,289,952.4
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing prep, etc.	773,399,585.2
35	Albuminoidal subs; modified starches; glues; enzymes	14,796,320.8
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	53,150,442.1
39	Plastics and articles thereof	311,499,601.7
40	Rubber and articles thereof	98,103,640.9
42	Articles of leather; saddlery/harness; travel goods etc.	26,707,286.9
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	182,656,829.1
46	Manufactures os straw, esparto/other plaiting mat; etc.	1,287,101.0
47	Pulp of wood/of other fibrous cellulosic mat; waste etc.	475,961.6
48	Paper & paperboard; art of paper pulp, paper/paperboard	151,723,956.5
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures & other product etc	64,016,357.8
51	Wool, fine/coarse animal hair, horsehair yarn & fabric	264,601.3
52	Cotton	17,769,565.9

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
54	Man-made filaments	69,581,564.5
55	Man-made staple fibres	61,086,385.5
56	Wadding, felt & nonwoven; yarns; twine, cordage, etc.	66,312,067.7
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	4,004,272.5
58	Special woven fab; tufted textile fab; lace; tapestries etc.	81,890.3
59	Impregnated, coated, cover/laminated textile fabric etc.	34,394.8
61	Art of apparel & clothing access, knitted or crocheted	137,202,110.6
62	Art of apparel & clothing access, not knitted/crocheted	225,349,936.3
63	Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing etc.	561,847,247.0
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	80,254,377.1
65	Umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, etc.	2,016,096.9
66	Umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, etc.	1,081,292.3
67	Prepared feathers & down; artificial flower; articles human hair	26,620,922.1
68	Art of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica/sim mat	242,224,116.2
69	Ceramic products	271,832,645.8
70	Glass and glassware	71,487,535.9
71	Natural/cultured pearls, prec stones & metals, coin etc.	4,534,372.2
72	Iron and steel	285,394,770.0
73	Articles of iron and steel	200,173,580.2
74	Copper and articles thereof	6,120,764.2
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	191,903,001.1
80	Tin and articles thereof	360,296.2
82	Tool, implement, cutlery, spoon & fork, of base met etc.	58,348,402.0
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	30,727,503.3
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance; parts	545,681,101.5
85	Electrical machinery equip parts thereof; sound recorder etc.	728,545,528.6
87	Vehicles or railways /train roll-stock, pts & accessories	1,943,459,464.8
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts of	2,880,635.8
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	58,126,104.9
90	Optical, photo, cine, meas, checking, precision, etc.	15,902,068.7
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof	1,618,162.8
94	Furniture; bedding, mattress, matt support, cushion etc.	147,949,445.0
95	Toys, games & sports requisites; parts & access thereof	21,876,822.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99,474,642.4
	Total	88,251,741,589.0

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

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
A.	CAPITAL GOODS	4,552,723,918
	Transport equipment	2,004,466,205
86	Railway or tramway locomotive, rolling-st	1,943,459,464.8
88	Aircraft, peace craft, and parts thereof	2,880,635.8
89	Ship, boats and floating structures	58,126,104.9
	Building and Construction material	1,274,031,082
68	Articles of stone	242,224,116
69	Ceramic products	271,832,646
70	Glass and glassware	71,487,536
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious	4,534,372
72	Iron and steel	285,394,770
73	Articles of iron or steel	200,173,580
74	Copper and article thereof	6,120,764
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	191,903,001
80	Tin and articles thereof	360,296
	Machinery	1,274,226,630
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery	545,681,101
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	728,545,529
B.	INTERMEDIATE GOODS	79,397,427,423
	Oil	77,081,623,961
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	77,081,623,961
	Industrial raw materials	2,315,803,462
23	Residues and waste from the food industries	347,182
25	Salt; Sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	19,234,462
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannic	4,972,524
33	Essential oils and resinous; perfumery, cosmetic	55,289,952
47	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	475,962
52	Cotton	17,769,566
54	Man-made filaments	69,581,564
55	Man-made staple fibres	61,086,385
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarn	66,312,068
11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches	349,604,551
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit, miscellany	86,503,173
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	1,584,626,073

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
C.	CONSUMER GOODS	4,301,590,248.8
	Food and food stuffs	1,200,070,595.1
2	Meat and edible meat offal	29,508,211
3	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic	184,467,257
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey	11,336,871
7	Edible vegetable and certain roots and tubers	839,584
8	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit	132,319,630
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	76,644,794
10	Cereals	57,867,892
16	Preparations of meats, of fish or of crustaceans	1,971,874
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	242,026,145
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	23,804,744
19	Preparation of cereals, flour starch or milk	197,734,472
20	Preparation of vegetables, fruit, nuts	56,546,723
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	127,307,412
22	Beverage spirits and vinegar	57,694,987
	All other consumer goods	3,101,519,654
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks	58,348,402
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	30,727,503
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic	15,902,069
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof	1,618,163
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses	147,949,445
95	Toys, game and sports requisites; parts	21,876,822
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99,474,642
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	53,150,442
39	Plastics and articles thereof	311,499,602
40	Rubber and articles thereof	98,103,641
6	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots	58,237
30	Pharmaceuticals products	9,466,108
34	Soap, organic surface active agents, washing	773,399,585
35	Albuminoidal substances; modified starches, glues	14,796,321
42	Articles of leather; saddlery and harness	26,707,287
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	182,656,829
46	Manufactured of straw, of esparto	1,287,101
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp	151,723,956
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictured	64,016,358
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horse hair	264,601
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	4,004,273
58	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics	81,890
59	Impregnated, coated, covered	34,395
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	137,202,111
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	225,349,936
63	Other made up textile articles	561,847,247

Chapter code	Chapter description	Value (TZS)
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like	80,254,377
65	Headgear parts thereof	2,016,097
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks	1,081,292
67	Prepared feathers	26,620,922
	Total	88,251,741,589.0

Annex 3: Detailed Import by SITC for March 2025

SITC Code	Description	Value in TZS
0	Food and live animals	1,234,009,342.9
01	Meat and meat preparations	31,480,084.9
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	12,452,677.7
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	184,467,256.8
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	298,935,234.0
05	Vegetables and fruit	196,908,383.0
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	242,201,322.4
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	100,449,537.7
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	347,182.3
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	166,767,664.1
1	Beverages and tobacco	57,694,987.1
11	Beverages	57,694,987.1
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	490,065,924.5
22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	79,125,549.6
25	Pulp and waste paper	475,961.6
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	391,171,714.8
27	Crude fertilizers, other than those of Division 56, and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	19,234,462.0
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	58,236.6
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	77,081,623,960.9
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	77,081,623,960.9
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1,559,814,224.7
42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	1,557,012,971.9
43	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions	2,801,252.8
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1,274,902,123.4
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	4,972,523.6
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	9,466,107.8
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	827,590,815.6
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarn	28,034,759.6
58	Plastics in non-primary forms	46,383,684.4
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	358,454,232.4
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,178,006,818.0

SITC Code	Description	Value in TZS
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	98,103,640.9
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	182,656,829.1
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	160,157,539.0
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	419,927,443.6
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	541,664,058.2
67	Iron and steel	362,855,530.0
68	Non-ferrous metals	41,656,389.1
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	370,985,388.1
7	Machinery and transport equipment	3,284,025,452.5
71	Power-generating machinery and equipment	134,166,248.6
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	164,940,156.4
73	Metalworking machinery	355,871.6
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	295,869,246.0
75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	9,483,271.3
76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	63,206,436.6
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)	614,141,058.6
78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,940,856,422.8
79	Other transport equipment	61,006,740.7
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,091,598,754.9
81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	68,209,978.9
82	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	93,411,516.9
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	25,220,541.3
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	366,703,373.7
85	Footwear	80,254,377.1
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	6,073,433.5
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks	2,736,797.4
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	448,988,736.2
Total		88,251,741,589.0

Annex 4: Detailed Export by SITC for March 2025

SITC	Description	Value in TZS
0	Food and live animals	585,790,752.3
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	95,163,731.1
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	7,000,200.7
05	Vegetables and fruit	277,038,191.0
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	10,136,724.5
08	Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	196,300,616.1
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	151,288.9
1	Beverages and tobacco	78,849,135.1
11	Beverages	78,849,135.1
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	416,013,039.9
23	Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	6,887,501.5
26	Textile fibres (other than wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	16,350,001.2
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	280,799,642.1
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	111,975,895.1
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4,500,000.3
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	4,500,000.3
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2,000,000.2
43	Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes of animal or vegetable origin; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils, n.e.s.	2,000,000.2
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	52,580,074.4
51	Organic chemicals	31,235,796.5
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	14,144,277.8
56	Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1,500,000.1
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	5,700,000.0
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	506,824,801.5
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	4,000,000.6
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	5,100,000.3
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products	496,823,590.2
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	901,210.4
7	Machinery and transport equipment	150,000.1
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	150,000.1
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	86,736,167.8
82	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	61,400,004.8
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	150,000.0
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	540,000.0
85	Footwear	120,000.0
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	24,526,163.0
	Total	1,733,443,971.4