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ANNUAL EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

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1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 1,392.6 billion in 2023, increased by 29.1 percent compared to 2022. Trade ratio decreased from 14.3 percent in the year 2022 to 7.3 in the year 2023 (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in TZS Million	
	2022	2023
A. Total Exports (FOB)	180,375.9	109,267.2
Domestic exports	157,949.6	95,727.8
Re-exports	22,426.3	13,539.3
B. Total Imports (CIF)	1,258,988.7	1,501,867.8
Total International Trade (A + B)	1,439,364.7	1,611,134.9
Balance of Trade (A - B)	-1,078,612.8	-1,392,600.6
Trade ratio (A/B) *100	14.3	7.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

2. Exports Statistics

Year 2023, recorded a total exports value of TZS 109,267.2 million, decreased by 39.4 percent compared to the year 2022. Food and live animals contributed 75.7 percent (TZS 109,267.2 million) of the total exports as seen in table 2.

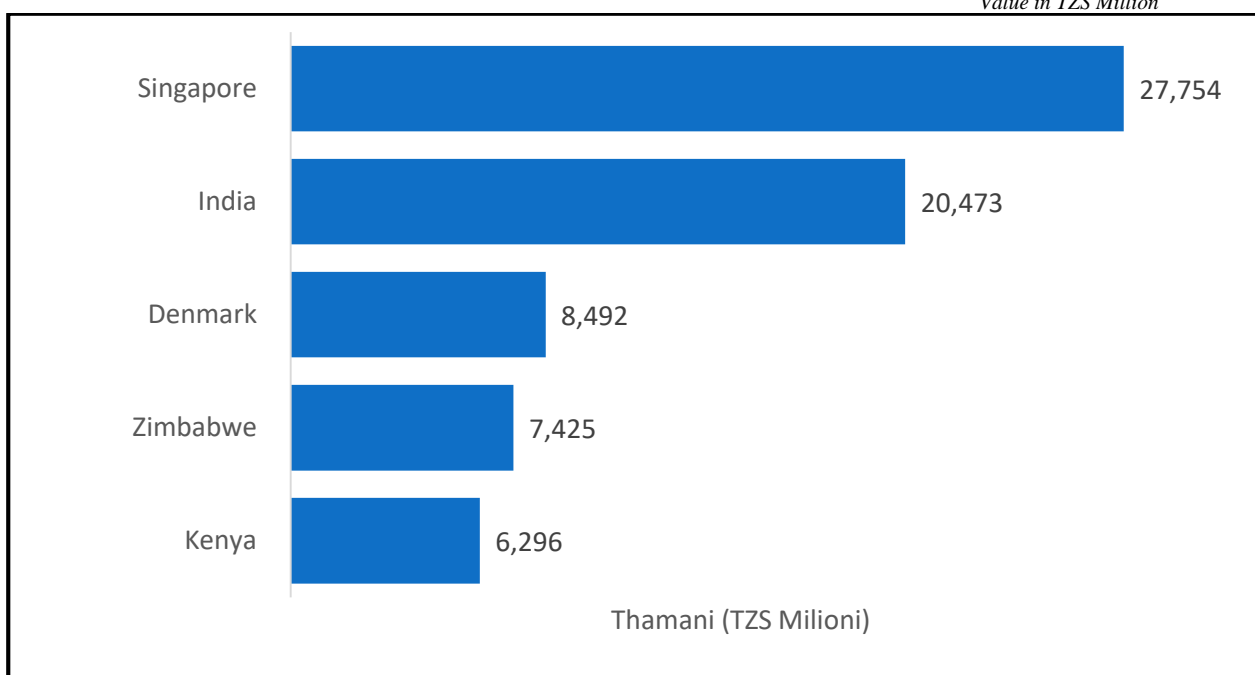
Table 2: Total Exports of Goods by SITC Section*Value in TZS Million*

SITC Description	2022	2023	
		Value	% Share
Food and live animals	146,759.3	82,758.9	75.7
Beverages and tobacco	282.6	609.8	0.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,557.2	1,503.5	1.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20.6	207.0	0.2
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2.0	16.1	0.0
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,158.6	1,306.9	1.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,693.0	10,783.8	9.9
Machinery and transport equipment	5,959.9	10,837.7	9.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	16,942.8	1,243.5	1.1
Total	180,375.9	109,267.2	100

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in 2023

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the 2023 accounted 64.5 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was Singapore that accounted 25.4 percent (TZS 27,754 million) of the total export (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Exports Value by Top Five (5) Partners in 2023*Value in TZS Million*

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

4. Imports Statistics

The year 2023 recorded a total import value of TZS 1,501,868 million which increased by 19.3 percent compared to the year 2022. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contribute 42.6 percent (TZS 640,463.5 million) of the total import value followed by Machinery and transport equipment section (17.8 percent). The performances of other sections are as shown in table 3.

Table 3: Total Imports of Goods by SITC Section

SITC DESCRIPTION	2022	2023	
		Value	% Share
Food and live animals	149,802.7	250,570.8	16.7
Beverages and tobacco	2,273.2	2,876.2	0.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20,090.4	15,821.5	1.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	521,929.9	640,463.5	42.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	46,908.7	49,016.7	3.3
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	104,848.4	45,039.6	3.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	177,793.7	147,034.0	9.8
Machinery and transport equipment	152,660.2	266,809.9	17.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	82,668.6	84,226.6	5.6
	12.9	8.9	0.0
Total	1,258,988.7	1,501,867.8	100

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

5. Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Imported value of consumer goods for 2023 was TZS 390,101.4 million, which increased by 14.0 percent compared to the year 2022. Imports value of capital goods was TZS 344,724.6 million, which increased by 40.1 percent compared to the year 2022. Imported value of intermediary goods was TZS 767,041.8 million, which increased by 14.4 percent compared to the year 2022

Table 4: Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Value in TZS Million

Categories	2022	2023
Capital Goods	246,075.3	344,724.6
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	52,567.2	127,844.0
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	93,827.7	77,615.2
<i>Machinery</i>	99,680.5	139,265.4
Intermediate Goods	670,593.0	767,041.8
<i>Oil</i>	521,930.4	640,464.5
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	148,649.2	126,577.2
Consumer Goods	342,320.5	390,101.4
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	150,116.1	227,983.7
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	192,204.4	162,117.7
Total	1,258,989	1,501,868

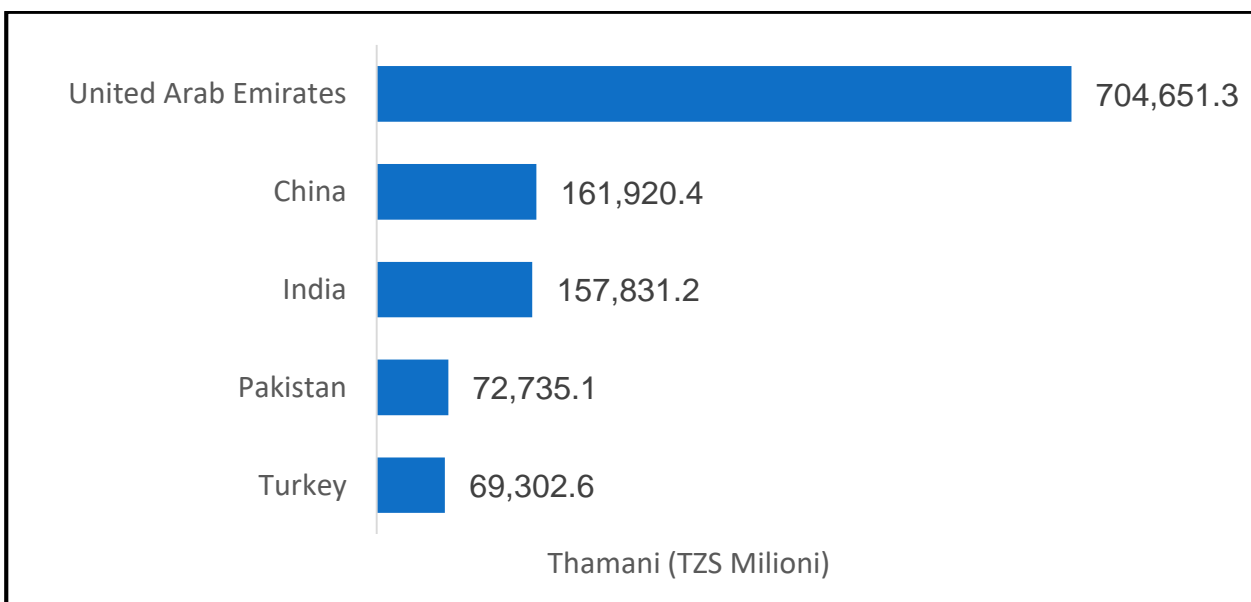
Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in 2023

The top five trading partners for imported goods in 2023 contributed 77.7 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (46.9 percent, TZS 704,651.3 million).

Figure 2: Import value by Top Five Partner in 2023

Value in TZS Million



Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)