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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

OCTOBER 2020

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 55,205.8 million in October 2020, decreased by 18.7 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019 and increased by 7.8 percent compared with the previous month.

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	1,880.1	3,037.2	3,372.2
Domestic exports	1,677.1	3,026.2	2,602.4
Re-exports	203.0	11.0	769.8
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	69,813.7	54,250.6	58,578.0
Total International Trade (A + B)	71,693.8	57,287.8	61,950.2
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-67,933.6	-51,213.4	-55,205.8

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

2. Exports Statistics

October 2020 recorded a total exports value of 3,372.2 million, increased by 79.4 percent compared to October 2019 and 11.0 percent compared to previous month. Food and live animals section contributed 54.4 percent of the total exports in October 2020 (table 2).

Table 2: Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

SITC DESCRIPTION	Value in Million TZS		
	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
Food and live animals	1,420.2	2,351.2	1,834.8
Beverages and tobacco	33.5	37.2	1.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	39.1	128.8	588.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	41.5	407.6	3.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	34.7	31.8	151.9
Machinery and transport equipment	289.2	39.1	781.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21.9	41.5	10.6
Total	1,880.1	3,037.2	3,372.2

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in October 2020

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the October 2020 accounted 95.8 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was India that accounted 48.0 percent of the total export in October 2020.

Table 3: Exports value by Top Five (5) Partners in October 2020

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
India	42.9	688.6	1,619.4
American Samoa	-	-	756.4
China	135.9	198.1	403.7
Denmark	522.7	757.7	341.3
United States of America	152.3	220.9	109.7
Other	1,026.3	1,171.9	141.6
Total	1,880.1	3,037.2	3,372.2

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

4. Imports Statistics

October 2020 recorded a total import value of 58,578 million, which decreased by 16.1 percent compared to October 2019 and increased by 8.0 percent compared to previous month. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contributed 41.3 percent of the total value

imported followed by Machinery and transport equipment (25.8 percent). The performances of other sections are as shown in table 4.

Table 4: Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

SITC DESCRIPTION	Value in Million TZS		
	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
Food and live animals	11,430.8	7,616.2	3,848.6
Beverages and tobacco	116.6	8.3	24.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	999.1	1,068.7	45.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	25,658.0	15,345.5	24,218.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2,386.3	1,846.8	841.0
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	2,397.2	4,394.1	1,933.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,915.4	10,666.6	8,623.1
Machinery and transport equipment	10,727.5	8,961.4	15,119.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,182.8	4,342.9	3,923.7
Total	69,813.7	54,250.6	58,578.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

5. Import by Categories

October 2020 imported value of consumer goods was lower by 52.4 percent compared to October 2019 and 39.3 percent compared to previous month. Imports of capital goods has increased by 38.2 compared with corresponding month of 2019 and 43.5 percent compared to the previous month and Import of intermediary goods was lower by 12.4 percent compared to corresponding month of 2019 and higher by 25.2 percent compared to previous month.

Table 5: Import by Categories

Categories	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
Capital Goods	13,125.6	12,638.7	18,133.6
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	4,784.4	1,353.4	2,819.6
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	2,364.8	3,609.7	2,973.2
<i>Machinery</i>	5,976.5	7,675.6	12,340.8
Intermediate Goods	33,621.5	23,541.2	29,466.7
<i>Oil</i>	26,163.7	15,345.5	24,218.5
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	7,457.9	8,174.4	5,248.2
Consumer Goods	23,066.5	18,070.7	10,977.8
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	11,184.1	7,526.1	3,642.7
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	11,882.5	10,544.6	7,335.1
Total	69,813.7	54,250.6	58,578.0

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in October 2020

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the October 2020 contributed 83.0 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (44.5 percent) and China (25.3 percent).

Table 5: Import value by Top Five Partner in October 2020

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	October 2019	September 2020	October 2020
United Arab Emirates	28,877.3	17,294.2	26,042.3
China	8,130.5	11,631.0	14,801.0
India	2,730.6	2,837.5	3,630.7
Pakistan	2,633.6	941.0	2,417.8
Great Britain	435.2	456.7	1,723.1
Others	27,006.4	21,090.2	9,963.1
Total	69,813.7	54,250.6	58,578.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

Note: - means Nil