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**THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF
EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS**

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1. Introduction

This quarterly report presents External Trade Statistics for the First Quarter (January – March), 2018. It also compares similar statistics with previous quarter of October – December, 2017 and its corresponding quarter of January – March of the year 2017. These statistics are compiled from documents (Declaration Forms) provided by exporters and importers to the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA). Only goods crossing international borders with appropriate customs documentation are included in this external trade information.

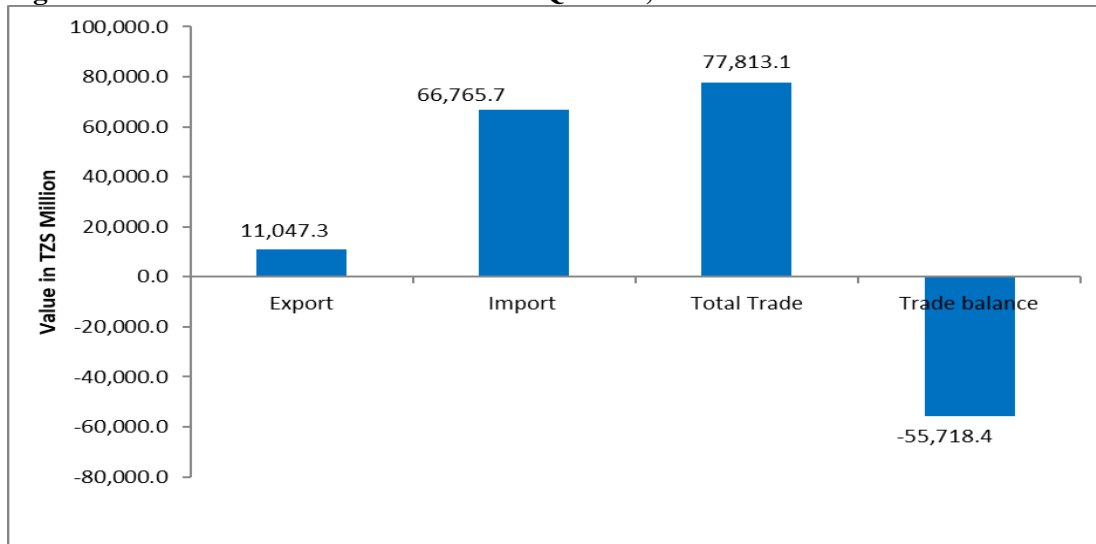
These statistics are compiled in accordance with the General Trade System in which all goods that enter or leave the Zanzibar territory are recorded. The methods used to compile trade data closely follow the recommendations of common external tariff publication ‘2012 version’ for East African Community (EAC).

The information presented in this quarterly report including the values, volumes, and trade balances. It also presents import/export values by country of origin/destination and by section (i.e. type of commodities). Comparisons are made to levels and changes between current and previous quarter as well as to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

2. Trade Performance.

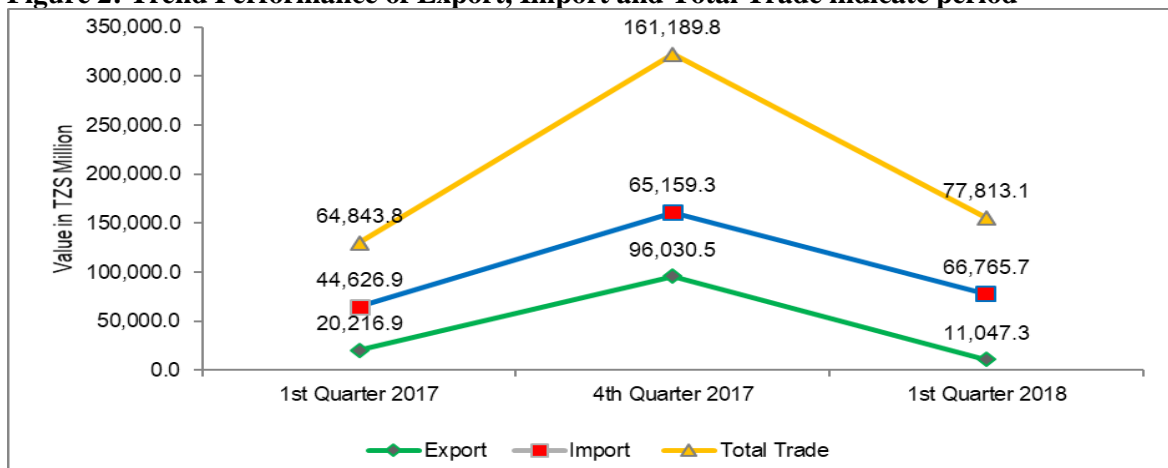
Total trade for the first quarter, 2018 reached to TZS 77,813.1 million; in which exports value worth TZS 11,047.3 million and import worth TZS 66,765.7 million. The trade deficit reached to TZS 55,7138.4 million. (Table 1; figure 1).

Figure 1: Trade Performance for the First Quarter, 2018



The trend indicates there is an increase of 20 percent of total trade recorded on first quarter 2018 compared with TZS 64,843.8 million recorded in corresponding quarter of 2017. Total exports decrease by 45.4 percent and 88.5 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2017 and previous quarter respectively. The decreasing value of export in this quarter is due to the decreasing tons of exported cloves. However, imports value increased (by 46.9 percent) to 66,765.7 million from TZS 44,626.9 million accounted in corresponding quarter of 2017. The increasing value of import is due to high importation of machinery, clothe and footwear goods as well vegetable products. (Table 3 & 11; figure 2).

Figure 2: Trend Performance of Export, Import and Total Trade indicate period



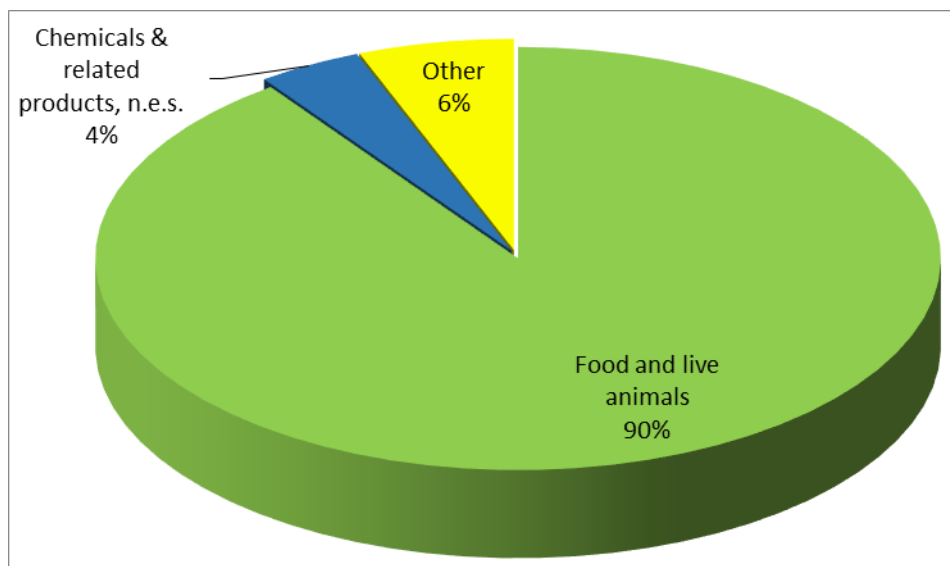
3. Exports Statistics

3.1 Exports by SITC section

The value of exports includes ‘Export of goods for direct home use, Re-export after outright importation, Re-export after temporary import of goods on hire purchase and re-export after customers warehousing procedure.

In the first quarter of 2018, food and live animals section contributes 90 percent of the total exports followed by Chemicals & related products section which contribute four (4) percent (Figure. 3 and table 2).

Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Exports by SITC Section, First quarter, 2018



3.2 Exports of Main Cash Crops

A total of 360.0 tons valued at TZS 6,415.6 Million of cloves were exported in the first quarter of 2018, showing a decrease of 87.8 percent of tons exported in corresponding quarter of 2017 (Figure 5). Exports of cloves which contributed 58.1 percent of the total value were exported to India.

A total of 6,784.1 tons valued at TZS 2,040.7 Million of Seaweeds were exported in the first quarter of 2018, showing a decrease of 16.4 percent of exported tons compared with the previous quarter and an increase of 90.2 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017 (Figure 5). Exports of Seaweeds which contributed 20.4 percent of the total value were exported to France, Spain, Denmark, USA, Vietnam and China as shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: Exports of Seaweeds by Countries of Destination, First quarter, 2018

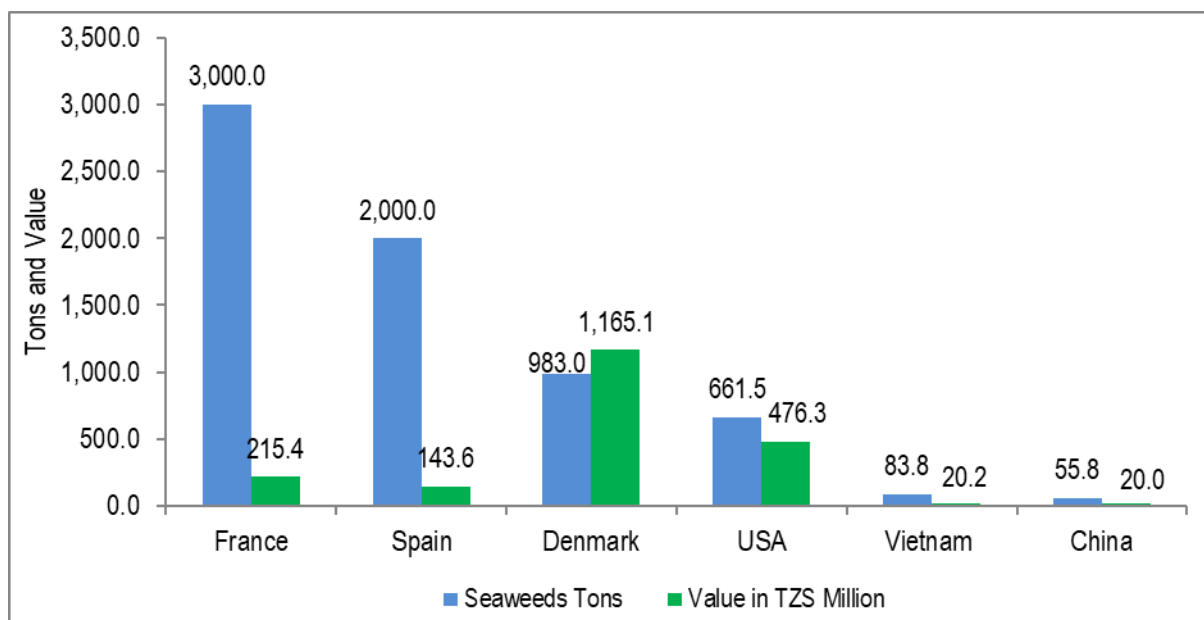
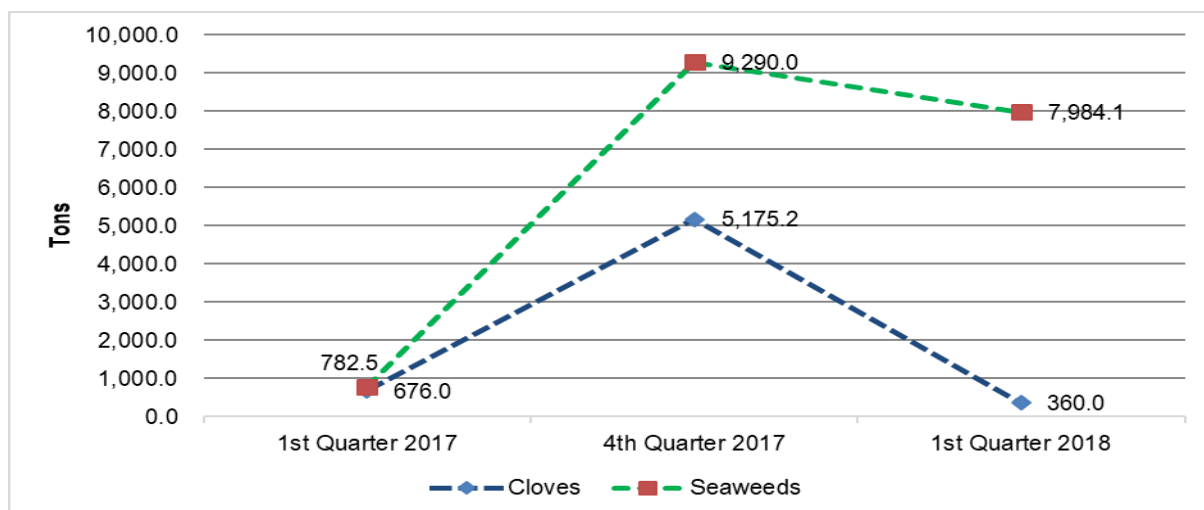


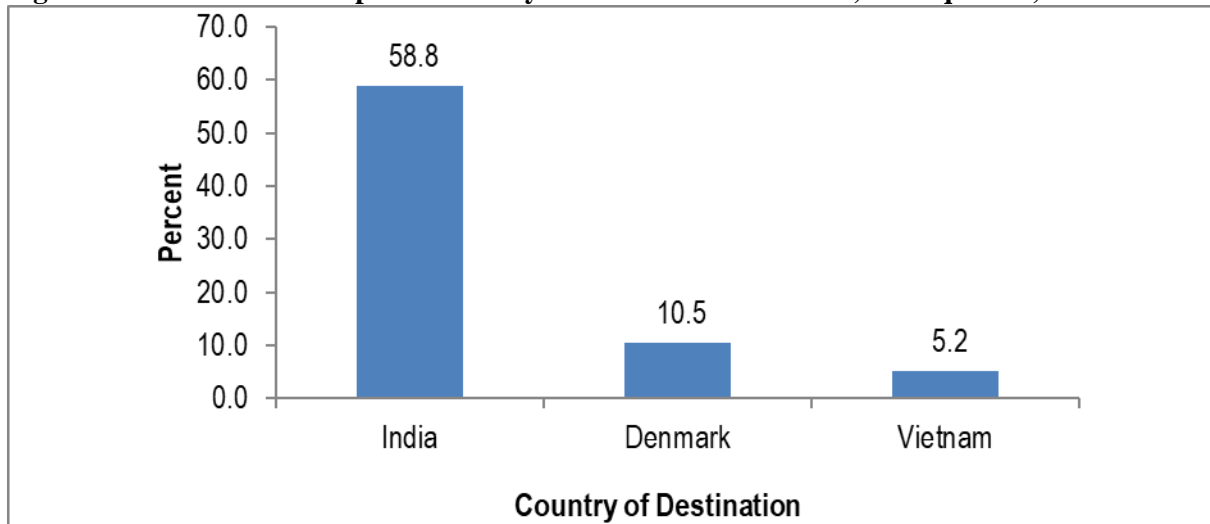
Figure 5: Trend of Exported Tons of Cloves and Seaweeds by Quarters



3.3 Exports by Country of Destination

The top three trading partners for exported goods in the first quarter of 2018 were India, Denmark and Vietnam with a total value of TZS 8,236.5 million that accounted 74.6 percent of the total value of exported goods. (Figure 6). Most of goods exported to these countries was cloves and seaweeds.

Figure 6: Distribution of Exports Value by Countries of Destination, First quarter, 2018



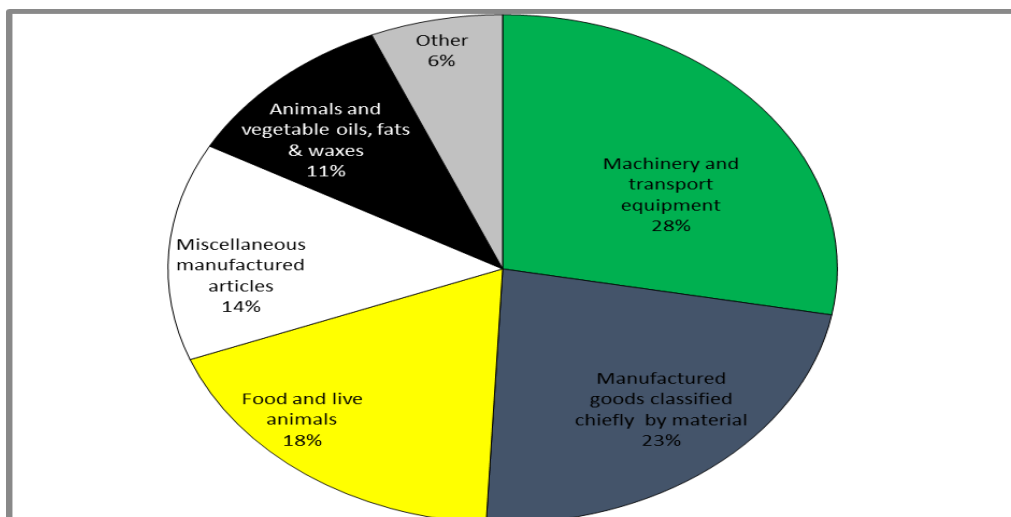
4. Imports Statistics

The value of imports includes ‘Importation for direct home use (duty and tax fully paid)’, ‘Importation by, or solely for use in Zanzibar’ and other importation procedure (Excludes all transfer goods).

4.1 Imports by SITC Section

In the first quarter of 2018, machinery and transport equipment contributes about 28 percent of the total import while manufactured goods contribute 23 percent, others categories contribute as shown in figure 6 and table 5.

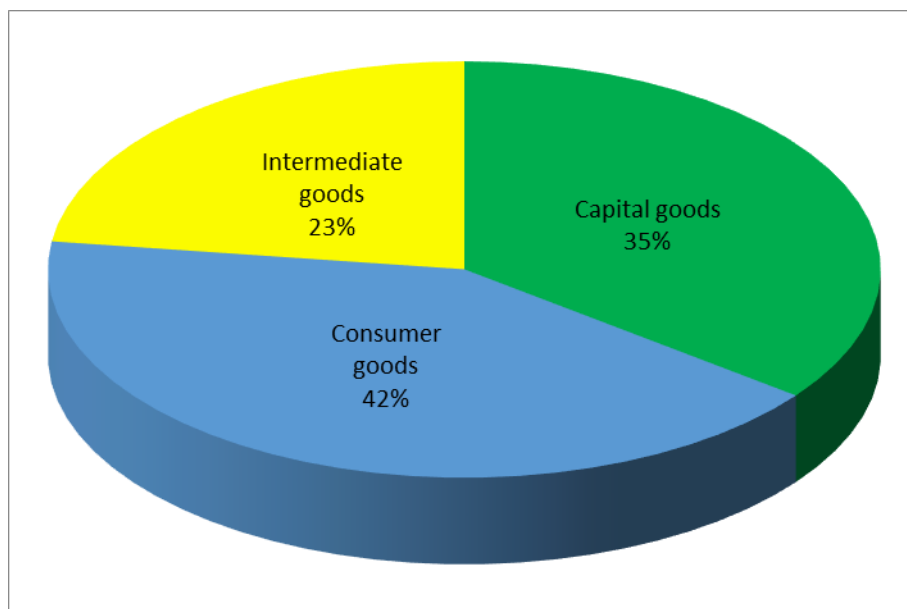
Figure 6: Percentage Distributions of Imports by SITC Section, First quarter, 2018.



4.2 Import by Categories

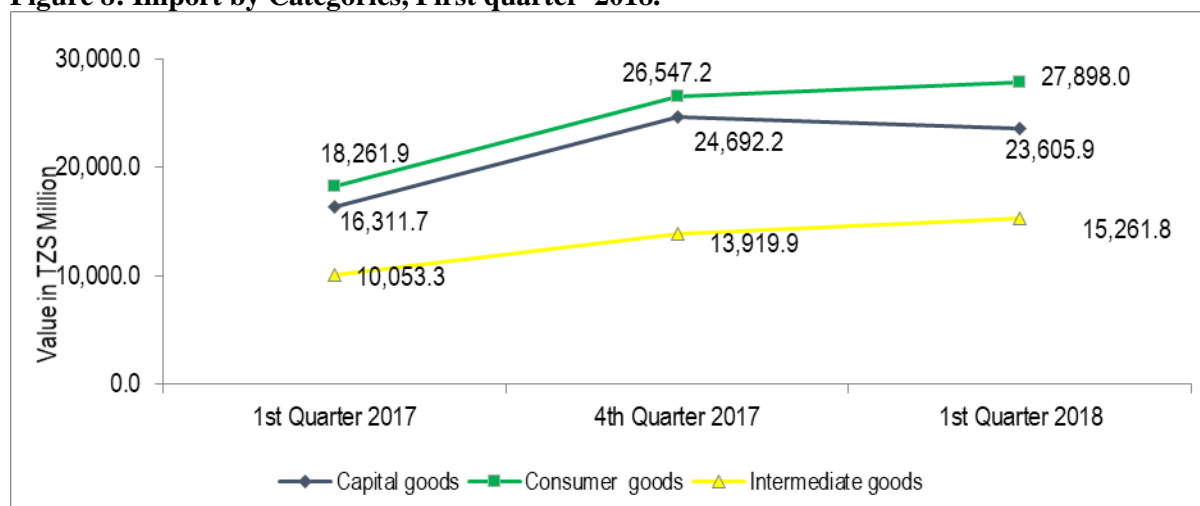
Import of Consumer goods for the first quarter of 2018 reached to 27,898.0 million equivalents to 42 percent of total import while import of Capital goods reached to TZS 23,605.9 million equivalent to 35 percent (Figure 7 and table 6).

Figure 7: Percent Distribution of Import by Categories, First quarter, 2018.



Import of consumer goods for the first quarter was higher by 8.1 percent than the previous quarter and higher by 88.3 percent than the corresponding quarter of 2017. Import of capital goods was lower by 6.1 percent than the previous quarter and higher by 46.6 percent than the corresponding quarter. Import of intermediary goods was higher by 15.3 percent than the previous quarter and 64.9 percent than the corresponding quarter of 2018 (Figure 8 and Table 6).

Figure 8: Import by Categories, First quarter 2018.

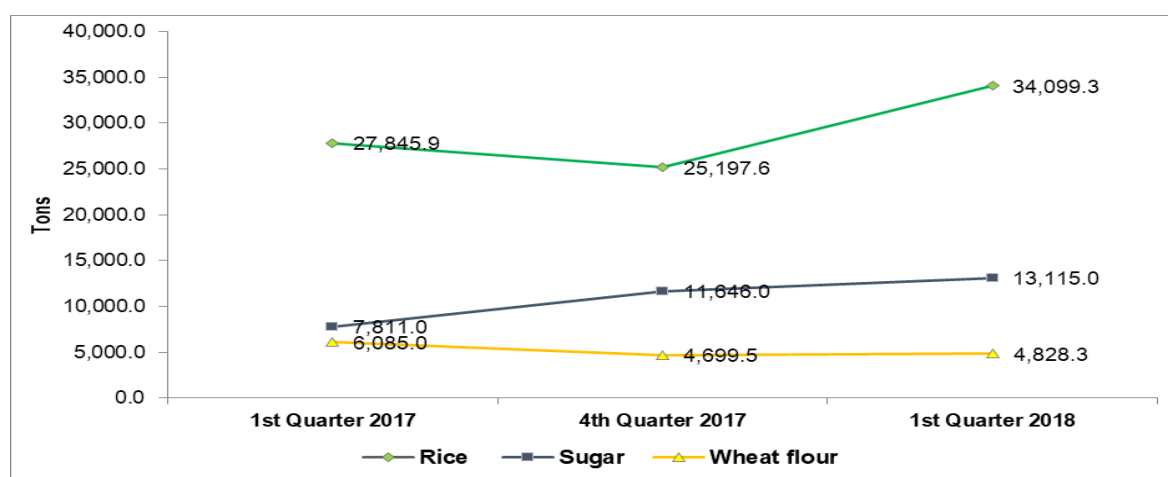


4.3 Imports of Basic Food

Rice, Sugar and Wheat flour are the main food consumed in Zanzibar. These foods are imported from different markets worldwide. Imports of rice for the first quarter of 2018 amounted to 34,099.3 tons equivalent to TZS 16,138.7 Million while import of sugar is about 13,115.0 tons (TZS 5,900.3 Million) and imported wheat flour is about 4,828.3 tons (TZS 2,280.7 Million).

Imported tons of rice increased by 35.3 percent compared to the previous quarter and increased by 22.5 percent compared to corresponding quarter. Imported tons of sugar increased by 12.6 percent and 67.9 percent compared to previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2017 respectively; while imported tons of wheat flour decreased by 20.7 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017. (Figure 9 and Table 7).

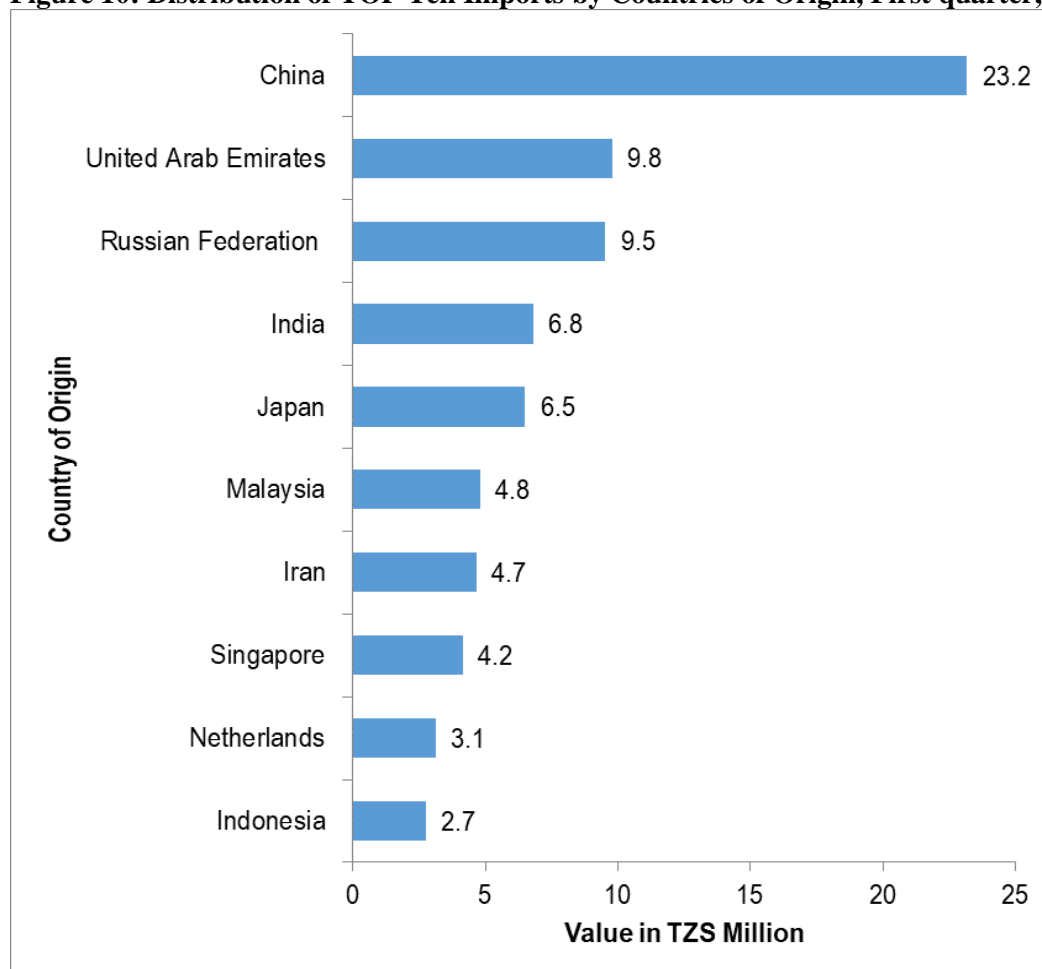
Figure 9: Imports of Rice, Sugar and Wheat Flour, First quarter, 2018.



4.4 Imports by Country of Origin

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the first quarter of 2018 contributed a value of TZS 50,277.2 million, equivalent to 75.3 percent of the total import (Figure 10 and table 8).

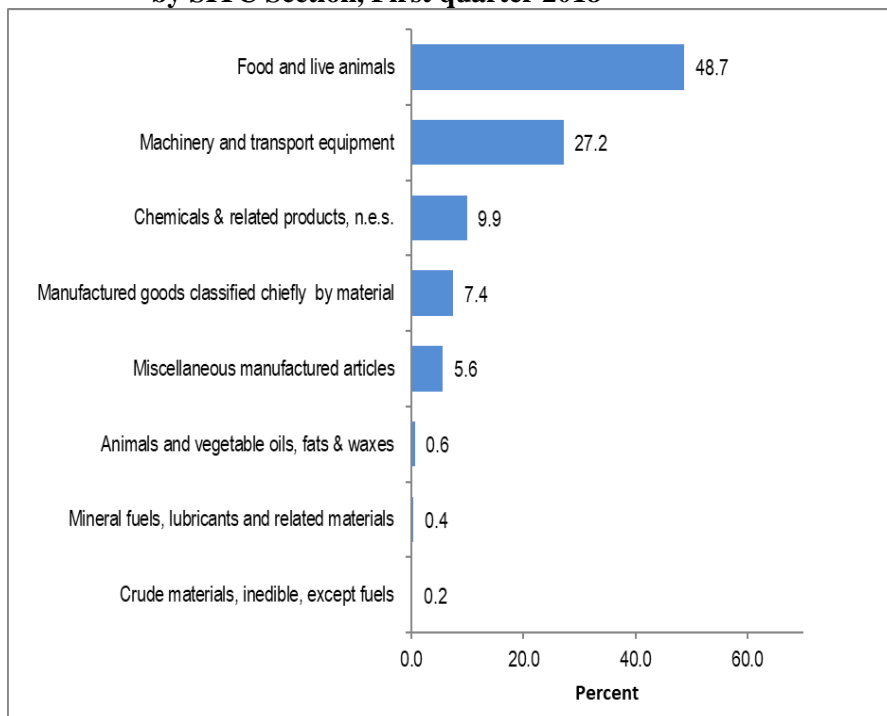
Figure 10: Distribution of TOP Ten Imports by Countries of Origin, First quarter, 2018



5. Transferred goods

A total of goods worth TZS 7,225.3 million was transferred to Tanzania Mainland in the first quarter of 2018. Figure 11 shows that 48.7 percent (TZS 3,519.8 million) of transferred goods were food and live animals; while 27.2 percent equivalent to TZS 1,962.8 million were machinery and transport equipment, other transferred goods are as shown in figure 11 and Table 9.

Figure 11: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland by SITC Section, First quarter 2018



6. Annex Table

Table 1: Total Trade Value and Balance of Trade

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
Exports	20,216.9	96,030.5	11,047.3
Domestics export	13,594.9	94,180.8	10,277.1
Re-export	6,622.0	1,849.7	770.2
Imports	44,626.9	65,159.3	66,765.7
Total Trade Value	64,843.8	161,189.8	77,813.1
Balance Trade	-24,409.9	30,871.3	-55,718.4
Exchange Rate	2,207	2,235	2,242

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

Table 2: Exports by SITC Section

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
Food and live animals	13,460.8	92,975.1	10,007.6
Beverages and tobacco	53.1	87.6	14.8
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	99.4	376.3	169.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.0	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6.7	155.4	0.6
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	39.0	726.0	444.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	38.8	120.4	44.1
Machinery and transport equipment	289.4	1,321.9	72.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,229.8	267.8	294.6
Total	20,216.9	96,030.5	11,047.3

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

Table 3: Quantity and Value of Exported Main Cash Crops

Quarters	Value in Million TZS			
	Cloves		Seaweeds	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
1st Quarter 2017	676.0	12,173.3	782.5	361.3
4 th Quarter 2017	5,175.2	86,796.4	9,290.0	1,877.6
1st Quarter 2018	360.0	6,415.6	7,984.1	2,256.8

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 4: Exports by Countries of Destination

Country	Value in million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
China	42.6	326.9	211.9
Colombia	11.4	-	-
Comoro	34.1	473.3	390.5
Denmark	142.7	1,091.4	1,165.1
France	-	574.9	431.5
Germany	60.7	193.9	41.5
Great Britain	346.1	458.0	306.3
Hong Kong	13.0	30.4	87.6
Hungary	-	-	0.5
India	10,756.9	13,692.1	6,495.6
Indonesia		415.6	412.4
Kenya		17.6	69.7
Mozambique	10.3	2.3	0.6
Netherlands	6,150.4	801.5	-
Oman	9.0	12.6	10.5
Singapore	1,445.4	68,731.8	-
South Africa	52.2	9.1	0.0
Spain		20.0	218.6
Uganda	-	887.9	52.1
United Arab Emirates	646.4	7,531.5	41.9
United States of America	120.8	281.6	476.3
Vietnam	36.9	245.9	575.8
Zambia	204.9	-	4.8
Other	133.2	232.3	54.2
Total	20,216.9	96,030.5	11,047.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 5: Imports by SITC Section

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
Food and live animals	8,078.9	10,406.1	12,285.7
Beverages and tobacco	162.6	238.7	274.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	723.7	1,361.8	1,078.2
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	288.3	392.5	390.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3,604.3	5,775.3	7,059.6
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	3,217.1	4,522.2	2,550.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11,488.0	14,032.6	15,273.7
Machinery and transport equipment	12,420.6	20,832.5	18,622.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,643.4	7,597.6	9,230.9
Total	44,626.9	65,159.3	66,765.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 6: Import by Categories

Categories	Value in Million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
Capital goods	16,311.7	24,692.2	23,605.9
Consumer goods	18,261.9	26,547.2	27,898.0
Intermediate goods	10,053.3	13,919.9	15,261.8
Total	44,626.9	65,159.3	66,765.7

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

Table 7: Imports of Basic Food

Year	Value in Million TZS					
	Rice		Sugar		Wheat flour	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
1 st Quarter 2017	27,845.9	12,880.7	7,811.0	3,431.7	6,085.0	2,795.5
4 th Quarter 2017	25,197.6	12,138.1	11,646.0	5,234.1	4,699.5	2,216.1
1 st Quarter 2018	34,099.3	16,138.7	13,115.0	5,900.3	4,828.3	2,280.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)-Zanzibar

Table 8: Imports by Countries of Origin

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	1 st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018
Australia	13.1	129.4	6.3
China	8,327.4	10,217.9	15,462.0
Czech Republic	885.5	1,243.9	1,129.7
France	348.5	696.0	115.5
Hong Kong	978.7	1,533.3	1,194.9
India	5,136.0	7,066.3	4,537.7
Indonesia	1,668.9	1,457.1	1,829.9
Iran	-	2,013.9	3,109.5
Italy	198.4	2,031.8	463.6
Japan	3,260.4	5,756.6	4,345.6
Kenya	186.8	271.4	812.1
Malaysia	1,664.6	2,804.1	3,219.0
Netherlands	-	2,140.0	2,085.1
Pakistan	661.2	693.5	1,061.6
Russian Federation	5,297.2	5,387.2	6,365.1
Singapore	1,143.2	2,314.5	2,777.5
South Africa	498.7	598.0	1,283.8
Turkey	925.2	1,694.5	947.2
United Arab Emirates	6,270.8	7,577.1	6,545.8
United Kingdom	1,306.6	1,282.1	1,317.2
United States of America	672.7	2,041.6	1,733.0
Other	5,183.0	6,209.1	6,423.6

Country	1 st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018
Total	44,626.9	65,159.3	66,765.7

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 9: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland

SITC Section	1 st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018
Food and live animals	4,130.7	3,123.1	3,519.8
Beverages and tobacco	3.6	3.0	1.9
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34.8	14.9	11.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	34.3	55.9	28.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	85.0	7.2	45.4
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	167.6	50.2	714.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	433.5	195.7	537.5
Machinery and transport equipment	2,859.4	2,151.0	1,962.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	618.5	372.1	404.0
Total	8,367.4	5,973.2	7,225.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 10: Value of Exports by Section

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	1 st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018
Live animals; animal's products.	24.7	52.2	314.4
Vegetable products	12,798.0	92,552.3	9,025.6
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	6.7	156.6	1.8
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	691.3	576.8	693.6
Mineral products	0.0	-	-
Products of the chemical or allied industries	44.1	725.8	444.2
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	54.8	53.0	25.8
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut(other than silk-worm gut)	1.5	4.1	2.7
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	0.7	17.1	10.3
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	19.3	78.8	36.8
Textiles & textiles articles	32.3	58.0	138.1
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	7.7	13.1	1.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	18.4	5.6	7.5
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	-	-	18.4
Base metal & articles of base metal	53.7	286.2	163.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	81.7	1,197.1	43.7
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	207.6	18.8	28.7
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	6,149.9	169.9	2.0
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24.5	62.3	89.3
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	-	3.0	-
Total	20,217	96,030.5	11,047.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

Table 11: Imports by Section

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	1 st Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017	1 st Quarter 2018
Live animals; animal's products.	622.1	2,264.6	2,817.6
Vegetable products	5,809.1	6,176.9	7,191.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	3,647.4	5,880.5	7,120.2
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,867.9	2,387.4	2,734.9
Mineral products	3,077.7	3,648.2	4,347.0
Products of the chemical or allied industries	2,526.8	4,181.5	2,109.1
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	2,116.2	2,030.2	2,053.8
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut(other than silk-worm gut)	28.7	52.6	159.8
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	298.2	999.3	1,222.2
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	614.4	1,020.6	818.7
Textiles & textiles articles	5,414.6	6,627.9	6,638.7
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	561.0	1,287.0	1,241.8
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	1,701.8	1,825.9	1,273.1
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	11.4	191.8	571.5
Base metal & articles of base metal	2,195.4	2,168.9	4,203.8
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	7,001.6	8,213.5	10,354.7
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	5,401.5	12,242.1	6,515.5
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	108.1	1,824.9	1,783.9
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	0.1	1.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,621.4	1,883.6	3,600.1
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	1.4	251.7	6.9
Total	44,627.9	65,159.3	66,765.7

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