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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

January 2021

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 62,987.2 million in January 2021, increased by 13.9 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2020 and decreased by 17.7 percent compared with the previous month. The export-import ratio decreased from 4.3 percent in December 2020 to 1.7 percent in January 2021. (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	19,031.7	3,439.8	1,108.2
Domestic exports	19,024.1	2,604.8	911.6
Re-exports	7.6	835.0	196.6
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	74,321.5	79,953.5	64,095.5
Total International Trade (A + B)	93,353.2	83,393.3	65,203.7
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-55,289.8	-76,513.8	-62,987.2
Cover ratio (A/B) *100	25.6	4.3	1.7

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

2. Exports Statistics

January 2021 recorded a total exports value of 1,108.2 million, decreased by 94.2 percent compared to January 2020 and by 67.8 percent compared to previous month. Food and live animals section contributed 60.4 percent of the total exports in January 2021 (table 2).

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

SITC DESCRIPTION	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	Jan- 2020	Dec- 2020	Jan-2021
Food and live animals	18,705.4	2,829.0	669.8
Beverages and tobacco	27.0	4.0	-
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	85.6	227.4	170.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	0.0
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	-	293.7	0.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	159.2	15.9	11.8
Machinery and transport equipment	16.3	30.7	244.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38.2	39.0	11.9
Total	19,031.7	3,439.8	1,108.2

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

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in January 2021

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the January 2021 accounted 76.7 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was China that accounted 27.1 percent of the total export in January 2021 (Table 3).

Table 3: Exports value by Top Five (5) Partners in January 2021

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021
China	150.1	706.5	300.2
Uganda	-	-	172.2
France	241.7	87.8	146.4
India	12,401.3	1,282.9	131.1
United States of America	-	43.5	100.7
Other	6,238.6	1,319.1	257.7
Total	19,031.7	3,439.8	1,108.2

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

4. Imports Statistics

January 2021 recorded a total import value of 64,095.5 million, which decreased by 13.8 percent compared to January 2020 and by 19.8 percent compared to previous month. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contributed 32.0 percent of the total value imported followed by Food and live animals (18.4 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		
	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021
Food and live animals	19,044.3	12,280.7	11,771.0
Beverages and tobacco	59.4	21.0	193.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	560.5	940.6	549.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20,851.2	28,798.8	20,486.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3,118.4	2,074.8	2,602.8
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	2,773.6	1,224.6	2,018.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	15,955.6	11,657.3	9,436.3
Machinery and transport equipment	6,361.0	19,263.4	11,523.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,597.4	3,692.3	5,515.7
Total	74,321.5	79,953.5	64,095.5

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

5. Import by Categories

January 2021 imported value of consumer goods was 21,967.2 which decreased by 30.4 percent compared to January 2020 and increased by 13.5 percent compared to previous month. Imports value of capital goods was 14,200.4 which decreased by 6.3 compared with corresponding month of 2020 and by 44.6 percent compared to the previous month and Imported value of intermediary goods was 27,927.9 which increased by 1.1 percent compared to corresponding month of 2020 and decreased by 20.1 percent compared to previous month (Table 5).

Table 5: Import by Categories

Categories	Value in Million TZS		
	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021
Capital Goods	15,154.6	25,624.7	14,200.4
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	1,727.6	4,241.5	3,647.2
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	8,772.4	6,520.2	2,618.2
<i>Machinery</i>	4,654.5	14,863.0	7,935.0
Intermediate Goods	27,618.1	34,966.7	27,927.9
<i>Oil</i>	20,851.2	28,798.8	20,486.1
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	6,314.6	6,167.9	7,441.8
Consumer Goods	31,548.9	19,362.1	21,967.2
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	18,957.1	12,191.4	11,881.7
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	12,591.8	7,170.7	10,085.5
Total	74,321.5	79,953.5	64,095.5

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

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in January 2021

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the January 2021 contributed 78.9 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (39.7 percent) and China (19.3 percent).

Table 6: Import value by Top Five Partner in January 2021

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	January 2020	December 2020	January 2021
United Arab Emirates	23,267.9	29,003.9	25,432.6
China	12,405.0	14,884.4	12,346.7
Russian Federation	5,662.2	5,544.7	6,225.3
India	288.3	2,776.4	3,472.5
Pakistan	11,354.1	4,479.0	3,077.4
Others Countries	21,344.0	23,265.2	13,540.9
Total	74,321.5	79,953.5	76,500.7

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

Note: - means Nil