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1. Introduction

This quarterly report presents External Trade Statistics for the Fourth Quarter (October – December), 2017. It also compares similar statistics with previous quarter of July - September, 2017 and its corresponding quarter of October – December of the year 2016. 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.

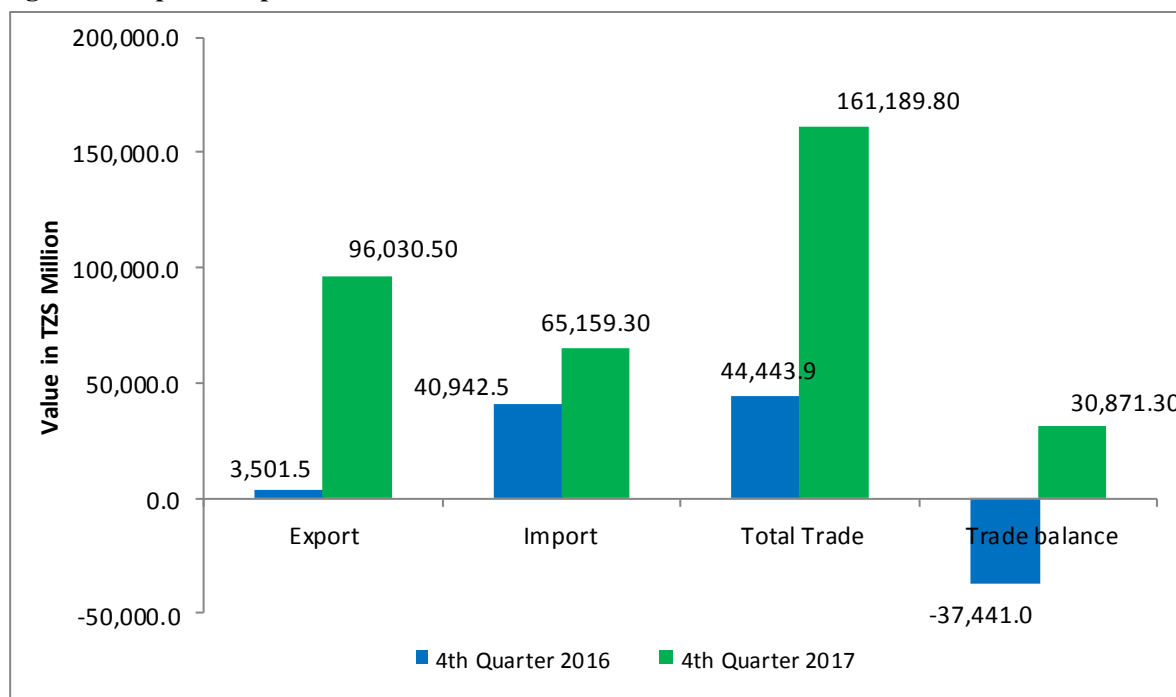
2. Trade Performance.

Total trade for the fourth quarter (October – December, 2017) reached to TZS 161,189.8 million; indicates increase of TZS 116,745.9 million over TZS 44,443.9 million recorded in corresponding quarter of 2016. Total exports increased to TZS 96,030.5 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2017 from TZS 3,501.5 million recorded in corresponding quarter of 2016. However, imports value increased (by 59.1 percent) to 65,159.3 million from TZS

40,942.5 million accounted in corresponding quarter of 2016. The trade benefit for the fourth quarter reached to TZS 30,871.3 million. (Table 1; figure 1).

The increasing value of export in this quarter is due to the increasing tons of exported cloves that contribute TZS 86,796.4 million of total export. However, the increasing value of import is due to high importation of Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment as well vegetable products.

Figure 1: Export, Import, Total Trade and Trade balance, Q4 2016 and Q4 2017



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

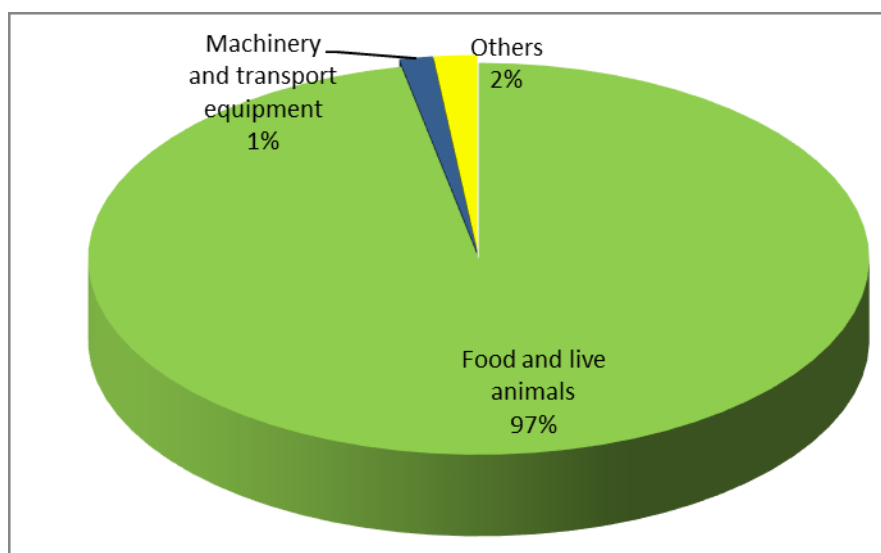
3. Exports Statistics

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 fourth quarter of 2017, food and live animals section contributes 97 percent of the total exports followed by Machinery and transport equipment section which contribute only one (1) percent (Figure. 2 and table 2).

Figure 2: Percentage Distribution of Exports by SITC Section, Fourth quarter, 2017



3.2 Exports of Main Cash Crops

A total of 5,175.2 tons valued at TZS 86,796.4 Million of cloves were exported in the fourth quarter of 2017, showing an increase of 76.2 percent of tons exported in previous quarter of 2016 (Table 3). Exports of cloves which contributed 90.4 percent of the total value were exported to Singapore, India, UAE, Netherlands, Great Britain and Germany as shown in the figure 3.

Figure 3: Exported Tons of Cloves by Countries of Destination, Fourth quarter 2017

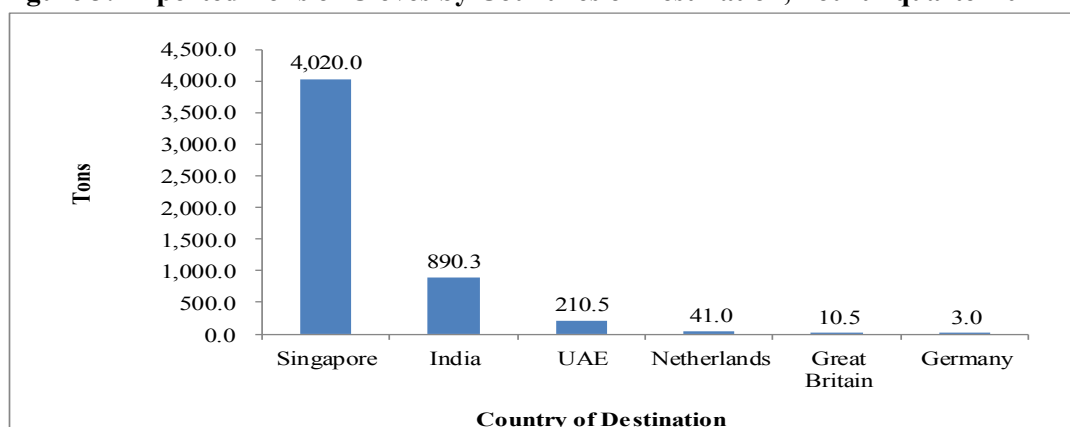
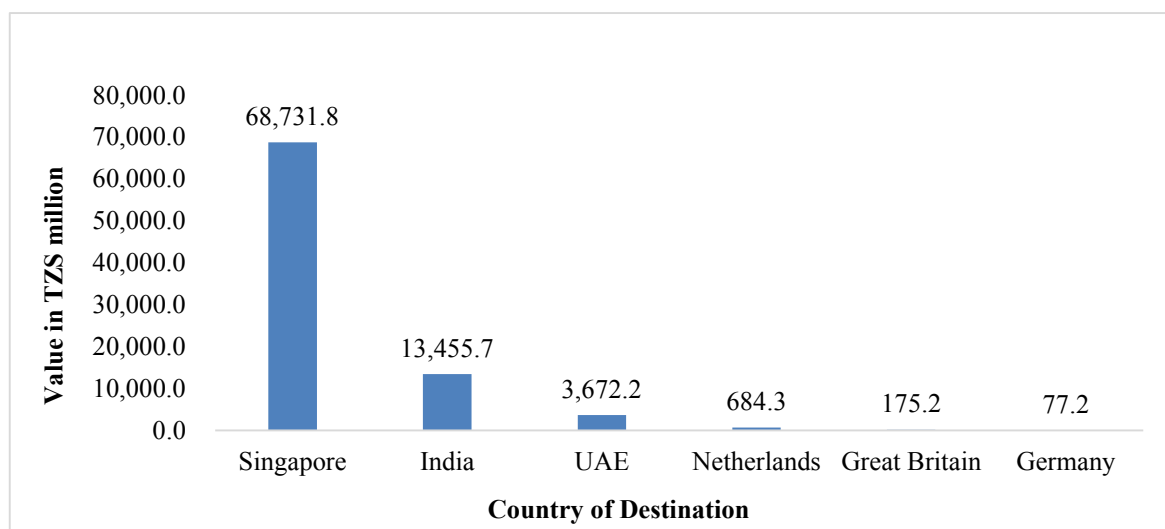
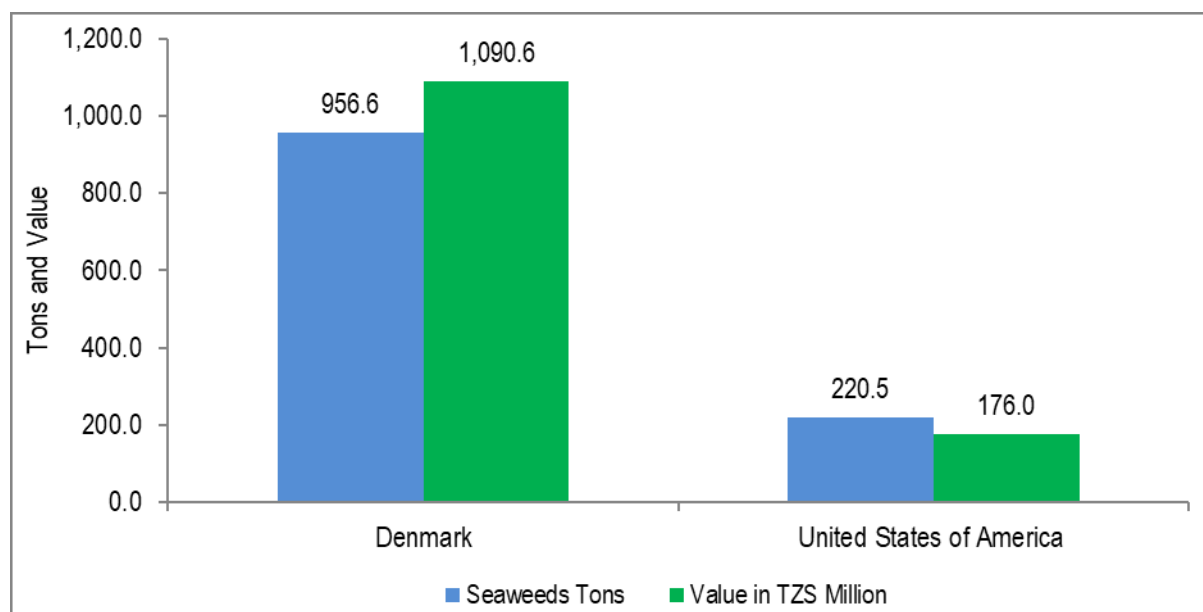


Figure 4: Exported Value of Cloves by Countries of Destination, Fourth quarter 2017



A total of 9,290.0 tons valued at TZS 1,877.6 Million of Seaweeds were exported in the fourth quarter of 2017, showing an increase of 35.8 percent of exported tons compared with the previous quarter and decrease of 9.5 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016 (Table 3). Exports of Seaweeds which contributed two (2) percent of the total value were exported to Denmark and USA as shown in figure 5.

Figure 5: Exports of Seaweeds by Countries of Destination, Fourth quarter 2017

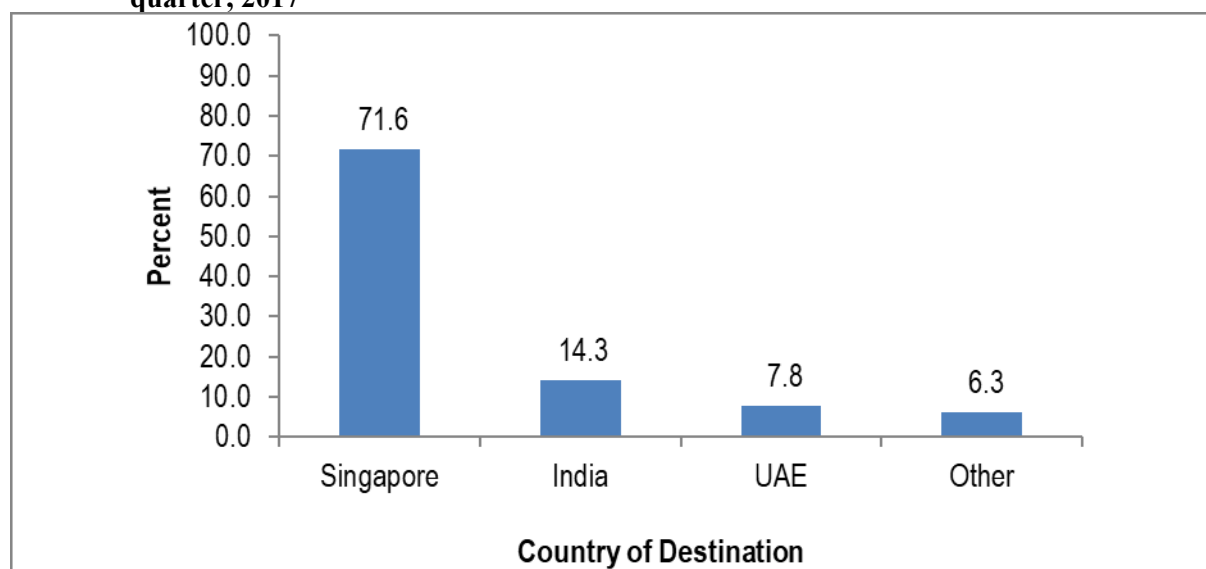


3.3 Exports by Country of Destination

The top three trading partners for exported goods in the fourth quarter of 2017 were Singapore, India, and United Arab Emirates with a total value of TZS 89,955.4 million that

accounted 93.7 percent of the total value of exported goods. (Figure 5). Most of goods exported to these countries was cloves.

Figure 5: Distribution of Exports Value by Countries of Destination, Fourth quarter, 2017



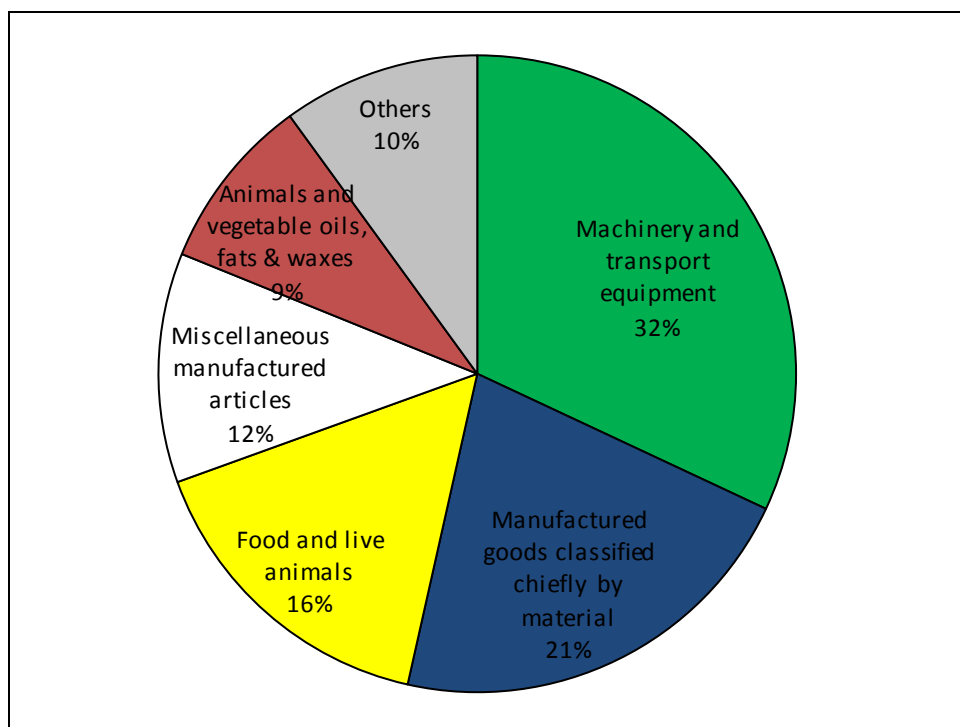
4. Imports Statistics

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 fourth quarter of 2017, machinery and transport equipment contributes about 32 percent of the total import while manufactured goods contribute 21 percent (figure 6 and table 5).

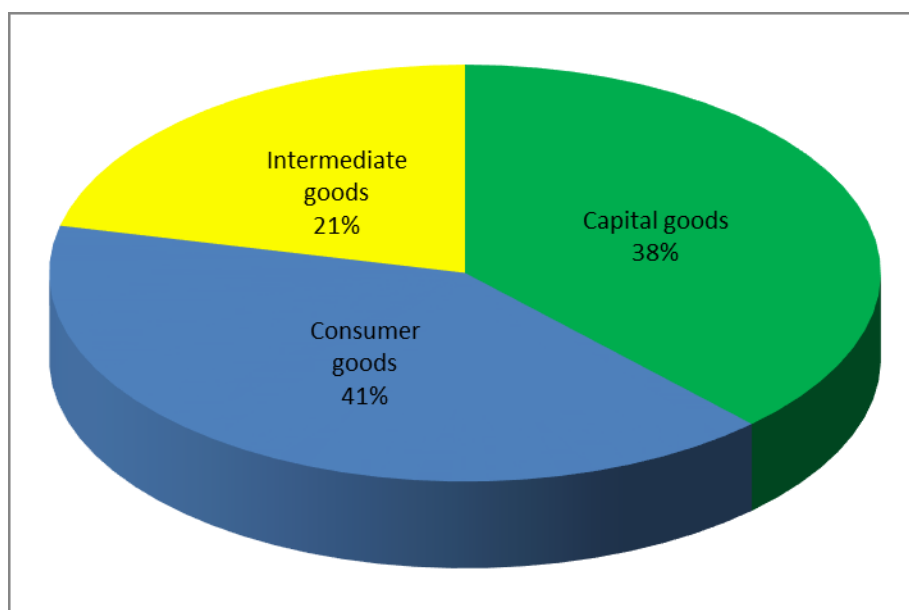
Figure 6: Percentage Distributions of Imports by SITC Section, Fourth quarter 2017.



4.2 Import by Categories

Import of Capital goods for the fourth quarter of 2017 reached to 20,110.4 million equivalents to 38 percent of total import while import of Consumer goods reached to TZS 14,472.1 million equivalent to 41 percent (Figure 7 and table 6).

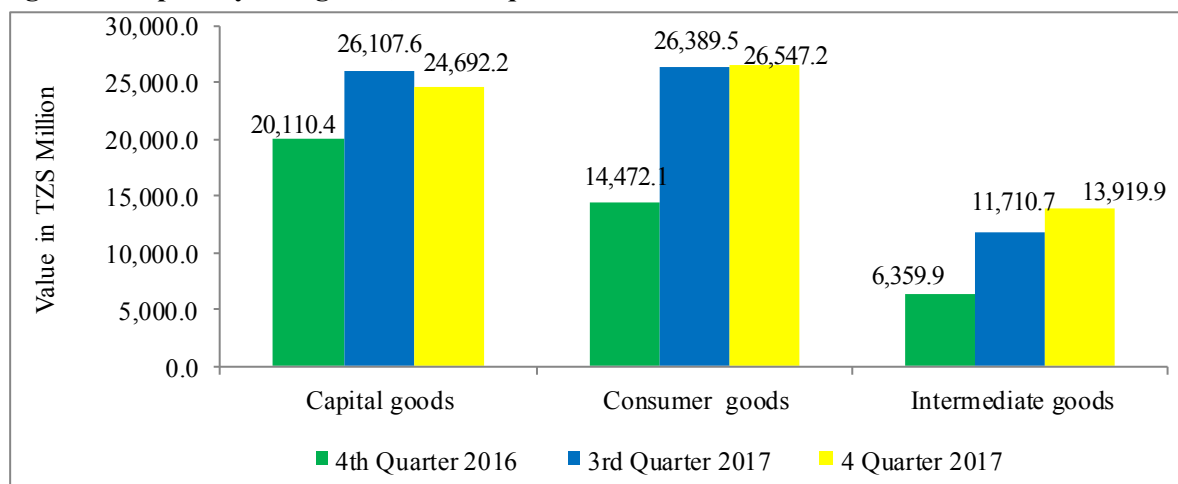
Figure 7: Percent Distribution of Import by Categories, Fourth quarter 2017.



Import of capital goods for the fourth quarter was lower by 7.9 percent than the previous quarter and higher by 29.3 percent than the corresponding quarter of 2016. Import of

consumer goods was higher by one percent than the previous quarter. Import of intermediary goods was higher by 25.1 percent than the previous quarter and 94.2 percent than the corresponding quarter of 2016 (Figure 8 and Table 6).

Figure 8: Import by Categories, Fourth quarter 2017.

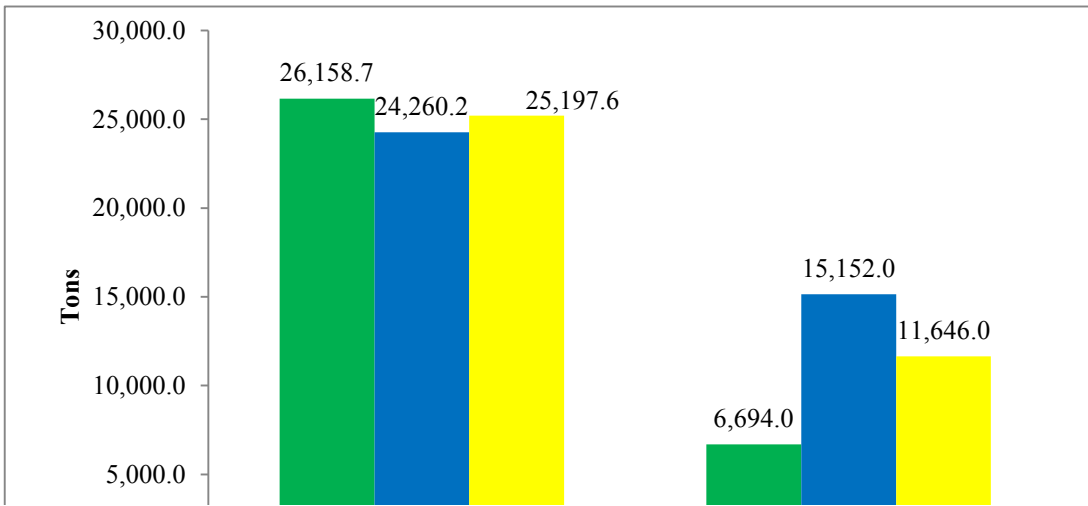


4.3 Imports of Basic Food

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 fourth quarter of 2017 amounted to 25,197.6 tons equivalent to TZS 12,138.1 Million while import of sugar is about 11,646.0 tons (TZS 5,234.1 Million) and imported wheat flour is about 4,699.5 tons (TZS 2,216.1 Million).

Imported tons of rice increased by 3.9 percent compared to the previous quarter and decreased by 3.7 percent compared to corresponding quarter. Imported tons of sugar increased by 74.0 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016 while imported tons of wheat flour decreased by 70.3 percent compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016. (Figure 9 and Table 7).

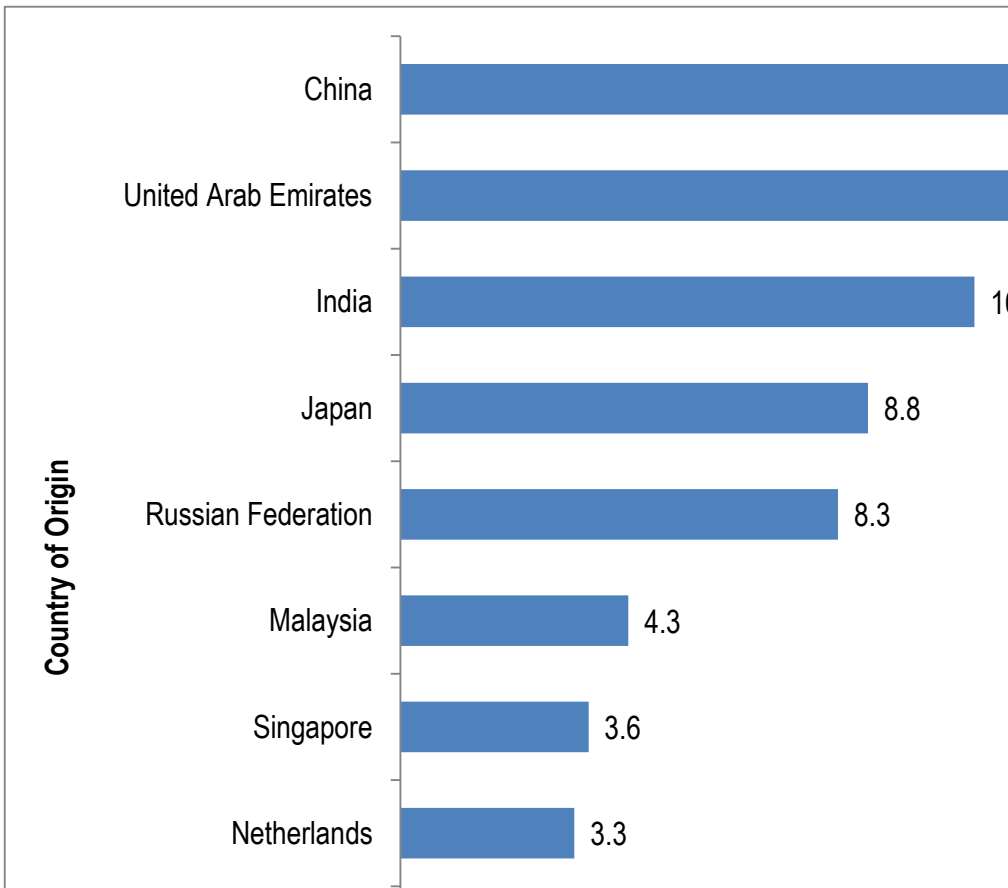
Figure 9: Imports of Rice, Sugar and Wheat Flour, Fourth quarter 2017.



4.4 Imports by Country of Origin

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the fourth quarter of 2017 contributed a value of TZS 65,159.3 million, equivalent to 90.5 percent of the total import (Figure 10 and table 8).

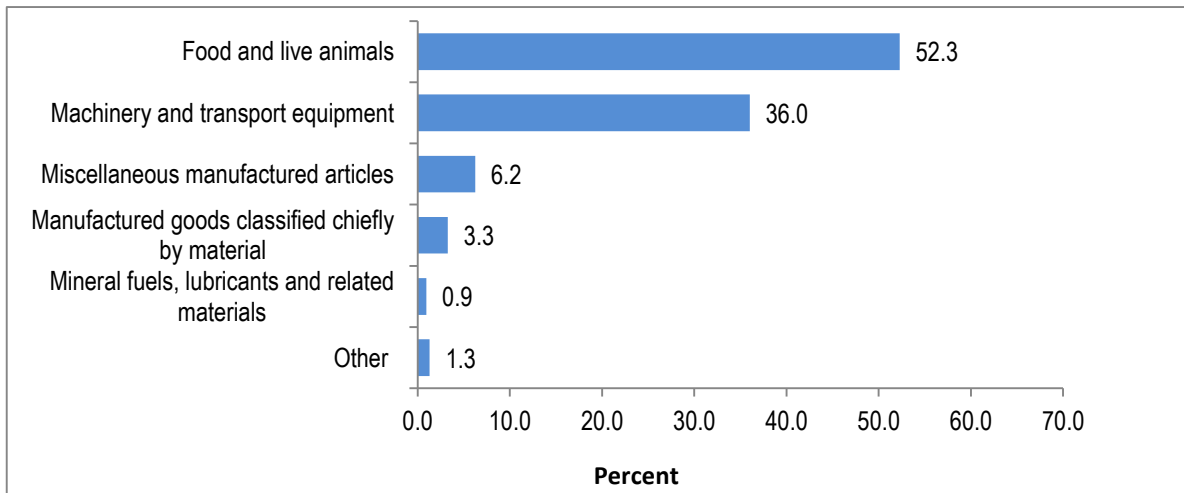
Figure 10: Distribution of TOP Ten Imports by Countries of Origin, Fourth quarter 2017



5. Transferred goods

Result shows that 52.3 percent (TZS 3,123.1 million) of transferred goods in the fourth quarter of 2017 were food and live animals while Machinery and transport equipment worth TZS 2,151.0 million equivalent to 36.0 percent of transferred goods (Figure 11 and Table 9).

Figure 11: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland by SITC Section, Fourth quarter 2017



6. Annex Table

Table 1: Total Trade Value and Balance of Trade

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Exports	3,501.5	23,887.4	96,030.5
Domestics export	3,199.9	22,806.2	94,180.8
Re-export	301.6	1,081.2	1,849.7
Imports	40,942.5	64,207.8	65,159.3
Total Trade Value	44,443.9	88,095.2	161,189.8
Balance Trade	-37,441.0	-40,320.5	30,871.3
Exchange Rate	2,163	2,233	2,235

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

Table 2: Exports by SITC Section

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Food and live animals	2,672.3	22,895.8	92,975.1
Beverages and tobacco	67.5	20.0	87.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	359.8	220.0	376.3
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.2	0.1	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.5	30.0	155.4
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	67.9	28.3	726.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	14.6	34.2	120.4
Machinery and transport equipment	142.8	233.5	1,321.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	172.7	425.5	267.8
Total	3,501.5	23,887.4	96,030.5

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

Table 3: Quantity and Value of Exported Main Cash Crops

Year	Value in Million TZS			
	Cloves		Seaweeds	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
4 th Quarter 2016	-	-	3,138.5	2,055.9
3 rd Quarter 2017	1,111.0	20,697.2	1,517.5	1,205.0
4 th Quarter 2017	5,175.2	86,796.4	9,290.0	1,877.6

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

Table 4: Exports by Countries of Destination

Country	Value in million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
China	6.5	-	326.9
Colombia	4.7	4.4	-
Comoro	139.3	487.1	473.3
Denmark	500	697.3	1,091.4
France	670.8	-	574.9
Germany	30.7	-	193.9
Great Britain	217	401.6	458.0
Hong Kong	95.6	17.9	30.4
Hungary	0.4	0.3	-
India	283.7	12,511.60	13,692.1
Indonesia	-	-	415.6
Italy	15	-	-
Kenya	-	20.1	17.6
Malaysia	0.6	-	-
Mozambique	1.2	5.7	2.3
Netherlands	-	1,200.1	801.5
Oman	97	246.7	12.6
Singapore	-	3,879.50	68,731.8
South Africa	-	289.6	9.1
Spain	-	82.0	20.0
Thailand	0.5	-	-
Uganda	382.1	-	887.9
United Arab Emirates	474.8	3,461.90	7,531.5
United States of America	469	339.9	281.6
Vietnam	112.6	-	245.9
Zambia	-	4.8	-
Other	382.1	236.8	232.3
Total	3,233.1	23,887.4	96,030.5

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

Table 5: Imports by SITC Section

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Food and live animals	2,311.9	10,076.1	10,406.1
Beverages and tobacco	458.6	116.3	238.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	444.3	811.5	1,361.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	265.9	490.8	392.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2,572.9	5,177.7	5,775.3
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	1,847.8	2,382.1	4,522.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8,013.6	13,674.7	14,032.6
Machinery and transport equipment	16,671.2	22,328.5	20,832.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8,356.3	9,150.2	7,597.6
Total	40,942.5	64,207.8	65,159.3

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

Table 6: Import by Categories

Value in Million TZS

Categories	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Capital goods	20,110.4	26,107.6	24,692.2
Consumer goods	14,472.1	26,389.5	26,547.2
Intermediate goods	6,359.9	11,710.7	13,919.9
Total	40,942.5	64,207.8	65,159.3

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

Table 7: Imports of Basic Food

Value in Million TZS

Year	Rice		Sugar		Wheat flour	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
4 th Quarter 2016	26,158.7	12,077.0	6,694.0	2,931.0	2,759.5	1,265.3
3 rd Quarter 2017	24,260.2	11,534.3	15,152.0	6,809.0	6,547.0	2,860.8
4 th Quarter 2017	25,197.6	12,138.1	11,646.0	5,234.1	4,699.5	2,216.1

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)-Zanzibar

Table 8: Imports by Countries of Origin

Value in Million TZS

Country	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Australia	-	30.8	129.4
China	4,971.8	10,968.6	10,217.9
Czech Republic	297.2	1,412.8	1,243.9
France	10.6	1,063.0	696.0
Hong Kong	716.5	1,335.8	1,533.3
India	3,603.2	6,957.6	7,066.3
Indonesia	1,296.0	1,028.9	1,457.1
Iran	-	-	2,013.9
Italy	2,039.9	1,984.4	2,031.8
Japan	2,309.7	3,223.1	5,756.6
Kenya	317.6	607.3	271.4
Malaysia	1,232.0	2,209.4	2,804.1
Netherlands	-	-	2,140.0
Pakistan	1,134.5	840.6	693.5
Russian Federation	100.5	6,441.7	5,387.2
Singapore	586.3	2,092.2	2,314.5
South Africa	305.9	964.4	598.0
Turkey	1,179.1	1,484.0	1,694.5
United Arab Emirates	4,997.1	8,674.5	7,577.1
United Kingdom	800.8	1,966.4	1,282.1
United States of America	802.6	1,868.0	2,041.6
Other	14,241.2	9,054.3	6,209.1
Total	40,942.5	64,207.80	65,159.3

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

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

SITC Section	4th Quarter 2016	3rd Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2017
Food and live animals	2,666.1	3,641.9	3,123.1
Beverages and tobacco	3.5	0.5	3.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34.4	11.9	14.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	67.0	32.9	55.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	133.8	18.1	7.2
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	170.3	103.5	50.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301.9	297.9	195.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2,275.6	1,657.1	2,151.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	378.6	591.5	372.1
Total	6,031.3	6,355.2	5,973.2

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

Table 10: Value of Exports by Section

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Live animals; animal's products.	116.9	33.7	52.2
Vegetable products	2,255.5	22,363.1	92,552.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	3.5	30.0	156.6
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	421.5	521.4	576.8
Mineral products	0.2	0.1	-
Products of the chemical or allied industries	60.1	28.3	725.8
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	19.2	4.4	53.0
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)	1.6	5.0	4.1
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	10.6	12.4	17.1
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	41.2	40.2	78.8
Textiles & textiles articles	45.2	47.2	58.0
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	1.1	1.1	13.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	2.6	8.0	5.6
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	-	-	-
Base metal & articles of base metal	293.0	220.1	286.2
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	49.2	181.0	1,197.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	93.6	52.5	18.8
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	45.7	285.5	169.9
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	36.9	53.3	62.3
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	3.8	-	3.0
Total	3,501.5	23,887.4	96,030.5

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

Table 11: Imports by Section

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 th Quarter 2016	3 rd Quarter 2017	4 th Quarter 2017
Live animals; animal's products.	1,030.4	1,333.3	2,264.6
Vegetable products	277.7	7,047.9	6,176.9
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	2,604.2	5,230.8	5,880.5
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,497.5	2,018.2	2,387.4
Mineral products	1,855.5	2,514.1	3,648.2
Products of the chemical or allied industries	1,691.4	2,045.2	4,181.5
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	767.7	1,848.7	2,030.2
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)	22.4	49.2	52.6
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	295.1	1,489.5	999.3
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	787.7	599.8	1,020.6
Textiles & textiles articles	2,934.9	7,093.6	6,627.9
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	434.8	678.8	1,287.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	797.5	1,571.5	1,825.9
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	14.2	13.1	191.8
Base metal & articles of base metal	2,807.7	3,073.4	2,168.9
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	13,011.0	15,706.3	8,213.5
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	3,479.9	5,743.4	12,242.1
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	4,992.9	3,880.1	1,824.9
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	-	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,639.7	2,270.0	1,883.6
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.2	1.0	251.7
Total	40,942.5	64,207.8	65,159.3

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