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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

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1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 30,805.4 million in April 2020, lower by 65.2 percent than the previous month and by 48.8 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value in Million TZS

Description	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	2,745.3	4,486.6	2,220.9
Domestic exports	2,699.0	4,466.7	2,220.8
Re-exports	46.2	19.9	0.1
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	62,931.4	93,120.4	33,026.3
Total International Trade (A + B)	65,676.7	97,607.1	35,247.2
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-60,186.1	-88,633.8	-30,805.4

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

2. Exports Statistics

In April 2020, total exports decreased by 50.5 percent compared to previous month and by 19.1 percent compared to April 2019. Food and live animals section contributed 96.4 percent of the total exports (table 2).

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

SITC DESCRIPTION	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
Food and live animals	2,203.7	4,353.8	2,140.2
Beverages and tobacco	135.9	18.0	-
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	50.2	39.0	28.2
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	22.8	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	24.8	4.7	-
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	25.8	8.1	0.6
Machinery and transport equipment	119.7	39.5	34.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	162.4	23.5	17.6
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	2,745.3	4,486.6	2,220.9

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

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in April 2020

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the April 2020 accounted 79.3 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destinations were Vietnam (22.7 percent) and Denmark (17.3 percent) and United Arab Emirates (14.5 percent).

Table 3: Exports value by Top five (5) Partners in April 2020

Country	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
Vietnam	26.3	-	503.2
Denmark	559.5	1,043.2	384.1
United Arab Emirates	154.2	8.6	322.0
France	113.9	-	306.0
China	91.9	76.5	246.0
other	1,799.4	3,358.4	459.5
Total	2,745.3	4,486.65	2,220.89

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

4. Imports Statistics

In April 2020, total imports decreased by 64.5 percent compared to march 2020 and by 47.5 percent compared to April 2019. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section (28.9 percent) followed by Food and live animals section contributed 26.8 percent and Machinery and transport equipment section contributed 16.1 percent of the total imports. The performance of other sections is as shown in table 4.

Table 4: Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section*Value in Million TZS*

SITC DESCRIPTION	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
Food and live animals	8,417.2	16,128.9	8,851.6
Beverages and tobacco	22.5	87.5	54.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	754.8	516.1	418.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	31,720.3	24,938.1	9,557.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3,675.3	2,890.1	1,633.9
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,498.9	1,595.1	954.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8,152.2	14,452.1	4,206.9
Machinery and transport equipment	5,208.4	29,380.1	5,308.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,481.7	3,132.5	2,040.8
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	62,931.4	93,120.4	33,026.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam**5. Imports by Top Ten Partner in April 2020**

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the April 2020 contributed 85.6 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (35.7 percent), India (14.8), Pakistan (12.6 percent), and China (5.6 percent).

Table 5: Import value by Top Ten Partner in April2020*Value in Million TZS*

Country	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
United Arab Emirates	35,229.0	28,397.0	11,792.2
India	3,166.5	4,439.0	4,899.7
Pakistan	5,787.6	5,699.6	4,157.4
China	5,787.5	15,805.0	1,838.0
Malaysia	523.5	963.8	1,115.9
Oman	225.5	369.4	1,056.1
Japan	1,157.5	1,079.8	976.8
Netherlands	116.3	1,341.6	925.9
Lithuania	-	19.1	785.1
Turkey	2,728.9	2,359.3	715.5
Other	8,209.2	32,646.8	4,763.6
Total	62,931.4	93,120.4	33,026.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam**Note:** - means Nil

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