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## **MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS**

**MAY 2020**

### **1. Balance of Trade**

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 45,852.6 million in May 2020, increased by 48.8 percent then the previous month and decreased by 24.9 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

**Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade**

*Value in Million TZS*

Description	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>4,930.6</b>	<b>2,220.9</b>	<b>2,723.0</b>
Domestic exports	4,877.7	2,220.8	2,548.6
Re-exports	52.9	0.1	174.4
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>65,987.5</b>	<b>33,026.3</b>	<b>48,575.6</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>70,918.1</b>	<b>35,247.2</b>	<b>51,298.6</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-61,056.9</b>	<b>-30,805.4</b>	<b>-45,852.6</b>

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

### **2. Exports Statistics**

In May 2020, total exports increased by 22.6 percent compared to previous month and decreased by 44.8 percent compared to May 2019. Food and live animals section contributed 88.6 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>		
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
Food and live animals	4,675.1	2,140.2	2,411.6
Beverages and tobacco	13.7	-	6.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	125.4	28.2	21.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	5.0	-	2.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	43.7	0.6	2.0
Machinery and transport equipment	30.6	34.2	271.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	37.1	17.6	8.6
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,930.6</b>	<b>2,220.9</b>	<b>2,723.0</b>

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

### 3. Exports by Top Ten Partner in May2020

The top ten trading partners for exported goods in the May 2020 accounted 99.2 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destinations were Denmark (28.2 percent) and India (25.7 percent).

**Table 3: Exports value by Top Nine (9) Partners in May2020**

Country	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
Denmark	301.6	384.1	769.2
India	2,873.6	132.3	700.6
Vietnam	396.7	503.2	302.1
China	105.4	246.0	255.9
United States of America	347.2	142.9	234.9
Netherlands	15.4	3.4	178.6
France	6.7	306.0	145.9
Oman	11.6	-	52.5
Turkey	-	-	40.7
other	37.8	-	20.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,930.6</b>	<b>2,220.9</b>	<b>2,723.0</b>

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

### 4. Imports Statistics

In May 2020, total imports increased by 47.1 percent compared to April 2020 and decreased by 26.4 percent compared to May 2019. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (37.7 percent) followed by Food and live animals section contributed 25.7 percent and Machinery

and transport equipment section contributed 17.4 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**

SITC DESCRIPTION	Value in Million TZS		
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
Food and live animals	16,954.6	8,851.6	12,464.4
Beverages and tobacco	56.3	54.5	62.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,771.3	418.1	455.7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	26,607.4	9,557.5	18,294.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2,348.3	1,633.9	1,692.5
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,013.0	954.9	1,094.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,422.9	4,206.9	3,178.6
Machinery and transport equipment	6,527.0	5,308.2	8,474.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,286.6	2,040.8	2,858.0
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,987.5</b>	<b>33,026.3</b>	<b>48,575.6</b>

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

## 5. Imports by Top Ten Partner in May2020

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the May 2020 contributed 85.4 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (40.1 percent), Russian Federation (12.7), China (6.4 percent), and Pakistan (6.1 percent).

**Table 5: Import value by Top Ten Partner in May2020**

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
United Arab Emirates	30,582.5	11,792.2	19,487.0
Russian Federation	-	-	6,163.6
China	5,320.5	1,838.0	3,107.4
Pakistan	5,481.2	4,157.4	2,942.7
India	5,304.2	4,899.7	2,265.7
Lithuania	-	785.1	1,941.8
Brazil	9.8	128.4	1,708.3
Malaysia	195.4	1,115.9	1,434.4
Germany	29.8	30.2	1,241.4
France	58.4	51.4	1,188.4
Other	19,005.7	8,227.9	7,095.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,987.5</b>	<b>33,026.3</b>	<b>48,575.6</b>

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

**Note:** - means Nil

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