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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2020

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 58,727.2 million in February 2020, higher by 6.2 percent than the previous month and higher by 4.7 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value in Million TZS

Description	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	1,304.9	19,031.7	16,364.4
Domestic exports	1,304.9	19,024.1	16,299.1
Re-exports	-	7.6	65.3
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	57,398.2	74,321.5	75,091.6
Total International Trade (A + B)	58,703.1	93,353.2	91,456.0
Trade Deficit (A - B)	56,093.4	-55,289.8	-58,727.2

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

2. Exports Statistics

In February 2020, total exports decreased by 14 percent compared to previous month and by more than hundred percent compared to February 2019. In February 2020, food and live animals section contributed 99.3 percent of the total exports (table 2).

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

Value in Million TZS

SITC DESCRIPTION	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
Food and live animals	1,163.1	18,705.4	16,243.9
Beverages and tobacco	8.2	27.0	31.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	67.6	85.6	20.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	17.5	-	1.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13.1	159.2	7.8
Machinery and transport equipment	4.5	16.3	38.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	30.8	38.2	21.2
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	1,304.9	19,031.7	16,364.4

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

3. Exports by Top Ten Partner in February 2020

The top ten trading partners for exported goods in the February 2020 accounted 99.2 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destinations were India (69.2 percent) and Singapore (16.4 percent).

Table 3: Exports value by Top Ten Partner in February 2020

Value in Million TZS

Country	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
India	31.0	12,401.3	11,283.6
Singapore	-	3,608.5	2,676.8
Denmark	482.4	564.6	790.8
Vietnam	262.0	530.1	503.0
France	-	241.7	385.0
Pakistan	-	546.5	270.4
Italy	-	0.0	107.1
Comoros	40.8	60.0	73.7
United States of America	271.0	380.5	71.4
Spain	96.8	0.0	63.8
Others	121.0	698.5	138.8
Total	1,304.9	19,031.7	16,364.4

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

4. Imports Statistics

In February 2020, total imports increased by one (1.0) percent compared to January 2019 and increased by 30.8 percent compared to February 2019. In February 2020, mineral fuels,

lubricants and related materials section contributed 47.4 percent of the total imports followed by Machinery and transport equipment (30.4 percent) and Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (8.1 percent). 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	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
Food and live animals	8,706.0	19,044.3	4,860.4
Beverages and tobacco	72.9	59.4	16.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	637.5	560.5	534.5
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	26,441.1	20,851.2	35,583.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2,151.8	3,118.4	1,512.0
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,381.6	2,773.6	942.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,642.9	15,955.6	6,048.8
Machinery and transport equipment	4,934.3	6,361.0	22,804.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,430.1	5,597.4	2,788.9
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	57,398.2	74,321.5	75,091.6

5. Imports by Top Ten Partner in February 2020

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the February 2020 contributed 93.4 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (49.7 percent) and China (28.0 percent).

Table 5: Import value by Top Ten Partner in February 2020

Country	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
United Arab Emirates	27,972.4	23,267.9	37,288.2
China	8,018.0	12,405.0	21,032.5
Pakistan	6,082.7	11,354.1	2,217.9
Singapore	1,500.6	832.1	2,190.2
Iran	658.2	-	1,739.8
India	2,673.3	4,654.5	1,709.4
Japan	1,632.3	938.3	1,088.6
Oman	308.2	1,291.3	1,024.4
Brazil	148.6	-	977.9
Indonesia	714.1	564.9	843.1
Others	7,689.9	19,013.4	4,979.5
Total	57,398.2	74,321.5	75,091.6

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

Note: - means Nil