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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

MARCH 2020

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 88,633.8 million in March 2020, higher by 50.9 percent then the previous month and by 88.1 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	March 2019	Feb 2020	March 2020
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	2,851.3	16,364.4	4,486.6
Domestic exports	2,851.3	16,299.1	4,466.7
Re-exports	0.0	65.3	19.9
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	49,974.2	75,091.6	93,120.4
Total International Trade (A + B)	52,825.4	91,456.0	97,607.1
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-47,122.9	-58,727.2	-88,633.8

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

2. Exports Statistics

In March 2020, total exports decreased by 72.6 percent compared to previous month and increased by 57.4 percent compared to March 2019. In March 2020, food and live animals section contributed 97.0 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>		
	March 2019	Feb 2020	March 2020
Food and live animals	2,217.8	16,243.9	4,353.8
Beverages and tobacco	23.1	31.5	18.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	123.6	20.1	39.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	428.7	1.3	4.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9.4	7.8	8.1
Machinery and transport equipment	38.0	38.7	39.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	10.7	21.2	23.5
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	2,851.3	16,364.4	4,486.6

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

3. Exports by Top Ten Partner in March 2020

The top ten trading partners for exported goods in the March 2020 accounted 99.0 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destinations were India (41.9 percent) and Denmark (23.3 percent).

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

Country	<i>Value in Million TZS</i>		
	March 2019	Feb 2020	March 2020
India	80.8	11,283.6	1,879.4
Denmark	564.2	790.8	1,043.2
Singapore	-	2,676.8	803.0
United States of America	274.8	71.4	365.9
China	237.6	12.6	76.5
Germany	9.5	8.0	74.0
Spain	-	63.8	63.8
Comoros	52.6	73.7	60.7
Hong Kong	240.6	36.3	58.1
Mozambique	-	-	15.5
Others	1,391.3	1,347.4	46.6
Total	2,851.3	16,364.4	4,486.6

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

4. Imports Statistics

In March 2020, total imports increased by 24.0 percent compared to February 2020 and by 86.3 percent compared to March 2019. In March 2020, Machinery and transport equipment section

contributed (31.6 percent) of the total imports followed by mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contributed (26.8 percent) and food and live animals (17.3 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	Value in Million TZS		
	March 2019	Feb 2020	March 2020
Food and live animals	5,766.3	4,860.4	16,128.9
Beverages and tobacco	75.4	16.2	87.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	169.6	534.5	516.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	26,029.6	35,583.7	24,938.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1,736.4	1,512.0	2,890.1
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,198.4	942.6	1,595.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6,012.0	6,048.8	14,452.1
Machinery and transport equipment	6,907.7	22,804.6	29,380.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,078.8	2,788.9	3,132.5
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	49,974.2	75,091.6	93,120.4

5. Imports by Top Ten Partner in March 2020

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the March 2020 contributed 90.4 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (30.5 percent), Germany (19.5 percent) and China (17.0 percent).

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

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	March 2019	Feb 2020	March 2020
United Arab Emirates	29,224.9	37,288.2	28,397.0
Germany	36.7	10.4	18,140.5
China	7,443.8	21,032.5	15,805.0
Pakistan	3,511.4	2,217.9	5,699.6
Russian Federation	-	-	5,626.2
India	2,144.5	1,709.4	4,439.0
Turkey	812.5	578.8	2,359.3
Netherlands	397.6	271.0	1,341.6
Singapore	1,430.7	2,190.2	1,276.0
Japan	1,319.8	1,088.6	1,079.8
Others	3,652.3	8,704.6	8,956.5
Total	49,974.2	75,091.6	93,120.4

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

Note: - means Nil