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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

AUGUST 2020

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 103,060.2 million in August 2020, decreased by 2.9 percent then the previous month and increased by more than hundred percent compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	11,014.8	4,534.7	1,929.1
Domestic exports	9,864.9	1,645.4	1,726.8
Re-exports	1,149.9	2,889.3	202.3
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	61,210.4	110,693.4	104,989.3
Total International Trade (A + B)	72,225.1	115,228.1	106,918.4
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-50,195.6	-106,158.7	-103,060.2

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

2. Exports Statistics

In August 2020, total exports decreased by 57.5 percent compared to previous month and by 82.5 percent compared to August 2019. Food and live animals section contributed 78.1 percent of the total exports (table 2).

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

SITC DESCRIPTION	Value in Million TZS		
	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020
Food and live animals	2,687.0	1,508.9	1,506.9
Beverages and tobacco	3,593.8	6.0	12.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	150.9	2,760.9	83.1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	15.5	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	9.4	-	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	10.4	1.0	2.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.7	24.4	130.8
Machinery and transport equipment	111.1	216.2	5.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,402.4	17.3	188.6
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	1,029.5	-	-
Total	11,014.8	4,534.7	1,929.1

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

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in August 2020

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the August 2020 accounted 74.5 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destinations were Denmark (20.0 percent) and Vietnam (19.9 percent).

Table 3: Exports value by Top Nine (9) Partners in June 2020

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020
Denmark	711.3	463.0	386.4
Vietnam	85.9	3.5	384.2
China	180.7	269.5	266.3
United States of America	386.7	180.7	253.9
France	0.1	146.3	146.3
Other	9,650.1	3,471.7	492.0
Total	11,014.8	4,534.7	1,929.1

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

4. Imports Statistics

In August 2020, total imports decreased by 5.2 percent compared to July 2020 and increased by 71.5 percent compared to August 2019. Machinery and transport equipment section contributed 48.3 percent of the total imports followed by mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (21.7 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		
	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020
Food and live animals	8,722.2	5,632.6	5,764.8
Beverages and tobacco	54.1	35.7	1.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	871.3	1,195.2	846.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	27,405.9	21,061.3	22,816.9
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3,247.2	3,778.7	2,338.5
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,153.2	1,123.6	6,603.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9,856.3	11,090.6	10,889.2
Machinery and transport equipment	6,910.0	59,405.3	50,672.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,990.3	7,370.5	5,055.2
Other commodities & transactions (not elsewhere specify)	-	-	-
Total	61,210.4	110,693.4	104,989.3

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

5. Imports by Top Five Partner in August 2020

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the August 2020 contributed 88.0 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from China (52.6 percent) and United Arab Emirates (25.5 percent).

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

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020
China	4,410.6	68,800.0	55,268.1
United Arab Emirates	30,185.5	24,701.8	26,784.0
Oman	241.2	1,130.8	3,688.1
Pakistan	3,713.2	4,076.3	3,369.4
India	3,055.3	2,473.2	3,310.7
Others	19,604.5	9,511.3	12,569.0
Total	61,210.4	110,693.4	104,989.3

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

Note: - means Nil