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### 1. Trade Performance.

Total trade for the first quarter, 2020 reached to TZS 282,416.3 million; in which exports value worth TZS 39,882.8 million (domestic export contributes TZS 39,789.9 million and re-export contributes 92.9 TZS million) and import worth TZS 242,533.5 million. The trade deficit reached to TZS 202,650.7 Million (Table 1; figure 1).

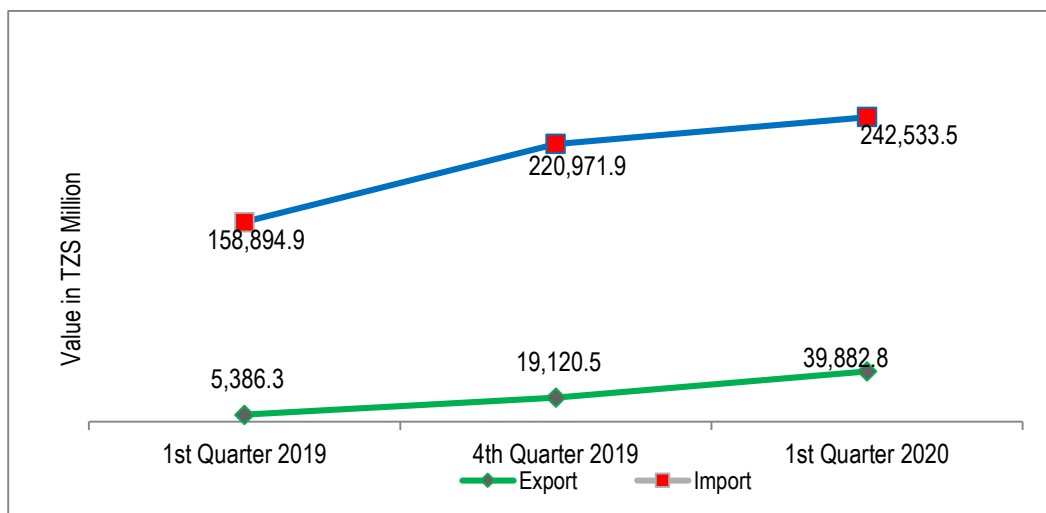
**Figure 1: Trade Performance for the Q1, 2020**



The trend indicates that, total exports increased by TZS 34,496.5 million and TZS 20,762.3 million compared with corresponding quarter of 2019 and previous quarter respectively. The increasing of export value in this quarter compared with preceding quarter is due to high exportation of cloves in this season. Imports value increased by TZS 83,638.6 million (52.6 percent) from TZS 158,894.9 million recorded in corresponding quarter of 2019 as well as

increased by TZS 21,561.6 TZS Million (9.8 percent) compared with TZS 220,971.9 million recorded in previous quarter of 2019.

**Figure 2: Trend Performance of Export and Import, Q1 2019 – Q1, 2020**



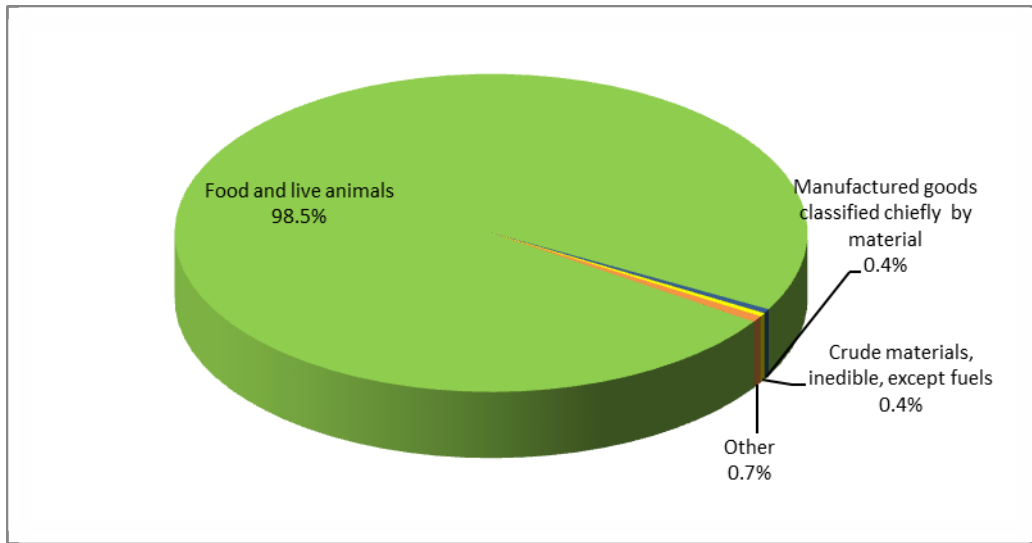
## 2. Exports Statistics

### 3.1 Exports by SITC section

The value of exports includes ‘Export of goods for direct home use, Re-export after outright importation, Re-export after temporary import of goods on hire purchase and re-export after customers warehousing procedure.

In the first quarter of 2020, food and live animals section contributed 98.5 percent of the total exports followed by manufactured goods classified chiefly by material section and crude materials, inedible, except fuels that contribute 0.4 percent each (Figure 3 and table 2).

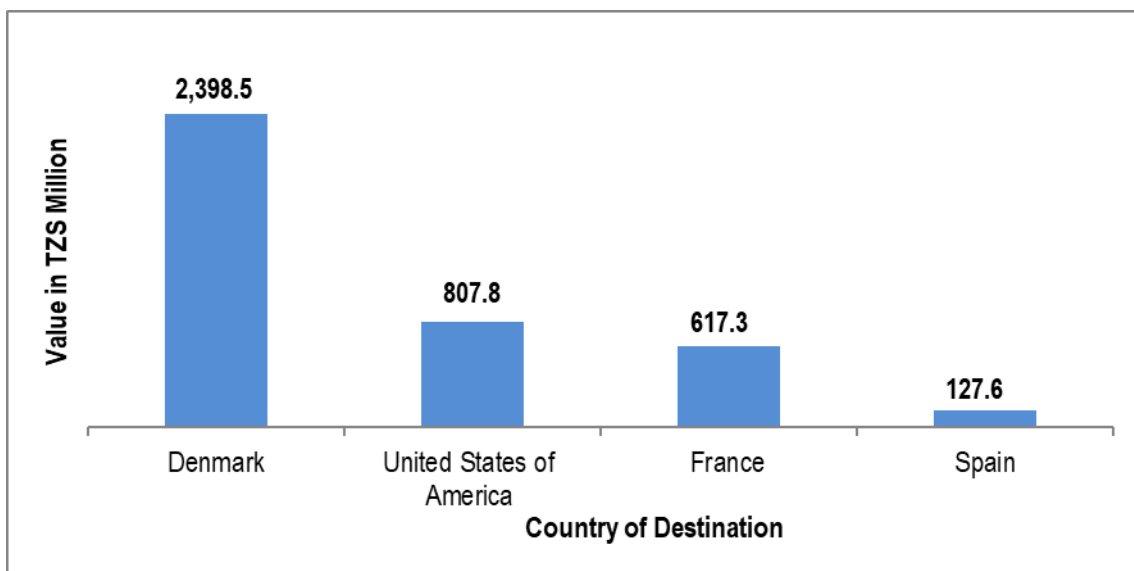
**Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Exported value by SITC Section, Q1 2020**



### 3.2 Exports of Main Cash Crops

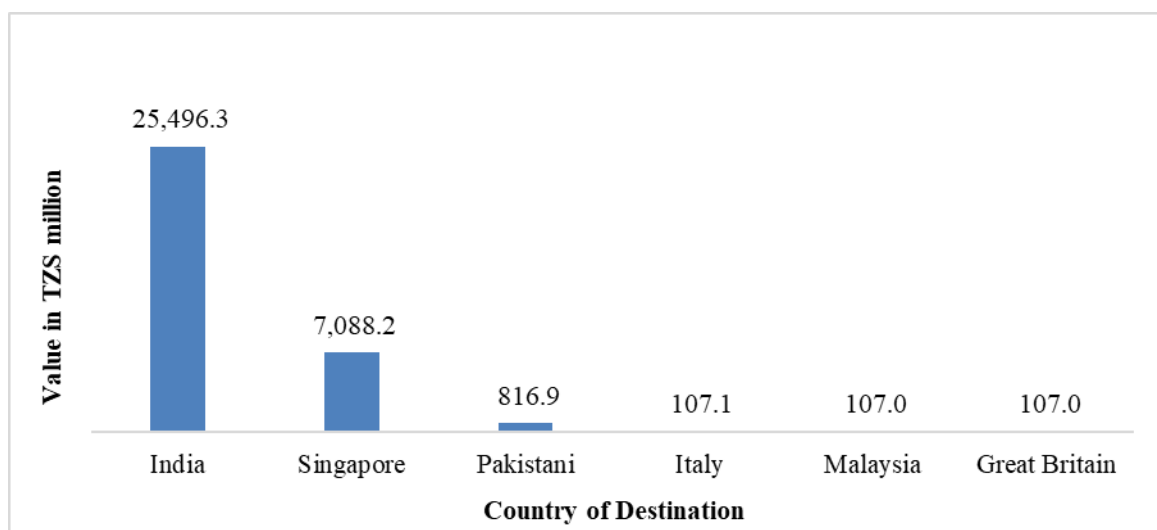
A total of 3,733.9 tons, valued at TZS 4,001.2 Million of Seaweeds were exported in the first quarter of 2020, showing an increase value of 34.3 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019 and an increase of 76.3 percent compared with the previous quarter (Figure 4 and 6). Exports of Seaweeds that contributed 10.0 percent of the total value exported to four (4) countries as shown in figure 4.

**Figure 4: Exported value of Seaweeds by Countries of Destination, Q1, 2020**

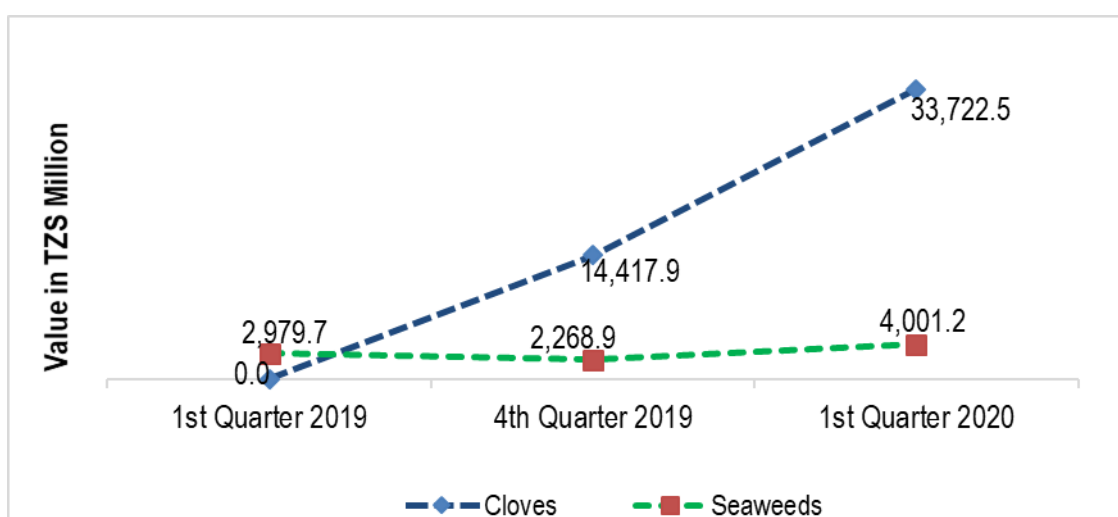


A total of 3,114.2 tons, valued at TZS 33,722.5 Million of Cloves exported in the first quarter of 2020, increased value by TZS 19,304.60 Million compared with previous quarter of 2019. Exports of Cloves to six (6) countries contributed 84.6 percent of the total exported value as shown in figure 5.

**Figure 5: Exported value of cloves by Countries of Destination, Q1, 2020**



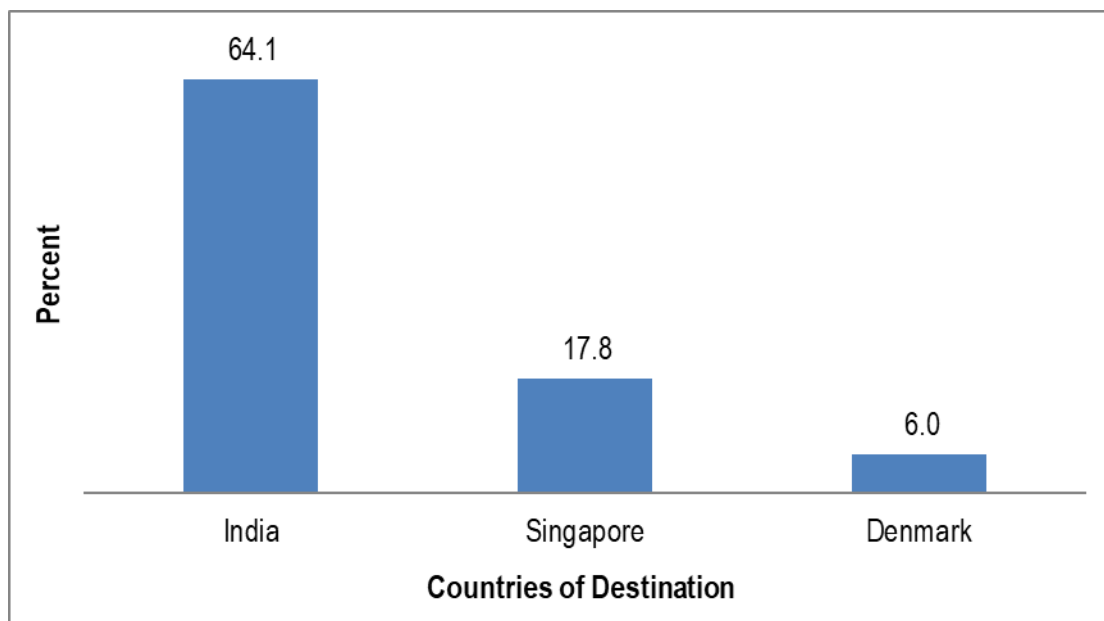
**Figure 6: The value Trend of Exported cloves and Seaweeds, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**



### 3.3 Exports by Top Three Country of Destination

The top three trading partners for exported goods in the first quarter of 2020 were India, Singapore, and Denmark with a total value of TZS 35,051.0 million that accounted 89.7 percent of the total value of exported goods (Figure 7). Cloves were major commodity exported to these countries.

**Figure 7: Distribution of Exports Value by Top Three Countries of Destination, Q1, 2020**



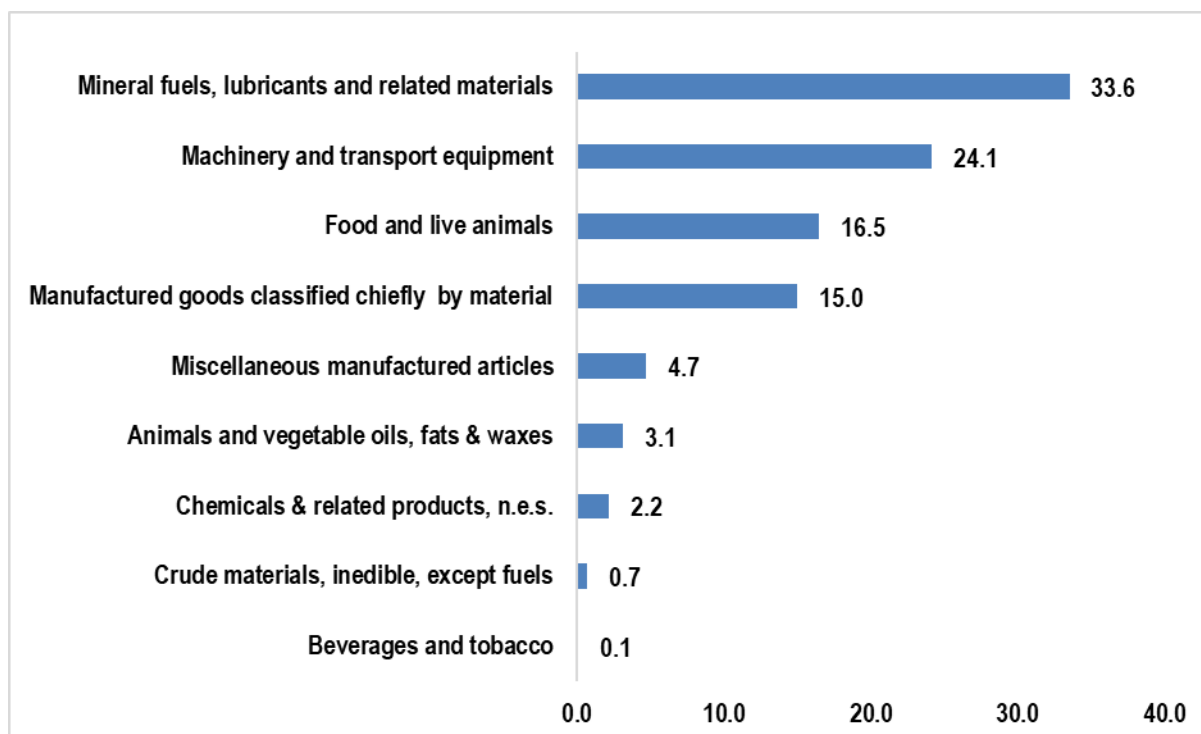
### **3. Imports Statistics**

The value of imports includes ‘Importation for direct home use (duty and tax fully paid)’, ‘Importation by, or solely for use in Zanzibar’ and other importation procedure (Excludes all transfer goods).

#### **4.1 Imports by SITC Section**

In the first quarter of 2020, Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials contributed about 33.6 percent of the total import while Machinery and transport equipment contributed 24.1 percent, the performance of other categories are as shown in figure 8 and table 6.

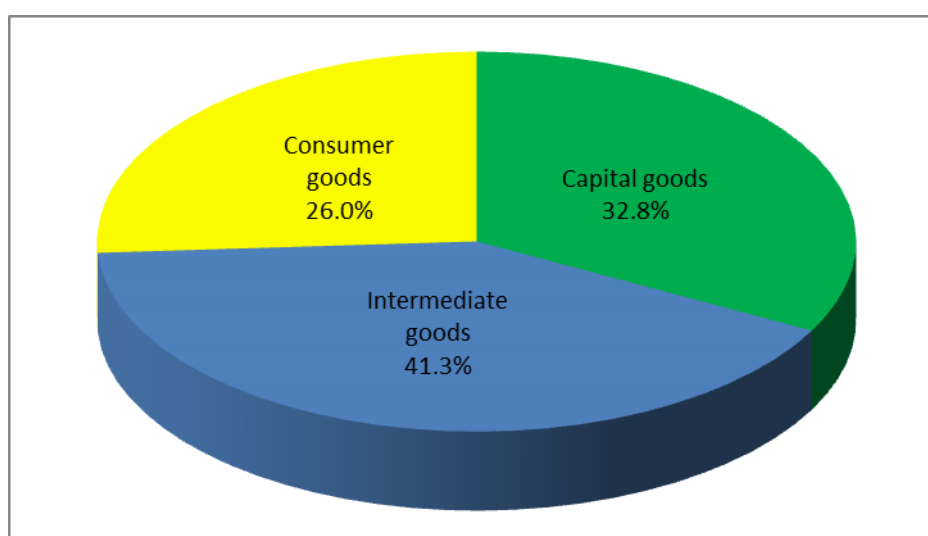
**Figure 8: Percentage Distributions of Imported value by SITC Section, Q1, 2020.**



#### 4.2 Import by Categories

Data on Figure 9 and table 7 shows that import of intermediate goods reached to TZS 100,068.5 million of total import (41.3 percent) while capital goods reached to TZS 79,506.5 million (32.8 percent) and import of consumer goods for the first quarter of 2020 reached to TZS 62,958.5 million (26.0 percent).

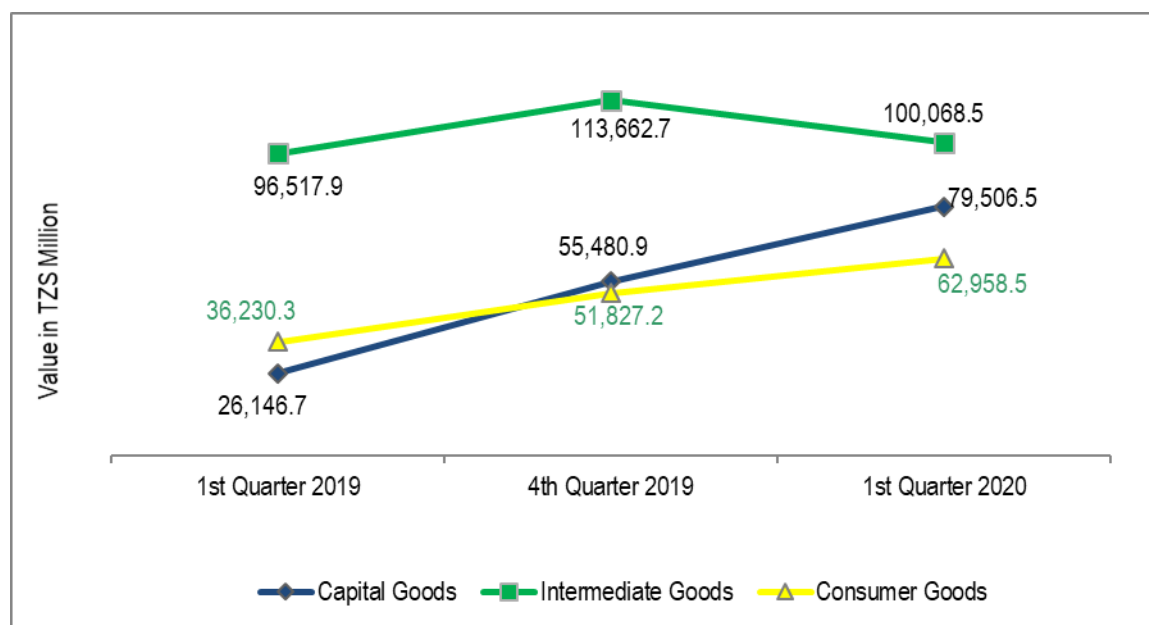
**Figure 9: Percent Distribution of Import Value by Categories, Q1, 2020.**



The Imported value of consumer goods for the first quarter was higher by 73.8 percent and 21.5 percent than the corresponding and previous quarter respectively. Import of capital

goods was higher by 43.3 percent than the previous quarter. Import of intermediary goods was higher by 3.7 percent than the corresponding quarter and lower by 12.0 percent than the previous quarter (Figure 10 and Table 7).

**Figure 10: Imported value by Categories , Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020.**

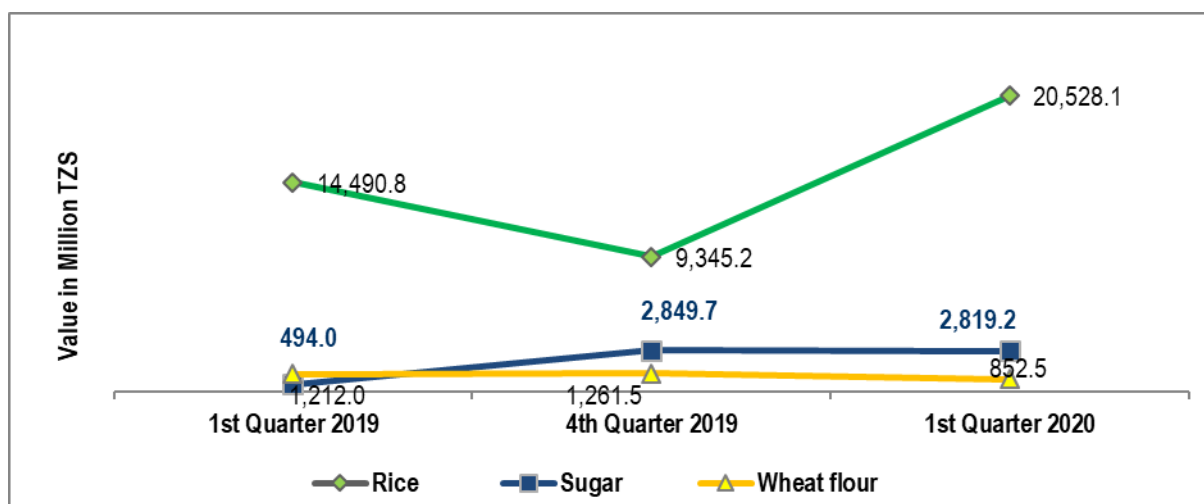


### 4.3 Imports of Basic Food

Rice, Sugar and Wheat flour are the main food consumed in Zanzibar. These foods imported from different markets worldwide. Import of rice for the first quarter of 2020 amounted to 43,899.2 tons equivalent to TZS 20,528.1 Million while import of sugar is about 7,102.0 tons (TZS 2,819.2 Million) and imported wheat flour is about 2,050.5 tons (TZS 852.5 Million).

Trend shows that imported value of rice increased by 41.7 percent compared with the corresponding quarter, imported value of sugar decreased by 1.1 percent compared with previous quarter and imported value of wheat flour decreased by 29.7 percent compared with the corresponding quarter and 32.4 percent compared with the previous quarter (Figure 11 and Table 8).

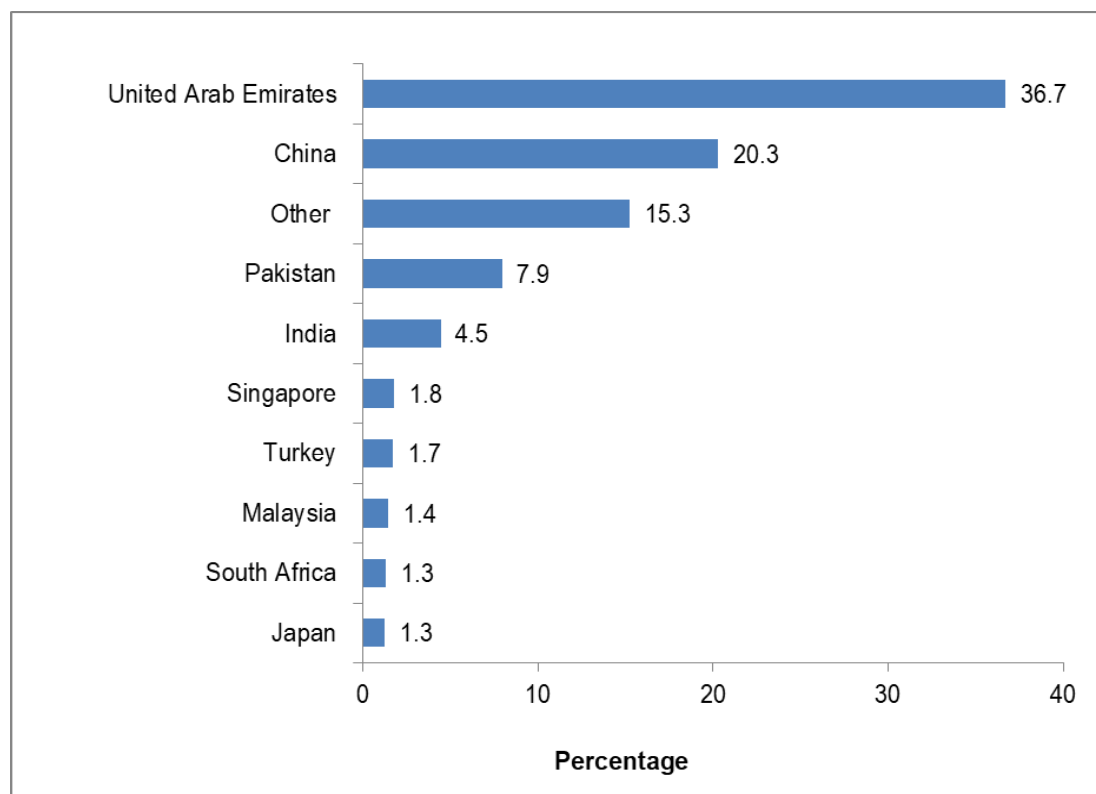
**Figure 11: Imported value of Rice, Sugar and Wheat Flour, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**



#### 4.4 Imports by Country of Origin

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the first quarter of 2020 contributed a value of TZS 223,614.6 million, equivalent to 92.2 percent of the total import. United Arab Emirates was the top by accounting 36.7 percent of the value of the imported goods. (Figure 12 and table 9).

**Figure 12: Distribution of TOP Ten Imported value by Countries of Origin Q1, 2020**

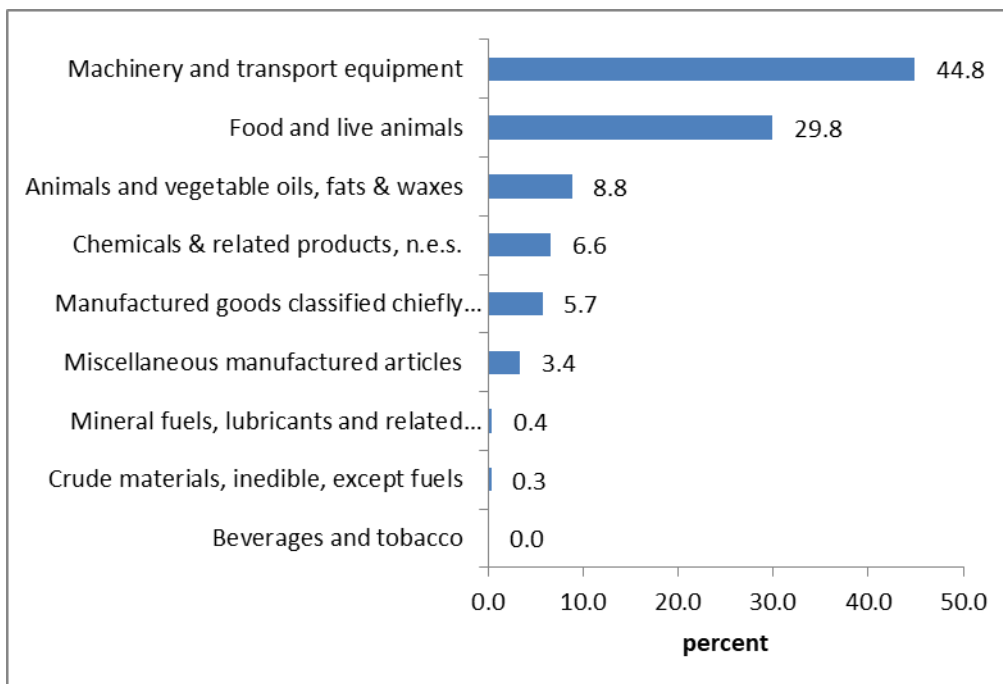




#### 4. Transferred goods

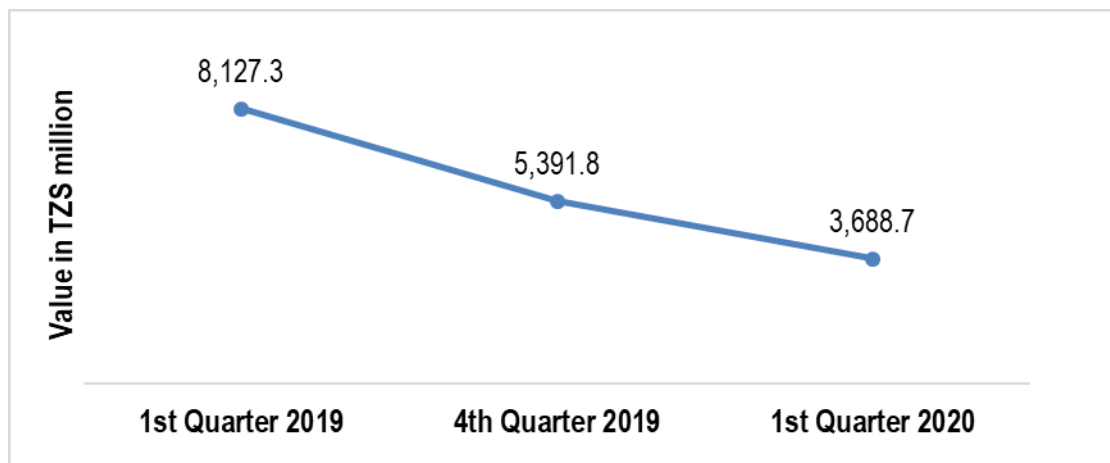
A total of goods worth TZS 3,688.7 Million transferred to Tanzania Mainland from Zanzibar in the first quarter of 2020. Figure 13 shows that 44.8 percent (TZS 1,654.2 Million) of the total value of transferred goods were machinery and transport equipment; while 29.8 percent (TZS 1,100.9 Million) were Food and live animals; the performance of other transferred goods are as shown in figure 13 and Table 10.

**Figure 13: Percentage Distribution of Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland by SITC Section, Q1, 2020**



The trend shows that value of transferred goods decreased by 54.6 percent compared with the corresponding quarter and 31.6 percent compared with previous quarter. (Figure 14 and Table 10).

**Figure 14: Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**



## 5. Annex Table

**Table 1: Total Trade Value and Balance of Trade, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Exports	5,386.3	19,120.5	39,882.8
<i>Domestics export</i>	5,117.7	18,713.8	39,789.9
<i>Re-export</i>	268.7	406.7	92.9
Imports	158,894.9	220,971.9	242,533.5
Total Trade Value	164,281.2	240,092.4	282,416.3
Balance Trade	-153,508.6	- 201,851.4	-202,650.7
<b><i>Mean Exchange Rate (USD)</i></b>	<b>2,288.0</b>	<b>2,289.1</b>	<b>2,289.1</b>

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

**Table 2: Exports by SITC Section, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Food and live animals	4,530.7	18,160.4	39,303.1
Beverages and tobacco	31.3	64.5	76.5
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	219.2	110.1	144.7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	1.0	-
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	456.0	99.7	6.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	29.4	87.1	175.1
Machinery and transport equipment	73.4	536.7	94.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	46.3	61.0	82.8
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,386.3</b>	<b>19,120.5</b>	<b>39,882.8</b>

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

**Table 3: Quantity and Value of Exported Main Cash Crops, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Quarters	Value in Million TZS			
	Cloves		Seaweeds	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
1st Quarter 2019	-	-	4,091.5	2,979.7
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1,394.6	14,417.9	2,504.7	2,268.9
1st Quarter 2020	3,114.2	33,722.5	3,733.9	4,001.2

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 4: Exports by Countries of Destination, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Country	Value in million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1st Quarter 2020
China	278.7	456.0	239.2
Comoros	103.1	180.0	194.4
Denmark	1,493.3	1,164.3	2,398.5
France	339.2	665.0	-
Germany	29.8	76.1	82.0
Great Britain	-	-	-
Hong Kong	265.4	245.1	170.4
India	123.8	10,772.2	25,564.3
Indonesia	414.6	-	-
Kenya	32.8	160.1	3.8
Mozambique	2.3	-	17.6
Netherlands	15.3	40.4	61.7
Oman	2.8	73.3	4.9
Somalia	238.5	-	-
Pakistan	-	102.5	-
Singapore	-	3,632.2	7,088.2
South Africa	0.5	5.9	2.2
Spain	170.2	191.6	127.6
Uganda	-	-	-
United Arab Emirates	47.8	68.8	73.1
United States of America	779.5	481.6	817.8
Vietnam	528.4	613.4	-
Zambia	-	-	-
Other	520.5	192.0	3,036.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,386.3</b>	<b>19,120.50</b>	<b>39,882.8</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 5: Value of Exports by Section, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Live animals; animal's products.	1,966.0	758.6	382.7
Vegetable products	2,019.8	16,745.6	37,827.8
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	-	1.0	-
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	587.1	722.6	1,169.2
Mineral products	2.4	-	-
Products of the chemical or allied industries	120.1	49.5	6.0
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	36.3	83.0	27.5
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	20.2	4.0	5.1
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	8.8	5.7	17.0
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	-	1.6	5.6
Textiles & textiles articles	434.1	53.4	98.5
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	15.4	13.0	10.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	-	20.7	1.6
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	-	0.1	0.1
Base metal & articles of base metal	125.8	98.1	209.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	24.7	238.9	57.7
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	16.8	297.8	36.8
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	-	3.6	-
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8.3	23.4	25.9
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.5	0.0	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,386.3</b>	<b>19,120.5</b>	<b>39,882.8</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 6: Imports by SITC Section, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Food and live animals	19,602.5	24,023.9	40,033.6
Beverages and tobacco	210.3	324.4	163.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,039.4	2,821.7	1,611.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	82,079.5	90,250.8	81,373.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4,813.8	7,991.1	7,520.5
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	4,224.8	6,684.2	5,311.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	18,477.3	23,958.7	36,456.5
Machinery and transport equipment	18,311.6	48,427.8	58,545.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	10,135.6	16,489.2	11,518.9
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,894.9</b>	<b>220,971.9</b>	<b>242,533.5</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 7: Import by Categories, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Categories	Value in Million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>26,146.7</b>	<b>55,480.9</b>	<b>79,506.5</b>
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	8,816.6	32,432.8	6,443.6
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	7,760.8	6,781.0	20,960.6
<i>Machinery</i>	9,569.3	16,267.1	52,102.3
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>96,517.9</b>	<b>113,662.7</b>	<b>100,068.5</b>
<i>Oil</i>	82,079.5	91,500.5	81,373.0
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	14,257.8	22,162.2	18,243.3
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>36,230.3</b>	<b>51,827.2</b>	<b>62,958.5</b>
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	18,386.5	22,862.8	39,187.8
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	17,843.8	28,964.4	23,770.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,894.9</b>	<b>220,970.8</b>	<b>242,533.5</b>

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

**Table 8: Imports of Basic Food, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Year	Value in Million TZS					
	Rice		Sugar		Wheat flour	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
<b>1st Quarter 2019</b>	29831.5	14,490.8	1075	494.0	2512.3	1,212.0
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019</b>	20,565.4	9,345.2	6,193.0	2,849.7	2,847.0	1,261.5
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020</b>	43,899.2	20,528.1	7,102.0	2,819.2	2,050.5	852.5

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)-Zanzibar

**Table 9: Imports by Countries of Origin, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

Country	Value in Million TZS		
	1st Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1st Quarter 2020
United Arab Emirates	88,907.9	99,541.5	88,953.2
China	21,865.0	20,369.3	49,242.5
India	6,163.6	12,768.4	10,802.9
Spain	116.6	5,658.2	703.5
Japan	3,630.0	6,906.8	3,106.7
Pakistan	13,365.8	6,117.7	19,271.6
Swaziland	45.8	12.3	190.3
Singapore	3,264.6	1,812.7	4,298.2
South Africa	1,082.0	1,942.4	3,208.0
Malaysia	574.3	5,163.4	3,512.5
Turkey	3,706.6	2,861.9	4,229.4
Brazil	276.9	3,378.8	1,982.5
Vietnam	962.5	904.9	2,581.3
Indonesia	1,457.3	2,203.0	2,280.3
Great Britain	1,272.9	1,930.0	1,256.7
Hong Kong	844.9	3,952.8	1,601.4
United States of America	534.1	1,694.2	759.1
Netherlands Antilles	837.5	3.9	1,715.1
Thailand	464.5	760.4	731.1
Netherlands	837.5	1,056.4	1,715.1
Italy	1,870.2	804.3	717.2
Oman	541.7	3,511.4	2,685.1
Other	6,272.8	37,617.5	36,989.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,894.9</b>	<b>220,971.9</b>	<b>242,533.5</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 10: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland, Q1, 2019 - Q1,2020**

SITC Section	Value in Million TZS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
Food and live animals	1,487.7	2,068.5	1,100.9
Beverages and tobacco	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.9	8.4	12.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14.7	13.4	15.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3.1	422.9	325.8
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	20.6	802.1	244.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	109.8	242.7	211.2
Machinery and transport equipment	580.4	1,727.1	1,654.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,902.0	106.8	125.1
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,127.3</b>	<b>5,391.8</b>	<b>3,688.7</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam



**Table 11: Imports by Section, Q1, 2019 - Q1, 2020**

**Value in Million TZS**

<b>Section Description</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020</b>
Live animals; animal's products.	1,491.1	2,634.6	1,659.3
Vegetable products	16,294.6	16,597.5	33,857.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	4,905.0	8,082.3	7,545.4
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,179.1	5,296.7	5,063.4
Mineral products	84,740.7	96,255.4	86,169.0
Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,329.6	6,053.3	4,323.9
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	2,648.0	6,784.6	6,188.8
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut(other than silk-worm gut)	53.0	128.0	82.2
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	1,374.1	330.7	292.1
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	701.2	1,842.7	1,319.8
Textiles & textiles articles	6,969.0	10,105.8	8,967.2
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	856.6	2,314.9	655.9
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	2,522.1	2,616.2	7,400.7
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	16.4	50.9	16.7
Base metal & articles of base metal	5,854.2	4,798.5	15,205.8
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	9,569.3	16,267.1	52,102.3
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	8,816.6	32,432.8	6,443.6
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,130.1	3,950.8	1,544.1
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	-	-	0.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,444.3	4,427.4	3,685.2
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.2	1.6	10.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,894.9</b>	<b>220,971.9</b>	<b>242,533.5</b>

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