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MONTHLY EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

MARCH 2021

1. Balance of Trade

Balance of Trade showed a deficit of TZS 80,969.0 million in March 2021, decreased by 8.6 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2020 and by 6.7 percent compared with the previous month. (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	4,486.6	4,176.4	3,505.9
Domestic exports	4,466.7	2,597.0	3,489.5
Re-exports	19.9	1,579.4	16.3
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	93,120.4	90,982.5	84,474.8
Total International Trade (A + B)	97,607.1	95,158.9	87,980.7
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-88,633.8	-86,806.1	-80,969.0

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

2. Exports Statistics

March 2021 recorded a total exports value of TZS 3,505.9 million, decreased by 21.9 percent compared to March 2020 and by 16.1 percent compared to previous month. Food and live animals section contributed 66.5 percent (TZS 2,332.7 million) of the total exports in March 2021 (table 2).

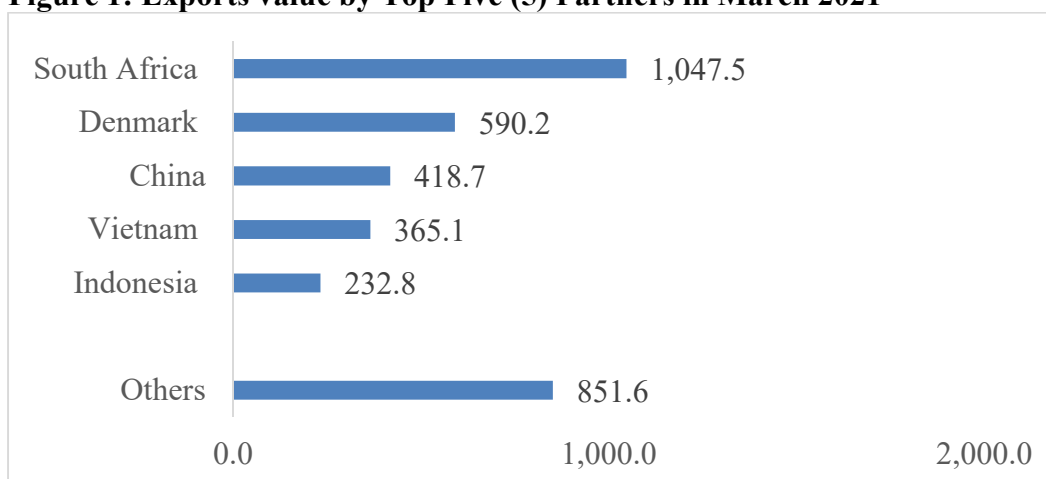
Table 2: Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C Section*Value in Million TZS*

SITC Description	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021
Food and live animals	4,353.8	2,404.7	2,332.7
Beverages and tobacco	18.0	6.0	-
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	39.0	106.6	232.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	0.0	-
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	4.7	4.0	365.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8.1	16.7	49.1
Machinery and transport equipment	39.5	1,614.4	44.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23.5	24.0	482.0
Total	4,486.6	4,176.4	3,505.9

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

3. Exports by Top Five Partner in March 2021

The top five trading partners for exported goods in the March 2021 accounted 75.7 percent of the total value of exported goods. Major export destination was South Africa that accounted 29.9 percent (TZS 1,047.5 million) of the total export in March 2021(Figure 1).

Figure 1: Exports value by Top Five (5) Partners in March 2021

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

4. Imports Statistics

March 2021 recorded a total import value of TZS 84,474.8 million, which decreased by 9.3 percent compared to March 2020 and by 7.2 percent compared to previous month. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section contributed 43.1 percent (TZS 36,417.5 million) of the total value imported followed by manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (13.7 percent). The performances of other sections are as shown in table 4.

Table 3: Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

SITC DESCRIPTION	Value in Million TZS		
	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021
Food and live animals	16,128.9	3,257.4	7,555.3
Beverages and tobacco	87.5	126.8	356.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	516.1	918.0	1,522.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	24,938.1	22,119.8	36,417.5
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	2,890.1	4,441.5	4,778.3
Chemicals & related products, (not elsewhere specify)	1,595.1	7,003.4	6,474.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	14,452.1	13,672.2	11,583.1
Machinery and transport equipment	29,380.1	33,587.3	8,695.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,132.5	5,856.2	7,092.1
Total	93,120.4	90,982.5	84,474.8

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

5. Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

March 2021 imported value of consumer goods was TZS 23,362.2 million which increased by 4.1 percent compared to March 2020 and by 29.7 percent compared to previous month. Imports value of capital goods was TZS 11,952.6 million which decreased by 69.5 compared with corresponding month of 2020 and by 68.1 percent compared to the previous month and Imported value of intermediary goods was TZS 49,160.1 million which increased by 56.3 percent compared to corresponding month of 2020 and by 38.6 percent compared to previous month (Table 5).

Table 4: Import by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

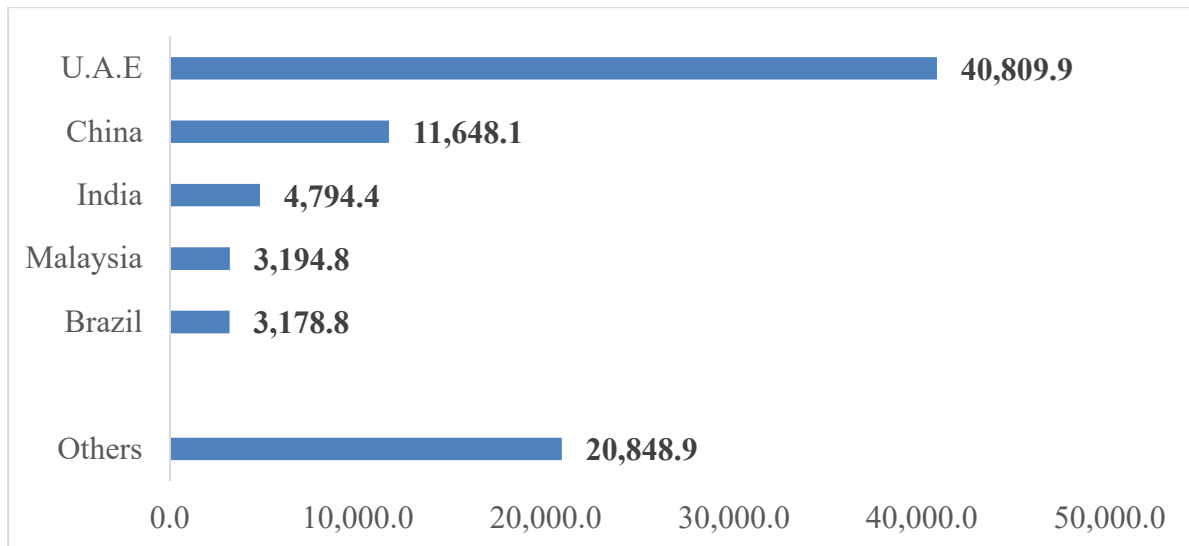
Categories	Value in Million TZS		
	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021
Capital Goods	39,215.9	37,503.9	11,952.6
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	2,850.1	22,397.0	2,996.4
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	9,854.7	3,845.5	3,409.7
<i>Machinery</i>	26,511.1	11,261.4	5,546.5
Intermediate Goods	31,451.7	35,462.8	49,160.1
<i>Oil</i>	24,938.1	22,119.8	36,417.5
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	6,513.6	13,343.0	12,742.6
Consumer Goods	22,452.8	18,015.8	23,362.2
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	15,702.6	2,738.8	7,815.6
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	6,750.2	15,277.0	15,546.6
Total	93,120.4	90,982.5	84,474.8

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

6. Imports by Top Five Partner in March 2021

The top five trading partners for imported goods in the March 2021 contributed 75.3 percent of the total import. Imports were mainly from United Arab Emirates (48.3 percent, TZS 40,809.9 million) and China (13.8 percent, TZS 11,648.1 million).

Table 5: Import value by Top Five Partner in March 2021



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

Note:

“- “ = Means no exportation/importation at particular time

C.I. F = Includes Cost, Insurance and Freight

F.O. B = Free in Board

Food and live animals section = including Cloves and other spices; seaweeds and other sea products