

## **THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER (OCTOBER – DECEMBER), 2023**



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## 1. Introduction

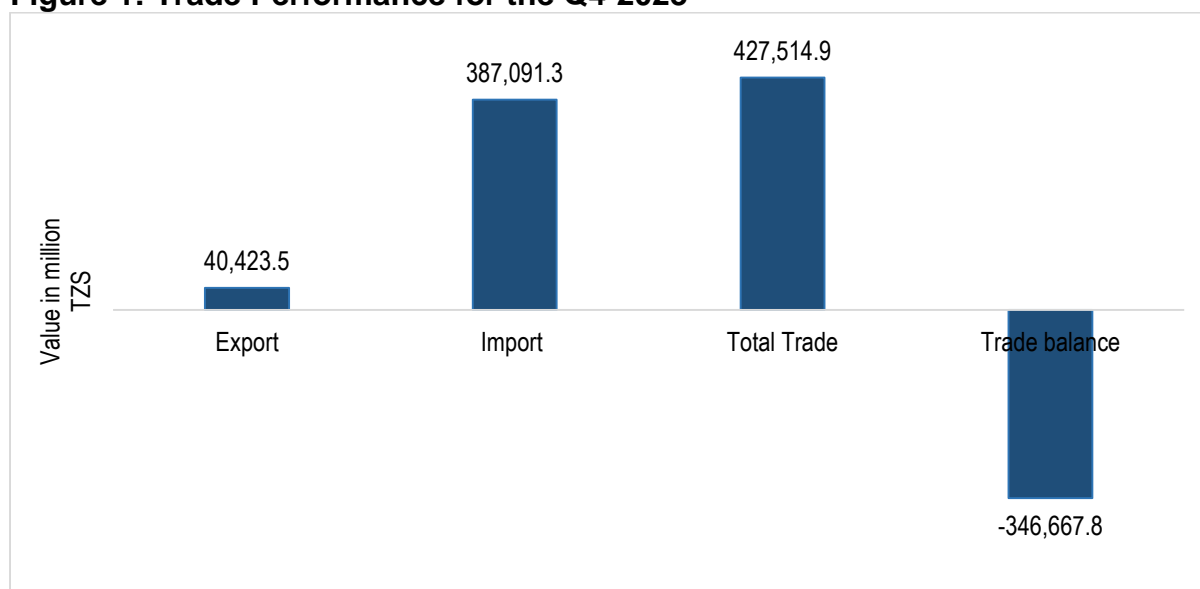
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The Report of External Merchandise Statistics is the Fourth quarter (October-December) report for the 2023 year produced by Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS). The report shows current situation for the Fourth quarter of 2023 and the trends of international trade between Zanzibar and the Rest of the World (RoW) for the period of corresponding Fourth quarter (October-December) of 2022 and previous second Quarter (July-September) of 2023.

## 2. External Trade Performance.

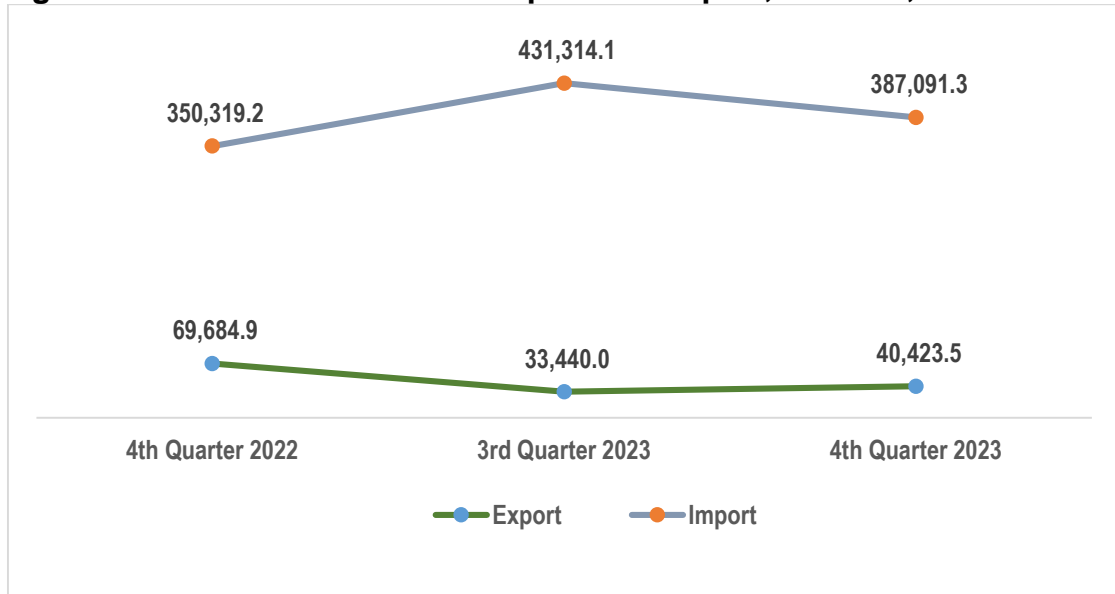
Total trade for the Fourth quarter, 2023 reached to TZS 427,514.9 million; in which exports value worth TZS 40,423.5 million (domestic export contributes TZS 40,415.5 million and re-export contributes 8.1 TZS million) and import worth TZS 387,091.3 million. The trade balance showed a deficit of TZS 346,667.8 million (Table 1 and figure 1).

**Figure 1: Trade Performance for the Q4-2023**



The trend indicates that, total exports decreased by 42.0 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and increased by 20.9 percent compared with previous quarter. Imports value increased by 10.5 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and decreased by 10.3 percent compared with previous quarter (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Trend Performance of Export and Import, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**



### 3. Exports Statistics

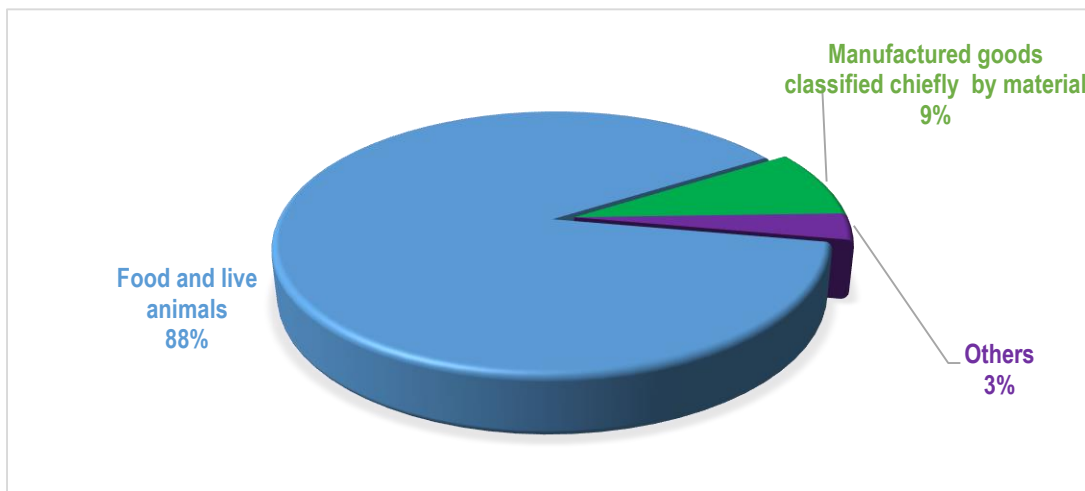
#### Exports by SITC section

3.1.

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 Fourth quarter of 2023, food and live animals section contributed 88 percent of the total exports followed Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (9 percent) as shown in Figure 3 and table 2.

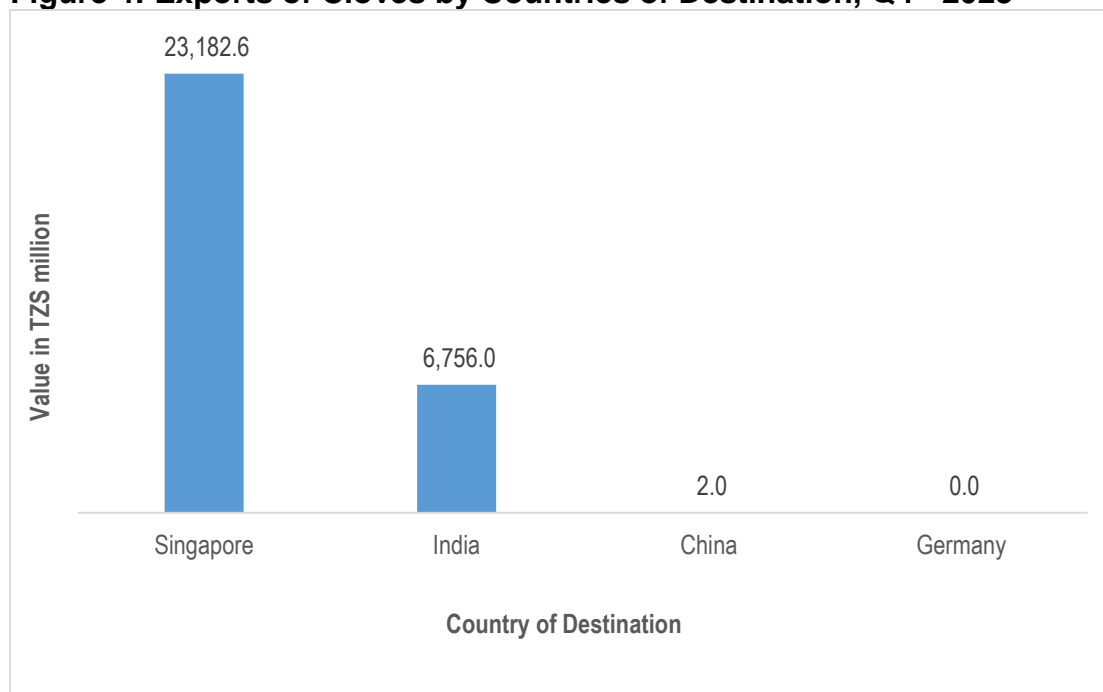
**Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Exports by SITC Section, Q4 - 2023**



## Exports of Main Cash Crops

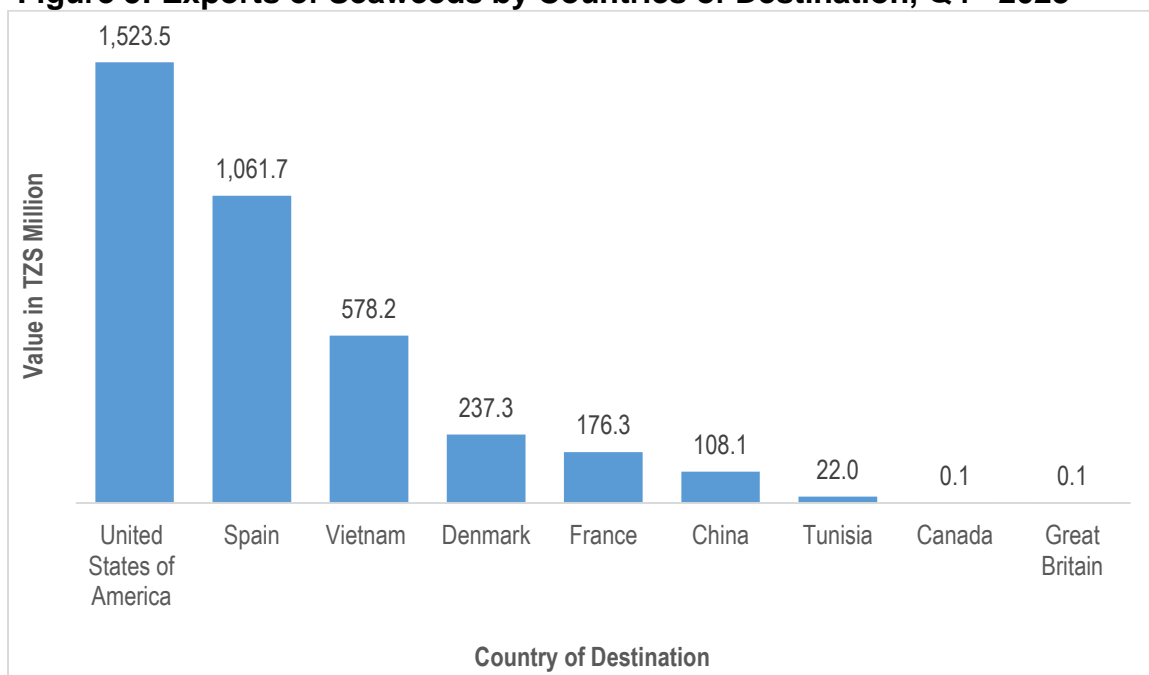
A total of 1,673.0 tons, valued at TZS 29,940.6 millions of cloves have been exported in the Fourth quarter of 2023, showing decreasing value by 46.2 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and increased more than hundred percent compared with the previous quarter (Figure 6, table 3). Exports of cloves contributed 74.1 percent of the total export value, which have been exported to four (4) countries as shown in figure 4.

**Figure 4: Exports of Cloves by Countries of Destination, Q4 - 2023**

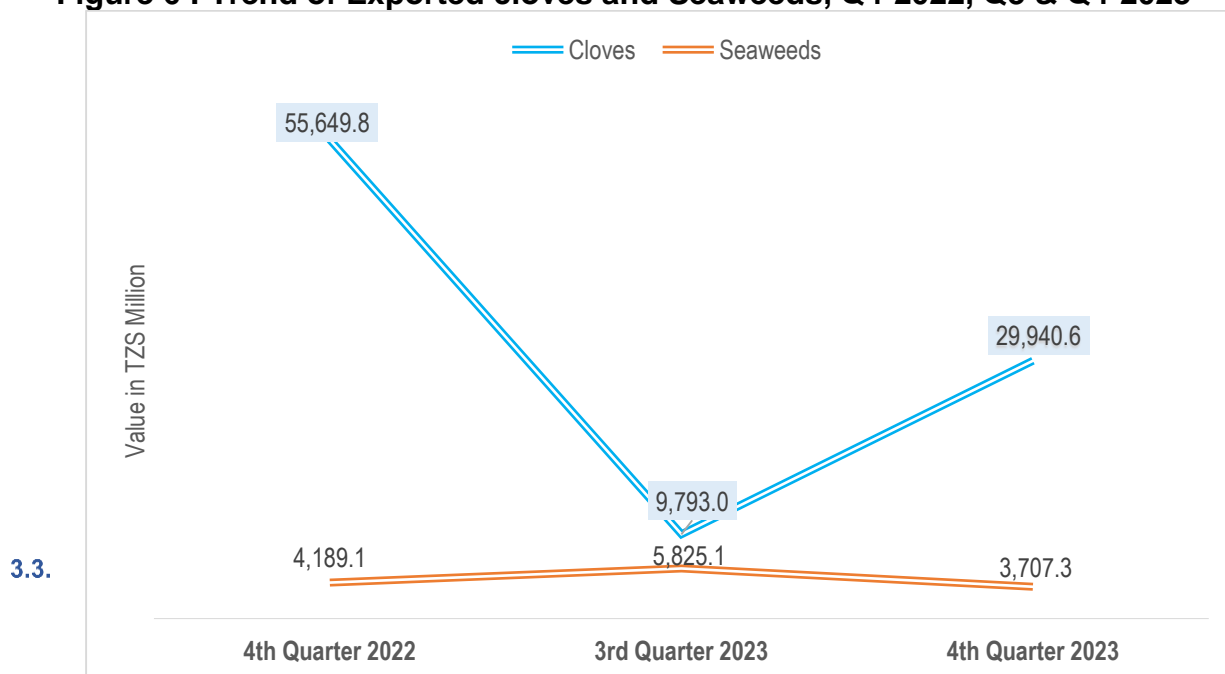


A total of 2,297.1 tons, valued at TZS 3,707.3 million of Seaweeds were exported in the Fourth quarter of 2023, decreasing value by 11.5 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2022 and by 36.4 percent compared with the previous quarter (Figure 6, table 3). Exports of Seaweeds contributed 9.4 percent of the total export value, which have been exported to eight (8) countries as shown in figure 5.

**Figure 5: Exports of Seaweeds by Countries of Destination, Q4 - 2023**



**Figure 6 : Trend of Exported cloves and Seaweeds, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

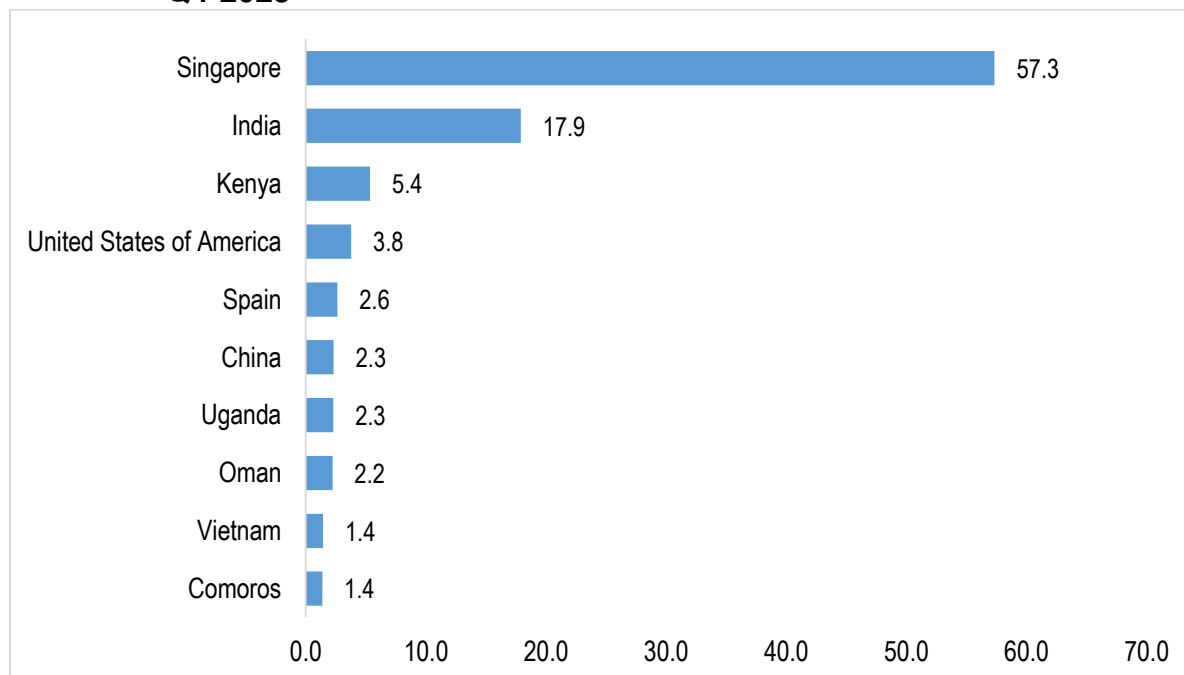


### Exports by Top Ten Countries of Destination

The top ten trading partners for exported goods in the Fourth quarter of 2023 accounted 96.6 percent of the total value of exported goods. Singapore was the leading exporting

partner (57.3 percent) followed by India which contributed 17.9 percent (Figure 7 and table 4).

**Figure 7: Distribution of Exports Value by Top Ten Countries of Destination, Q4-2023**



#### 4. Imports Statistics

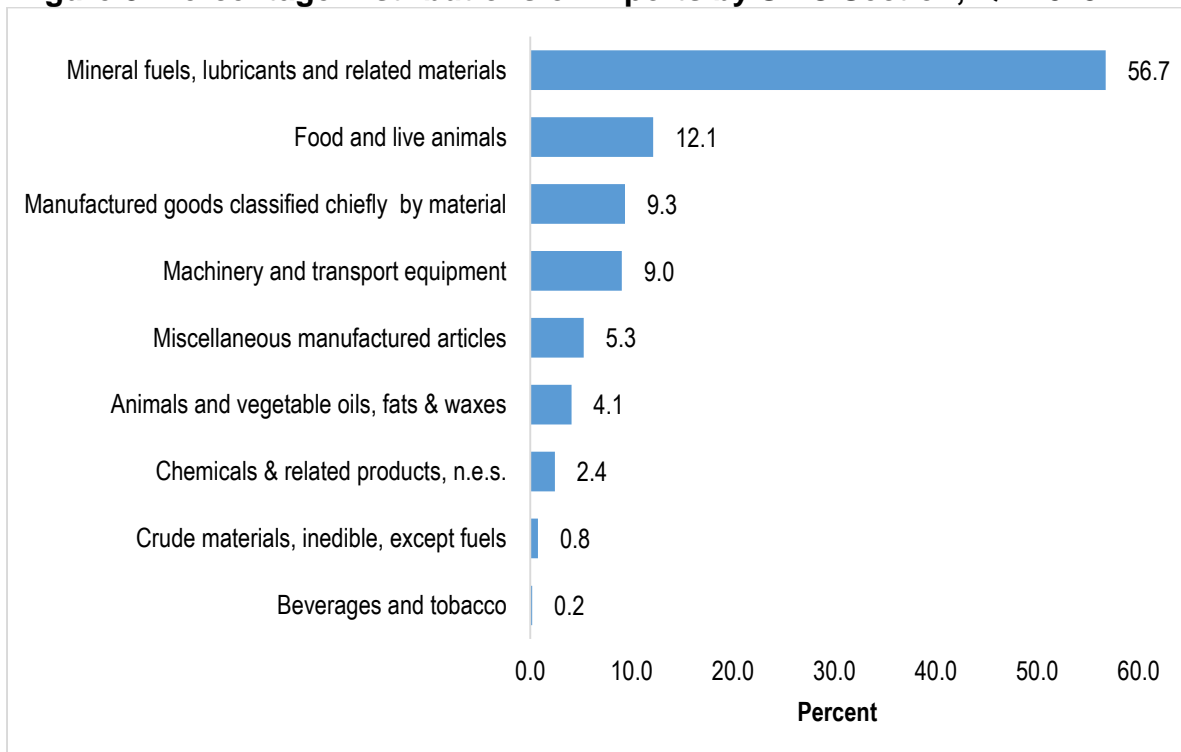
The value of imports includes 'Importation for direct home use (duty and tax fully paid)', 'Importation by, or solely for use in Zanzibar' and other importation procedure

4.1. (Excludes all transfer goods).

##### Imports by SITC Section

In the Fourth quarter of 2023, Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials contributed 56.7 percent while beverage and tobacco contributed 0.2 percent of the total import, the performance of other categories is as shown in figure 8 and table 6.

**Figure 8: Percentage Distributions of Imports by SITC Section, Q4-2023.**

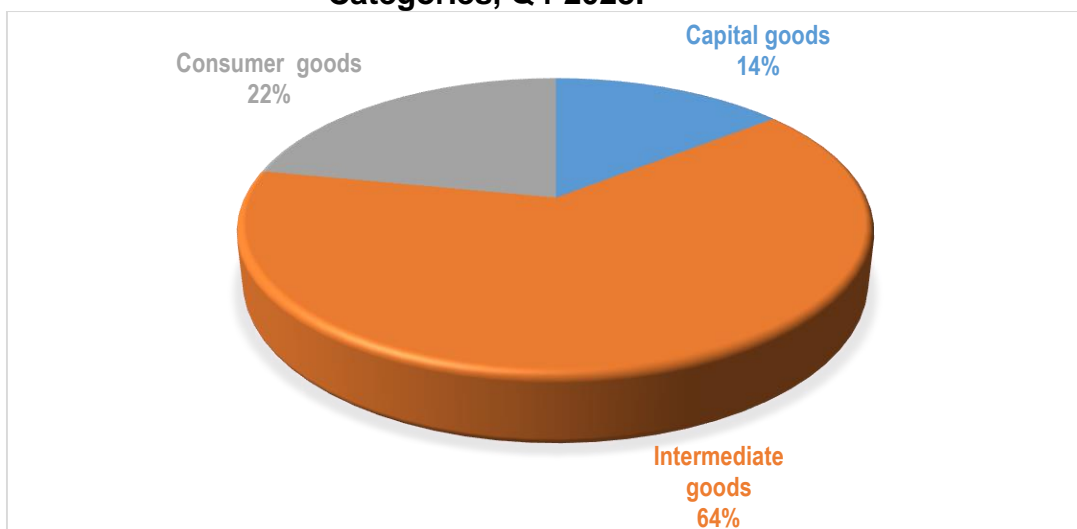


### Import by Categories

4.2.

In the Fourth quarter of 2023, import of intermediate goods reached to TZS 246,818.6 million of total import (64 percent) while import of consumer goods reached to TZS 84,823.5 million (22 percent) and capital goods reached to TZS 55,449.2 million (14 percent) (Figure 9 and table 7).

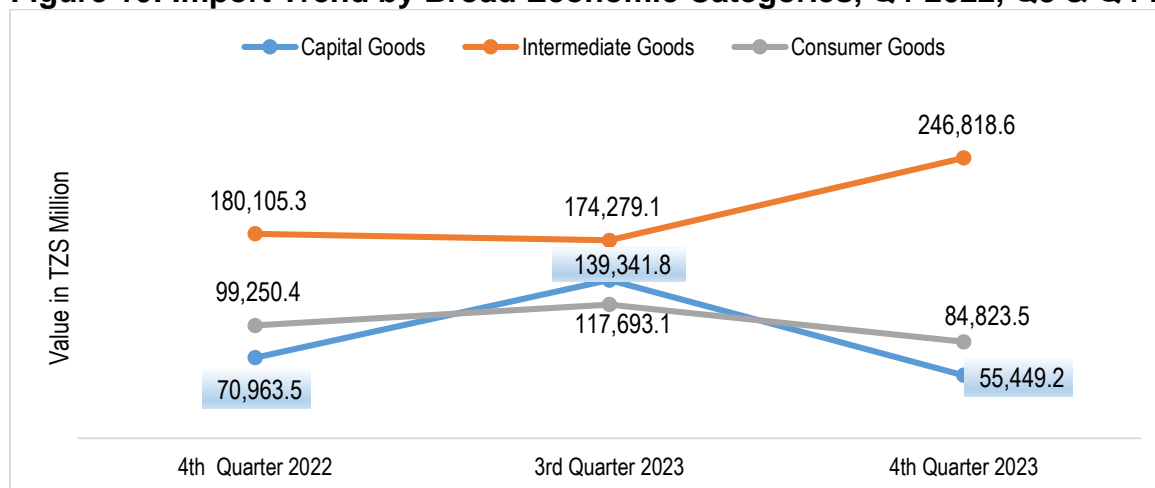
**Figure 9: Percent Distribution of Import Value by Broad Economic Categories, Q4-2023.**



The results show the imported value of intermediary goods for the Fourth quarter of 2023 increased by 37.0 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and by

41.6 percent compared with previous quarter. Import of consumer goods decreased by 14.5 percent and 27.9 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and previous quarter respectively while import of capital goods decreased by 21.9 percent and by 60.2 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2022 and previous quarter respectively. (Figure 10 and Table 7).

**Figure 10: Import Trend by Broad Economic Categories, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

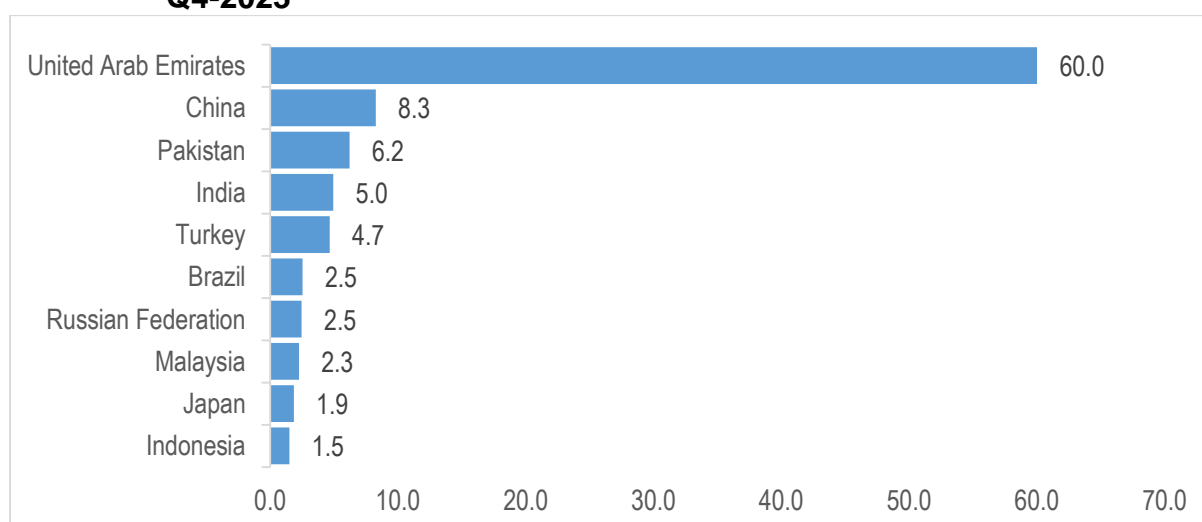


### Imports by Country of Origin

4.3.

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the Fourth quarter of 2023 contributed a value of TZS 366,982.2 million, equivalent to 94.8 percent of the total import. United Arab Emirates was the top by accounting for 60.0 percent of the value of the imported goods. (Figure 11 and table 8).

**Figure 11: Percentage Distribution of Top Ten Imports by Countries of Origin Q4-2023**

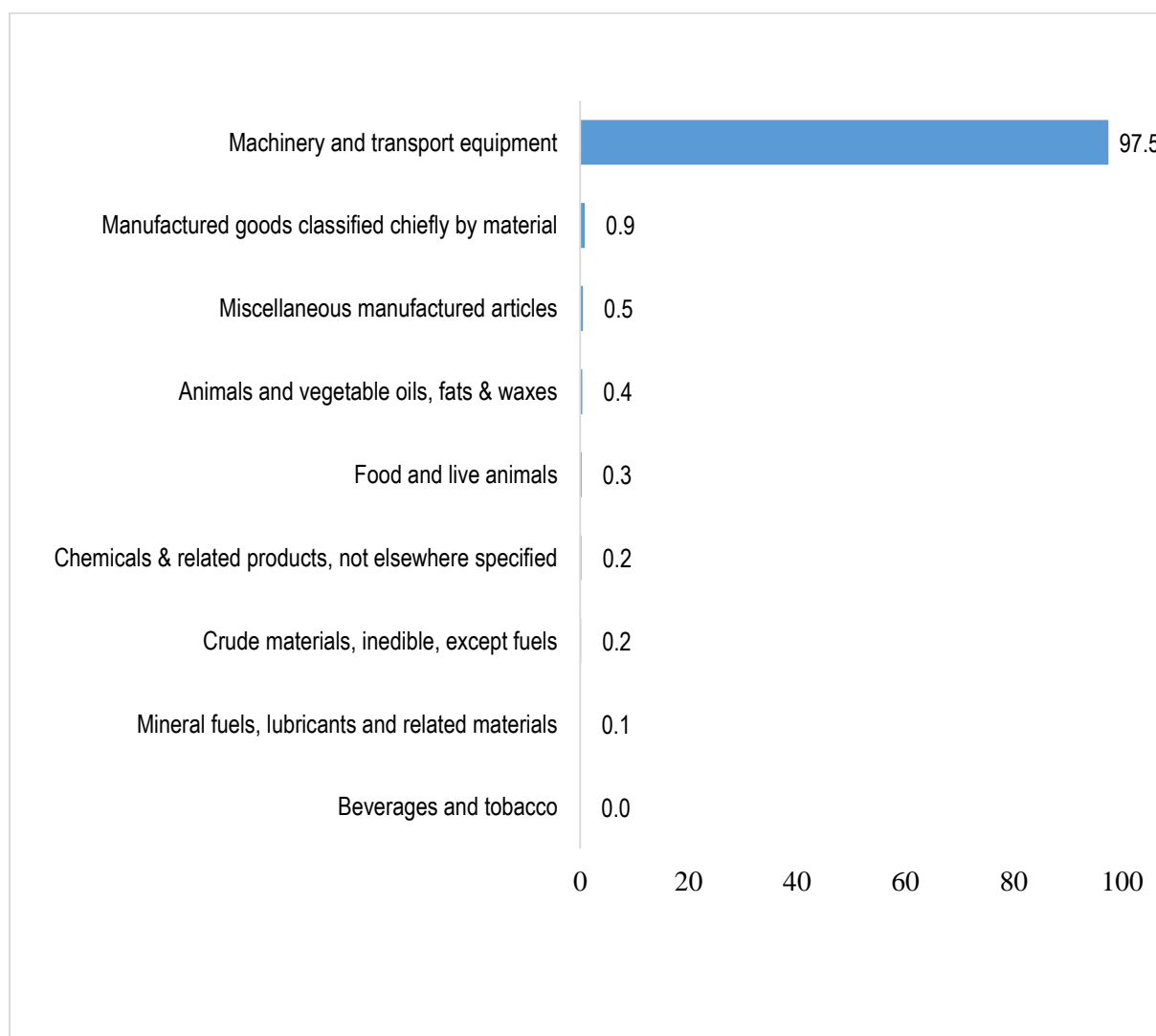




## 5. Transferred goods

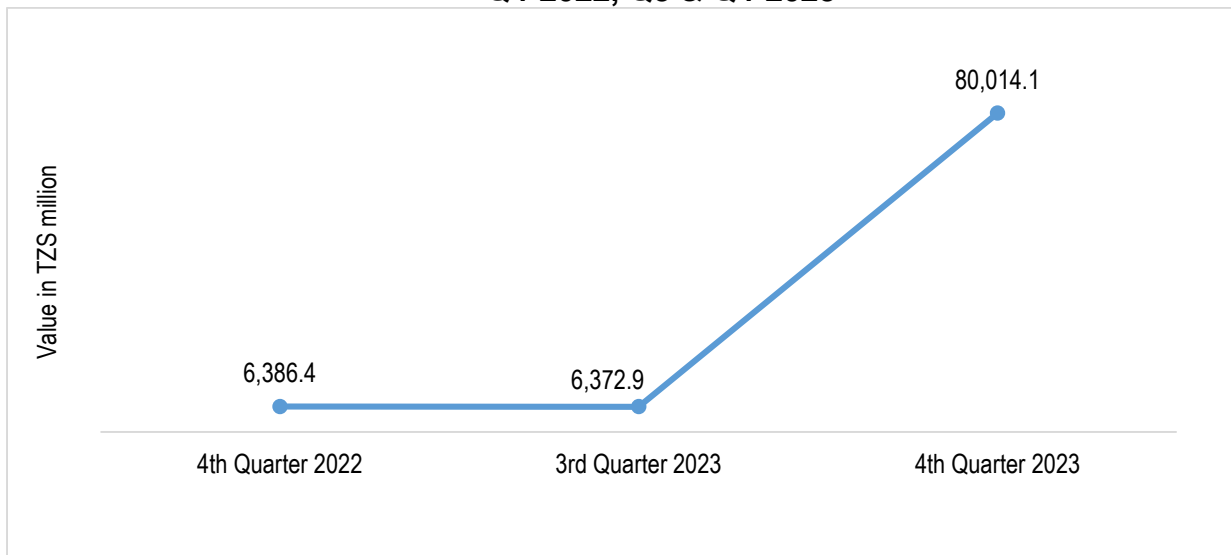
A total of goods worth TZS 80,014.10 million transferred to Tanzania Mainland from Zanzibar in the Fourth quarter of 2023 (Figure 12). About ninety eight (97.5 percent) of the total value of transferred goods were Machinery and transport equipment (TZS 78,028.00 million) while the lowest percent (TZS 0.02 million) were Beverages and tobacco. The performance of other transferred goods as shown in figure 12 and Table 8.

**Figure 12: Percentage Distribution of Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland by SITC Section, Q4-2023**



The value of transferred goods to Tanzania Mainland for the Fourth quarter increased by more than hundred percent compared with both, corresponding quarter of 2022 and previous quarter (Figure 13 and Table 9).

**Figure 13: Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland,  
Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**



## 6. Annex Table

**Table 1: Total Trade Value and Balance of Trade, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Description	Value TZS (Million)		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
<b>Exports (F.O.B)</b>	<b>69,684.9</b>	<b>33,440.0</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>
<i>Domestics export</i>	68,908.2	22,912.9	40,415.5
<i>Re-export</i>	776.8	10,527.1	8.1
<b>Imports (C.I.F)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>350,319.2</b>	<b>431,314.1</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>
Total Trade Value	420,004.2	464,754.1	427,514.9
Balance of Trade	-280,634.3	-397,874.1	-346,667.8
Trade ratio	19.9	7.8	10.4
Mean Exchange Rate (USD)	2,294.8	2,428.0	2,506.0

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 2: Exports by SITC Section, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

SITC Section	Value TZS ( Million)		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Food and live animals	63,948.1	19,957.7	35,705.7
Beverages and tobacco	226.6	66.4	97.3
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	693.3	525.0	316.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20.0	-	-
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	0.1	-
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	301.7	373.3	625.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,541.7	2,351.9	3,392.8
Machinery and transport equipment	695.5	9,503.4	41.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	258.0	662.1	244.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,684.9</b>	<b>33,440.0</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 3: Quantity and Value of Exported Main Cash Crops, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Quarters	Value TZS (Million)			
	Cloves		Seaweeds	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022</b>	2,980.7	55,649.8	3,199.3	4,189.1
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023</b>	568.5	9,793.0	3,085.7	5,825.1
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023</b>	1,673.0	29,940.6	2,297.1	3,707.3

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

<sup>1</sup> Import data includes import of Petroleum product (petrol, Diesel, Kerosene and Jet oil). Data Source from Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) not TRA

**Table 4: Exports by Countries of Destination, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Value TZS (Million)

Country	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Denmark	1,765.4	3,858.1	237.3
China	1,500.1	1,700.6	935.5
Vietnam	2,469.7	635.0	578.2
Kenya	1,813.2	1,652.0	2,164.0
Uganda	1,591.4	563.9	921.3
France	482.3	342.7	176.4
United Arab Emirates	32.3	367.6	16.3
India	2,441.1	7,362.6	7,232.9
Spain	328.0	1,030.5	1,061.7
Comoros	708.5	454.0	551.6
Singapore	14,469.8	2,617.0	23,182.6
United States of America	639.2	106.4	1,527.4
Thailand	-	-	-
Germany	438.9	155.8	96.4
Great Britain	154.6	31.7	35.8
Oman	43.7	1,157.1	896.1
Indonesia	39,350.7	-	291.4
Turkey	97.9	196.2	-
Malaysia	87.5	170.4	78.3
Malawi	572.0	-	80.0
Burundi	-	25.0	-
Other	698.7	11,013.3	360.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,684.9</b>	<b>33,440.0</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 5: Value of Exports by Section, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Value TZS (Million)

Section Description	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Live animals; animal's products.	1,305.0	1,261.6	869.3
Vegetable products	60,114.6	16,714.1	33,794.4
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	-	0.1	-
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,788.3	2,205.6	1,427.4
Mineral products	20.0	0.0	0.001
Products of the chemical or allied industries	199.2	258.4	321.5
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	144.7	308.6	201.4
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)	26.9	7.3	7.9
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	33.4	5.3	4.7
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	12.5	1.1	3.0
Textiles & textiles articles	3,590.6	2,126.5	3,083.5
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	17.0	2.1	2.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	11.6	7.8	2.5
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	29.2	0.0	-
Base metal & articles of base metal	514.3	630.7	516.4
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	277.1	9,500.1	35.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	418.4	3.2	6.3
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	55.7	20.9	1.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	126.3	386.5	146.5
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	-	-	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,684.9</b>	<b>33,440.0</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 6: Imports by SITC Section, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Value TZS (Million)

SITC Section	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Food and live animals	44,019.3	66,844.6	46,988.0
Beverages and tobacco	701.6	932.0	766.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6,686.4	4,653.0	2,939.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	151,505.9	148,654.0	219,671.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6,712.3	9,079.9	15,740.4
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	26,209.3	14,418.8	9,375.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	48,234.6	47,983.2	36,147.8
Machinery and transport equipment	45,042.7	113,226.1	35,024.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21,194.3	25,522.4	20,438.2
Other	12.9	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,319.2</b>	<b>431,314.1</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 7: Import by Categories Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Value TZS (Million)

Categories	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>70,963.5</b>	<b>139,341.8</b>	<b>55,449.2</b>
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	14,750.9	81,259.1	13,392.5
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	25,965.0	26,069.1	20,199.9
<i>Machinery</i>	30,247.7	32,013.6	21,856.7
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>180,105.3</b>	<b>174,279.1</b>	<b>246,818.6</b>
<i>Oil</i>	151,506.4	148,654.0	219,672.1
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	28,598.8	25,625.1	27,146.6
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>99,250.4</b>	<b>117,693.1</b>	<b>84,823.5</b>
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	44,072.7	67,374.9	47,484.2
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	55,177.7	50,318.3	37,339.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,319.2</b>	<b>431,314.1</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 8: Imports by Countries of Origin, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023***Value TZS (Million)*

Country	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
United Arab Emirates	171,790.3	163,496.1	232,374.4
China	35,512.0	59,928.3	32,011.0
India	28,343.9	59,514.2	19,179.7
Australia	6,057.0	40,899.4	24.5
Turkey	9,522.0	30,831.5	18,108.9
Pakistan	13,480.6	12,731.5	24,071.8
Brazil	3,838.5	7,354.5	9,856.1
Japan	5,316.7	6,735.7	7,191.2
Malaysia	4,108.0	4,664.9	8,741.2
Hong Kong	3,372.9	4,502.8	2,592.4
South Africa	3,239.2	4,394.0	1,488.0
Oman	11,833.5	3,731.6	967.4
Indonesia	7,342.9	3,425.2	5,860.8
Great Britain	3,147.2	3,106.5	2,101.0
United States of America	3,218.7	2,613.2	987.4
Italy	6,067.3	2,302.3	833.8
Spain	1,745.7	2,236.5	477.1
Germany	3,518.2	1,535.4	1,184.2
Korea, South	3,264.0	1,042.2	666.3
Canada	328.1	314.7	96.2
Sweden	387.1	81.1	42.9
Argentina	15.9	-	-
Other	24,869.5	15,872.5	18,235.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,319.2</b>	<b>431,314.1</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 9: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland  
Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023***Value TZS (Million)*

SITC Section	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Food and live animals	734.4	2,457.3	206.5
Beverages and tobacco	0.5	13.0	14.7
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	339.1	134.8	130.7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	90.0	93.3	45.7
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1,103.2	229.9	308.1
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	255.4	347.4	195.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	726.5	348.8	685.1
Machinery and transport equipment	2,338.1	2,266.3	78,028.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	799.1	482.1	400.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,386.4</b>	<b>6,372.9</b>	<b>80,014.1</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)

**Table 10: Imports by Section, Q4-2022, Q3 & Q4-2023**

Value TZS (Million)

Section Description	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023
Live animals; animal's products.	6,325.2	6,354.5	1,988.2
Vegetable products	34,111.3	12,322.0	32,086.5
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	9,635.5	9,245.6	15,822.9
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	8,100.8	49,690.2	13,736.9
Mineral products	155,553.0	108,559.7	223,881.3
Products of the chemical or allied industries	9,247.1	56,645.8	6,976.6
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	16,383.5	12,212.6	6,677.2
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)	241.8	214.2	305.9
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	4,696.9	3,393.5	1,208.9
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	4,856.0	1,840.9	2,211.2
Textiles & textiles articles	19,974.1	14,524.0	13,561.8
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	1,853.8	1,680.2	1,268.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	6,106.6	4,307.7	4,260.9
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	170.6	468.0	269.3
Base metal & articles of base metal	21,619.3	22,233.6	16,595.4
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	30,247.7	32,013.6	21,856.7
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	14,750.9	81,259.1	13,392.5
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,467.1	6,121.2	4,256.7
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	9.2	3.9	1.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,968.7	8,220.8	6,725.4
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.3	3.0	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,319.2</b>	<b>431,314.1</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)



**Note:**

- “- “ = Means no exportation/importation at particular time
- C.I. F = Includes Cost, Insurance and Freight
- F.O. B = Free in Board
- SITC = Standard International Trade Classification (Food and live animals section including Cloves and other spices; seaweeds and other sea products)
- Petroleum = Import of Petroleum data (Petrol, diesel, kerosene and jet oil are from Product Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) not TRA.

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