Overview:

After several years of continuous growth marked by a peak of 5.1 bln US\$ in 2008, the value of the exports of Zambia dropped in 2009 (by 15.4 percent) but increased again in 2010 by 67.0 percent to amount to 7.2 bln US\$, well above its 2008 level (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports showed a similar development with an increase by 40.3 percent to 5.3 bln US\$ in 2010 (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade surplus of 1.9 bln US\$ in 2010, much higher than the 2009 surplus of 0.5 bln US\$ (see graph 1). By MDG region, trade recorded deficits with Sub-Saharan Africa (-2.0 bln US\$), Western Asia (-0.4 bln US\$) and Southern Asia (-0.1 bln US\$) while Developed Europe and Eastern Asia recorded surpluses, respectively 3.5 bln and 1.1 bln US\$ (see graph 2). Zambia's trade was relatively concentrated among a few partners: respectively 3 and 7 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports and imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

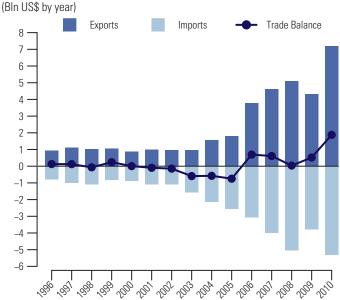


Table 1: Exports by SITC sections									
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)									
	Avg. Growth rates (%) 2010								
SITC	2010	2006-2010	2009-2010	share					
Total	7200.3	17.6	67.0	100.0					
0+1	407.9	16.9	29.5	5.7					
2+4	623.6	3.2	6.4	8.7					
3	36.5 12.5 -4.5								
5	138.2	54.9	58.2	1.9					
6	5761.3	19.4	87.5	0.08					
7	136.9	6.7	-1.4	1.9					
8	24.5	23.5	-17.5	0.3					
9	71.4	292.5	57.5	1.0					

Exports Profile:

In 2010, exports of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6), the largest commodity group for exports, increased by 87.5 percent and represented 80.0 percent of exported goods (see table 1). Exports of inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4), the other major commodity group for exports, also increased by 6.4 percent and represented 8.7 percent of exports in 2010. Switzerland, the top partner for exports, accounted for a large share (51.0 percent) of total exports in 2010 (see table 4). Other major partners for exports included China and South Africa. Over the last three years, copper products were the top commodities for exports (see table 3). These are refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought (HS code 7403), copper plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness exceeding 0.15 mm (HS code 7409) and copper ores and concentrates (HS code 2603). They accounted respectively for 63.6, 9.5 and 3.3 percent of exports in 2010.

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)								
		Avg. Growt	2010					
SITC	2010	2006-2010	2009-2010	share				
Total	5320.8	14.7	40.3	100.0				
0+1	166.2	-2.4	-0.1	3.1				
2+4	981.8	64.5	107.0	18.5				
3	616.9	7.3	16.7	11.6				
5	927.0	19.9	30.8	17.4				
6	869.6	19.0	40.9	16.3				
7	1528.6	5.5	40.8	28.7				
8	208.2	4.6	6.2	3.9				
9	22.5	298.4	45.1	0.4				

Table 3: To	on 10	export commodit	ies 2008	to 2010
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(Value in million US\$)									
HS	Valu	Value (million US\$)				Unit value			
code 4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code	
All Commodities	5098.7	4312.1	7200.3						
7403 Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	2113.7	2249.9	4575.4	6.9	4.6	6.7	US\$/kg	682	
7409 Copper plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness exceeding 0.15 mm	996.6	534.6	681.8	7.4	5.5	5.7	US\$/kg	682	
2603 Copper ores and concentrates	688.6	287.9	238.6	2.0	0.7	1.8	US\$/kg	283	
8105 Cobalt mattes and other intermediate products of cobalt metallurgy	294.0	75.2	194.4	74.6	10.5	26.1	US\$/kg	689	
7408 Copper wire	149.4	102.5	151.0	8.6	5.4	7.9	US\$/kg	682	
1701 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	57.9	96.1	141.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	US\$/kg	061	
2401 Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	71.7	84.7	117.7	2.9	3.2	3.4	US\$/kg	121	
2605 Cobalt ores and concentrates	24.8	101.6	116.1	4.0	2.1	3.3	US\$/kg	287	
2620 Ash and residues	27.2	59.4	91.2	35.2	30.6	14.1	US\$/kg	288	
5201 Cotton, not carded or combed	33.6	45.7	47.1	1.5	1.2	1.4	US\$/kg	263	

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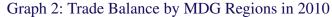
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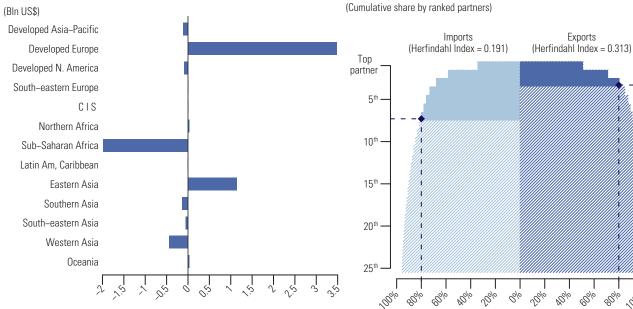


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2010

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

		Shares by SITC sections (%)								
Country	Total	0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total
World	7200.3	5.7	8.7	0.5	1.9	80.0	1.9	0.3	1.0	100
Switzerland	3673.5	0.0	8.2	0.0	0.1	91.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
China	1455.4	1.0	3.6	0.0	0.1	95.1	0.2	0.0		100
South Africa	657.8	5.4	22.2	0.1	2.8	51.4	9.2	1.7	7.2	100
Dem.Rep. of the Congo	333.5	26.3	5.8	3.2	29.2	20.2	13.0	2.3	0.0	100
United Arab Emirates	176.2	0.1	0.1		0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
United Kingdom	134.8	8.2	4.6		0.2	82.7	0.8	0.2	3.4	100
Zimbabwe	120.6	72.9	4.4	4.1	6.2	5.1	5.9	1.2	0.3	100
Malawi	102.7	66.6	1.8	0.3	5.3	20.7	4.3	8.0	0.2	100
Belgium	72.4	3.5	93.7		0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.7	100
Egypt	49.2	0.0	0.0			100.0			0.0	100

Imports Profile:

In 2010, imports of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) increased by 40.8 percent and accounted for 28.7 percent of imported goods (see table 2). Other major commodity groups for imports included inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC section 2+4) and chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) respectively with 18.5 and 17.4 percent of imports. From 2008 to 2010, major imported products were petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS code 2709), copper ores and concentrates (HS code 2603) and refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought (HS code 7403) (see table 5).

(Value in million US\$)

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HS		Value (million US\$)				Unit value			
code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code
Al	Il Commodities	5060.5	3792.6	5320.8					
	etroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	481.9	430.8	508.8	0.9	0.3	0.7	US\$/kg	333
2603 Cd	opper ores and concentrates	425.8	255.5	620.5	1.6	0.7	2.3	US\$/kg	283
7403 Re	efined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	100.7	124.3	237.6	6.0	4.7	6.2	US\$/kg	682
8704 M	otor vehicles for the transport of goods	189.1	99.7	149.8					782
2710 Pe	etroleum oils, other than crude	280.0	64.7	68.5	1.6	1.3	1.4	US\$/kg	334
8429 Se	elf-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers	109.3	60.2	179.9	63.4		<i>70.0</i> t	hsd US\$/un	it 723
3004 M	edicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06)	137.4	97.0	72.5	42.4	33.7	21.4	US\$/kg	542
2605 Cd	obalt ores and concentrates	0.9	83.3	219.7	1.3	2.0	3.1	US\$/kg	287
8474 M	achinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding	109.8	78.3	96.4					728
3102 M	lineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogenous	75.1	92.5	112.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg	562

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