

Cameroon

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

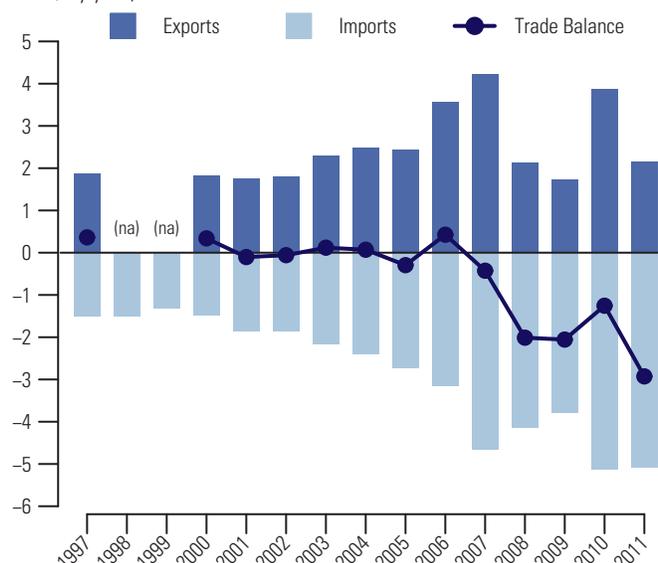
Trade System: Special

Overview:

From 2007 to 2011, exports of Cameroon decreased on average by 15.6 percent each year and amounted to 2.1 bln US\$ in 2011, reflecting a decrease of 44.6 percent over 2010 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 2.2 percent each year and amounted to 5.1 bln US\$ in 2011 (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a deficit of 2.9 bln US\$ in 2011 (see graph 1). By MDG regions, trade recorded a deficit of 832.9 mln US\$ with Developed Europe and a surplus of 30.5 mln US\$ with Sub-Saharan Africa (see graph 2). In 2011, exports were concentrated among fewer partners while imports were more diversified: 14 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 20 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2011, Cameroon's exports were composed of 39.6 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 33.3 percent animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4) (see table 1). Netherlands, France and China were the three major export markets (see table 4). From 2009 to 2011, top exported products included cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted (HS code 1801), petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709) and wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (HS code 4407) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	2 147.4	-15.6	-44.6	100.0
0+1	850.5	15.9	-9.5	39.6
2+4	716.1	0.6	17.4	33.3
3	11.8	-73.7	-99.4	0.6
5	73.9	15.4	32.8	3.4
6	240.4	-4.3	10.9	11.2
7	184.1	2.2	133.3	8.6
8	41.2	19.9	49.2	1.9
9	29.3	-17.1	3.8	1.4

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

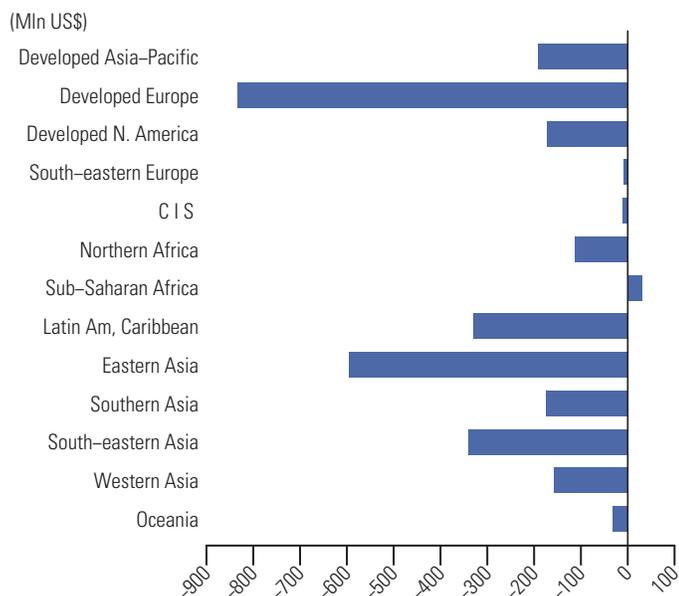
SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	5 074.4	2.2	-1.1	100.0
0+1	1 241.3	16.7	41.7	24.5
2+4	237.3	3.4	21.5	4.7
3	151.8	-44.1	-89.3	3.0
5	665.6	10.2	24.0	13.1
6	879.2	10.7	30.0	17.3
7	1 611.3	13.1	38.9	31.8
8	287.1	8.9	7.2	5.7
9	0.9	139.5	2651.3	0.0

Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		1 732.4	3 878.4	2 147.4				
1801 Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted.....		543.4	611.0	512.3	2.8	3.2	2.7	072
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		0.0	1 415.7	0.0	3.6	0.5	2.1	333
4407 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled.....		212.7	249.4	288.2			720.8	248
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		4.8	496.8	1.4	2.5	0.6	3.2	334
4403 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood.....		96.3	144.4	141.7			948.2 863.2	247
5201 Cotton, not carded or combed.....		89.9	81.3	114.0	1.6	1.5	2.0	263
4001 Natural rubber, balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle.....		56.9	95.6	131.3	1.5	2.5	3.6	231
7601 Unwrought aluminium.....		68.5	98.2	94.4	1.6	2.1	2.3	684
0803 Bananas, including plantains.....		71.4	82.1	88.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	057
0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated.....		52.5	66.8	72.8	1.4	1.4	2.4	071

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2011



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2011

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

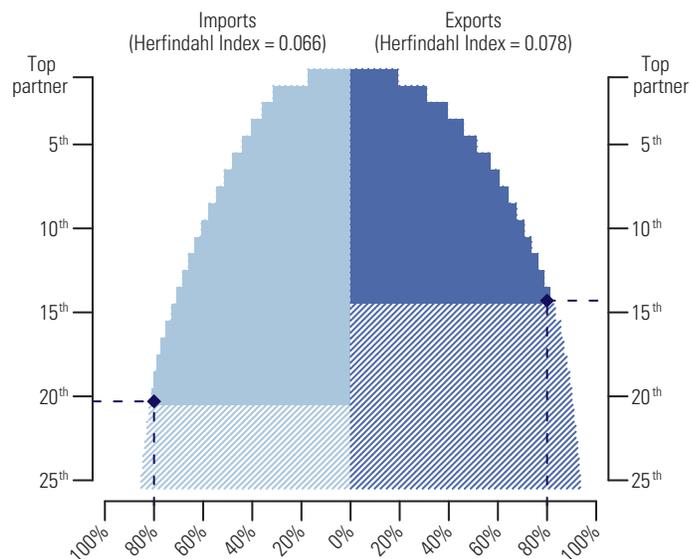


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2011

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

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									Total
		0+1	2+4	3	5	6	7	8	9		
World.....	2147.4	39.6	33.3	0.6	3.4	11.2	8.6	1.9	1.4	100	
Netherlands.....	415.3	91.5	5.4	3.0	0.1	0.1	...	100	
France.....	249.2	45.7	24.3	1.9	0.8	24.5	2.0	0.7	0.0	100	
China.....	181.9	2.2	95.7	...	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.0	100	
Italy.....	139.5	15.5	33.2	...	1.4	31.9	0.2	0.2	17.5	100	
Belgium.....	118.1	27.8	69.2	...	0.1	1.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	100	
Congo.....	114.7	11.2	0.0	0.1	4.5	9.9	71.7	2.7	...	100	
USA.....	79.1	42.0	52.9	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.3	1.1	...	100	
Spain.....	77.8	52.3	29.1	7.1	0.7	10.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	100	
Germany.....	76.4	57.8	33.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	7.4	1.0	...	100	
Gabon.....	66.6	23.3	11.6	0.0	12.8	28.9	12.9	10.4	...	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2011, imports were composed of 31.8 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 24.5 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 17.3 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 2). From 2009 to 2011, top imported products included petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets (HS code 0303) and rice (HS code 1006) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		3788.6	5133.3	5074.4				
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		0.0	1231.8	0.1	3.4	0.6	9.4	US\$/kg 333
0303 Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets.....		240.0	188.7	315.0	1.2	1.1	1.5	US\$/kg 034
1006 Rice.....		252.4	196.0	285.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	US\$/kg 042
1001 Wheat and meslin.....		124.0	123.9	178.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	US\$/kg 041
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		130.8	135.2	152.5	18.1	17.6	21.4	US\$/kg 542
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		115.8	129.8	155.9	18.6	19.4		thsd US\$/unit 781
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		117.2	122.5	127.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg 661
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		90.0	120.0	150.9				782
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		66.9	111.1	60.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	US\$/kg 334
6309 Worn clothing and other worn articles.....		69.9	66.3	77.5	1.7	1.1	1.0	US\$/kg 269