

Rwanda

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

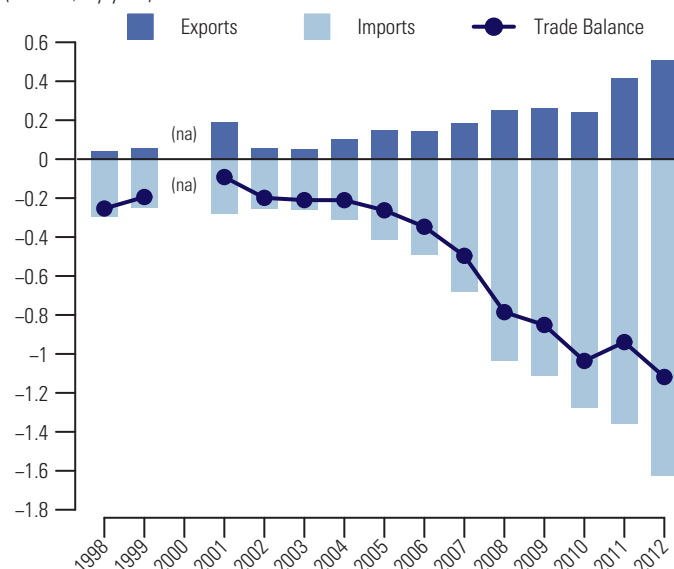
Trade System: General

Overview:

In 2012, Rwanda's exports increased by 21.2 percent and reached 505.7 mln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same year, imports increased by 19.7 percent and amounted to 1.6 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). In 2012, trade balance was at a deficit of 1.1 bln US\$ compared to a 0.9 bln US\$ deficit in 2011 (see graph 1). Trade was in deficit with all MDG regions in 2012 (see graph 2). The largest deficit was recorded with Developed Europe at 286.1 mln US\$. Trade with Eastern Asia and Western Asia recorded deficits of 250.3 and 168.9 mln US\$ respectively. Exports were much more concentrated among partners than imports: in 2012, 4 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 17 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

More than two-thirds of exports in 2012 were accounted for by food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4), respectively with 43.5 and 32.2 percent of exports. Major markets for exported products were United Republic of Tanzania, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya (see table 4). Exports to Kenya were largely food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1). In the past three years, tin ores and concentrates (HS code 2609), coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated (HS code 0901) and tea, whether or not flavoured (HS code 0902) were the top exported products (see table 3) jointly accounting for 41.7 percent of exported goods in 2012.

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	505.7	19.2	21.2	100.0
0+1	219.9	90.3	41.6	43.5
2+4	162.9	3.7	-9.9	32.2
3	51.3	164.4	153.3	10.1
5	3.6	14.2	-0.7	0.7
6	17.0	32.4	77.9	3.4
7	36.6	44.3	61.3	7.2
8	14.5	27.1	-42.2	2.9

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	1624.2	11.9	19.7	100.0
0+1	201.9	23.2	20.1	12.4
2+4	124.3	12.8	23.0	7.6
3	113.6	15.2	0.5	7.0
5	221.4	13.5	10.8	13.6
6	356.6	10.6	22.9	22.0
7	470.2	11.8	27.2	29.0
8	136.2	11.3	19.4	8.4
9	0.0	-91.5	-99.5	0.0

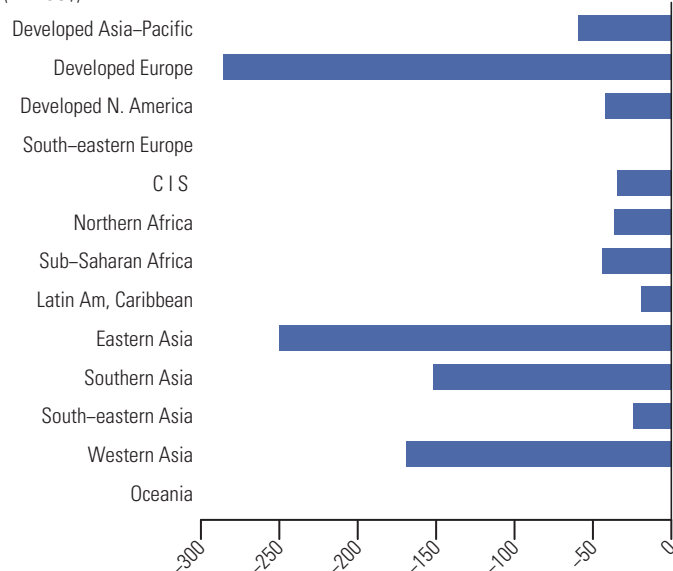
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
All Commodities.....		237.8	417.3	505.7					
2609 Tin ores and concentrates.....		66.9	101.9	52.9	10.3	13.9	11.4	US\$/kg	287
0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated.....		58.4	76.3	71.2	3.1	4.8	3.6	US\$/kg	071
0902 Tea, whether or not flavoured.....		34.4	52.8	86.6	1.6	2.3	3.8	US\$/kg	074
2615 Niobium, tantalum, vanadium or zirconium ores and concentrates.....		20.3	39.0	56.7	24.6	42.6	49.8	US\$/kg	287
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		1.7	20.1	44.7	0.6	1.2	1.2	US\$/kg	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		2.9	15.3	24.7	24.8	33.4	30.6	thsd US\$/unit	781
2611 Tungsten ores and concentrates.....		7.4	11.7	21.4	8.4	14.9	15.6	US\$/kg	287
1101 Wheat or meslin flour.....		0.0	7.0	17.0	0.1	0.8	0.8	US\$/kg	046
6405 Other footwear.....		0.0	16.8	6.2	0.0	2.7		thsd US\$/pair	851
2610 Chromium ores and concentrates.....		2.4	11.9	4.7	10.5	17.7	12.5	US\$/kg	287

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012

(Mln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2012

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

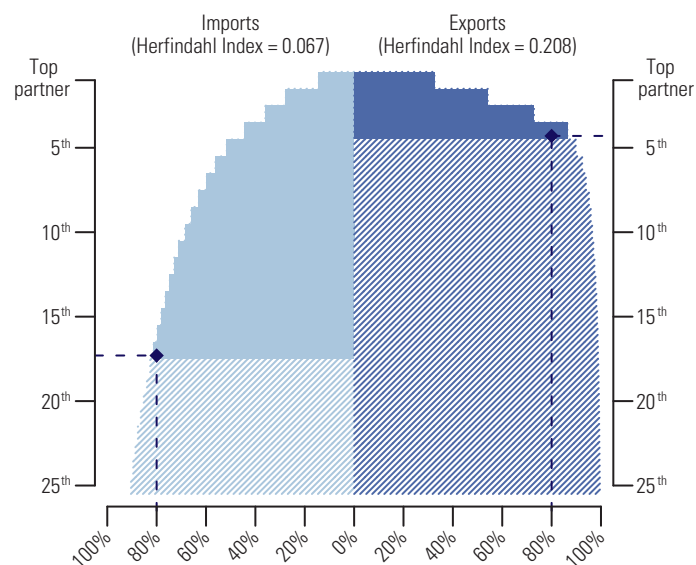


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012

(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.....	505.7	43.5	32.2	10.1	0.7	3.4	7.2	2.9	...	100	
United Rep. of Tanzania..	164.8	19.6	76.5	1.6	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.0	...	100	
Dem.Rep. of the Congo...	109.1	48.4	2.9	21.1	1.7	10.7	7.5	7.7	...	100	
Kenya.....	94.8	88.3	0.8	9.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.1	...	100	
Uganda.....	68.4	63.8	13.6	14.8	1.1	1.0	5.2	0.5	...	100	
Sudan.....	17.1	0.3	0.0	...	0.0	0.5	99.2	0.0	...	100	
Burundi.....	13.3	28.9	2.2	1.3	4.0	20.3	29.5	13.7	...	100	
Switzerland.....	7.6	30.6	65.4	2.9	...	...	...	1.1	...	100
USA.....	6.3	0.0	89.5	...	...	1.5	5.8	3.2	...	100
Belgium.....	3.6	11.7	51.6	20.1	...	0.2	1.0	15.4	...	100	
France.....	2.9	0.1	98.0	1.1	...	...	0.1	0.7	...	100

Imports Profile:

In 2012, Rwanda's imports were composed of 29.0 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 22.0 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 13.6 percent chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) (see table 2). In addition to petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), other major products for imports from 2010 to 2012 were motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) and portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement (HS code 2523) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
All Commodities.....		1273.8	1356.6	1624.2					
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		47.6	105.6	107.3	0.7	1.2	1.2	US\$/kg	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		64.7	51.8	57.9	3.4	5.4	27.7	thsd US\$/unit	781
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		42.9	51.8	66.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	US\$/kg	661
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		35.7	32.9	51.1	13.8	8.8	9.2	US\$/kg	542
1701 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form.....		35.5	37.3	45.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	US\$/kg	061
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		31.8	30.3	47.0					764
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		24.7	31.7	35.1		509.8		US\$/unit	752
8705 Special purpose motor vehicles.....		78.8	2.8	5.5	1.9	0.1		mIn US\$/unit	782
1511 Palm oil and its fractions.....		19.1	30.4	34.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	US\$/kg	422
1001 Wheat and meslin.....		16.2	33.0	33.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg	041