

# United Republic of Tanzania

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

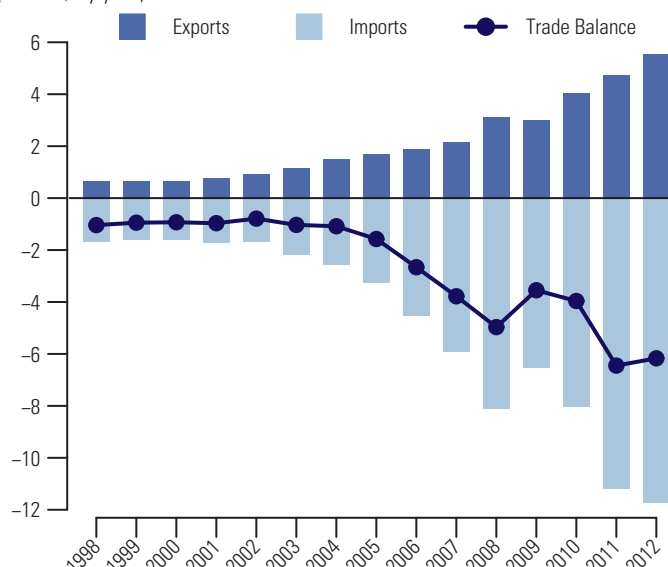
Trade System: General

## Overview:

In 2012, the value of exports of United Republic of Tanzania continued to grow by 17.2 percent to reach its peak of 5.5 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Similarly, imports increased by 4.8 percent and amounted to 11.7 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade deficit of 6.2 bln US\$ in 2012, slightly below the 2011 deficit of 6.4 bln US\$ (see graph 1). Trade was in deficit with nearly all MDG regions (see graph 2). The largest deficits were recorded with Western Asia (-2.4 bln US\$), Developed Europe (-1.5 bln US\$) and Eastern Asia (-0.8 bln US\$). In 2012, trade was well diversified across partners: 13 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 16 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

**Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance**

(Bln US\$ by year)



## Exports Profile:

In 2012, United Republic of Tanzania's exports were composed of 34.5 percent of commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9), 25.1 percent of inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4) and 22.2 percent of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) (see table 1). Top markets for exports included South Africa, Switzerland and China (see table 4). More than 95 percent of exports to South Africa and Switzerland were mainly commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9) while 94.0 percent of exports to China were inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4). From 2010 to 2012, top export commodities were gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108), precious metal ores and concentrates (HS code 2616) and manganese ores and concentrates (HS code 2602) (see table 3).

**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	5547.2	15.5	17.2	100.0
0+1	1231.7	11.8	47.5	22.2
2+4	1391.2	18.9	2.0	25.1
3	69.4	0.1	93.5	1.3
5	156.8	13.8	19.9	2.8
6	399.1	2.4	12.5	7.2
7	270.9	7.9	44.4	4.9
8	114.2	4.7	17.6	2.1
9	1914.0	23.7	10.6	34.5

**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	11715.6	9.7	4.8	100.0
0+1	681.6	14.1	-12.8	5.8
2+4	487.7	11.9	10.4	4.2
3	3820.6	12.5	6.3	32.6
5	1234.5	7.1	-4.4	10.5
6	1508.9	4.9	5.5	12.9
7	3312.6	7.4	2.5	28.3
8	476.9	11.1	16.4	4.1
9	192.7	112.1	3457.8	1.6

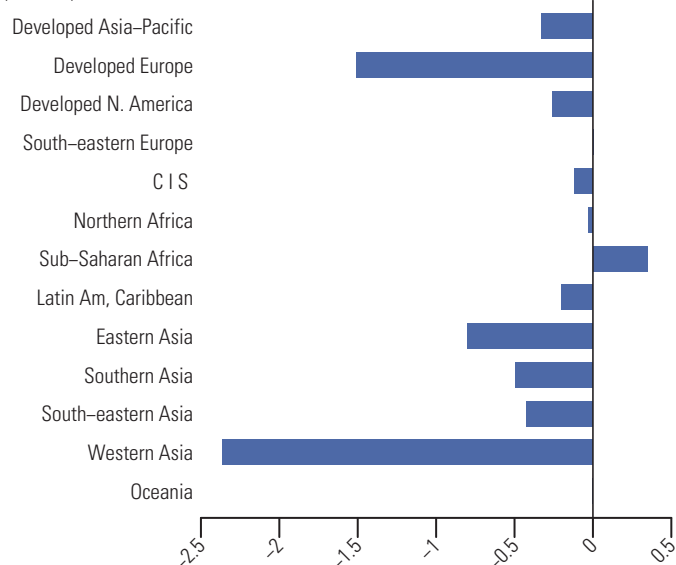
**Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012**

(Value in million US\$)

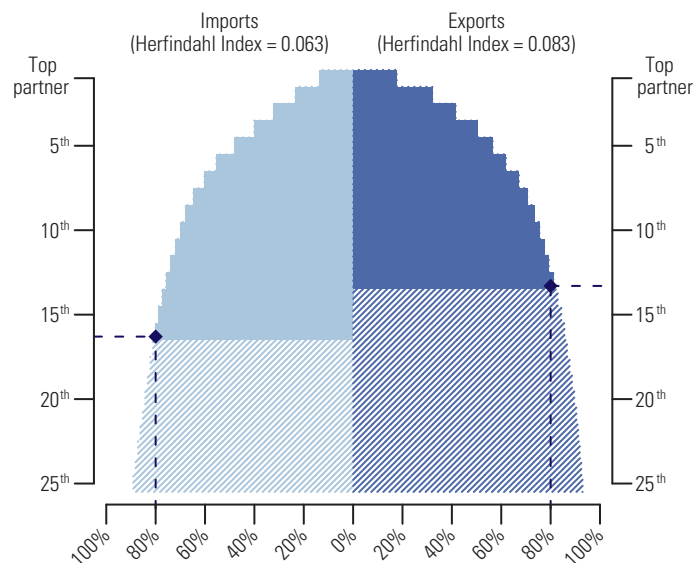
HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	
	All Commodities.....	4050.5	4735.0	5547.2				
7108	Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....	966.1	1718.2	1863.3	3.0	39.7	5.8	thsd US\$/kg 971
2616	Precious metal ores and concentrates.....	461.5	541.0	421.3	8.8	11.7	10.0	US\$/kg 289
2602	Manganese ores and concentrates.....	356.8	477.7	83.5	8.7	12.2	10.0	US\$/kg 287
0901	Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated.....	117.3	146.6	187.7	2.9	3.6	3.5	US\$/kg 071
2401	Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse.....	129.2	106.6	188.4	1.9	1.4	1.8	US\$/kg 121
0801	Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried.....	126.3	125.4	163.1	0.9	1.1	1.2	US\$/kg 057
0304	Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced).....	115.6	119.3	99.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	US\$/kg 034
2603	Copper ores and concentrates.....	1.3	1.9	324.3	0.2	0.2	8.7	US\$/kg 283
0713	Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split.....	92.2	67.3	101.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg 054
5201	Cotton, not carded or combed.....	72.4	53.6	126.4	1.3	1.8	1.4	US\$/kg 263

**Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012**

(Bln 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.....	5547.2	22.2	25.1	1.3	2.8	7.2	4.9	2.1	34.5	100	
South Africa.....	982.8	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.9	0.5	95.6	100	
Switzerland.....	798.6	0.1	4.1	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	95.6	100	
China.....	525.0	0.2	94.0	...	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.1	2.9	100	
India.....	480.6	54.1	12.0	...	0.5	3.4	0.3	0.0	29.5	100	
Kenya.....	349.7	48.0	5.2	8.4	2.4	20.9	6.5	8.1	0.6	100	
Japan.....	298.9	21.5	77.6	...	...	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	100	
Germany.....	292.4	14.8	82.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.1	0.2	100	
Dem.Rep. of the Congo...	187.4	33.1	17.2	3.6	9.7	23.2	6.1	7.2	0.0	100	
Belgium.....	152.7	93.6	0.8	...	0.0	0.2	2.7	0.0	2.7	100	
Netherlands.....	121.0	23.9	61.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	9.3	0.1	4.7	100	

**Imports Profile:**

Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3), machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) were the three major commodity groups for imports in 2012 (see table 2). They accounted respectively for 32.6, 28.3 and 12.9 percent of imported goods. Over the last three years, top imported goods were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), wheat and meslin (HS code 1001) and motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) (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	
All Commodities.....		8012.9	11 184.2	11 715.6				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		2 152.9	3 517.8	3 636.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	334
1001 Wheat and meslin.....		291.9	404.4	244.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	041
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		300.6	260.8	302.4	20.0		21.5thsd US\$/unit	781
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		221.2	270.0	252.7				782
1511 Palm oil and its fractions.....		173.3	274.6	247.7	0.8	1.2	1.0	422
7208 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		173.6	232.1	214.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	673
8431 Parts suitable for use principally with the machinery of headings 84.25.....		111.7	208.4	240.0	22.0	5.4	0.6	723
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		118.0	201.7	176.9				764
8701 Tractors (other than tractors of heading 87.09).....		93.3	165.7	226.2				722
3901 Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms.....		176.3	168.4	110.1	2.3	2.2	1.6	571