



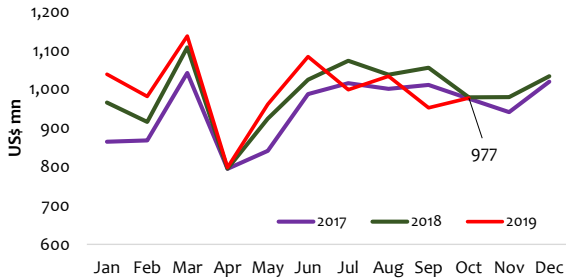
MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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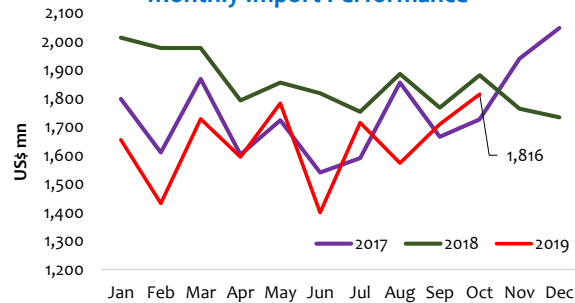
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Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



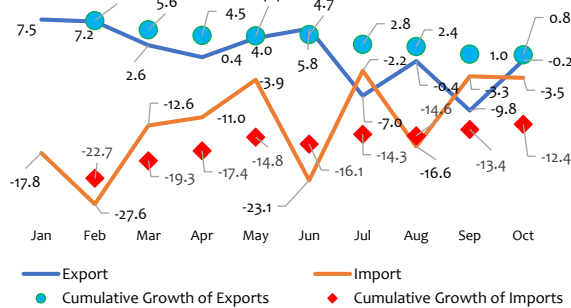
Monthly Import Performance



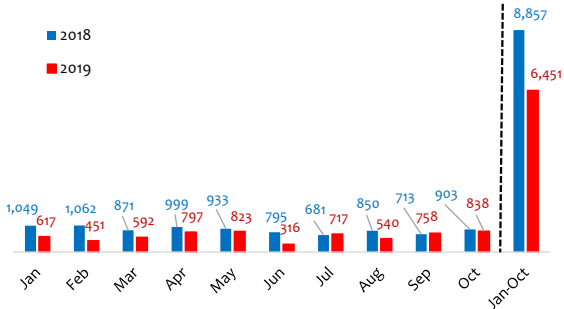
Earnings from merchandise exports decreased marginally by 0.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 977 million in October 2019.

Expenditure on merchandise imports decreased by 3.5 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,816 million in October 2019.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



Trade Deficit (US\$ Mn)

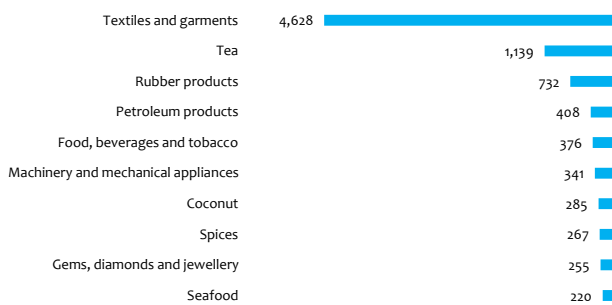


Export earnings increased by 0.8 per cent (year-on-year) during the first ten months of 2019 while import expenditure declined by 12.4 per cent.

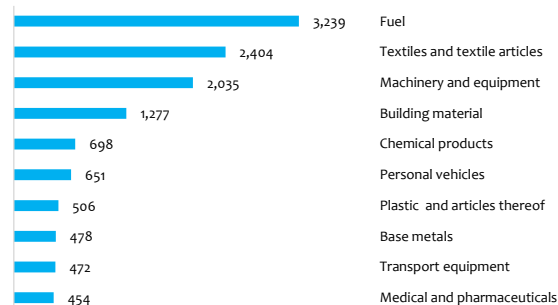
The deficit in the trade account contracted in October 2019 in comparison to October 2018. Meanwhile, trade deficit during the first ten months of 2019 contracted significantly by US dollars 2,405 million when compared with the corresponding period of 2018.

Major Export and Import Categories (Jan - Oct 2019)

Exports (US\$ mn)

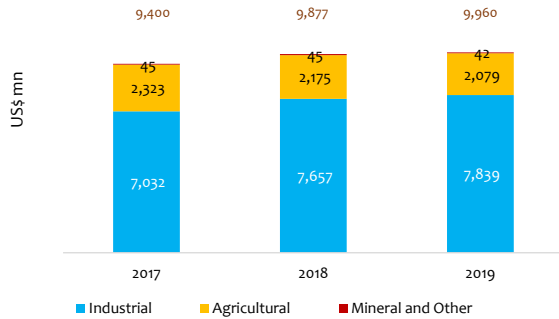


Imports (US\$ mn)

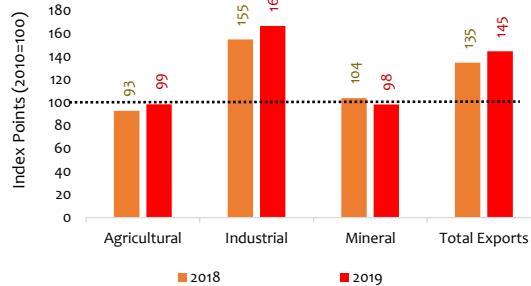


Export Performance

Export Performance (Jan-Oct)



Export Volume Index (Jan-Oct)

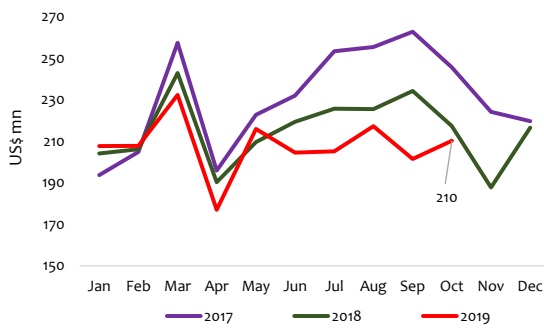


Earnings from exports increased during the first ten months of 2019 driven by higher industrial exports despite the decline in earnings from agriculture and mineral exports.

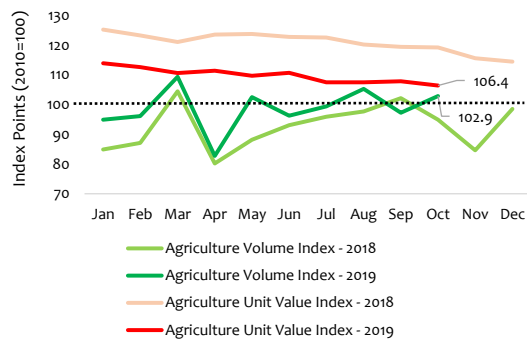
Export volume index improved during the first ten months of 2019 due to the increase in industrial and agricultural exports.

Agricultural Exports

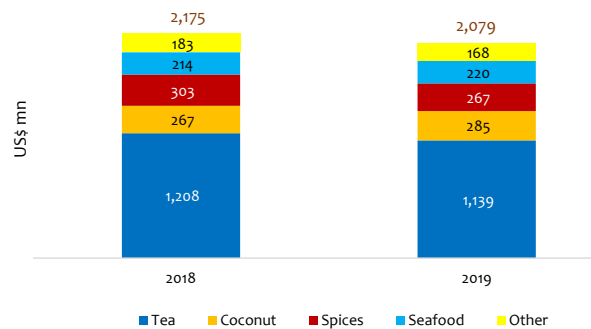
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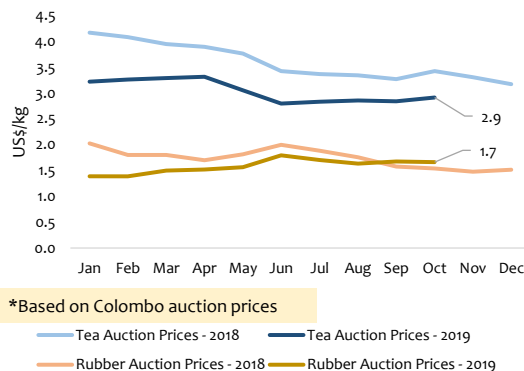
Agriculture Volume and Unit Value Indices



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Oct)



Tea and Rubber Prices *

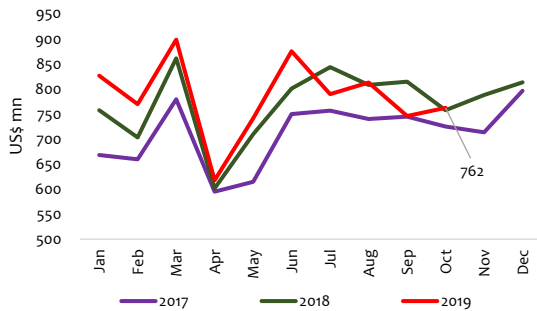


*Based on Colombo auction prices

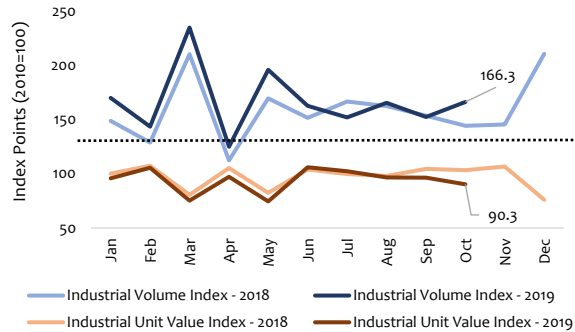
Export earnings from agricultural exports declined during the first ten months of 2019 due to lower earnings from tea, spices and minor agricultural products exports as a result of relatively low prices. However, export earnings from coconut, seafood and vegetables increased during this period.

Industrial Exports

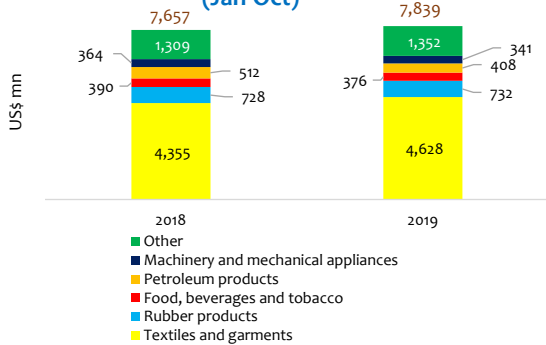
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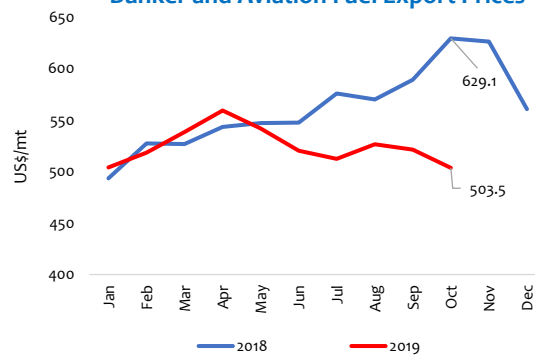
Industrial Volume and Price Indices



Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Oct)



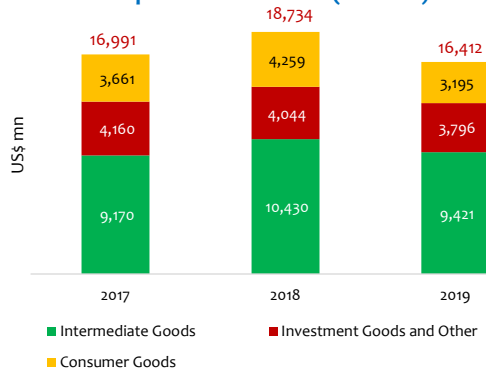
Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



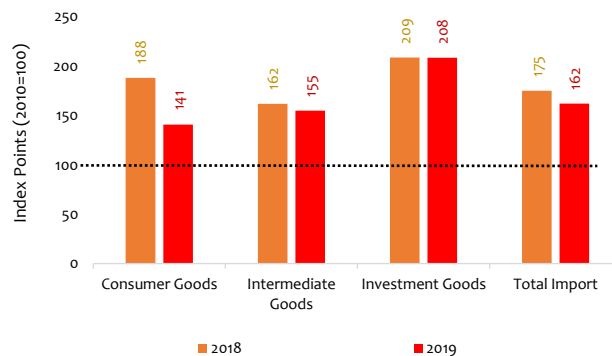
Export earnings from industrial exports increased during the first ten months of 2019 due to improved performance in textiles and garments, transport equipment and animal fodder exports. However, export earnings from petroleum products decreased during this period mainly driven by lower bunker prices in line with lower international crude oil prices. Export volumes of industrial exports increased during this period in comparison to the first ten months of 2018.

Import Performance

Import Performance (Jan-Oct)

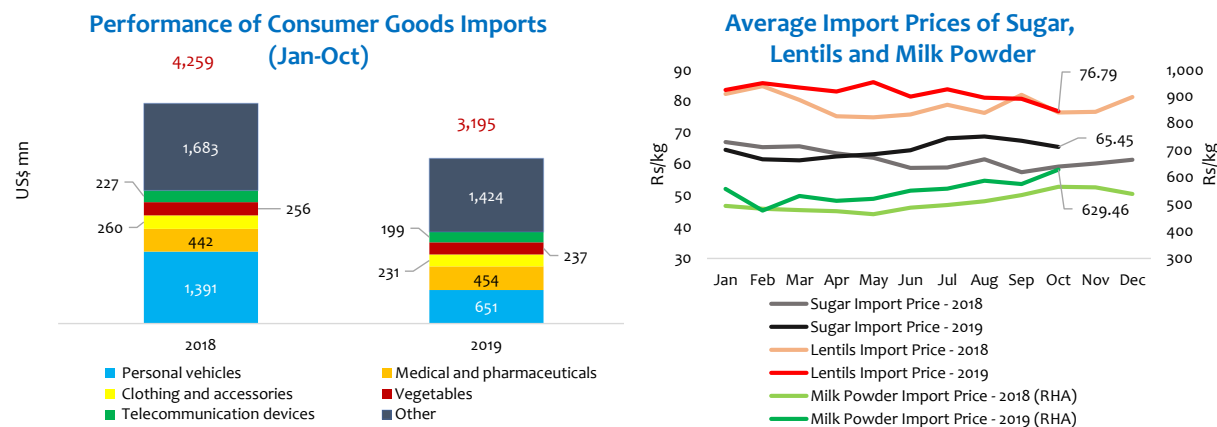
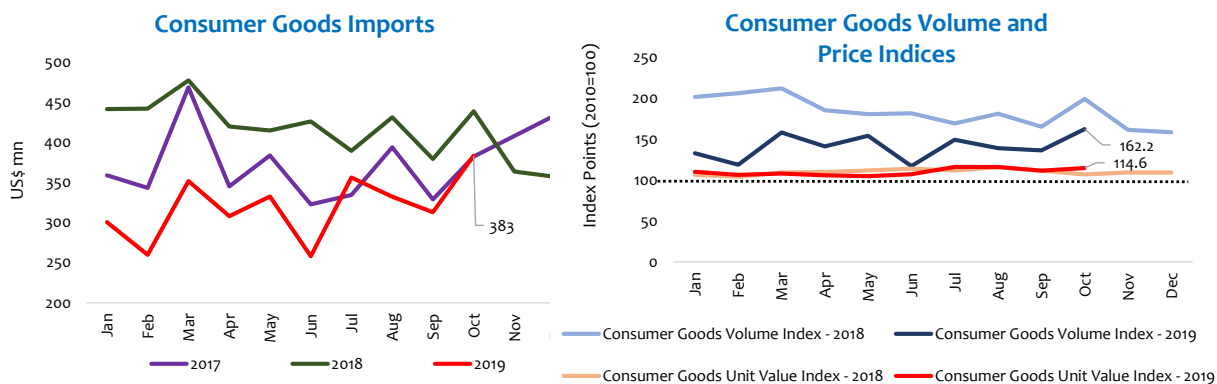


Import Volume Index (Jan-Oct)



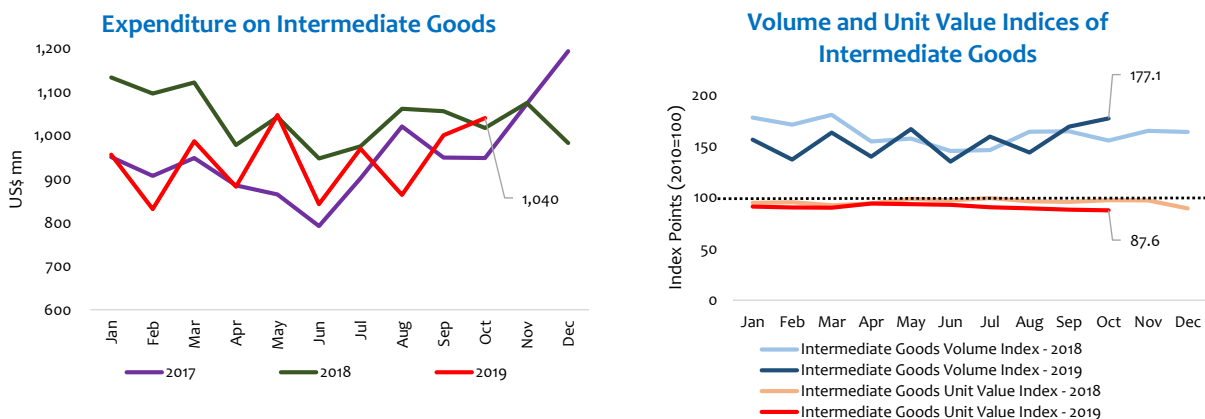
Expenditure on imports declined during the first ten months of 2019 due to lower expenses incurred on all major categories of imports.

Consumer Goods Imports

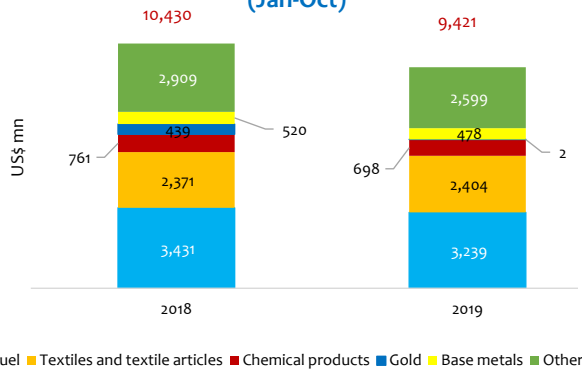


Import expenditure on consumer goods declined during the first ten months of 2019 due to lower imports of most categories, particularly personal vehicles and food items such as rice, sugar, vegetables and dairy products. (In this chart, rice, sugar and dairy products are included in other category). In addition, non-food consumer goods such as telecommunication devices, clothing and accessories and home appliances also declined during this period.

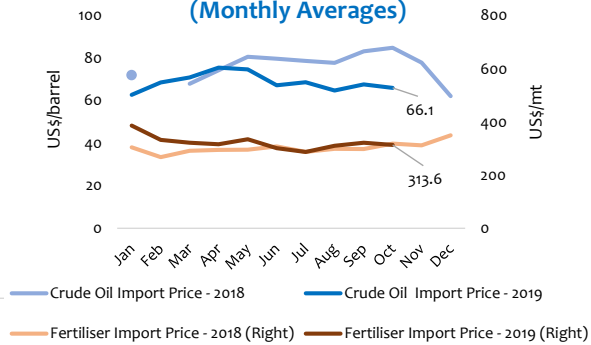
Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Oct)



Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

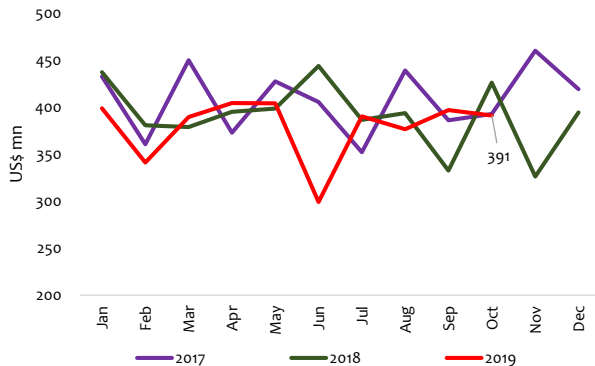


*Crude oil was not imported in February 2018.

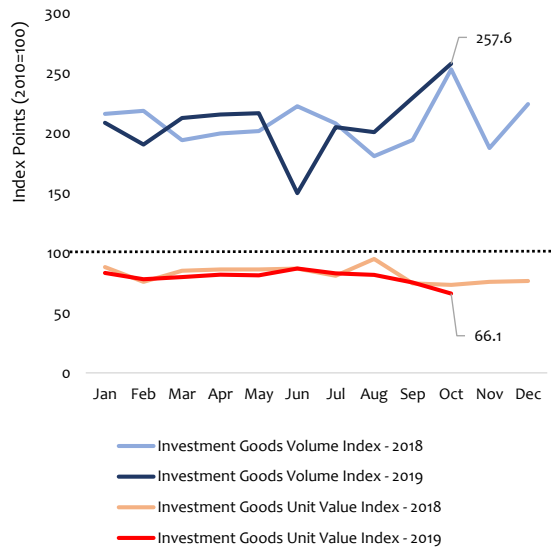
Import expenditure on intermediate goods declined during the first ten months of 2019 mainly due to the lower imports of gold, fuel and plastics and articles thereof. However, expenditure on textiles and textile article imports increased in line with higher garments exports while expenditure on mineral products increased, led by higher cement clinker imports.

Investment Goods Imports

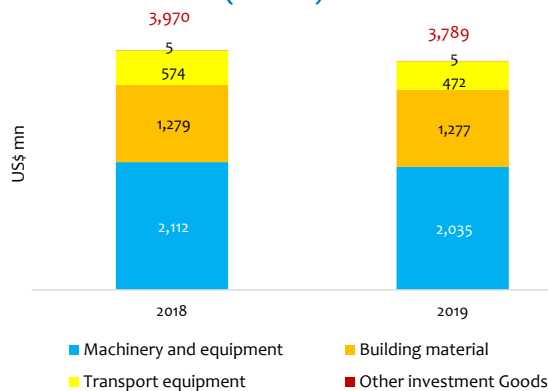
Expenditure on Investment Goods Imports



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Oct)



Import expenditure on investment goods declined during the first ten months of 2019 mainly due to lower imports of transport equipment and machinery and equipment.

Summary of External Trade Statistics

Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Oct-18	Oct-19	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Oct 2018	Jan - Oct 2019	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	217.3	210.2	-3.3	2,175.0	2,079.1	-4.4
o/w Tea	115.5	113.8	-1.5	1,208.2	1,139.1	-5.7
Coconut	28.6	26.3	-8.0	266.7	284.8	6.8
Spices	33.2	32.6	-1.9	302.5	267.4	-11.6
Seafood	23.3	19.2	-17.7	214.4	219.6	2.4
Industrial Exports	757.4	762.1	0.6	7,657.0	7,839.0	2.4
o/w Textiles and garments	426.6	441.6	3.5	4,354.5	4,628.4	6.3
Rubber products	71.4	70.3	-1.6	727.6	732.5	0.7
Petroleum products	58.5	41.5	-29.1	512.3	408.5	-20.3
Food, beverages and tobacco	42.7	38.7	-9.5	389.9	376.0	-3.6
Machinery and mechanical appliances	35.8	33.4	-6.6	364.2	341.4	-6.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	24.3	30.0	23.5	238.8	254.6	6.6
Leather, travel goods and footwear	9.1	7.0	-23.2	128.2	89.2	-30.4
Mineral and Other Exports	4.4	5.0	11.8	44.7	42.3	-5.4
Total Exports	979.1	977.3	-0.2	9,876.7	9,960.5	0.8

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Oct-18	Oct-19	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Oct 2018	Jan - Oct 2019	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	438.5	383.3	-12.6	4,259.1	3,195.3	-25.0
Food and beverages	121.2	128.9	6.3	1,360.4	1,138.2	-16.3
o/w Rice	1.0	1.5	53.1	102.5	10.1	-90.1
Non-food consumer goods	317.3	254.4	-19.8	2,898.7	2,057.1	-29.0
o/w Personal vehicles	160.8	84.6	-47.4	1,391.4	651.0	-53.2
Intermediate goods	1,017.5	1,040.2	2.2	10,430.3	9,420.7	-9.7
o/w Fuel	265.9	308.3	15.9	3,431.0	3,238.8	-5.6
Gold	0.5	0.0	-99.5	438.6	2.3	-99.5
Textiles and textile articles	279.7	277.1	-0.9	2,371.3	2,404.2	1.4
Fertiliser	23.1	27.4	18.5	210.9	194.9	-7.6
Wheat and maize	53.9	33.0	-38.8	326.6	266.9	-18.3
Investment goods and other	426.4	392.2	-8.0	4,044.1	3,795.8	-6.1
o/w Machinery and equipment	233.5	218.2	-6.5	2,112.1	2,034.9	-3.7
Total Imports	1,882.5	1,815.7	-3.5	18,733.5	16,411.8	-12.4

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Oct-18	Oct-19	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Oct 2018	Jan - Oct 2019	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-903.4	-838.4	-	-8,856.8	-6,451.3	-

Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	Oct-18	Oct-19	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Oct 2018	Jan - Oct 2019	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	136.3	136.0	-0.2	137.5	138.6	0.8
Volume index	127.8	145.4	13.8	134.7	144.6	7.4
Unit value index	106.7	93.5	-12.3	102.1	95.8	-6.1
Import						
Value index	168.5	162.5	-3.5	167.7	146.9	-12.4
Volume index	185.3	192.3	3.8	175.1	162.0	-7.5
Unit value index	90.9	84.5	-7.0	95.8	90.6	-5.3
Terms of Trade	117.3	110.7	-5.7	106.6	105.7	-0.8

(a) In US\$ terms