



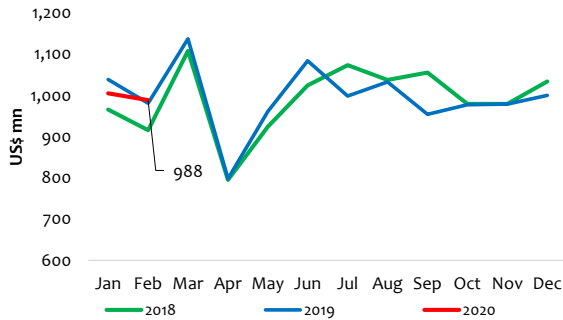
MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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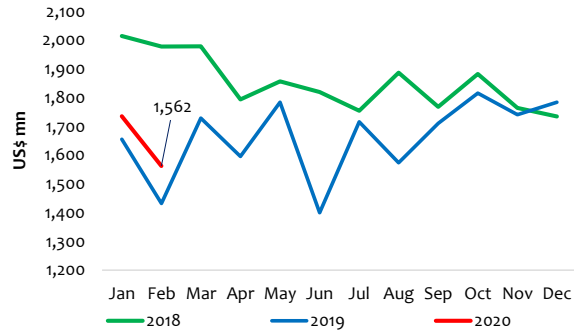
Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



Earnings from merchandise exports increased marginally by 0.7 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 988 million in February 2020.

Monthly Import Performance



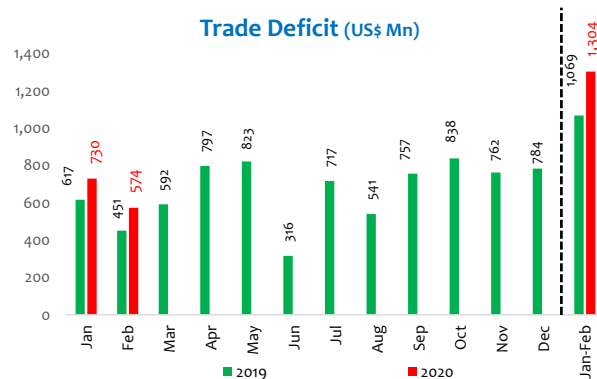
Expenditure on merchandise imports increased by 9.1 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,562 million in February 2020.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



Export earnings decreased by 1.3 per cent (year-on-year) during first two months of 2020 while import expenditure increased by 6.8 per cent.

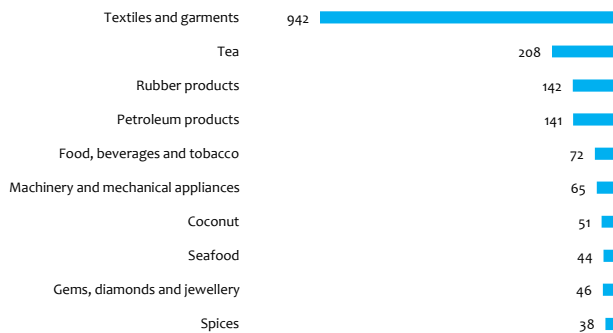
Trade Deficit (US\$ Mn)



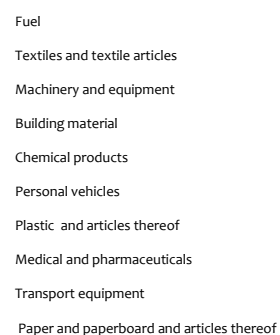
The deficit in the trade account expanded in February 2020 to US dollars 574 million in comparison to US dollars 451 million recorded in February 2019.

Major Export and Import Categories - (Jan-Feb2020)

Exports (US\$ mn)

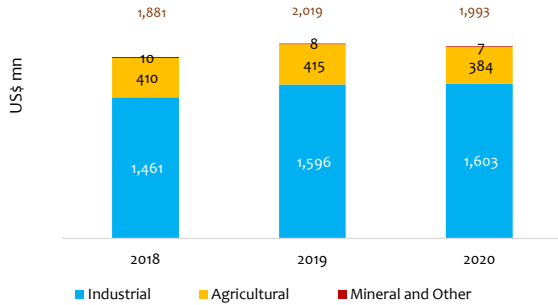


Imports (US\$ mn)

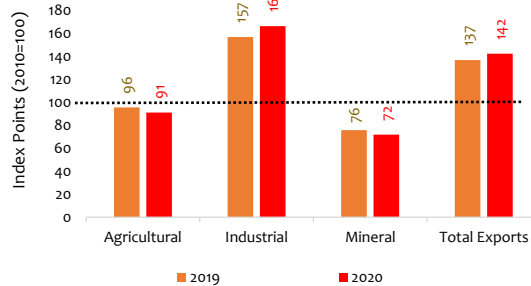


Export Performance

Export Performance - (Jan-Feb)



Export Volume Index - (Jan-Feb)

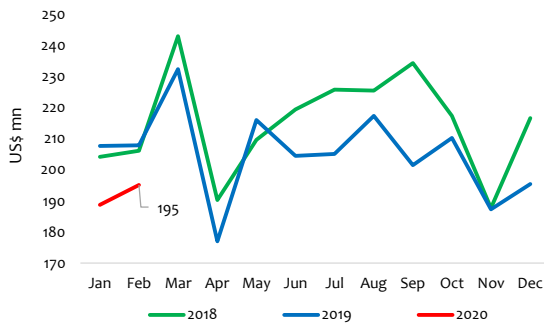


Earnings from exports decreased during first two months of 2020 driven by agricultural and mineral exports whereas a marginal increase was recorded in industrial exports.

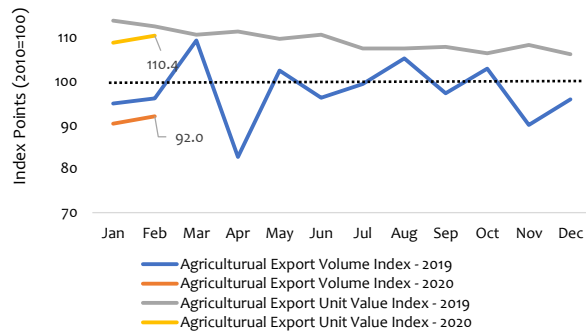
Export volume index improved during first two months of 2020 due to the increase in industrial export volumes.

Agricultural Exports

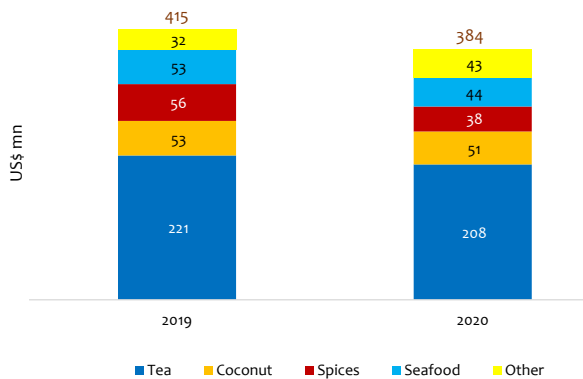
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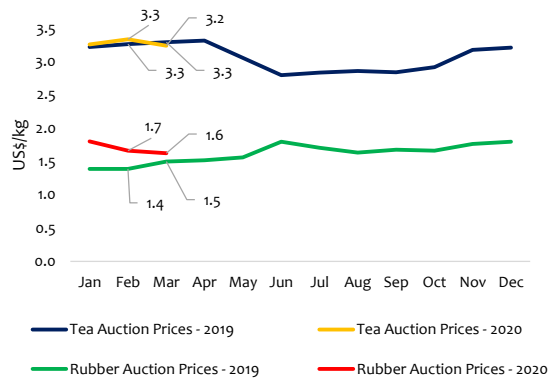
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Feb)



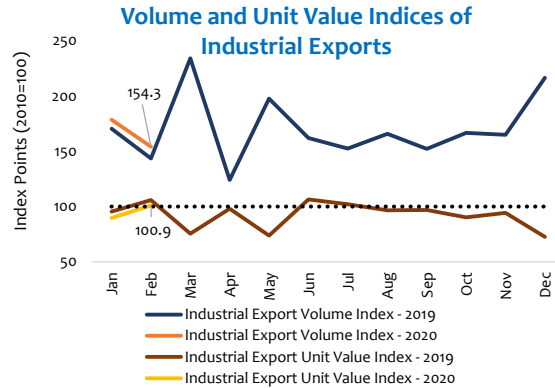
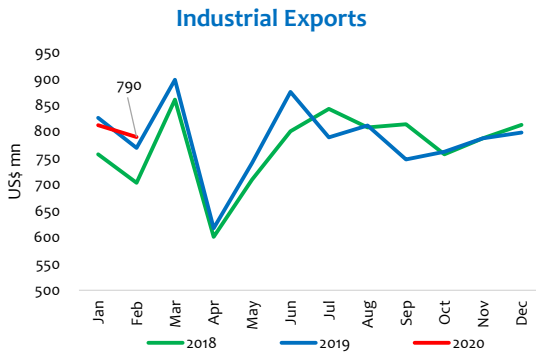
Tea and Rubber Prices *



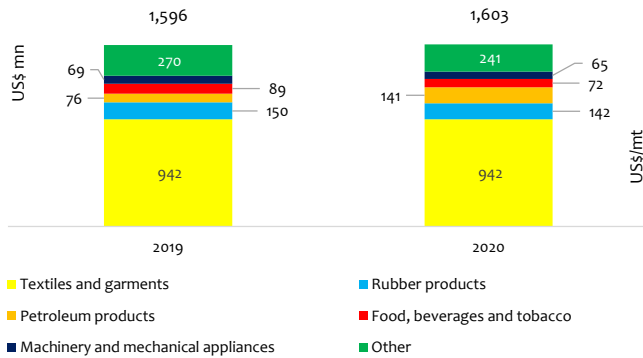
*Based on Colombo auction prices

Export earnings from agricultural exports declined during first two months of 2020 mainly due to lower earnings from spices, tea, seafood and coconut exports. However, export earnings from minor agricultural products and natural rubber increased during this period.

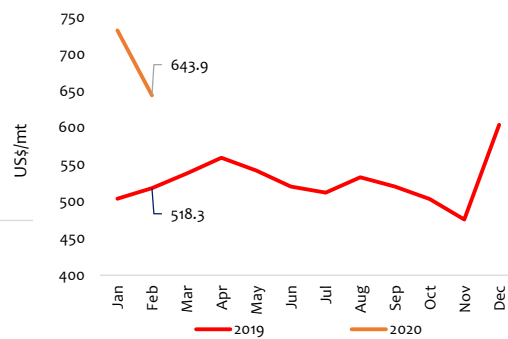
Industrial Exports



Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Feb)



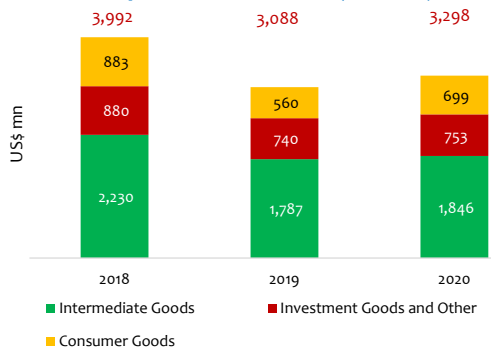
Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



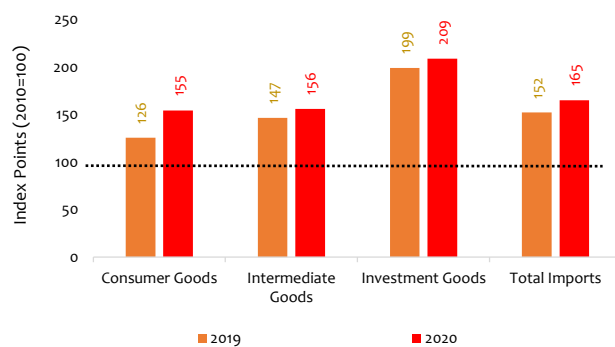
Earnings from industrial exports declined marginally during first two months of 2020 due to low performance in food, beverages and tobacco, leather, travel goods and footwear, rubber products, animal fodder and wood and paper products exports. However, export earnings from petroleum products increased during this period mainly due to higher prices of bunkering exports.

Import Performance

Import Performance - (Jan-Feb)

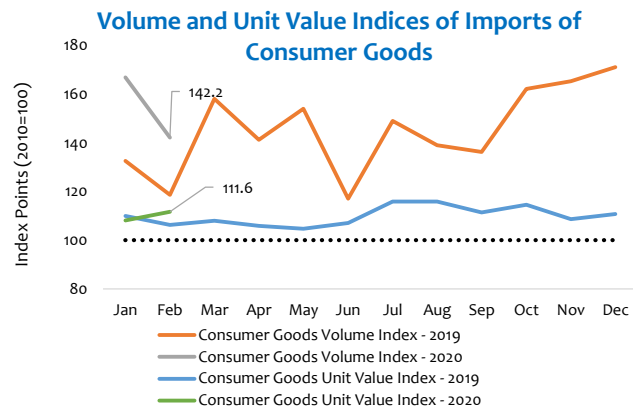
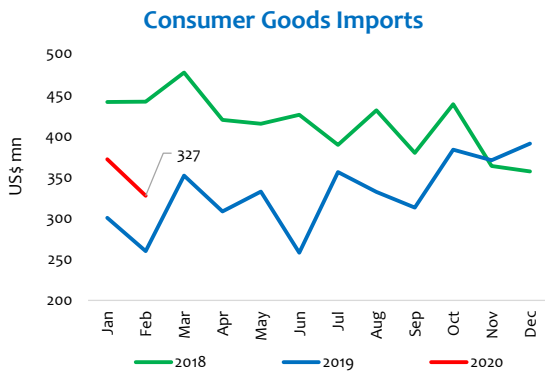


Import Volume Index - (Jan-Feb)

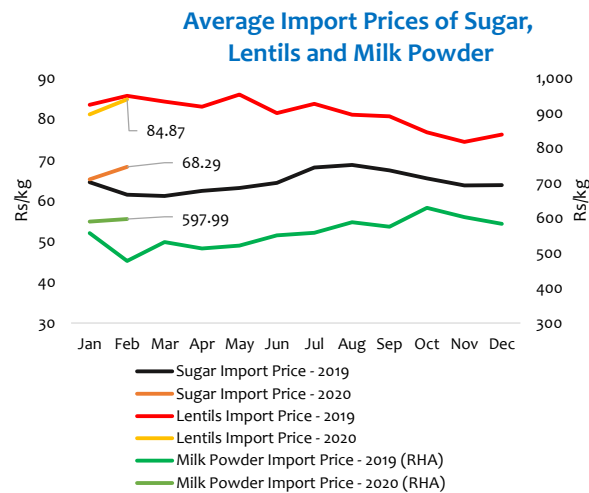
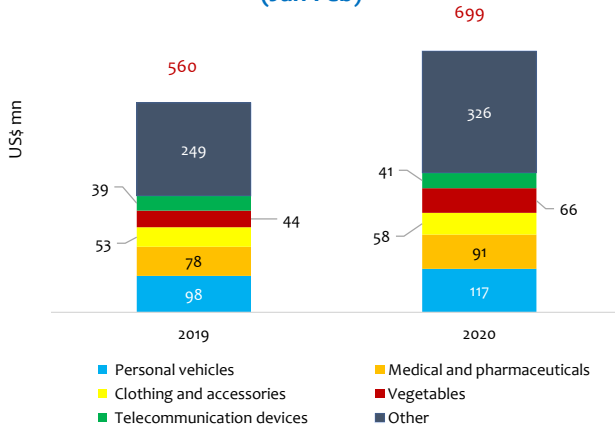


Expenditure on imports increased during first two months of 2020 mainly due to higher expenditure incurred on all major categories of imports. Meanwhile, import volume index improved during the period under consideration with higher import volumes of all major categories.

Consumer Goods Imports

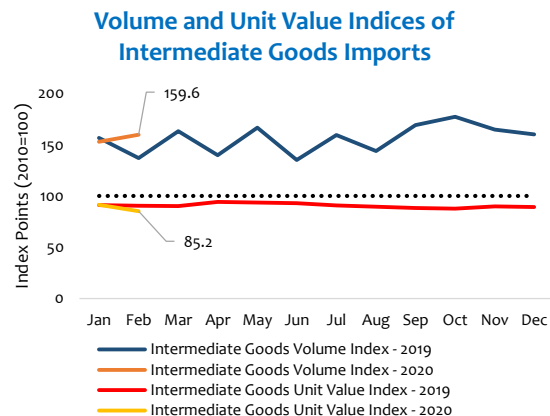
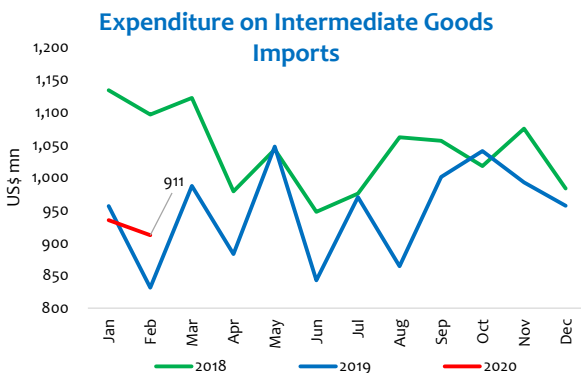


Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)

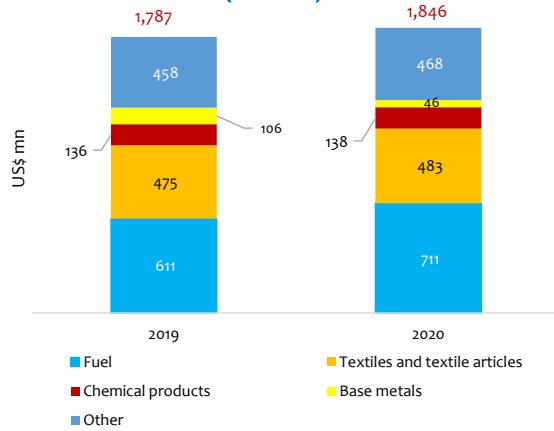


Import expenditure on consumer goods increased during the first two months of 2020 due to higher imports of most categories, particularly food items such as dairy products, vegetables and sugar and non-food consumers goods such as personal vehicles and medical and pharmaceuticals. However, expenditure on seafood and cosmetics and toiletries declined during the period.

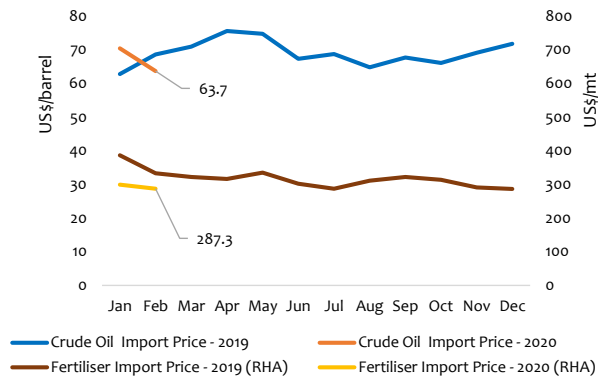
Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)



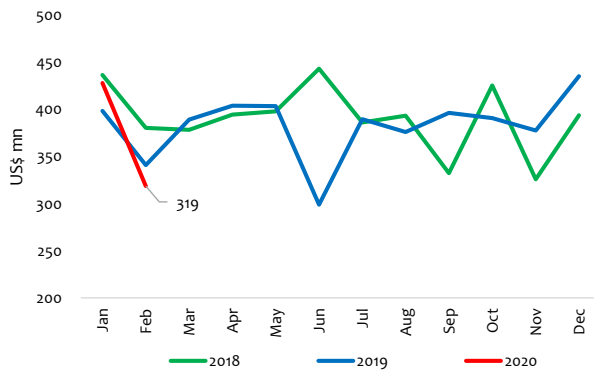
Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)



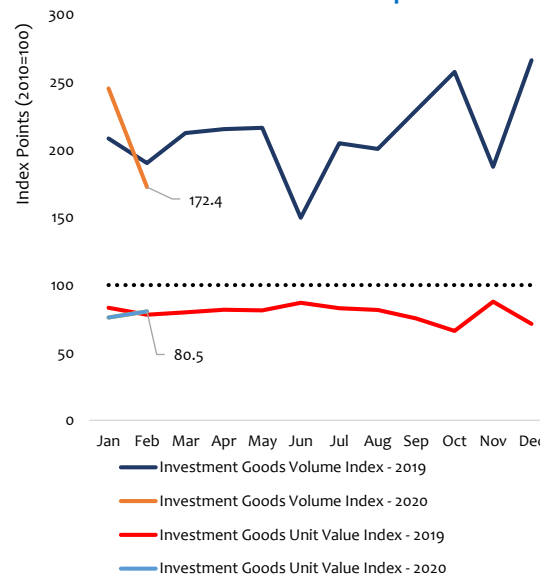
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased during first two months of 2020 mainly due to the higher expenditure on imports of fuel, food preparations, rubber and articles thereof and textiles and textile articles. However, expenditure on base metals, wheat and maize and vehicle and machinery parts decreased during the period.

Investment Goods Imports

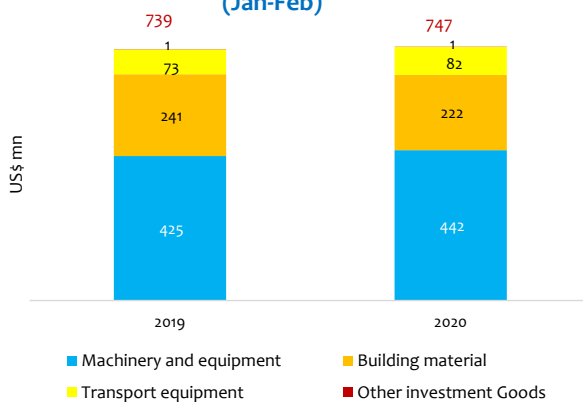
Expenditure on Investment Goods Imports



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)



Import expenditure on investment goods increased during first two months of 2020 mainly due to higher imports of machinery and equipment and transport equipment although imports of building material declined.

Summary of External Trade Statistics

Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb-19	Feb-20	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Feb 2020	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	207.8	195.1	-6.1	415.4	383.8	-7.6
o/w Tea	110.6	107.8	-2.5	221.4	207.5	-6.2
Coconut	27.3	26.2	-4.3	53.0	50.7	-4.4
Spices	28.6	18.7	-34.7	56.4	38.1	-32.4
Seafood	25.3	20.6	-18.8	52.7	44.2	-16.1
Industrial Exports	769.5	790.0	2.7	1,595.9	1,602.6	0.4
o/w Textiles and garments	465.6	468.1	0.5	941.5	942.2	0.1
Rubber products	69.7	71.5	2.6	150.3	141.7	-5.7
Petroleum products	38.6	57.8	50.0	76.0	140.6	84.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	35.5	36.6	3.1	88.6	72.1	-18.6
Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.2	34.8	7.9	69.1	65.3	-5.5
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	27.1	21.3	-21.3	51.2	46.0	-10.1
Leather, travel goods and footwear	10.6	7.3	-30.5	23.7	12.9	-45.5
Mineral and Other Exports	3.8	3.3	-13.3	7.9	6.9	-13.1
Total Exports	981.1	988.4	0.7	2,019.3	1,993.3	-1.3

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb-19	Feb-20	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Feb 2020	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	259.9	327.3	25.9	560.4	699.0	24.7
Food and beverages	85.7	135.8	58.5	196.9	283.4	43.9
o/w Rice	1.0	1.4	40.6	3.3	3.6	7.0
Milk Powder	4.8	26.4	445.9	21.6	61.0	183.0
Non-food consumer goods	174.2	191.4	9.9	363.5	415.7	14.3
o/w Personal vehicles	48.1	53.6	11.3	97.7	116.9	19.7
Intermediate goods	831.0	911.5	9.7	1,787.1	1,846.0	3.3
o/w Fuel	281.8	418.7	48.6	610.8	710.6	16.3
Textiles and textile articles	212.2	182.0	-14.2	474.7	482.8	1.7
Fertiliser	5.3	13.2	148.8	9.1	19.2	111.9
Wheat and maize	26.7	8.4	-68.5	41.2	17.3	-58.0
Investment goods and other	341.5	323.6	-5.2	740.3	752.7	1.7
o/w Machinery and equipment	193.9	183.5	-5.4	425.1	442.1	4.0
Total Imports	1,432.4	1,562.3	9.1	3,087.9	3,297.7	6.8

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb-19	Feb-20	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Feb 2020	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-451.3	-573.9	-	-1,068.6	-1,304.3	-

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

Item	Feb-19	Feb-20	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Feb 2020	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	136.6	137.6	0.7	140.5	138.7	-1.3
Volume index	127.3	133.9	5.2	136.8	142.2	4.0
Unit value index	107.3	102.8	-4.2	102.8	97.6	-5.1
Import						
Value index	128.2	139.9	9.1	138.2	147.6	6.8
Volume index	143.2	157.5	10.0	152.2	165.3	8.6
Unit value index	89.5	88.8	-0.8	90.8	89.3	-1.6
Terms of Trade	119.8	115.7	-3.5	113.2	109.2	-3.5

(a) In US\$ terms