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**Current Account**

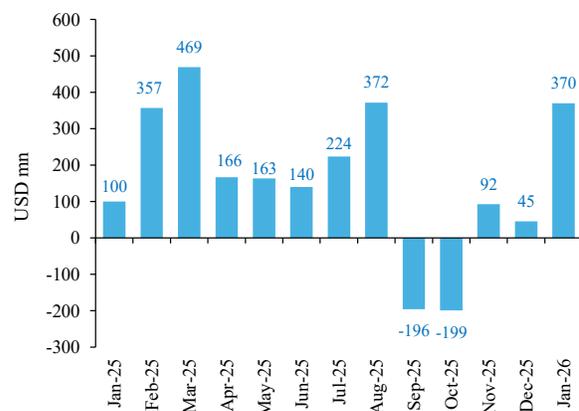
**Summary of Current Account (a)**

Category	Jan 2025 (USD mn)	Jan 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>Current Account Balance</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>369.7</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>1,205.7</b>	<b>1,733.4</b>	<b>43.8</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-732.7</b>	<b>-654.5</b>		<b>-6,069.4</b>	<b>-7,898.6</b>	
Merchandise Exports	1,052.8	1,148.7	9.1	12,772.0	13,581.4	6.3
Merchandise Imports	1,785.5	1,803.3	1.0	18,841.4	21,479.9	14.0
<b>Services Account (net)</b>	<b>418.3</b>	<b>406.4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3,434.8</b>	<b>3,707.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Services Account - Inflows	705.7	734.4	4.1	6,910.0	7,065.7	2.3
Services Account - Outflows	287.4	328.0	14.1	3,475.2	3,358.5	-3.4
<b>Primary Income Account (net)</b>	<b>-143.0</b>	<b>-122.6</b>		<b>-2,599.0</b>	<b>-2,024.3</b>	
Primary Income Account - Inflows	43.0	64.6	50.1	609.4	621.2	1.9
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**Current Account Balance - Annual**



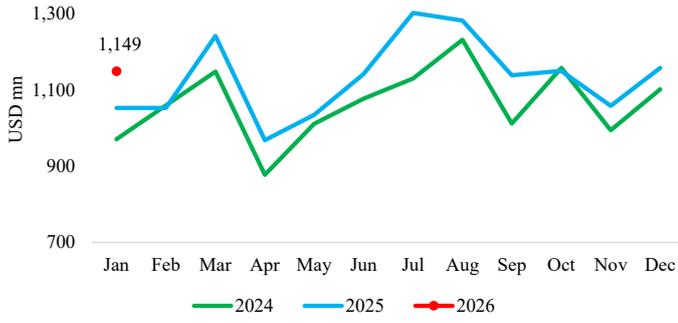
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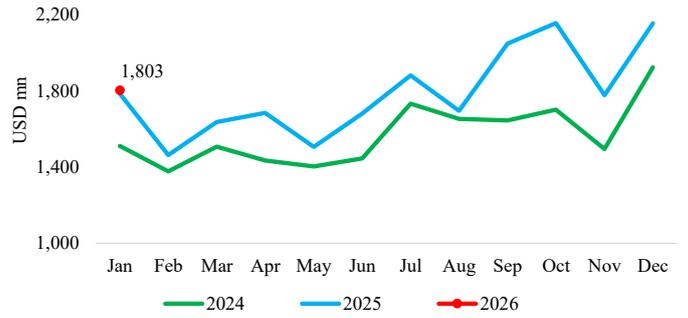
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## Merchandise Trade Highlights

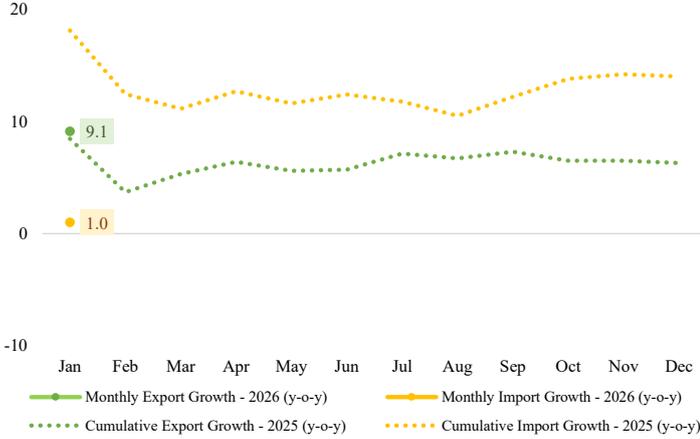
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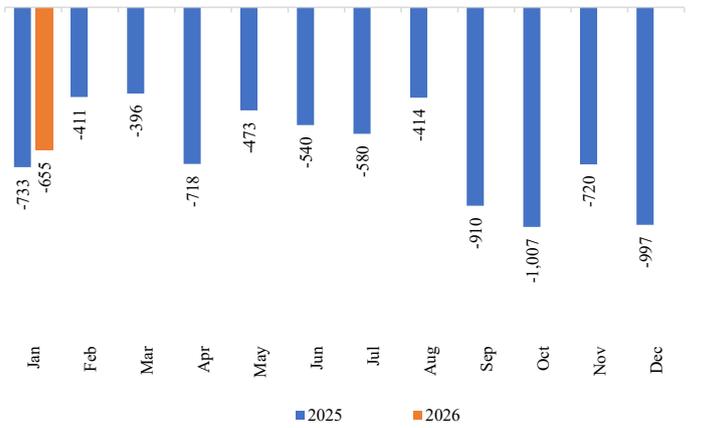
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### Export and Import (y-o-y) Growth Rates (%)

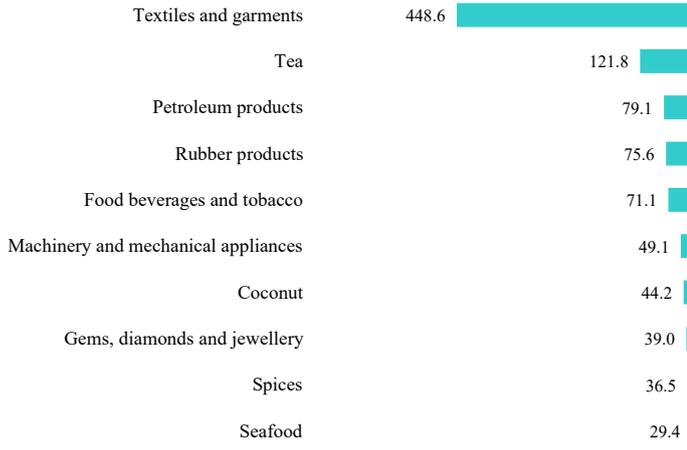


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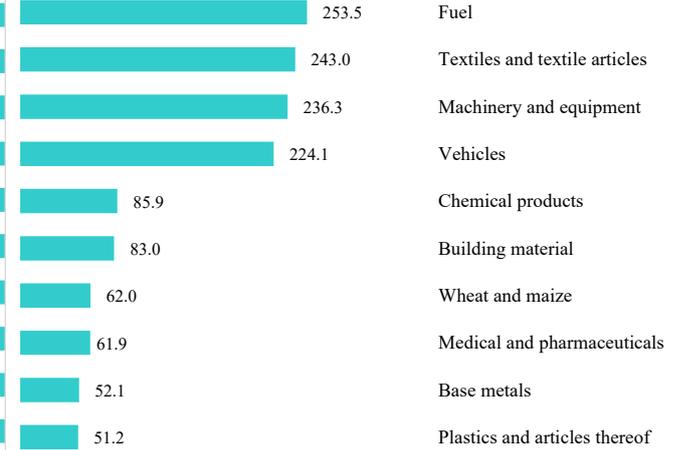


## Major Merchandise Export and Import Categories - January 2026

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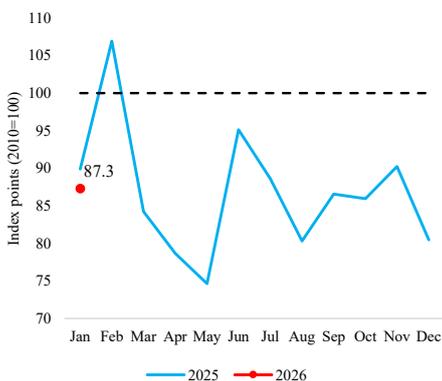


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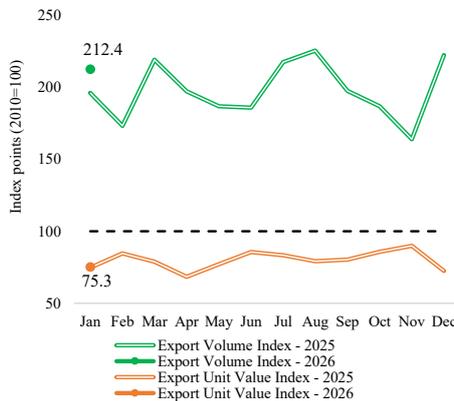


## Terms of Trade and Merchandise Trade Indices (in USD terms)

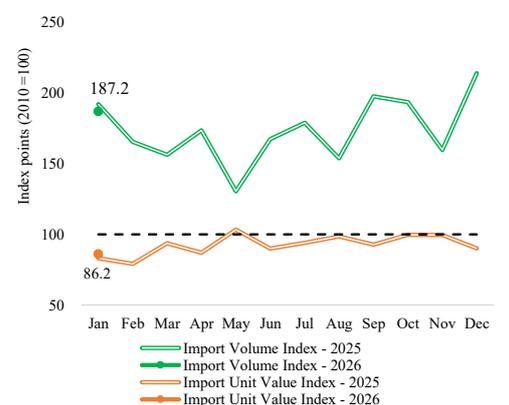
### Terms of Trade



### Export Volume and Unit Value Indices

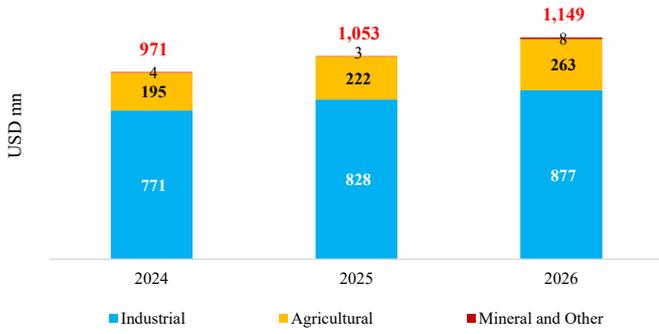


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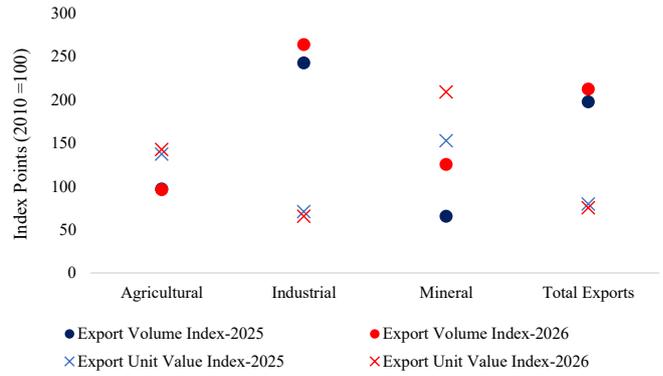


## Merchandise Export Performance

### Export Performance - January

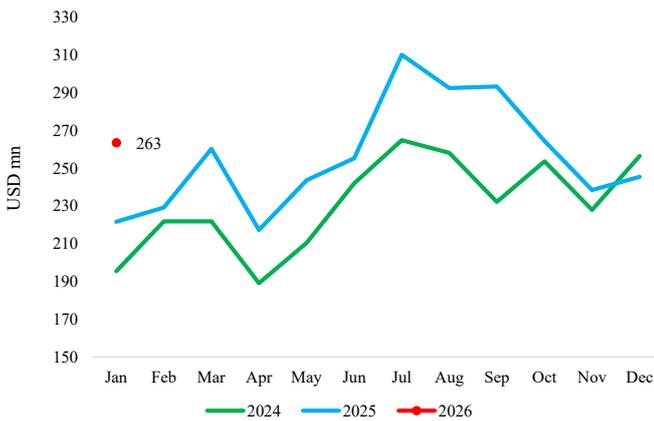


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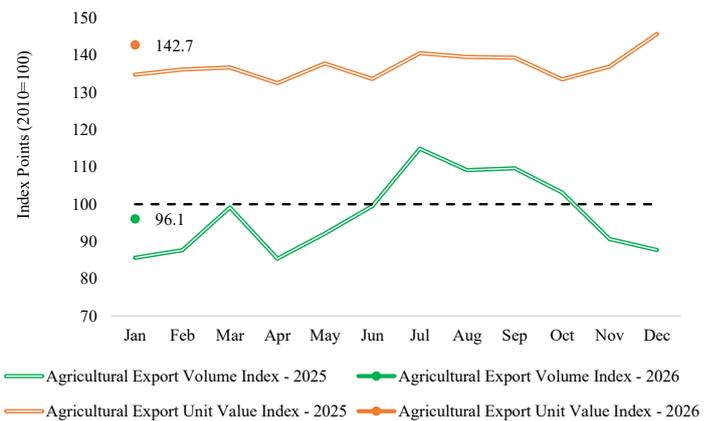


## Agricultural Exports

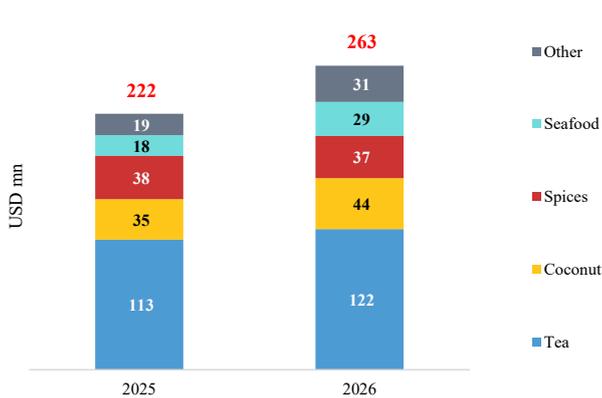
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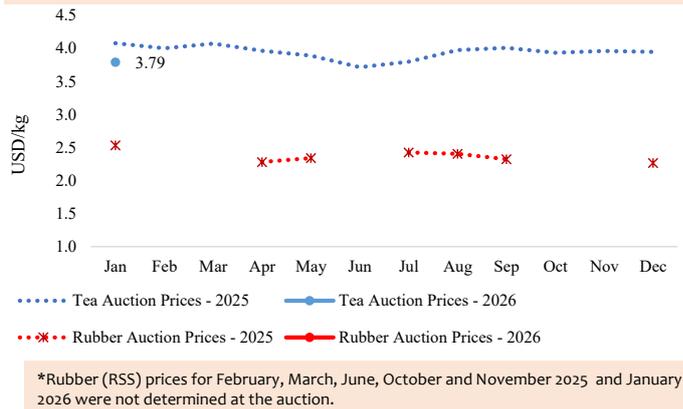
### Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



### Performance of Agricultural Exports - January



### Tea and Rubber Prices

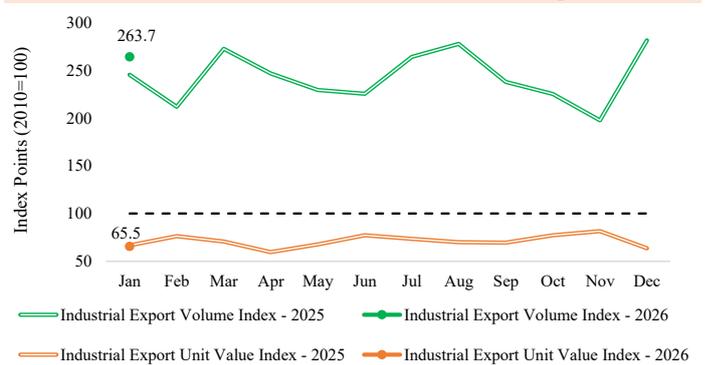


## Industrial Exports

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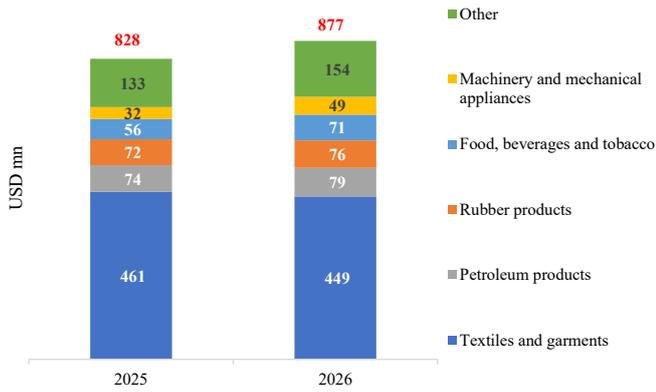


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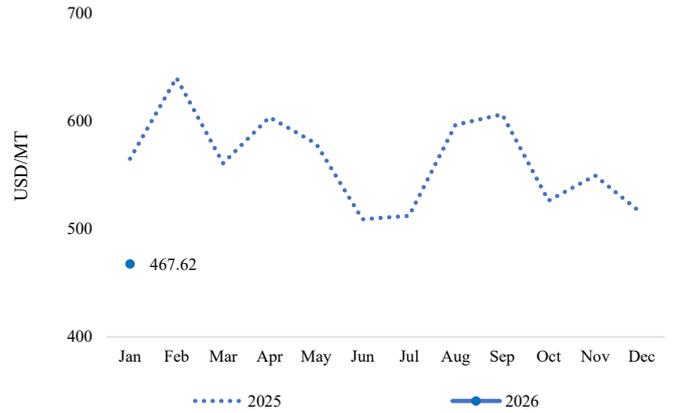


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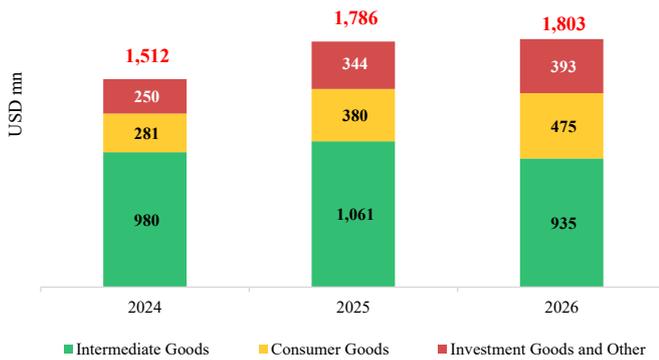


### Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices

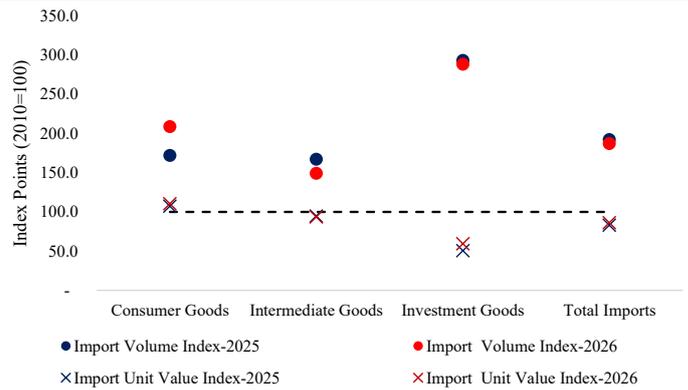


## Merchandise Import Performance

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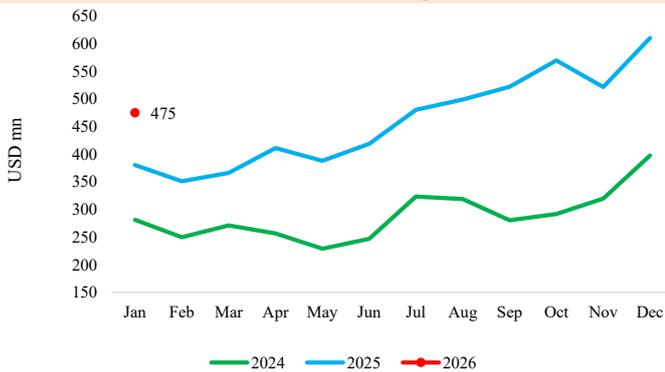


### Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports - January

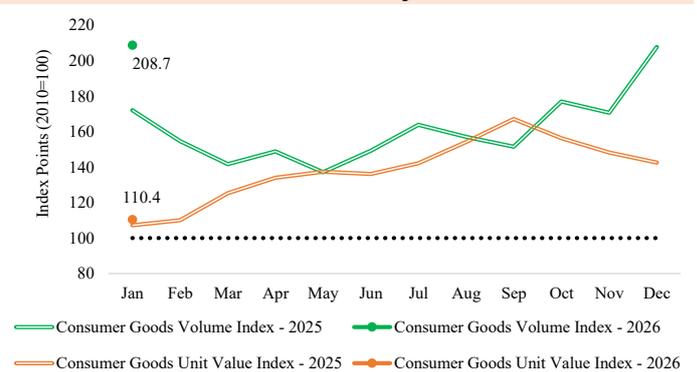


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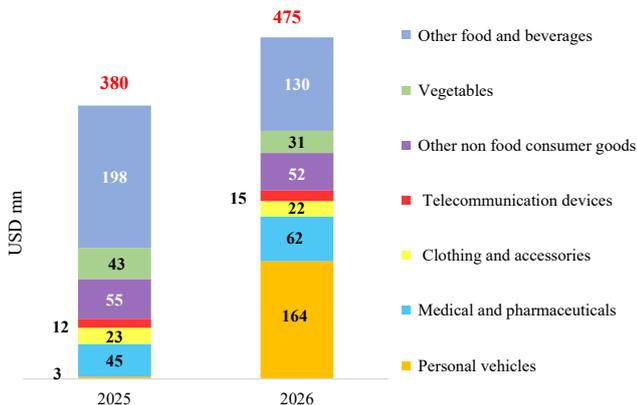
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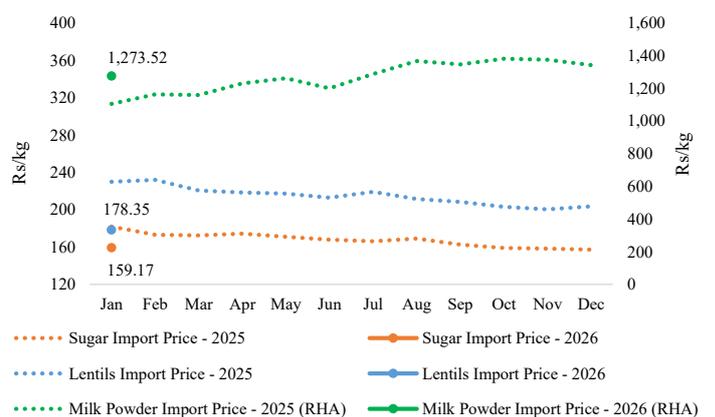
### Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



### Performance of Consumer Goods Imports - January

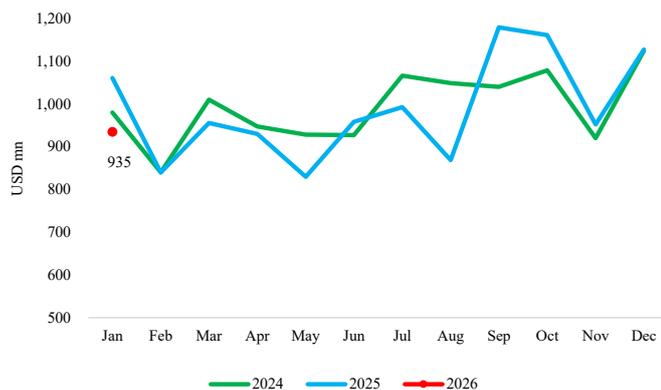


### Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

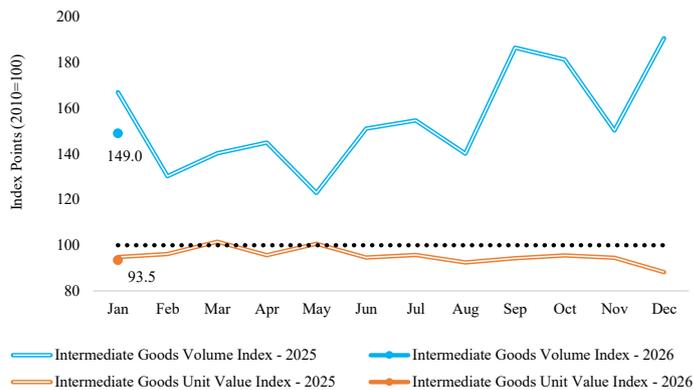


## Intermediate Goods Imports

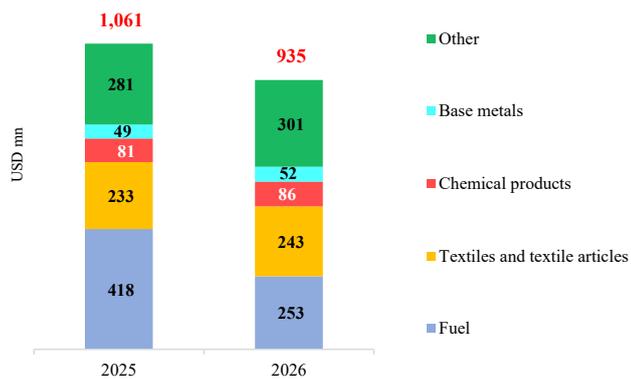
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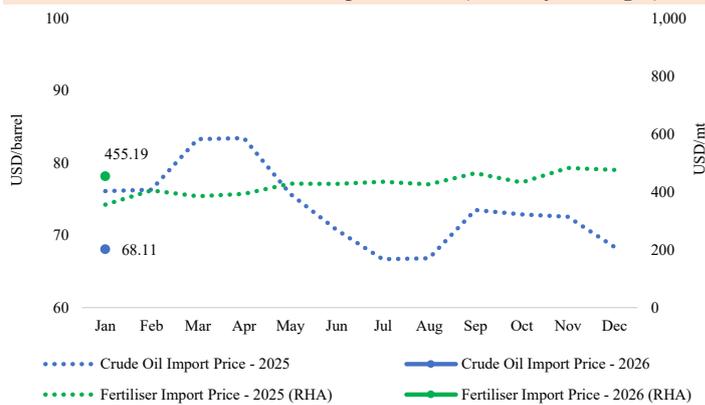
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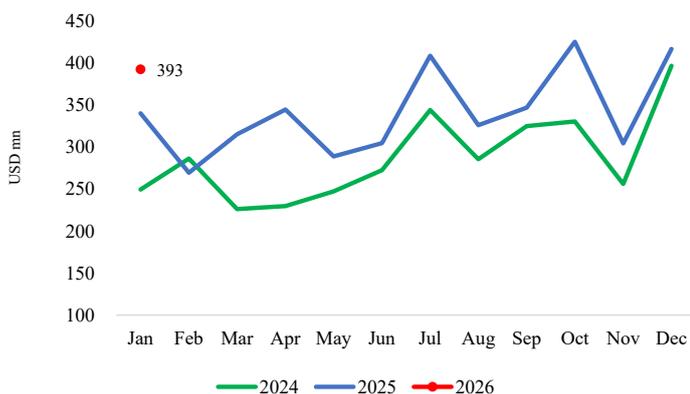


### Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

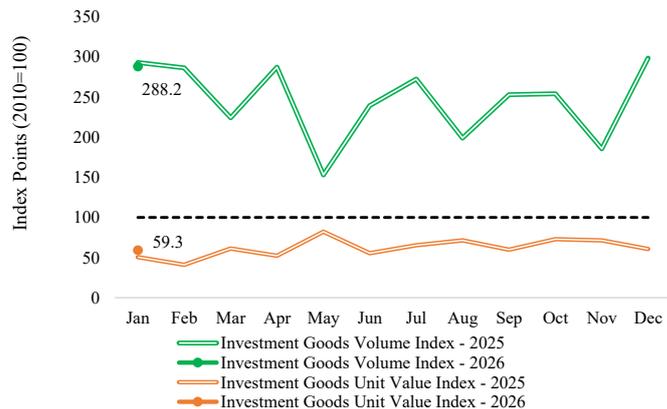


## Investment Goods Imports

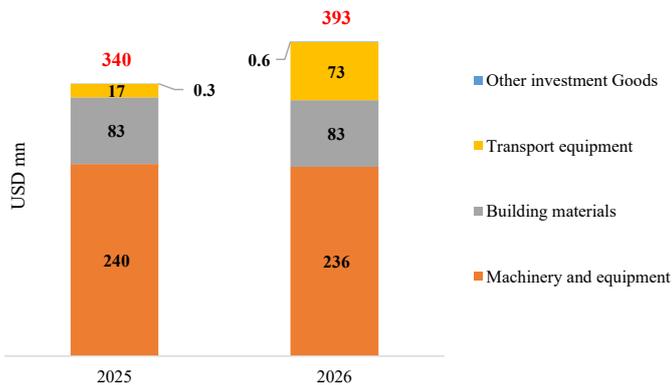
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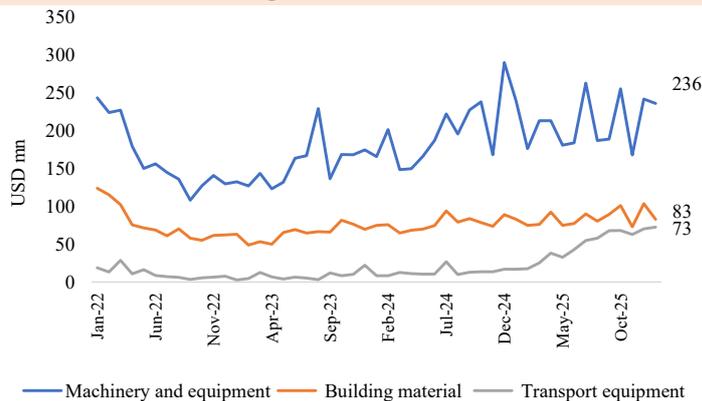
### Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



### Performance of Investment Goods Imports - January



### Sub Categories of Investment Goods



**Summary of Merchandise Trade Statistics - as per Central Bank Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification (a)**

**Export Performance (USD mn)**

Item		Jan-25	Jan-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Agricultural Exports</b>		<b>221.7</b>	<b>263.5</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>2,774.5</b>	<b>3,072.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>
o/w	Tea	112.7	121.8	8.1	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
	Coconut	35.1	44.2	26.1	416.5	573.5	37.7
	Spices	37.7	36.5	-3.0	454.7	443.1	-2.6
	Seafood	17.7	29.4	66.4	233.0	240.2	3.1
<b>Industrial Exports</b>		<b>828.3</b>	<b>877.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>9,946.9</b>	<b>10,460.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>
o/w	Textiles and garments	461.3	448.6	-2.8	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
	Rubber products	71.7	75.6	5.4	975.6	914.6	-6.2
	Petroleum products	73.5	79.1	7.6	1,063.5	971.0	-8.7
	Food, beverages and tobacco	55.9	71.1	27.2	651.5	895.5	37.4
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.4	49.1	51.5	485.5	492.4	1.4
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	37.7	39.0	3.4	381.9	388.0	1.6
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.2	3.5	-15.1	62.2	69.3	11.5
<b>Mineral and Other Exports</b>		<b>2.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>		<b>1,052.8</b>	<b>1,148.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12,772.0</b>	<b>13,581.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>

**Import Performance (USD mn)**

Item		Jan-25	Jan-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Consumer goods</b>		<b>380.2</b>	<b>475.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>3,465.7</b>	<b>5,518.3</b>	<b>59.2</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>		241.4	160.8	-33.4	1,914.3	2,115.9	10.5
o/w	Vegetables (b)	43.2	31.0	-28.3	446.0	406.2	-8.9
	Rice	51.6	2.7	-94.8	85.5	103.5	21.0
<b>Non-food consumer goods</b>		138.8	314.1	126.3	1,551.4	3,402.3	119.3
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	45.4	61.9	36.4	575.6	667.1	15.9
<b>Intermediate goods</b>		<b>1,061.4</b>	<b>934.9</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>11,914.5</b>	<b>11,858.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
o/w	Fuel	417.7	253.5	-39.3	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
	Textiles and textile articles	232.7	243.0	4.4	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
	Fertiliser	12.6	7.3	-41.6	201.1	309.2	53.7
	Wheat and maize	41.3	62.0	50.1	382.5	398.3	4.1
<b>Investment goods and other</b>		<b>343.9</b>	<b>393.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>3,461.2</b>	<b>4,102.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>
o/w	Machinery and equipment	239.8	236.3	-1.4	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>1,785.5</b>	<b>1,803.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>18,841.4</b>	<b>21,479.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>

**Trade Balance (USD mn)**

Item	Jan-25	Jan-26	2024	2025
<b>Trade Balance</b>	-732.7	-654.5	-6,069.4	-7,898.6

**Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (In USD terms)**

Item	Jan-25	Jan-26	Y-O-Y Change (%)	2024	2025	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Export</b>						
Value index	146.5	159.9	9.1	148.1	157.5	6.3
Volume index	196.1	212.4	8.3	185.9	197.6	6.3
Unit value index	74.7	75.3	0.7	79.7	79.7	0.02
<b>Import</b>						
Value index	159.8	161.4	1.0	140.5	160.2	14.0
Volume index	192.2	187.2	-2.6	152.9	173.7	13.6
Unit value index	83.1	86.2	3.7	91.9	92.2	0.4
<b>Terms of Trade</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>87.3</b>		<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.4</b>	

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(b) includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous vegetables and others

Note 1: Detailed CBSL merchandise trade classification and the classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification are presented in Annexure.

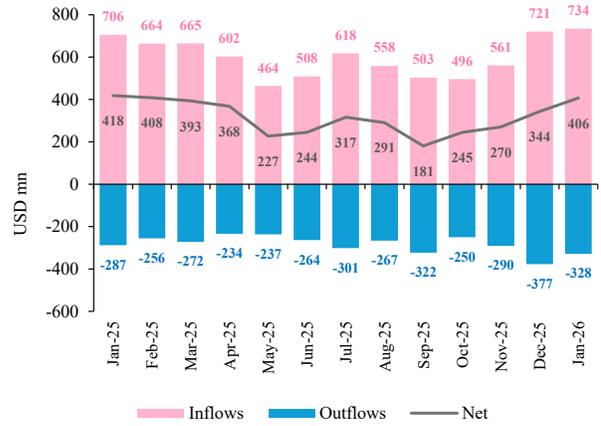
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# Services Account

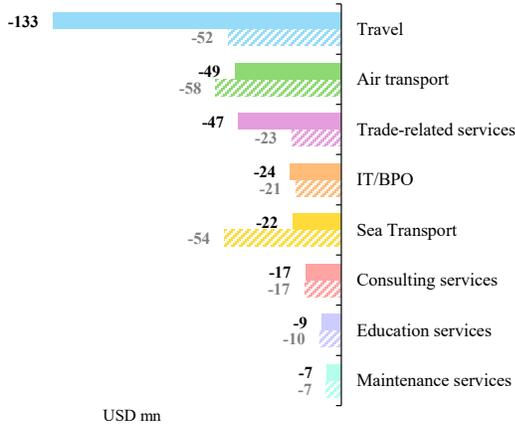
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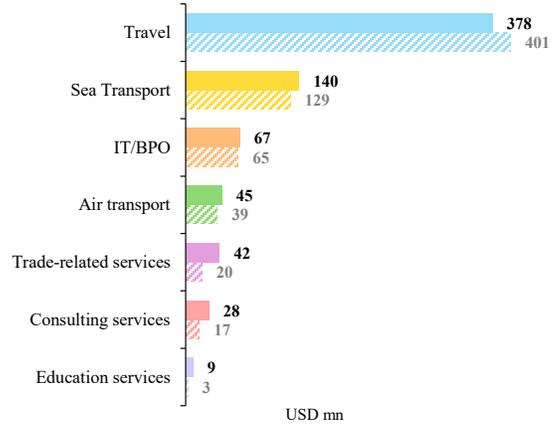
### Services Account - Monthly (a)



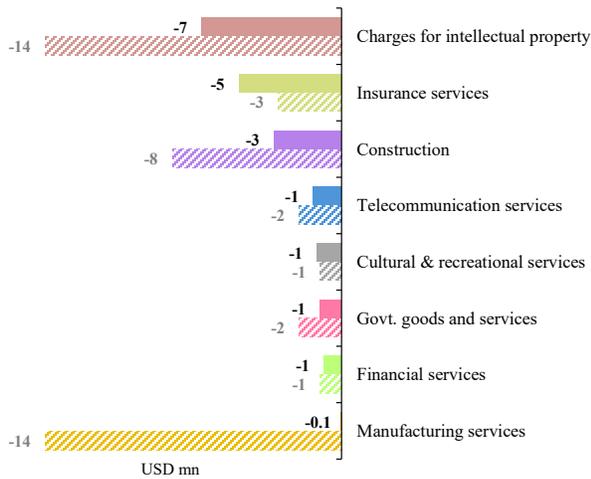
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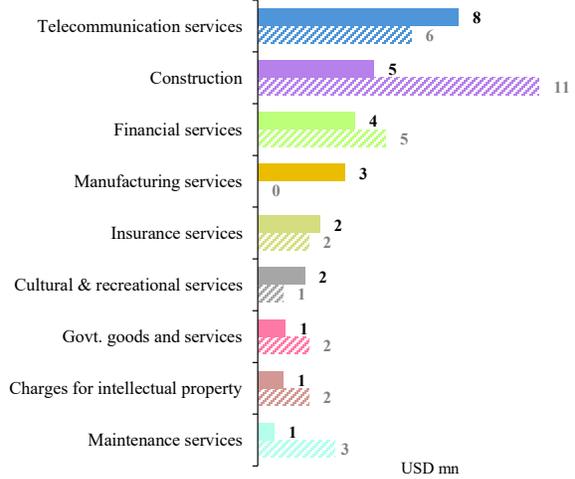
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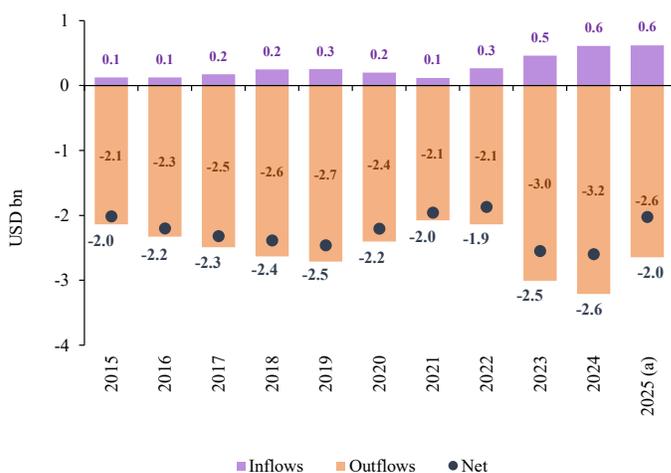
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## Primary Income Account

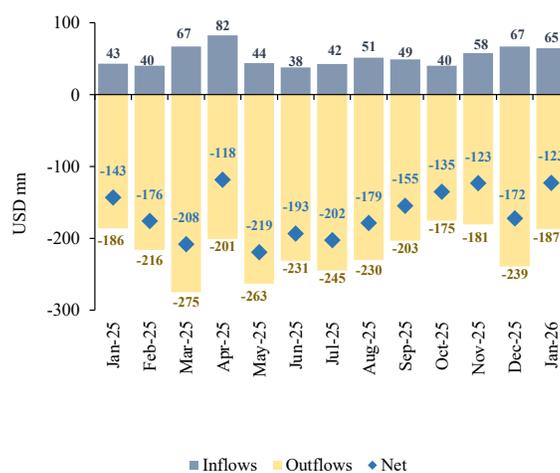
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<b>Primary Income Account Inflows</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>609.4</b>	<b>621.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Primary Income Account Outflows</b>	<b>186.1</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3,208.4</b>	<b>2,645.5</b>	<b>-17.5</b>
<i>of which,</i>						
<b>Direct Investment related Interest Outflows</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>941.7</b>	<b>1,065.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Dividends	60.9	32.2	-47.1	770.8	838.2	8.7
Reinvested Earnings	18.1	33.2	83.5	171.0	226.9	32.7
<b>Portfolio Investment related Outflows</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>877.5</b>	<b>507.2</b>	<b>-42.2</b>
<i>of which,</i>						
Government Bond Outflows	36.1	18.8	-47.8	791.1	388.3	-50.9
<b>Other Investment Interest</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>1,369.0</b>	<b>1,044.9</b>	<b>-23.7</b>
<i>Interest on Foreign Loans</i>						
Government	37.1	63.3	70.6	986.3	727.6	-26.2
Central Bank	11.5	4.1	-63.8	275.9	167.7	-39.2
Deposit-taking Corporations	5.3	1.5	-72.5	82.0	42.9	-47.6
Other Sectors	13.0	2.7	-79.5	24.8	106.6	329.5

#### Primary Income Account - Annual



#### Primary Income Account - Monthly (a)



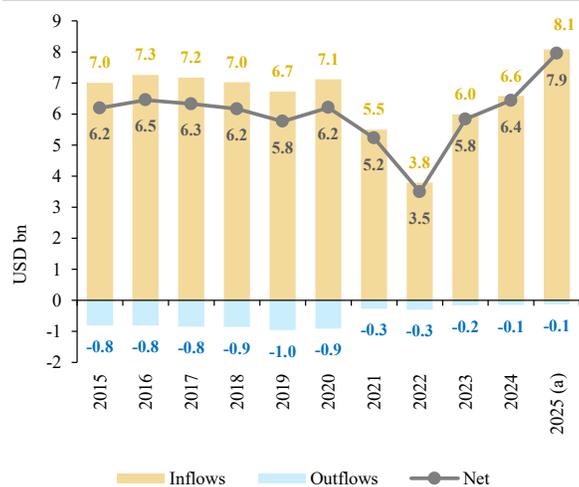
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## Secondary Income Account

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<b>Secondary Income Account (net)</b>	<b>557.2</b>	<b>740.4</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>6,439.3</b>	<b>7,949.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>
Secondary Income Account Inflows	573.2	751.2	31.0	6,585.2	8,079.5	22.7
General Government	0.2	0.1	-69.3	9.8	3.3	-66.6
Worker's Remittances (b)	573.0	751.1	31.1	6,575.4	8,076.2	22.8
Secondary Income Account Outflows	16.0	10.8	-32.5	145.9	130.4	-10.6

#### Secondary Income Account - Annual



#### Inward Workers' Remittances - Monthly



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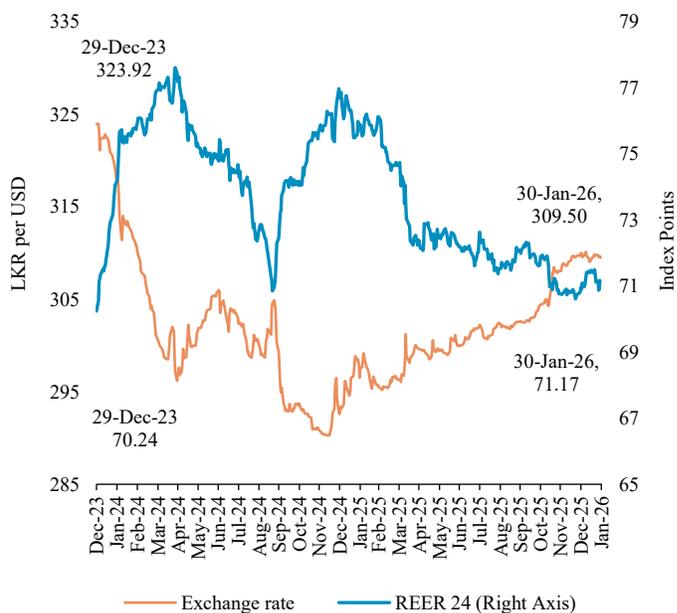
(b) Workers' remittances may include other remittances, such as those received following Cyclone Ditwah.

## Exchange Rate Movements (a)

**Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against the US dollar**



**Movement of Exchange rate and REER 24 (End Dec 2023 - End Jan 2026)**



**Movement of the Sri Lanka rupee against Selected Currencies \***

Currency	2024	2025	2026 (up to 27 Feb)
US dollar	10.7%	-5.6%	0.2%
Euro	17.8%	-16.3%	-0.2%
Pound sterling	12.3%	-12.0%	0.1%
Chinese yuan (Renminbi)	13.9%	-9.6%	-1.6%
Japanese yen	22.5%	-5.6%	-0.2%
Australian dollar	21.7%	-12.2%	-5.7%
Indian rupee	13.9%	-1.0%	1.5%

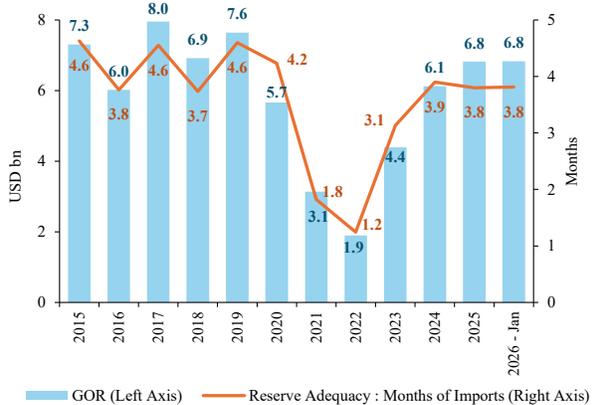
\* Depreciation (-) / Appreciation (+)

(a) Historical data on exchange rate is published in the CBSL website and can be accessed via the following link.

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/rates-and-indicators/exchange-rates>

## Financial Flows and International Reserves

**Gross Official Reserves (GOR) and Reserve Adequacy - End Period (a)**



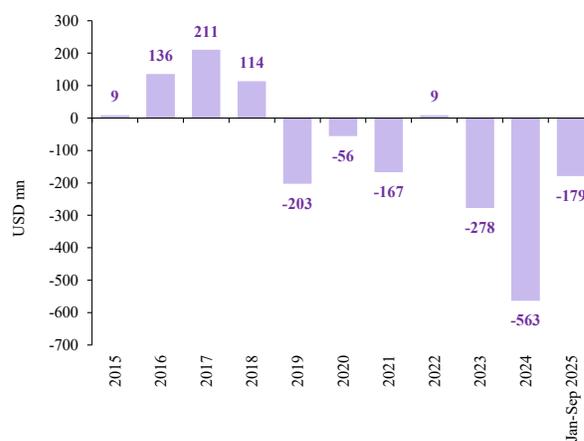
**Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector**



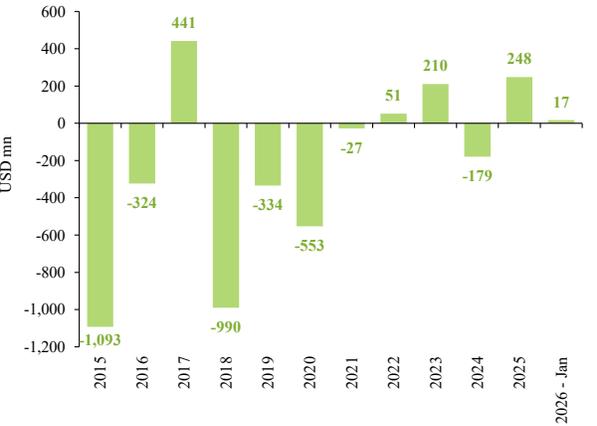
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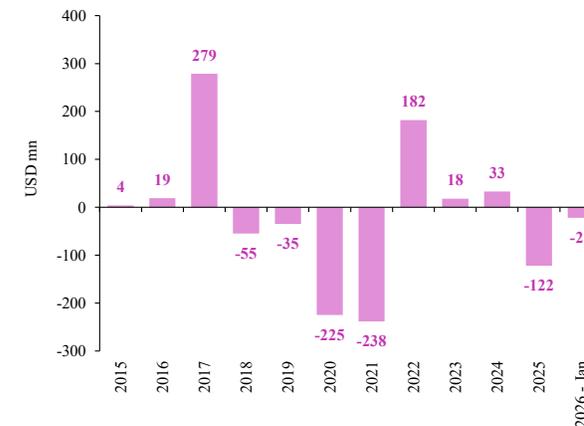
**Foreign Loans to Private Sector (net)**



**Net Inflows to the G-Sec. Market (c)**



**Net Inflows to the CSE (Primary + Secondary) (c)**



(a) Historical monthly data on GOR is published in the National Summary Data Page of Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) >> External Sector >> International Reserve Position or Reserve Data Template and can be accessed via the following link

[http://erd.cbsl.gov.lk/presentation/htm/english/erd/sdds/rpt\\_sdds.aspx](http://erd.cbsl.gov.lk/presentation/htm/english/erd/sdds/rpt_sdds.aspx)

(b) FDI excluding foreign loans to the direct investment enterprises.

(c) Historical monthly data can be accessed via the following link

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

## **ANNEXURES**

**Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)**

Category	January 2025 (USD mn)	January 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>1. Industrial exports</b>	<b>828.3</b>	<b>877.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>9,946.9</b>	<b>10,460.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Food, beverages and tobacco	55.9	71.1	27.2	651.5	895.5	37.4
Animal fodder	11.8	16.4	39.4	133.4	169.3	26.9
Textiles and garments	461.3	448.6	-2.8	5,061.0	5,313.7	5.0
o/w Garments	428.4	417.0	-2.7	4,660.1	4,911.4	5.4
Textiles	23.9	22.4	-6.3	294.5	287.6	-2.3
Other made-up textile articles	9.1	9.2	1.6	106.4	114.7	7.7
Rubber products	71.7	75.6	5.4	975.6	914.6	-6.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	37.7	39.0	3.4	381.9	388.0	1.6
Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.4	49.1	51.5	485.5	492.4	1.4
Transport equipment	4.4	8.4	89.7	107.0	124.5	16.3
Petroleum products	73.5	79.1	7.6	1,063.5	971.0	-8.7
Chemical products	21.9	27.4	25.0	234.1	309.5	32.2
Wood and paper products	9.7	9.1	-5.4	123.6	117.7	-4.7
Printing industry products	0.7	1.1	52.1	47.5	57.8	21.7
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.2	3.5	-15.1	62.2	69.3	11.5
Plastics and articles thereof	4.1	5.4	31.0	53.8	55.9	3.9
Base metals and articles	13.8	16.8	21.1	186.8	206.5	10.5
Ceramic products	1.6	2.2	33.4	32.1	29.4	-8.5
Other industrial exports	23.5	24.4	4.0	347.3	345.5	-0.5
<b>2. Agricultural exports</b>	<b>221.7</b>	<b>263.5</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>2,774.5</b>	<b>3,072.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>
Tea	112.7	121.8	8.1	1,435.9	1,507.2	5.0
Rubber	3.3	2.4	-28.6	26.0	31.2	20.2
Coconut	35.1	44.2	26.1	416.5	573.5	37.7
Spices	37.7	36.5	-3.0	454.7	443.1	-2.6
Vegetables	2.4	4.0	68.3	28.5	34.5	20.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	1.1	3.6	219.2	25.7	26.7	3.6
Minor agricultural products	11.8	21.5	82.6	154.2	215.6	39.8
Seafood	17.7	29.4	66.4	233.0	240.2	3.1
<b>3. Mineral exports</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>394.0</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>4. Unclassified exports</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>-6.7</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>1,052.8</b>	<b>1,148.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12,772.0</b>	<b>13,581.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>

(a) Provisional

Sources: Sri Lanka Customs (SLC), National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

Note: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data on Exports under Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

**Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Trade Classification (a)**

Category	January 2025 (USD mn)	January 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>1. Consumer goods</b>	<b>380.2</b>	<b>475.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>3,465.7</b>	<b>5,518.3</b>	<b>59.2</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>	<b>241.4</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>-33.4</b>	<b>1,914.3</b>	<b>2,115.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Cereals and milling industry products	56.5	5.0	-91.1	163.2	154.7	-5.2
Dairy products	17.7	31.4	76.8	239.7	357.5	49.1
Vegetables (b)	43.2	31.0	-28.3	446.0	406.2	-8.9
Seafood	11.6	19.9	72.3	118.8	135.2	13.8
Sugar and confectionery	43.4	17.3	-60.1	389.5	367.9	-5.5
Spices	10.3	10.4	1.4	115.7	101.3	-12.5
Oils and Fats	39.2	20.4	-47.9	247.9	357.0	44.0
Other food and beverages	19.5	25.3	30.0	193.6	236.2	22.0
<b>Non-food consumer goods</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>314.1</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>1,551.4</b>	<b>3,402.3</b>	<b>119.3</b>
Personal vehicles	3.0	163.8	5,405.2	66.2	1,606.7	2,325.5
Medical and pharmaceuticals	45.4	61.9	36.4	575.6	667.1	15.9
Home appliances	17.4	18.4	5.7	155.6	201.6	29.6
Clothing and accessories	22.6	21.8	-3.8	225.8	263.8	16.8
Telecommunication devices	12.4	14.8	18.9	141.9	221.9	56.4
Household and furniture items	14.7	13.1	-10.7	138.1	153.4	11.0
Other non-food consumables	23.4	20.5	-12.5	248.1	287.8	16.0
<b>2. Intermediate goods</b>	<b>1,061.4</b>	<b>934.9</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>11,914.5</b>	<b>11,858.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Fuel	417.7	253.5	-39.3	4,354.4	4,042.5	-7.2
o/w Crude oil	111.5	50.0	-55.1	863.6	896.1	3.8
Refined petroleum	271.7	180.3	-33.6	3,173.3	2,939.7	-7.4
Coal	34.5	23.11	-33.0	317.4	206.6	-34.9
Diamonds, precious stones, and metals	6.5	16.0	144.8	216.9	148.6	-31.5
Textiles and textile articles	232.7	243.0	4.4	2,847.1	2,749.1	-3.4
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	32.1	27.3	-14.8	447.0	411.3	-8.0
Agricultural inputs	24.0	31.9	32.9	263.8	271.5	2.9
Wheat and maize	41.3	62.0	50.1	382.5	398.3	4.1
Base metals	48.6	52.1	7.0	473.4	541.2	14.3
Plastics and articles thereof	54.9	51.2	-6.7	609.3	643.3	5.6
Chemical products	81.5	85.9	5.4	987.0	1,037.9	5.2
Fertiliser	12.6	7.3	-41.6	201.1	309.2	53.7
Rubber and articles thereof	25.8	23.7	-8.1	316.5	295.9	-6.5
Mineral products	12.7	13.4	5.4	127.2	155.1	21.9
Other intermediate goods	71.0	67.7	-4.7	688.3	855.1	24.2
<b>3. Investment goods</b>	<b>340.1</b>	<b>392.6</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>3,448.2</b>	<b>4,089.9</b>	<b>18.6</b>
Machinery and equipment	239.8	236.3	-1.4	2,363.1	2,513.4	6.4
Building material	83.1	83.0	-0.1	927.2	1,016.8	9.7
Transport equipment	17.0	72.6	327.3	154.8	555.5	259.0
o/w Commercial Vehicles	7.7	60.3	686.4	47.3	440.5	831.9
Other investment goods	0.3	0.6	130.7	3.1	4.2	36.2
<b>4. Unclassified imports</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-79.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>1,785.5</b>	<b>1,803.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>18,841.4</b>	<b>21,479.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>o/w Non-fuel imports</b>	<b>1,367.8</b>	<b>1,549.8</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>14,487.0</b>	<b>17,437.5</b>	<b>20.4</b>

(a) Provisional

(b) Includes lentils, onions, potatoes, leguminous and other vegetables

Sources: SLC, CPC, Lanka IOC PLC, CBSL

Note : Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under Central Bank of Sri Lanka's Merchandise Trade Classification can be accessed through

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### Detailed Breakdown of Export Earnings Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)

Category	January 2025 (USD mn)	January 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>0. Food and live animals</b>	<b>236.4</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>2,998.1</b>	<b>3,377.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>
03 Fish and fish preparations	22.7	40.0	76.0	284.1	307.1	8.1
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	6.4	7.9	24.7	74.1	81.7	10.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	38.8	58.9	51.7	489.5	726.4	48.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	150.3	159.0	5.8	1,891.6	1,947.1	2.9
<b>1. Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>165.6</b>	<b>176.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>
11 Beverages	6.1	5.4	-11.0	74.4	71.3	-4.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5.5	9.4	71.4	91.1	105.0	15.2
<b>2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>375.6</b>	<b>455.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>
23 Crude rubber	3.4	2.5	-27.7	27.5	32.9	19.8
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	19.5	14.6	-25.4	222.5	251.0	12.8
<b>3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1,063.4</b>	<b>971.0</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	73.5	73.4	-0.1	939.2	939.1	0.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0.0	5.7		124.3	32.0	-74.3
<b>4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>110.8</b>
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	7.4	12.9	75.3	83.6	149.0	78.2
<b>5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>281.1</b>	<b>363.7</b>	<b>29.4</b>
<b>6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1,782.8</b>	<b>1,713.2</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	43.7	50.5	15.5	695.8	619.8	-10.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	31.7	28.4	-10.4	384.9	385.7	0.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	41.8	41.2	-1.6	445.2	442.3	-0.7
<b>7. Machinery, transport equipment</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>578.8</b>	<b>599.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>
77 Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	21.6	26.6	23.3	284.1	305.2	7.4
<b>8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>487.1</b>	<b>477.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>5,431.1</b>	<b>5,723.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	458.5	444.7	-3.0	4,978.7	5,249.1	5.4
<b>9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-77.1</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>1,052.8</b>	<b>1,148.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12,772.0</b>	<b>13,581.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>

(a) Provisional

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

Sources: SLC, NGJA, CPC and Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

Note 1: The first digit indicates the 'section' and the first two digits indicate the 'division' of SITC. The above table shows only selected divisions of SITC. For further information on SITC, please see CBSL Annual Report 2017 Box Article 04.

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Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under SITC can be accessed through

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**Detailed Breakdown of Import Expenditure Classified as per the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (a)**

Category	January 2025 (USD mn)	January 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>0. Food and live animals</b>	<b>275.8</b>	<b>203.8</b>	<b>-26.1</b>	<b>2,395.8</b>	<b>2,536.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	17.8	41.7	134.5	246.0	358.0	45.5
03 Fish and fish preparations	11.6	8.1	-30.7	120.4	136.8	13.7
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	97.3	20.7	-78.7	541.6	549.3	1.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	50.3	46.3	-8.0	513.8	487.4	-5.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	43.4	43.0	-0.8	389.5	368.0	-5.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	19.1	13.4	-30.0	188.7	200.8	6.4
<b>1. Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-38.0</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>-20.9</b>	<b>458.3</b>	<b>503.9</b>	<b>10.0</b>
23 Crude rubber	22.5	18.7	-17.0	269.0	253.7	-5.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.1	0.6	-51.9	16.6	23.1	39.0
<b>3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials</b>	<b>417.7</b>	<b>278.4</b>	<b>-33.4</b>	<b>4,354.4</b>	<b>4,042.5</b>	<b>-7.2</b>
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	347.0	218.8	-36.9	3,660.4	3,437.5	-6.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	36.2	31.2	-13.9	376.6	398.4	5.8
<b>4. Animal and vegetable oils, fats, and waxes</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>285.9</b>	<b>434.3</b>	<b>51.9</b>
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	40.6	44.6	9.8	268.1	418.8	56.2
<b>5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.</b>	<b>189.0</b>	<b>184.1</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>2,330.1</b>	<b>2,609.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	39.2	43.2	10.3	525.2	610.9	16.3
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	12.6	15.9	26.7	200.2	309.0	54.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	33.6	28.0	-16.6	410.8	424.0	3.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	16.7	13.6	-18.7	150.1	168.2	12.0
<b>6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials</b>	<b>422.8</b>	<b>381.2</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>5,102.3</b>	<b>5,048.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles thereof	29.8	29.7	-0.5	426.8	386.8	-9.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, etc., n.e.s.	228.5	227.0	-0.7	2,784.4	2,686.4	-3.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	32.3	32.6	0.9	506.3	459.8	-9.2
67 Iron and steel	68.4	23.0	-66.3	608.7	675.3	11.0
<b>7. Machinery, transport equipment</b>	<b>298.4</b>	<b>236.3</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>2,908.8</b>	<b>5,146.0</b>	<b>76.9</b>
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	37.3	37.0	-0.9	384.2	516.7	34.5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment and machine parts, n.e.s.	102.9	45.9	-55.4	736.5	734.7	-0.2
75 Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	15.7	13.2	-16.4	185.9	227.7	22.5
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	34.7	42.4	22.2	369.9	447.5	21.0
77 Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s. and electrical parts thereof	50.2	47.1	-6.3	603.0	652.9	8.3
78 Road vehicles	29.1	22.3	-23.5	225.4	2,181.4	867.9
<b>8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>868.5</b>	<b>1,007.4</b>	<b>16.0</b>
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	20.8	23.1	11.1	198.0	228.5	15.4
87 Professional, scientific, and controlling instruments and apparatus n.e.s.	16.0	16.3	1.3	168.0	201.4	19.9
<b>9. Commodities and transactions not elsewhere specified in SITC</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-78.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>1,785.5</b>	<b>1,803.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>18,841.4</b>	<b>21,479.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>

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n.e.s. not elsewhere specified

Sources: SLC, NGJA, CPC and Other Exporters of Petroleum, CBSL

Note 1: The first digit indicates the 'section' and the first two digits indicate the 'division' of SITC. The above table shows only selected divisions of SITC. For further information on SITC, please see CBSL Annual Report 2017 Box Article 04.

[https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb\\_documents/publications/annual\\_report/2017/en/9\\_Chapter\\_05.pdf](https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/sites/default/files/cbslweb_documents/publications/annual_report/2017/en/9_Chapter_05.pdf)

Note 2: Longer series of Merchandise Trade data under SITC can be accessed through

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/external-sector>

## Services Account – Inflows (a)

	Jan 2025 (USD mn)	Jan 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>Services</b>	<b>705.7</b>	<b>734.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>6,910.0</b>	<b>7,065.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Manufacturing services	0.0	3.4		27.4	20.0	-27.1
Maintenance and repair services	3.0	0.6	-78.5	55.7	26.7	-52.0
<b>Transport</b>	<b>168.0</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1,793.9</b>	<b>1,883.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Sea transport	129.0	139.8	8.4	1,177.3	1,393.5	18.4
Passenger	0.0	0.0		1.4	0.4	-69.0
Freight	93.0	84.8	-8.8	770.2	794.9	3.2
Other	36.0	55.0	52.9	405.7	598.1	47.4
Air transport	39.0	44.5	14.2	615.7	488.9	-20.6
Passenger	28.0	34.5	23.2	281.1	337.3	20.0
Freight	3.0	1.8	-39.4	51.4	35.2	-31.6
Other	8.0	8.2	2.7	283.3	116.5	-58.9
Postal services	0.0	0.1		0.8	0.8	-5.9
<b>Travel</b>	<b>400.7</b>	<b>378.3</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>3,168.6</b>	<b>3,219.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-58.7</b>	<b>212.2</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>-37.6</b>
Construction abroad	2.0	0.3	-84.1	19.5	20.9	7.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.0	2.0	0.8	100.1	40.1	-59.9
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	7.0	2.2	-68.4	92.6	71.4	-22.9
<b>Insurance and pension services</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>-10.8</b>
Direct insurance	1.0	1.1	12.3	20.8	16.7	-19.7
Reinsurance	1.000	1.3	29.7	2.9	4.5	52.9
<b>Financial services</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-24.0</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>-16.1</b>
<b>Charges for the use of intellectual property</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-50.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>67.6</b>
<b>Telecommunications, computer, and information services</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>971.5</b>	<b>902.9</b>	<b>-7.1</b>
Telecommunications services	6.0	7.8	30.6	123.1	103.1	-16.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	65.0	66.5	2.4	848.4	799.7	-5.7
Computer services	64.0	66.4	3.7	840.9	794.0	-5.6
Information services	1.0	0.2	-84.3	7.5	5.8	-22.4
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>540.2</b>	<b>774.1</b>	<b>43.3</b>
Education services	3.0	8.8	192.5	49.4	41.9	-15.2
Professional and management consulting services	17.0	28.3	66.6	223.8	325.6	45.5
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	20.0	41.5	107.6	267.0	406.7	52.3
<b>Personal, cultural, and recreational services</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>-20.4</b>
Audiovisual and related services	0.0	1.4		7.8	7.3	-5.6
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.0	0.5	-53.3	11.0	7.6	-30.9
<b>Government goods and services</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-45.7</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>-64.5</b>

(a) Provisional. All data except travel inflows, are based on ITRS data. Travel inflows data are based on the survey conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

## Services Account – Outflows (a)

	Jan 2025 (USD mn)	Jan 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>Services</b>	<b>287.4</b>	<b>328.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>3,475.2</b>	<b>3,358.5</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
<b>Manufacturing services</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-99.6</b>	<b>213.2</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>-45.8</b>
<b>Maintenance and repair services</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>230.0</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>-35.6</b>	<b>1,017.2</b>	<b>995.6</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Sea transport	54.0	22.5	-58.4	441.1	408.9	-7.3
Passenger	0.00	0.1		1.2	0.1	-89.4
Freight	52.0	22.2	-57.3	410.7	365.9	-10.9
Other	2.0	0.2	-88.4	29.2	42.9	46.9
Air transport	58.0	49.2	-15.3	569.7	585.4	2.8
Passenger	22.0	12.1	-45.2	278.6	201.8	-27.6
Freight	27.0	23.2	-14.1	172.9	297.3	72.0
Other	9.0	13.9	54.5	118.2	86.3	-27.0
Postal services	0.0	0.5		6.3	1.3	-79.7
<b>Travel</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>755.4</b>	<b>828.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-60.1</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>-71.1</b>
Construction abroad	0.0	0.1		30.8	2.7	-91.3
Construction in the reporting economy	2.0	0.1	-96.7	13.8	6.6	-52.2
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	6.0	3.0	-50.2	81.9	27.3	-66.7
<b>Insurance and pension services</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>-13.2</b>
Direct insurance	1.0	1.1	13.8	11.5	12.5	8.7
Reinsurance	2.0	3.7	85.8	45.8	37.2	-18.7
<b>Financial services</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>-67.2</b>
<b>Charges for the use of intellectual property</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-52.8</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Telecommunications, computer, and information services</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>244.5</b>	<b>296.9</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Telecommunications services	2.0	1.3	-33.1	50.5	34.3	-32.2
Computer & IT/BPO related services	21.0	23.5	12.1	193.9	262.7	35.5
Computer services	20.0	23.2	16.1	171.5	256.0	49.3
Information services	1.0	0.3	-68.4	22.5	6.7	-70.1
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>563.2</b>	<b>756.3</b>	<b>34.3</b>
Education services	10.0	9.2	-8.1	99.7	116.0	16.3
Professional and management consulting services	17.0	16.5	-2.7	194.1	188.2	-3.0
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	23.0	47.5	106.5	269.5	452.2	67.8
<b>Personal, cultural, and recreational services</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>54.5</b>
Audiovisual and related services	1.0	1.0	2.2	13.9	22.7	64.2
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	0.0	0.1		1.4	0.8	-43.0
<b>Government goods and services</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-49.3</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-97.1</b>

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL

## Services Account – Net (a)

	Jan 2025 (USD mn)	Jan 2026 (USD mn)	Change (%)	2024 (USD mn)	2025 (USD mn)	Change (%)
<b>Services</b>	<b>418.3</b>	<b>406.4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3,434.8</b>	<b>3,707.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Manufacturing services</b>	<b>-14.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-123.9</b>	<b>-185.8</b>	<b>-95.7</b>	<b>-48.5</b>
<b>Maintenance and repair services</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>-35.5</b>	<b>-196.4</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>112.3</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>776.7</b>	<b>887.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Sea transport	75.0	117.4	56.5	736.2	984.6	33.7
Passenger	0.0	-0.1		0.2	0.3	47.4
Freight	41.0	62.6	52.7	359.5	429.1	19.4
Other	34.0	54.8	61.2	376.6	555.2	47.4
Air transport	-19.0	-4.6	-75.7	46.0	-96.5	-309.8
Passenger	6.0	22.4	273.9	2.4	135.5	
Freight	-24.0	-21.4	-11.0	-121.5	-262.2	115.8
Other	-1.0	-5.7	469.1	165.1	30.2	-81.7
Postal services	0.0	-0.4		-5.5	-0.5	-90.6
<b>Travel</b>	<b>348.3</b>	<b>244.9</b>	<b>-29.7</b>	<b>2,413.2</b>	<b>2,390.6</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-55.0</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Construction abroad	2.00	0.2	-91.3	-11.3	18.2	-260.8
Construction in the reporting economy	0.0	1.9		86.3	33.5	-61.2
Architectural, engineering & other technical services	1.0	-0.8	-177.4	10.7	44.1	313.6
<b>Insurance and pension services</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>143.3</b>	<b>-33.5</b>	<b>-28.5</b>	<b>-14.9</b>
Direct insurance	0.0	0.0		9.3	4.2	-54.7
Reinsurance	-1.0	-2.4	141.9	-42.9	-32.8	-23.6
<b>Financial services</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-25.7</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-367.2</b>
<b>Charges for the use of intellectual property</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-53.2</b>	<b>-141.2</b>	<b>-152.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Telecommunications, computer, and information services</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>727.0</b>	<b>605.9</b>	<b>-16.7</b>
Telecommunications services	4.0	6.5	62.4	72.5	68.9	-5.0
Computer & IT/BPO related services	44.0	43.0	-2.3	654.5	537.1	-17.9
Computer services	44.0	43.2	-1.9	669.5	538.0	-19.6
Information services	0.0	-0.2		-15.0	-0.9	-93.8
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>-10.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-153.9</b>	<b>-23.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>-177.3</b>
Education services	-7.0	-0.4	-94.0	-50.3	-74.1	47.3
Professional and management consulting services	0.0	11.8		29.7	137.4	362.6
Technical, trade-related, and other business services	-3.0	-6.0	99.2	-2.5	-45.5	
<b>Personal, cultural, and recreational services</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>		<b>3.5</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-346.8</b>
Audiovisual and related services	-1.0	0.3	-134.1	-6.1	-15.4	153.3
Other personal, cultural, and recreational services	1.0	0.3	-66.5	9.6	6.8	-29.1
<b>Government goods and services</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>		<b>-215.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-102.5</b>

(a) Provisional.

Sources: SLTDA, ITRS – CBSL