



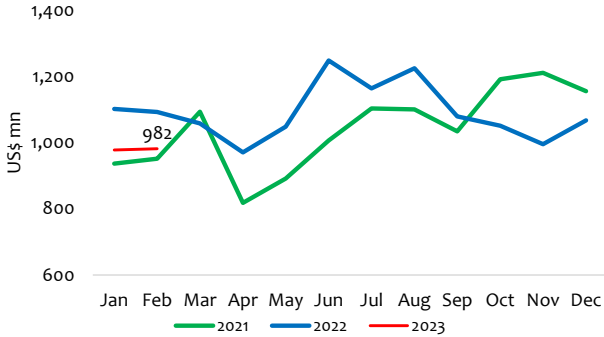
# MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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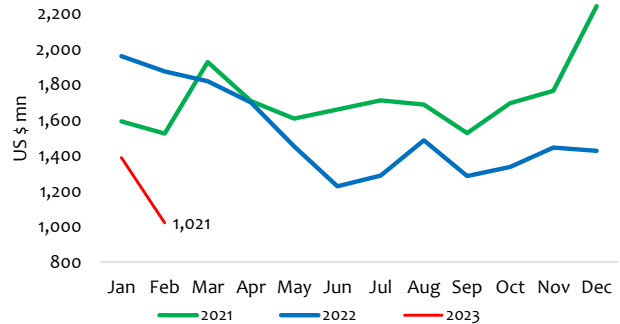
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## Highlights

### Monthly Export Performance



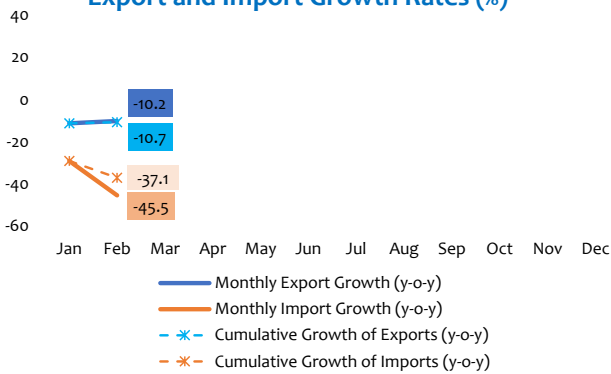
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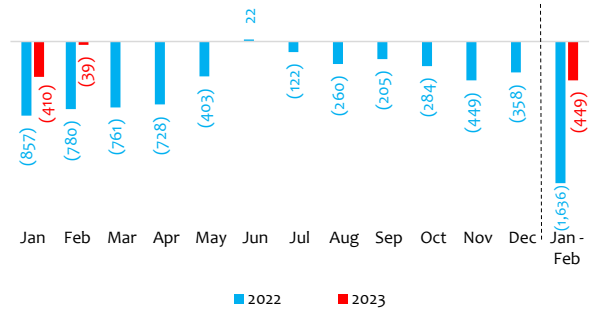
Earnings from merchandise exports decreased by 10.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 982 million in February 2023.

Expenditure on merchandise imports declined by 45.5 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,021 million in February 2023.

### Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



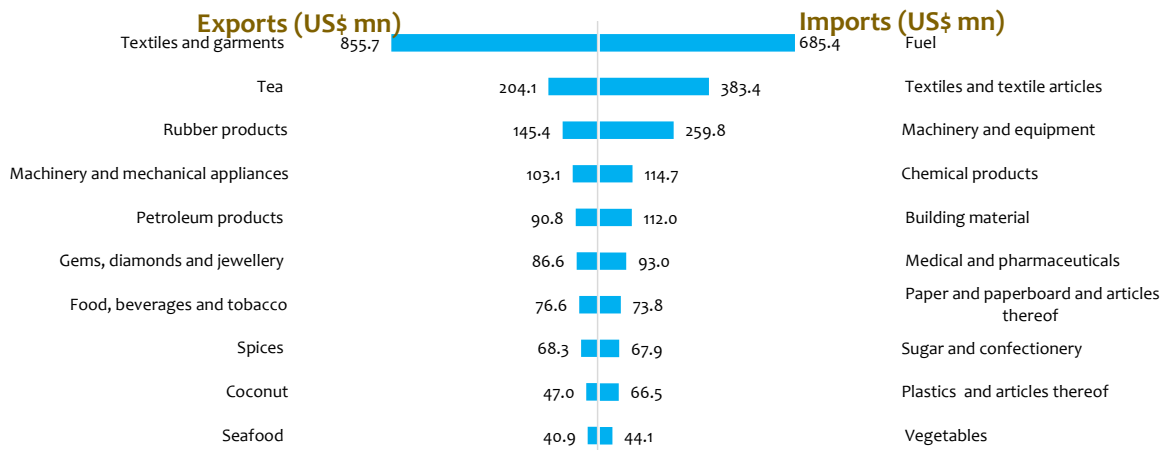
### Trade Balance (US\$ Mn)



Export earnings and import expenditure decreased (year-on-year) by 10.7 per cent and 37.1 per cent, respectively during the two months ending February 2023.

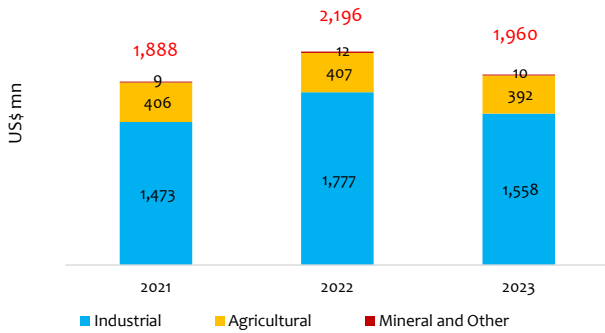
The deficit of merchandise trade account narrowed to US dollars 39 million in February 2023 from US dollars 780 million recorded in February 2022.

## Major Export and Import Categories - (Jan -Feb 2023)

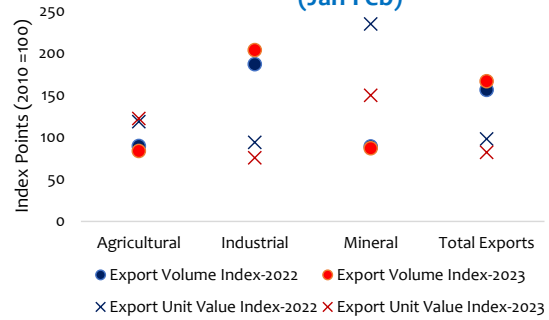


## Export Performance

**Export Performance (Jan-Feb)**



**Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports (Jan-Feb)**

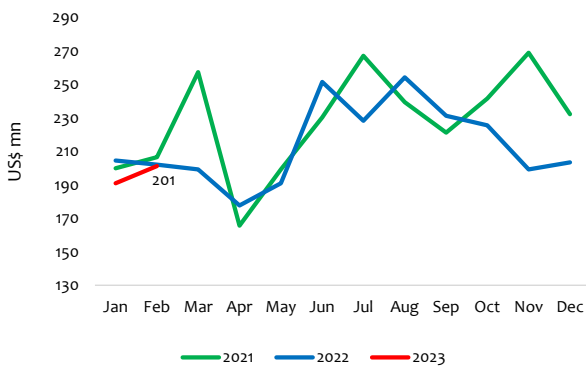


Earnings from exports declined during the two months ending February 2023 due to the decrease in earnings from all major categories, namely industrial, agricultural and mineral exports.

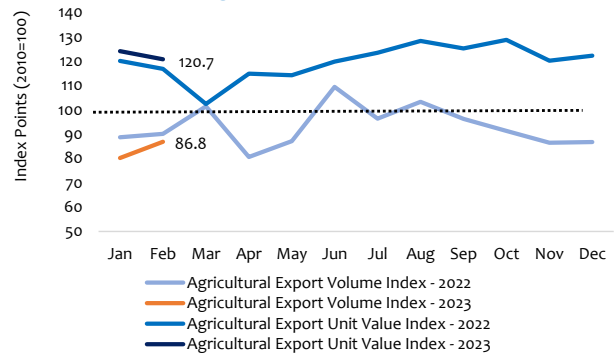
The export volume index increased by 6.5 per cent while export unit value index decreased by 16.2 per cent, on a year-on-year basis, during the two months ending February 2023.

## Agricultural Exports

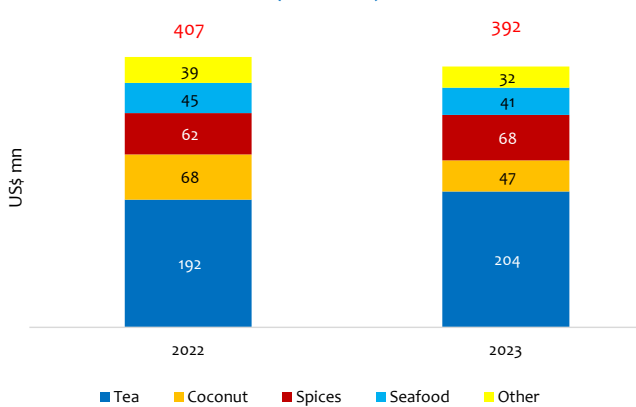
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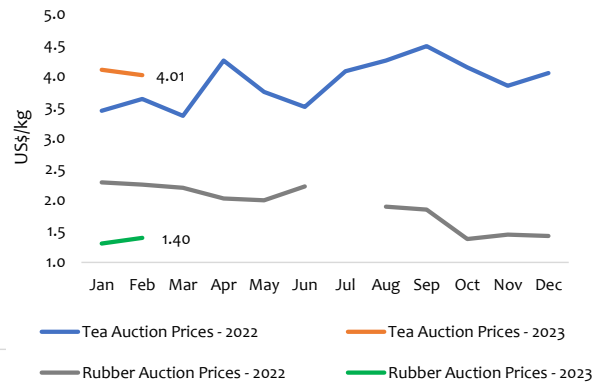
**Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports**



**Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan -Feb)**



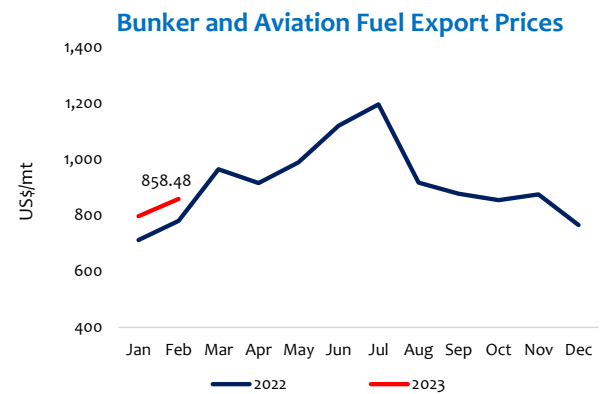
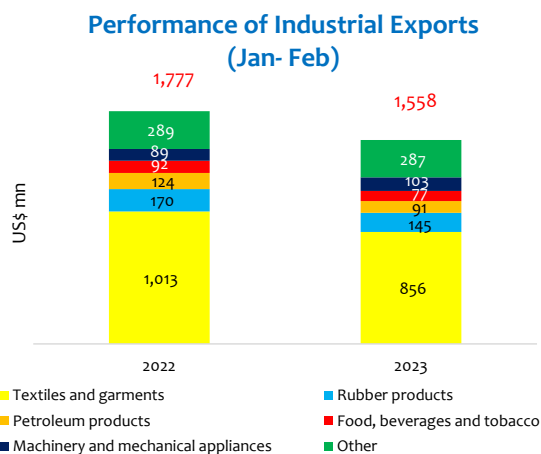
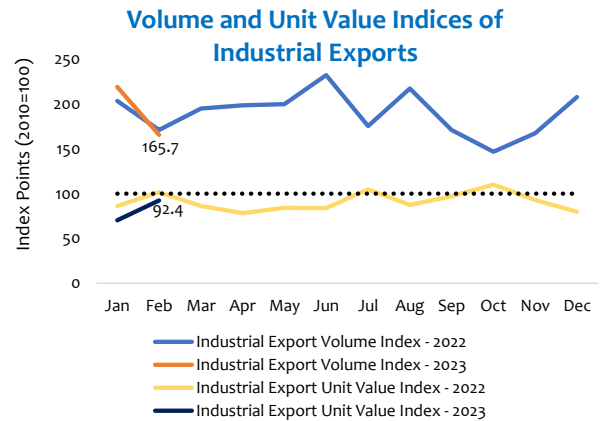
**Tea and Rubber Prices \***



\*Rubber (RSS) prices for July 2022 were not determined at the auction

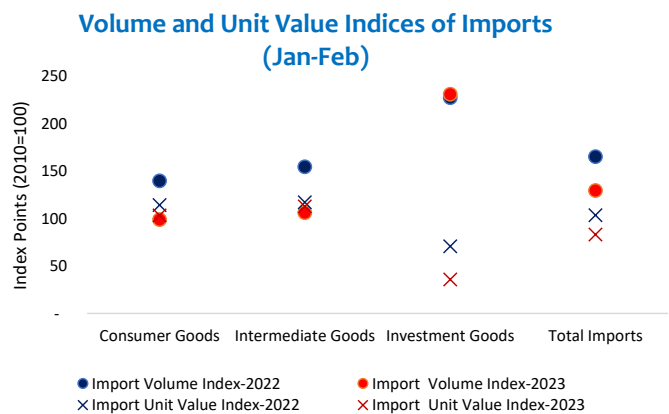
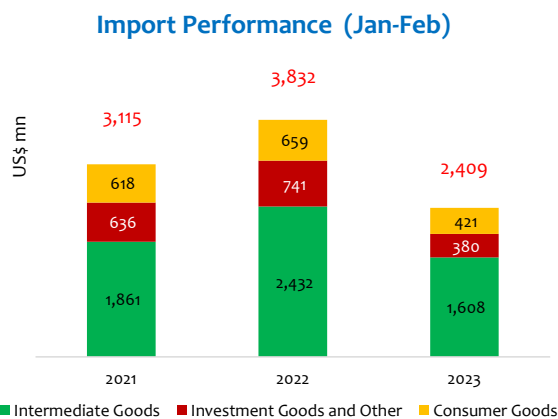
Earnings from agricultural exports declined during the two months ending February 2023, on a year-on-year basis, due to a broad-based decline in earnings from most of the agricultural goods, led mainly by coconut, seafood, minor agricultural products and natural rubber. However, higher export earnings were recorded from tea, spices and vegetables.

## Industrial Exports



Earnings from industrial exports declined during the two months ending February 2023, on a year-on-year basis, due to a broad-based decrease in earnings from most of the industrial exports, led mainly by textiles and garments, petroleum products and rubber products. However, earnings from exports of gems, diamonds and jewellery, machinery and mechanical appliances, animal fodder and leather, travel goods and footwear increased.

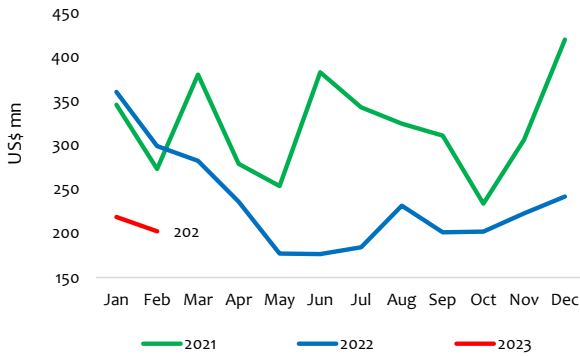
## Import Performance



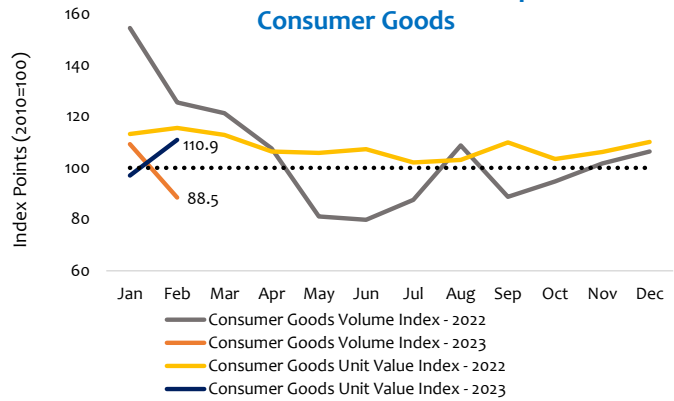
Expenditure on merchandise imports declined significantly during the two months ending February 2023, on a year-on-year basis, due to reduced expenditure incurred on all major categories of imports, namely intermediate, investment and consumer goods. Meanwhile, the import volume index and the import unit value index also decreased (year-on-year) by 21.7 per cent and 19.8 per cent, respectively.

## Consumer Goods Imports

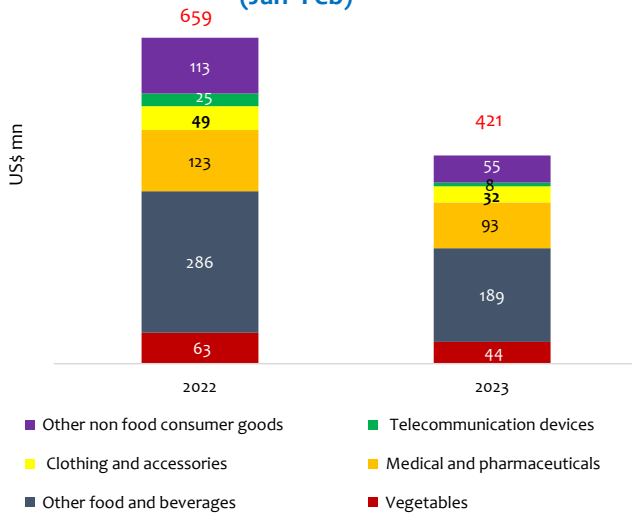
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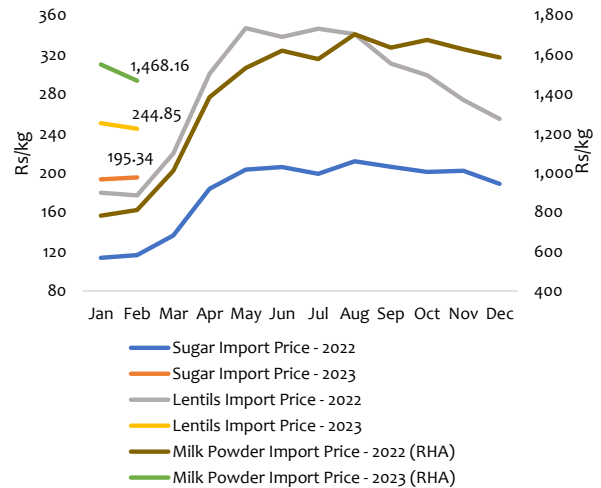
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan -Feb)



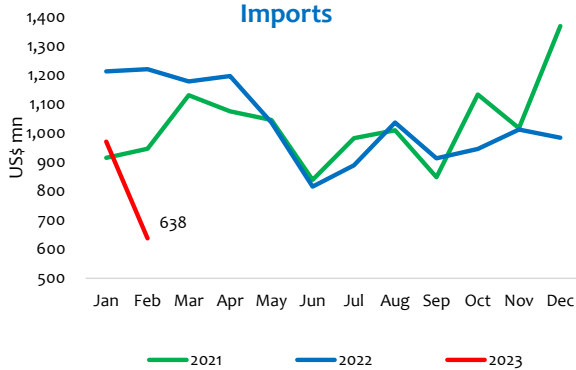
Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder



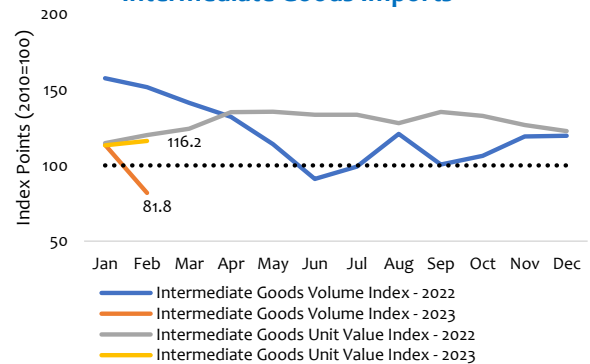
Import expenditure on consumer goods declined (year-on-year) during the two months ending February 2023, mainly due to the decline in both food and non-food consumer goods imports, driven by cereals and milling industry products (mainly, rice), medical and pharmaceuticals, home appliances, dairy products and household and furniture items. However, import expenditure on sugar and confectionery, vehicles, beverages and printed materials and stationary increased.

## Intermediate Goods Imports

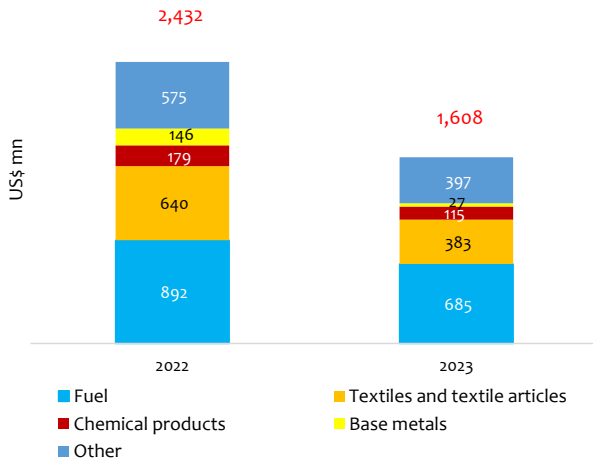
Expenditure on Intermediate Goods Imports



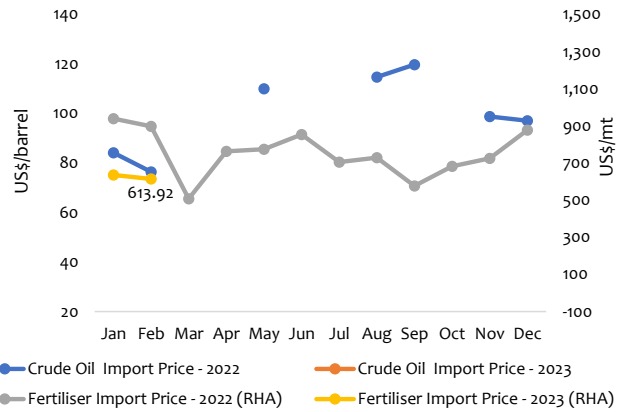
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



### Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan- Feb)



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

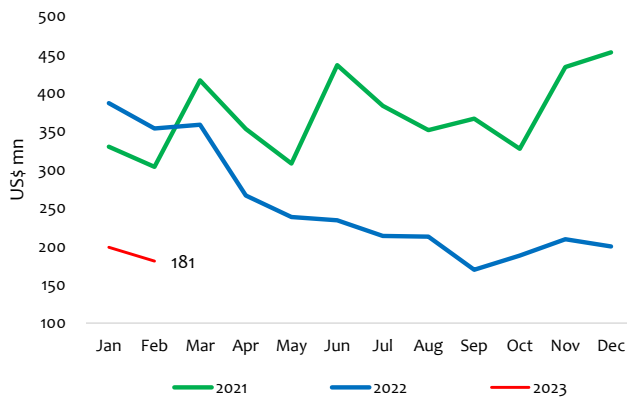


\*Crude oil was not imported in March, April, June, July and October 2022 and February 2023.  
 \*\* Data on crude oil imports from Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for January 2023 was not available by the time of this publication.

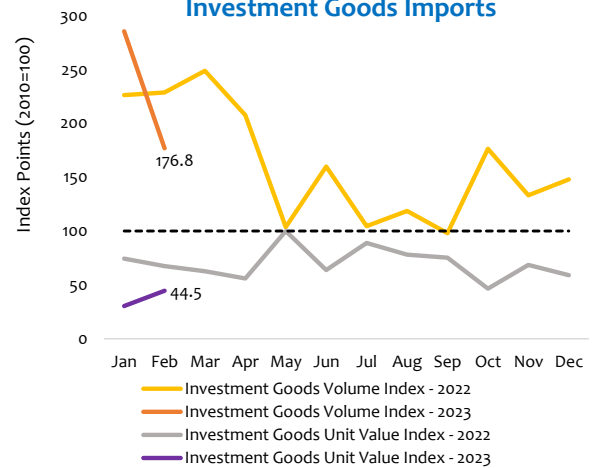
Import expenditure on intermediate goods declined notably (year-on-year) during the two months ending February 2023, primarily due to the lower expenses incurred on imports of textiles and textile articles, fuel, base metals and plastics and articles thereof. In contrast, import expenditure on diamonds and precious stones and metals, fertiliser and agricultural inputs increased.

## Investment Goods Imports

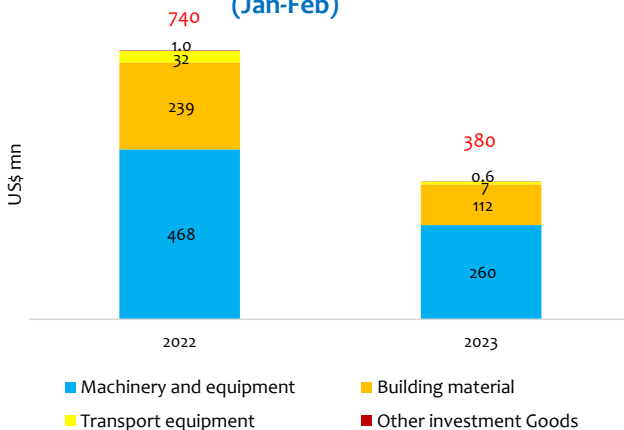
### Expenditure on Imports of Investment Goods



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



### Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)



Import expenditure on investment goods declined significantly during the two months ending February 2023, due to the lower import expenditure across all major categories of investment goods, namely, machinery and equipment, building materials, and transport equipment.

## Summary of External Trade Statistics (a)

## Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item		Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2022	Jan-Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Agricultural Exports</b>		<b>202.1</b>	<b>201.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>406.6</b>	<b>392.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
o/w	Tea	100.9	104.6	3.7	192.1	204.1	6.3
	Coconut	34.7	25.0	-27.9	68.0	47.0	-30.9
	Spices	27.1	34.2	26.4	62.1	68.3	10.0
	Seafood	21.2	20.0	-5.6	45.3	40.9	-9.6
<b>Industrial Exports</b>		<b>885.5</b>	<b>777.1</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>1,777.4</b>	<b>1,558.3</b>	<b>-12.3</b>
o/w	Textiles and garments	496.4	431.3	-13.1	1,012.5	855.7	-15.5
	Rubber products	88.3	72.7	-17.7	170.3	145.4	-14.7
	Petroleum products	56.8	44.4	-21.8	124.0	90.8	-26.7
	Food, beverages and tobacco	50.4	41.9	-16.9	92.1	76.6	-16.8
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	44.8	52.4	16.8	89.5	103.1	15.2
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	26.9	32.5	20.7	58.8	86.6	47.2
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.9	5.9	0.5	10.1	11.1	10.0
<b>Mineral and Other Exports</b>		<b>5.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-36.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-19.2</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>		<b>1,093.3</b>	<b>982.0</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>2,195.9</b>	<b>1,960.1</b>	<b>-10.7</b>

## Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item		Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2022	Jan-Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Consumer goods</b>		<b>298.8</b>	<b>202.2</b>	<b>-32.3</b>	<b>658.8</b>	<b>420.7</b>	<b>-36.1</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>		161.4	114.8	-28.9	348.6	233.1	-33.1
o/w	Vegetables (b)	33.0	20.0	-39.3	62.6	44.1	-29.5
	Rice	32.9	1.6	-95.0	89.5	3.8	-95.8
<b>Non-food consumer goods</b>		137.3	87.5	-36.3	310.2	187.6	-39.5
o/w	Medical and Pharmaceuticals	44.5	42.0	-5.7	123.4	93.0	-24.7
<b>Intermediate goods</b>		<b>1,219.8</b>	<b>637.7</b>	<b>-47.7</b>	<b>2,432.3</b>	<b>1,608.2</b>	<b>-33.9</b>
o/w	Fuel	462.2	204.3	-55.8	892.5	685.4	-23.2
	Textiles and textile articles	323.1	166.0	-48.6	639.7	383.4	-40.1
	Fertiliser	4.2	5.8	39.2	6.7	15.4	131.2
	Wheat and maize	15.8	34.0	114.9	57.5	39.6	-31.2
<b>Investment goods and other</b>		<b>354.4</b>	<b>181.1</b>	<b>-48.9</b>	<b>741.2</b>	<b>380.1</b>	<b>-48.7</b>
o/w	Machinery and equipment	224.3	127.2	-43.3	468.1	259.8	-44.5
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>1,872.9</b>	<b>1,021.0</b>	<b>-45.5</b>	<b>3,832.3</b>	<b>2,409.0</b>	<b>-37.1</b>

## Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2022	Jan-Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Trade Balance</b>	-779.6	-39.1		-1,636.4	-448.9	

## Trade Indices and Terms of Trade (2010 = 100) (c)

Item	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2022	Jan-Feb 2023	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Export</b>						
Value index	152.2	136.7	-10.2	152.8	136.4	-10.7
Volume index	144.7	140.5	-2.9	156.1	166.3	6.5
Unit value index	105.1	97.2	-7.5	97.9	82.0	-16.2
<b>Import</b>						
Value index	167.6	91.4	-45.5	171.5	107.8	-37.1
Volume index	161.1	101.8	-36.8	165.4	129.6	-21.7
Unit value index	104.0	89.8	-13.7	103.7	83.2	-19.8
<b>Terms of Trade</b>	101.1	108.3	7.2	94.4	98.6	4.4

(a) Provisional

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

(c) In US\$ terms