



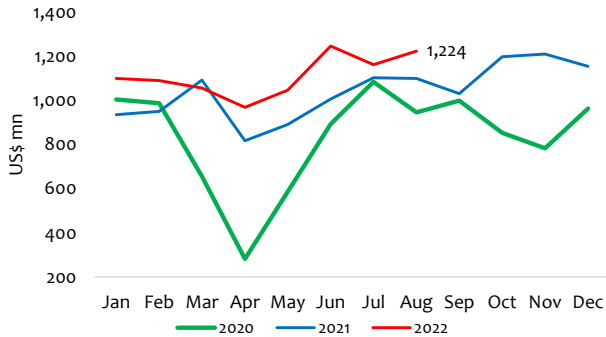
# MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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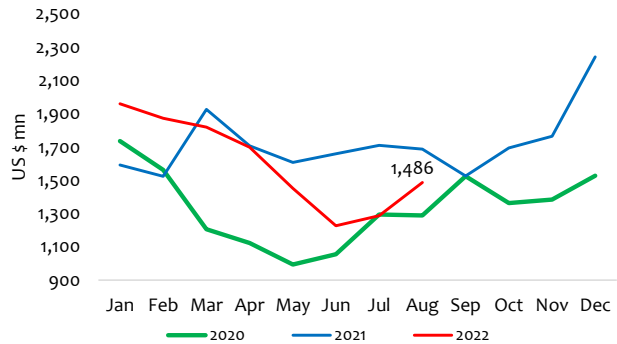
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## Highlights

### Monthly Export Performance



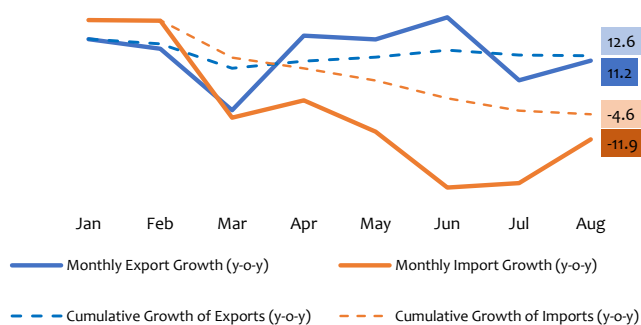
### Monthly Import Performance



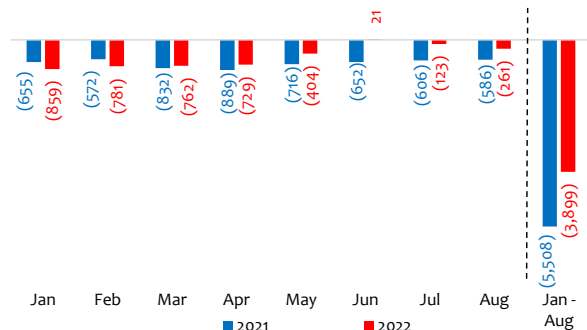
Earnings from merchandise exports increased by 11.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,224 million in August 2022.

Expenditure on merchandise imports declined by 11.9 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,486 million in August 2022.

### Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



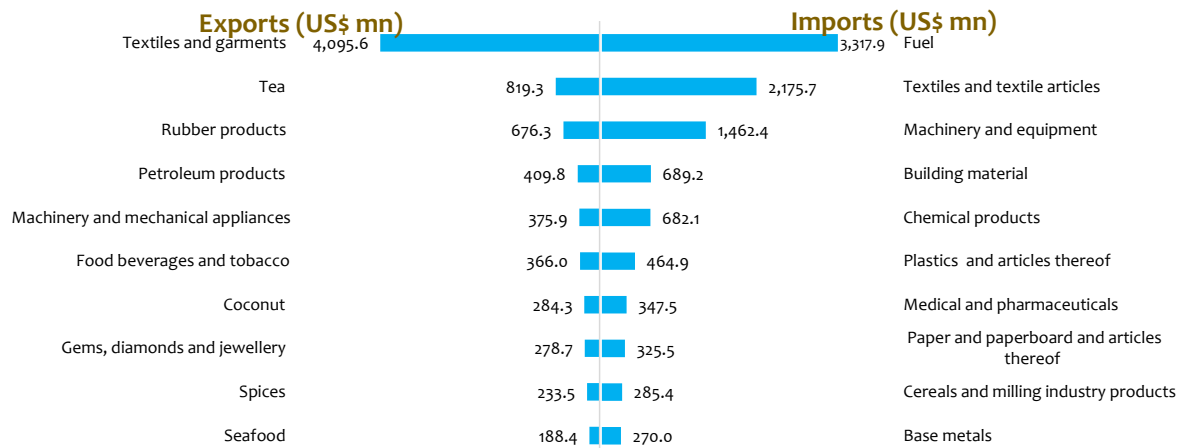
### Trade Balance (US\$ Mn)



Export earnings increased (year-on-year) by 12.6 per cent, while import expenditure declined (year-on-year) by 4.6 per cent during the eight months ending August 2022.

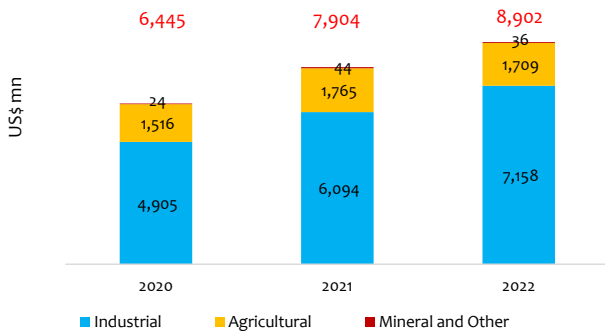
The merchandise trade account in August 2022 recorded a deficit of US dollars 261 million compared to the deficit of US dollars 586 million in August 2021.

## Major Export and Import Categories - (Jan - Aug 2022)

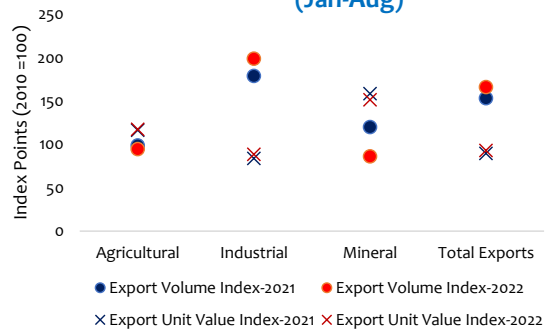


## Export Performance

**Export Performance - (Jan-Aug)**



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

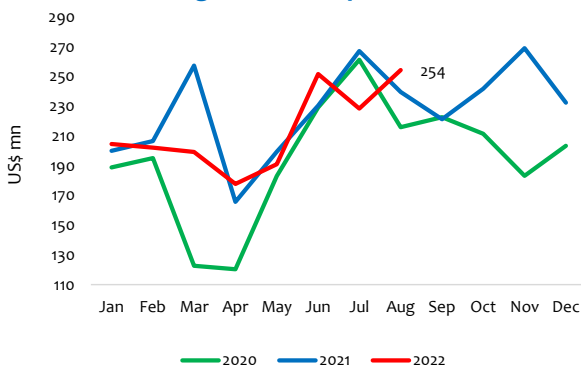


Earnings from exports increased during the eight months ending August 2022, mainly due to the increase in industrial exports. However, a decrease was recorded in exports of agricultural and mineral exports.

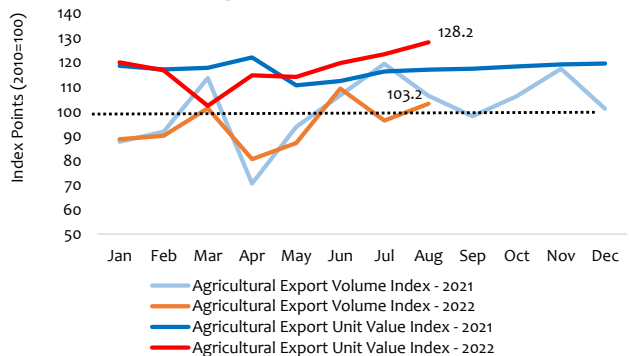
The export volume index and export unit value index increased by 8.4 per cent and 3.9 per cent, respectively during the eight months ending August 2022.

## Agricultural Exports

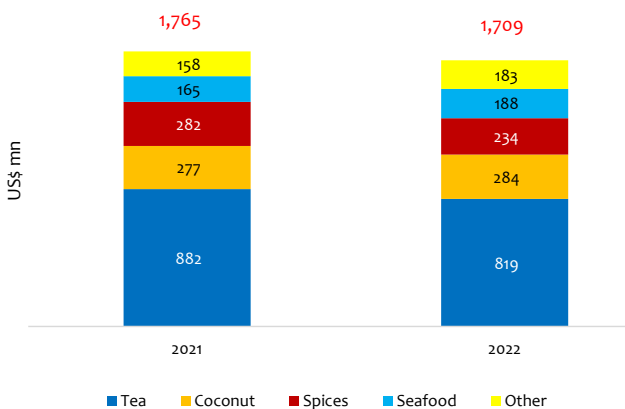
**Agricultural Exports**



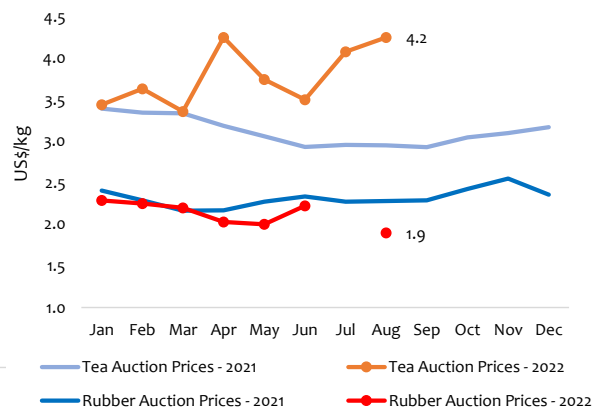
**Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports**



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



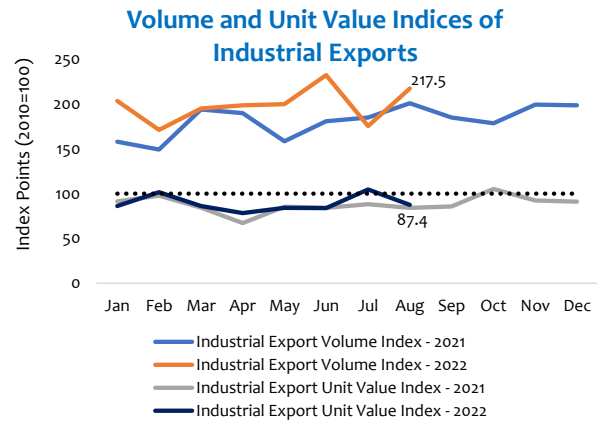
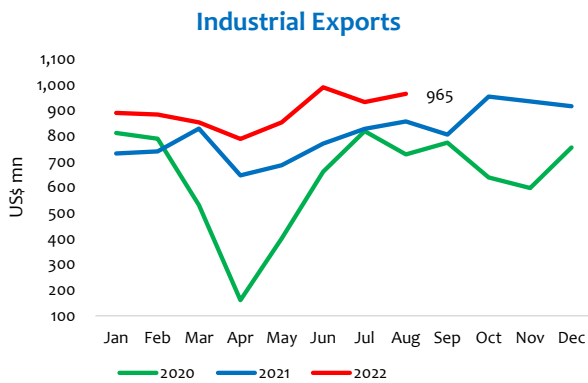
**Tea and Rubber Prices \***



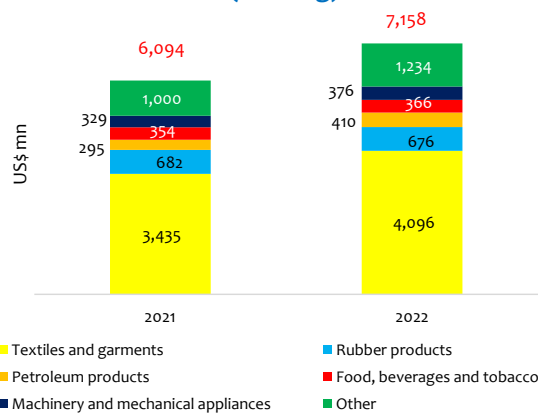
\*Rubber (RSS) prices for July 2022 were not determined at the auction

Export earnings from agricultural exports declined during the eight months ending August 2022, on a year-on-year basis, with lower export earnings from tea, spices and unmanufactured tobacco. However, higher export earnings were recorded from minor agricultural products, seafood, coconut and rubber during this period.

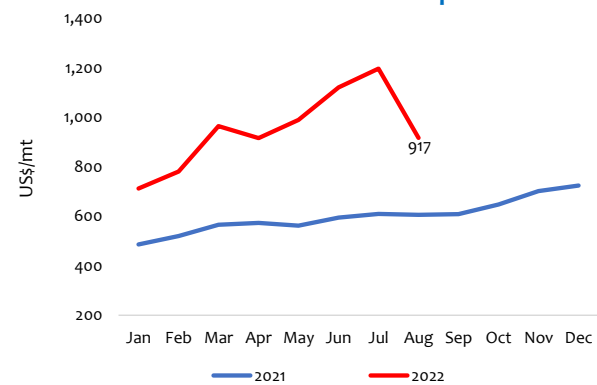
## Industrial Exports



### Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Aug)



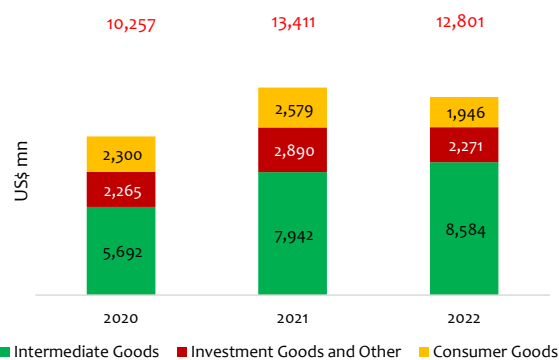
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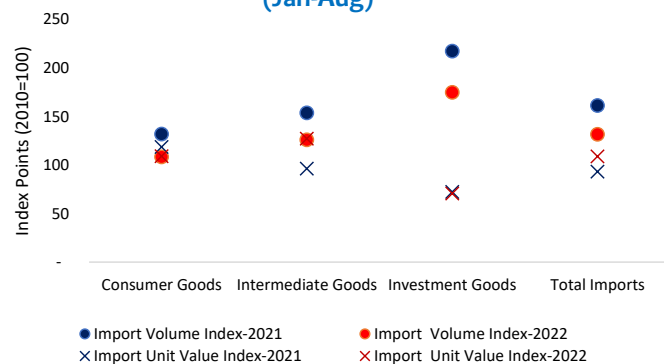
Earnings from industrial exports increased during the eight months ending August 2022 on a year-on-year basis, primarily due to the increase in earnings from exports of textiles and garments, petroleum products, gems, diamonds and jewellery and machinery and mechanical appliances. However, earnings from exports of plastics and articles thereof and rubber products declined during the period.

## Import Performance

### Import Performance - (Jan-Aug)

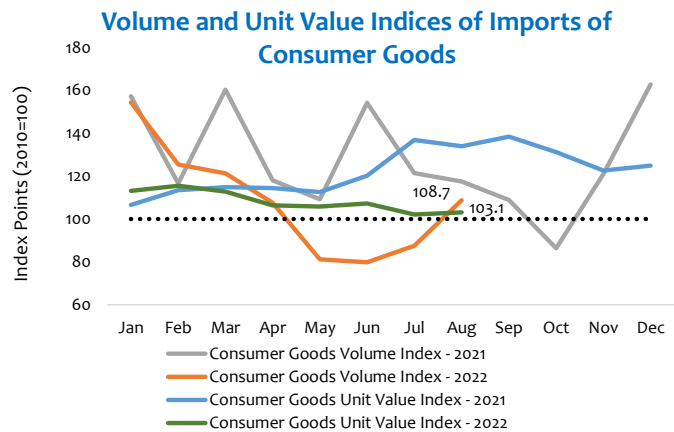
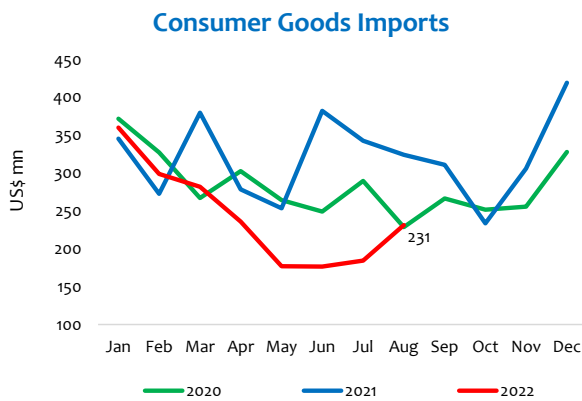


### Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports (Jan-Aug)

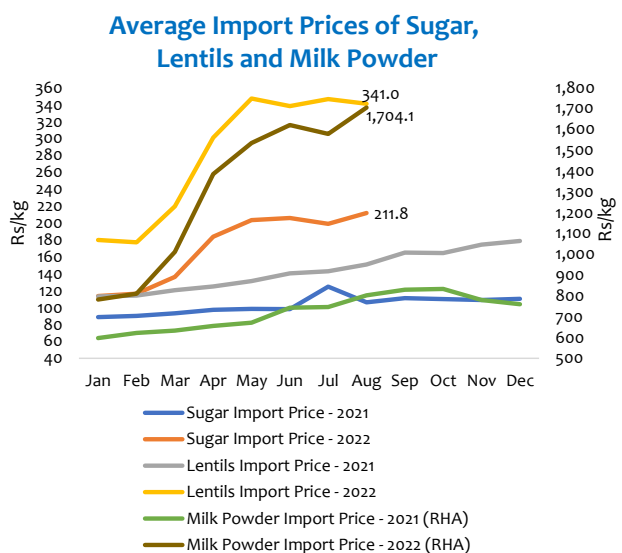
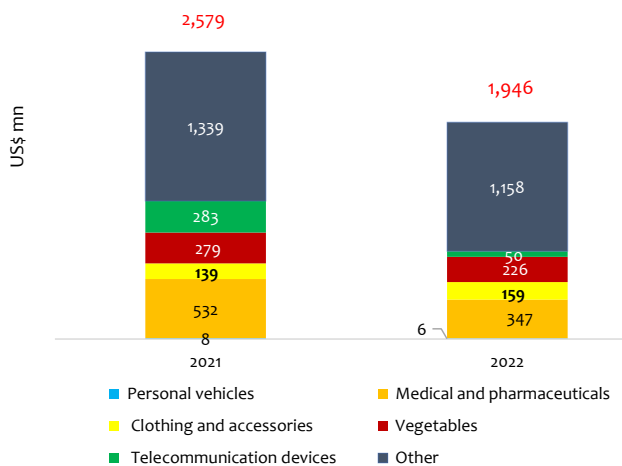


Despite an increase in import expenditure on intermediate goods, expenditure on merchandise imports declined during the eight months ending August 2022 on a year-on-year basis, primarily due to lower expenditure on the imports of consumer and investment goods. Meanwhile, the import volume index declined by 18.4 per cent, while the import unit value index increased by 17.0 per cent (year-on-year) during this period.

### Consumer Goods Imports

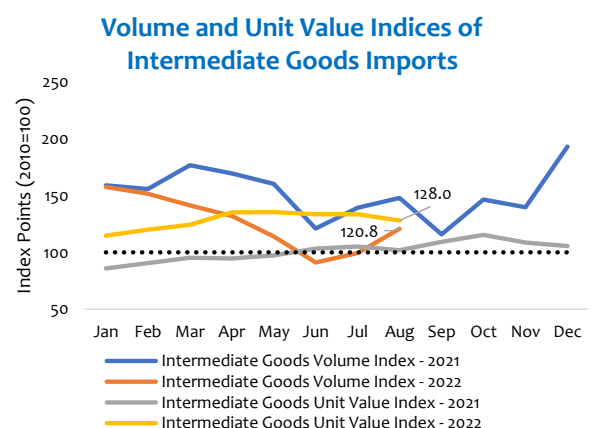
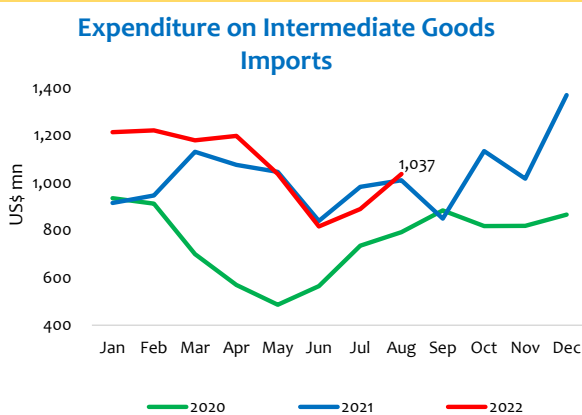


#### Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan-Aug)

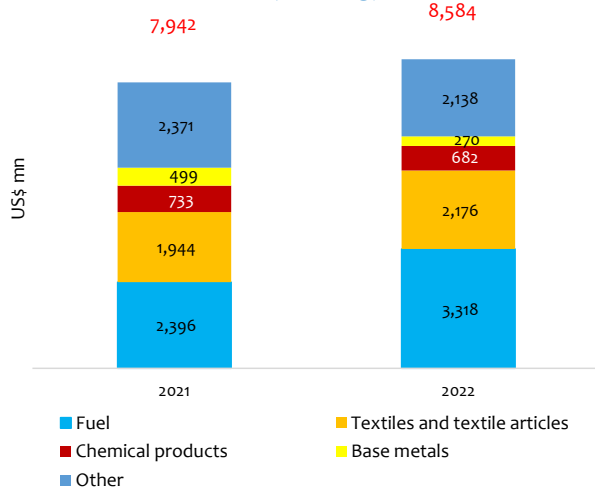


Import expenditure on consumer goods declined substantially (year-on-year) during the eight months ending August 2022, mainly due to the lower import expenditure on non-food consumer goods driven by telecommunication devices, medical and pharmaceuticals and home appliances. Further, the decreases were observed in the import expenditure on oil and fats, sugar and confectionery and dairy products categorised under food and beverages. However, import expenditure on cereals and milling industry products, clothing and accessories and beverages remained high in this period.

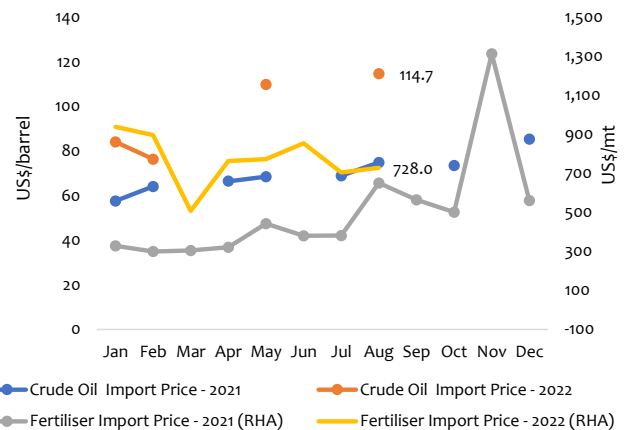
### Intermediate Goods Imports



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



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

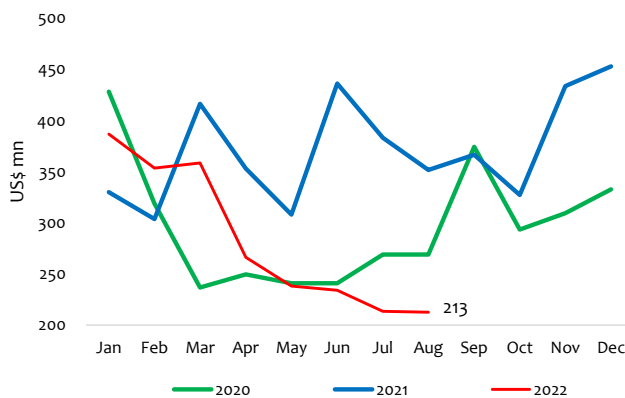


\*Crude oil was not imported in March, June, September and November 2021 and March, April, June and July 2022.

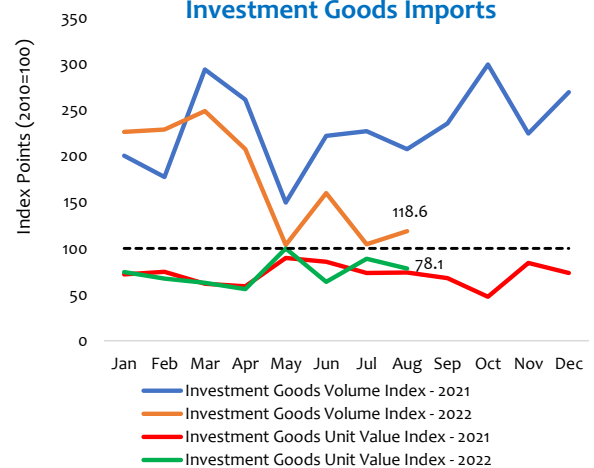
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased (year-on-year) during the eight months ending August 2022, mainly due to the higher expenses incurred on imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles and diamonds and precious stones and metals. However, import expenditure on base metals, wheat, plastics and articles thereof and chemical products declined during the considering period.

### Investment Goods Imports

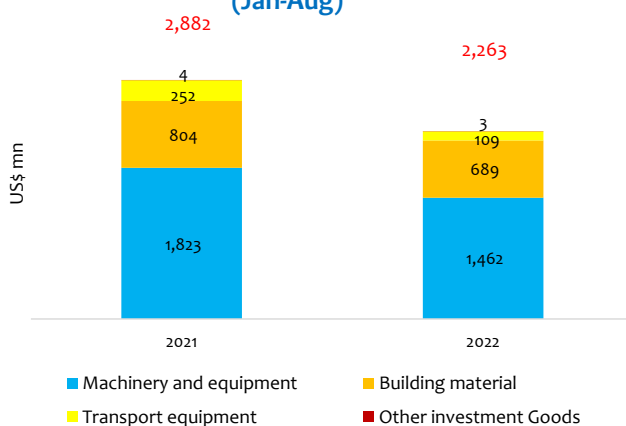
#### Expenditure on Imports of Investment Goods



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



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



Import expenditure on investment goods declined during the eight months ending August 2022, due to the lower import expenditure in all three main investment good categories, namely, machinery and equipment, transport equipment and building materials.

## Summary of External Trade Statistics (a)

## Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item		Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Agricultural Exports</b>		<b>239.4</b>	<b>254.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1,765.5</b>	<b>1,708.5</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
o/w	Tea	116.8	124.4	6.5	882.4	819.3	-7.2
	Coconut	40.1	35.5	-11.5	276.9	284.3	2.7
	Spices	39.7	40.1	1.1	282.4	233.5	-17.3
	Seafood	18.6	25.5	37.1	165.5	188.4	13.8
<b>Industrial Exports</b>		<b>857.4</b>	<b>965.3</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>6,094.3</b>	<b>7,157.8</b>	<b>17.5</b>
o/w	Textiles and garments	493.3	566.9	14.9	3,434.8	4,095.6	19.2
	Rubber products	88.6	96.6	9.0	681.7	676.3	-0.8
	Petroleum products	46.3	32.3	-30.2	294.9	409.8	39.0
	Food, beverages and tobacco	57.5	42.0	-27.0	354.0	366.0	3.4
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	41.1	53.0	28.9	329.1	375.9	14.2
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	22.3	43.3	94.0	179.1	278.7	55.7
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.8	8.7	48.7	33.8	54.2	60.3
<b>Mineral and Other Exports</b>		<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>-19.0</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>		<b>1,101.0</b>	<b>1,224.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7,904.0</b>	<b>8,902.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>

## Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item		Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Consumer goods</b>		<b>324.3</b>	<b>231.2</b>	<b>-28.7</b>	<b>2,579.3</b>	<b>1,945.7</b>	<b>-24.6</b>
<b>Food and beverages</b>		119.1	139.7	17.2	1,151.9	1,106.2	-4.0
o/w	Vegetables (b)	36.1	32.9	-9.1	278.7	226.2	-18.9
	Rice	0.4	34.0	8,203.4	8.4	229.5	2,618.0
<b>Non-food consumer goods</b>		205.1	91.5	-55.4	1,427.3	839.4	-41.2
o/w	Personal vehicles	1.1	0.8	-23.5	7.8	5.7	-26.5
<b>Intermediate goods</b>		<b>1,010.0</b>	<b>1,036.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>7,942.4</b>	<b>8,584.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>
o/w	Fuel	352.7	388.6	10.2	2,395.9	3,317.9	38.5
	Textiles and textile articles	241.3	269.7	11.8	1,943.7	2,175.7	11.9
	Fertiliser	0.9	19.9	2,036.7	104.0	98.2	-5.5
	Wheat and maize	55.0	29.9	-45.6	265.9	170.3	-36.0
<b>Investment goods and other</b>		<b>352.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>-38.1</b>	<b>2,889.9</b>	<b>2,271.2</b>	<b>-21.4</b>
o/w	Machinery and equipment	224.0	136.1	-39.2	1,822.5	1,462.4	-19.8
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>1,686.7</b>	<b>1,485.9</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>13,411.5</b>	<b>12,800.9</b>	<b>-4.6</b>

## Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-585.6</b>	<b>-261.5</b>		<b>-5,507.5</b>	<b>-3,898.7</b>	

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

Item	Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
<b>Export</b>						
Value index	153.2	170.4	11.2	137.5	154.9	12.6
Volume index	171.3	181.6	6.0	153.4	166.3	8.4
Unit value index	89.4	93.8	4.9	89.6	93.1	3.9
<b>Import</b>						
Value index	151.0	133.0	-11.9	150.0	143.2	-4.6
Volume index	153.1	116.9	-23.6	161.3	131.5	-18.4
Unit value index	98.6	113.7	15.4	93.0	108.9	17.0
<b>Terms of Trade</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>-11.2</b>

(a) Provisional

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

(c) In US\$ terms