



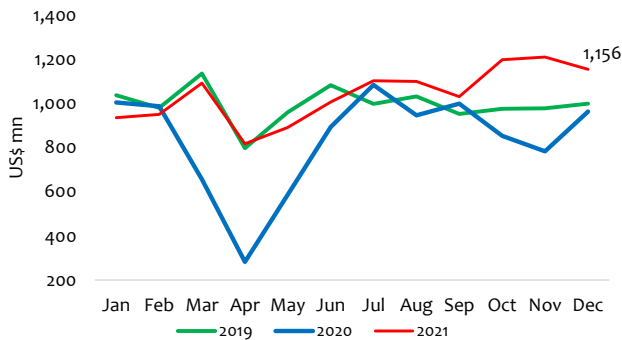
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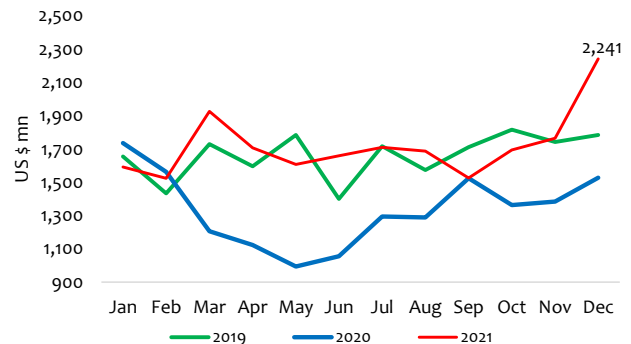
Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



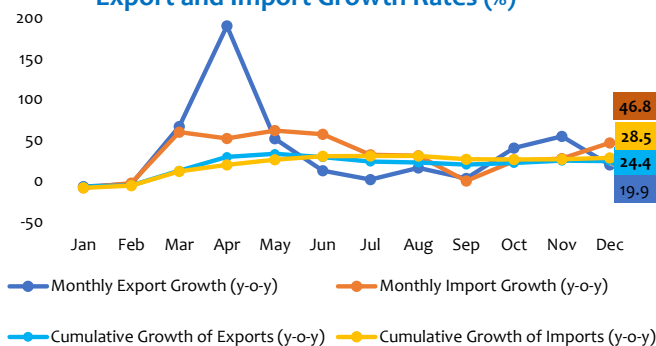
Earnings from merchandise exports increased by 19.9 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,156 million in December 2021.

Monthly Import Performance



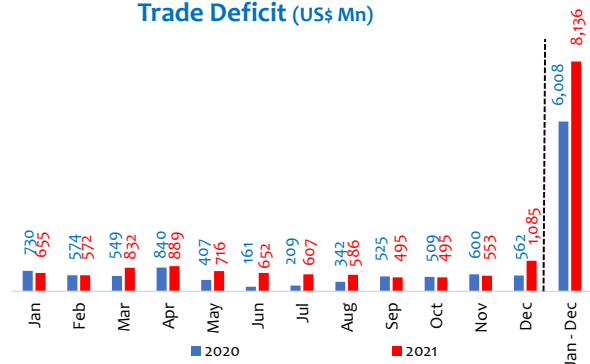
Expenditure on merchandise imports increased by 46.8 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 2,241 million in December 2021.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



During the year 2021, export earnings and import expenditure increased (year-on-year) by 24.4 per cent and 28.5 per cent, respectively.

Trade Deficit (US\$ Mn)



The deficit in the trade account widened in December 2021 to US dollars 1,085 million in comparison to US dollars 562 million recorded in December 2020.

Major Export and Import Categories - (Jan-Dec 2021)

Exports (US\$ mn)

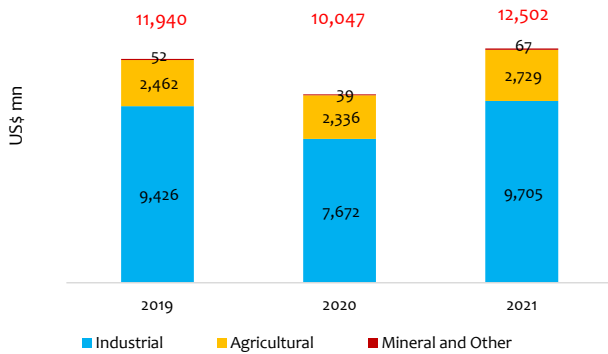
Textiles and garments	5,435.1
Tea	1,324.4
Rubber products	1,050.4
Food beverages and tobacco	586.9
Petroleum products	506.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	500.9
Spices	454.8
Coconut	425.2
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	279.8
Seafood	274.1

Imports (US\$ mn)

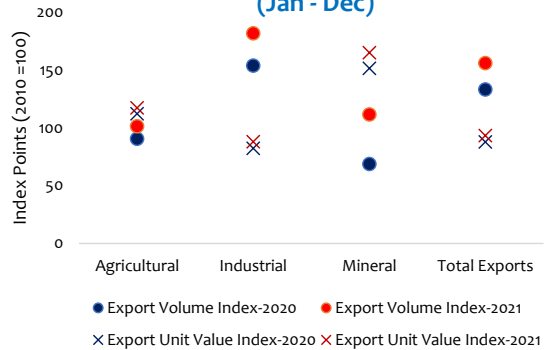
Fuel	3,742.9
Textiles and textile articles	3,066.9
Machinery and equipment	2,809.5
Building material	1,248.9
Chemical products	1,074.4
Medical and pharmaceuticals	882.5
Base metals	866.4
Plastics and articles thereof	765.7
Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	468.9
Wheat and maize	418.3

Export Performance

Export Performance - (Jan-Dec)



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Exports (Jan - Dec)

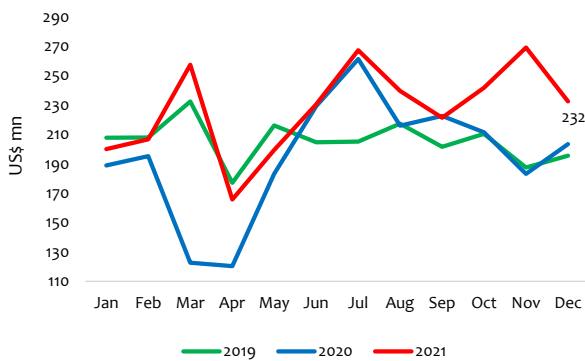


Earnings from exports increased during the year 2021, compared to 2020, due to the increase in earnings from all major categories of exports.

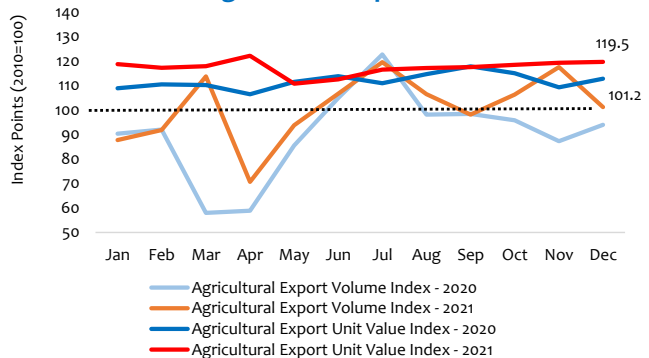
The export volume index and unit value index increased by 17.1 per cent and 6.2 per cent, respectively, on a year-on-year basis, in 2021.

Agricultural Exports

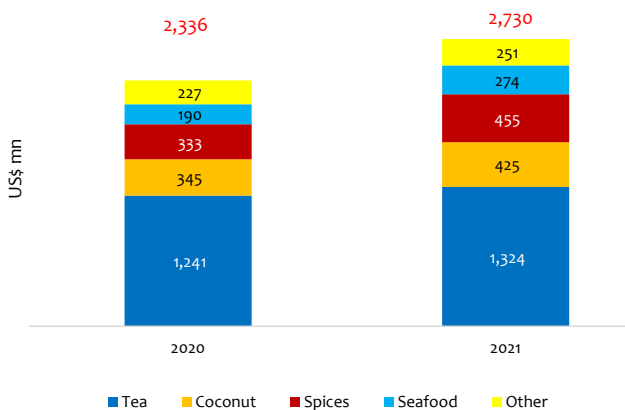
Agricultural Exports



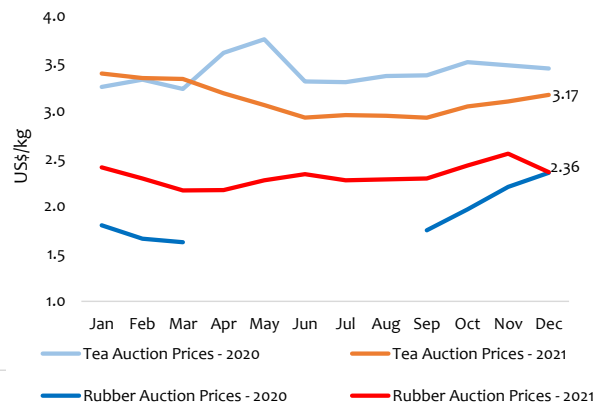
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Dec)



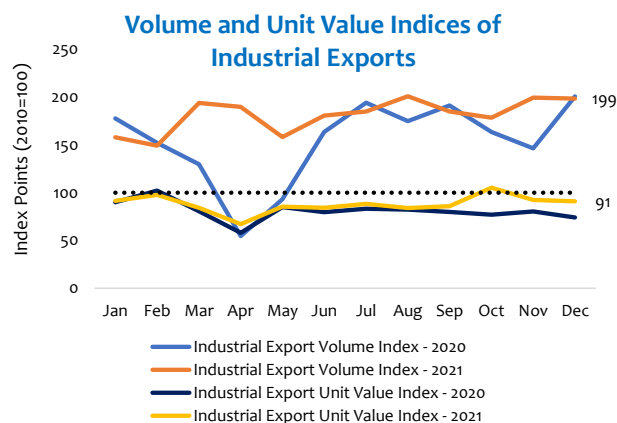
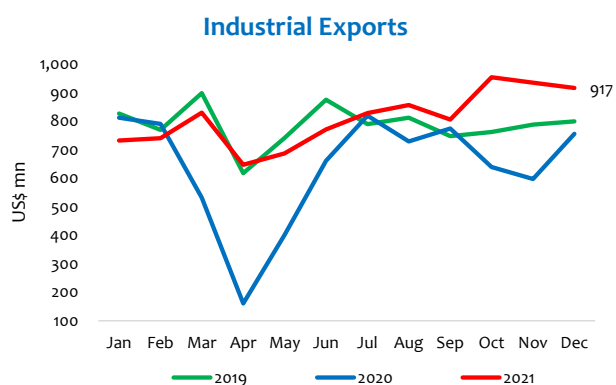
Tea and Rubber Prices *



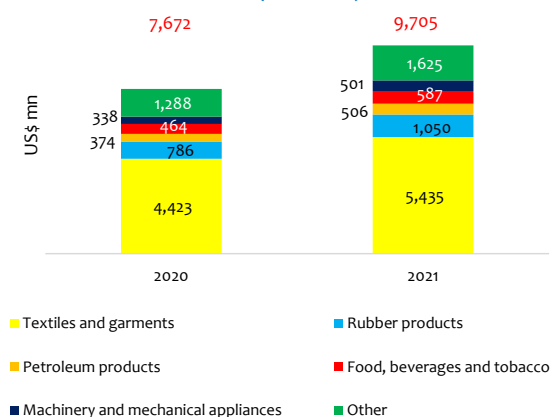
*Based on Colombo auction prices. Rubber auction prices are not available for the period between April to August 2020

Export earnings from agricultural exports improved during the year 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to higher export earnings from spices, seafood, tea and coconut. However, export earnings from vegetables declined in 2021.

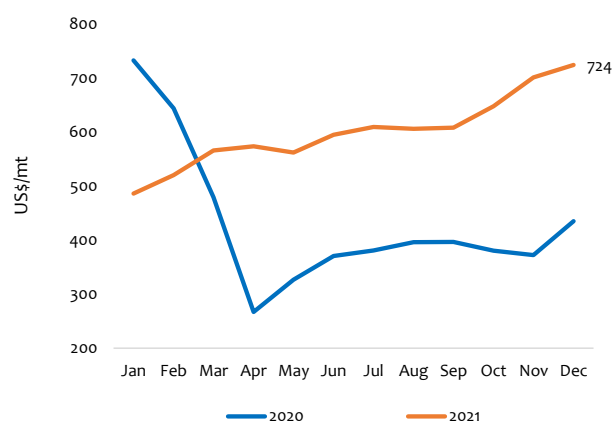
Industrial Exports



Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Dec)



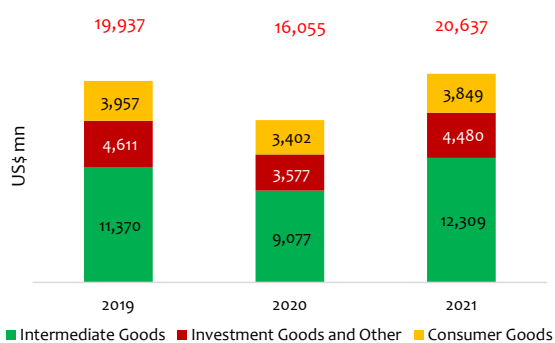
Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



Earnings from industrial exports increased during the year 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly driven by textiles and garments, rubber products, machinery and mechanical appliances and petroleum products. However, earnings from plastics and articles thereof decreased in 2021.

Import Performance

Import Performance - (Jan-Dec)



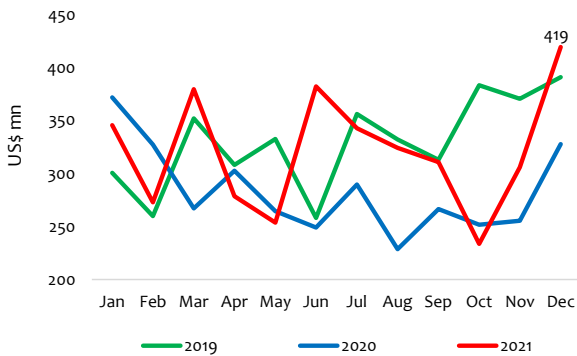
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports (Jan-Dec)



Expenditure on imports increased notably during the year 2021, on a year-on-year basis, resulted from higher expenditure incurred on all major categories. Meanwhile, the import volume index and unit value index increased by 11.5 per cent and 15.2 per cent, respectively, (year-on-year), in 2021.

Consumer Goods Imports

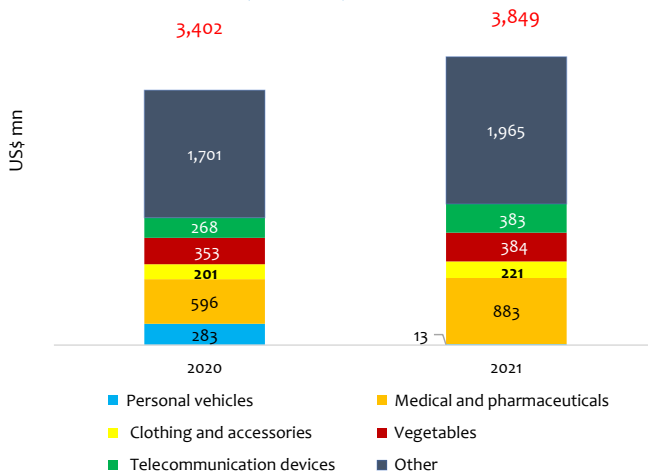
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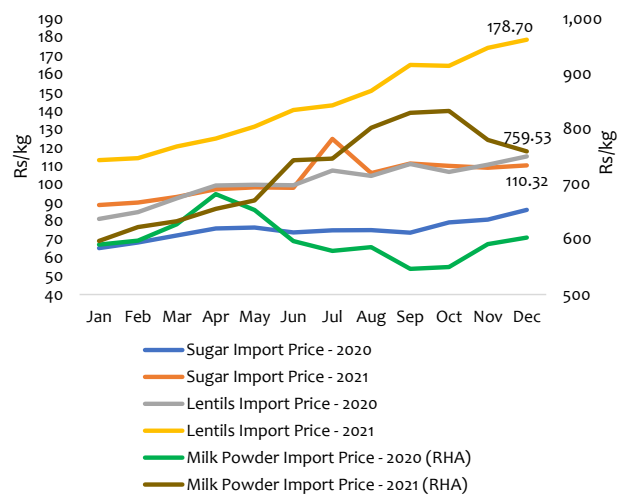
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan-Dec)



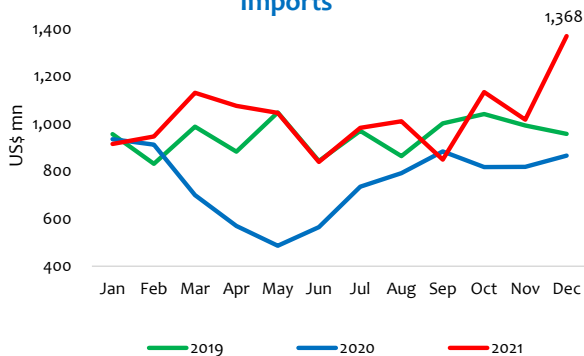
Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder



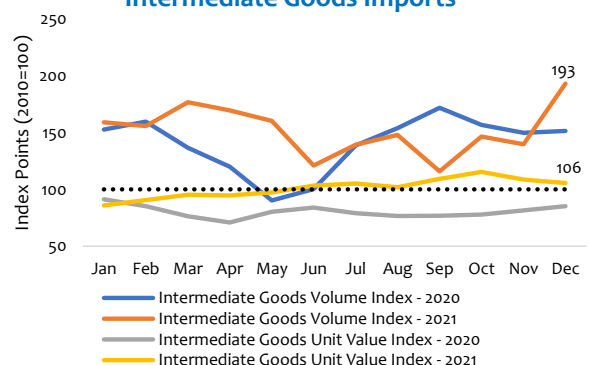
Despite the decline in expenditure on personal vehicles, expenditure on the importation of consumer goods increased in 2021, compared to the previous year, mainly due to higher imports of non-food consumer goods, driven by medical and pharmaceuticals, telecommunication devices and home appliances. Expenditure on food and beverages also increased in 2021 with higher expenditure on importation of oils and fats, cereals and milling industry products and rubber products, although import expenditure on seafood, dairy products and beverages decreased.

Intermediate Goods Imports

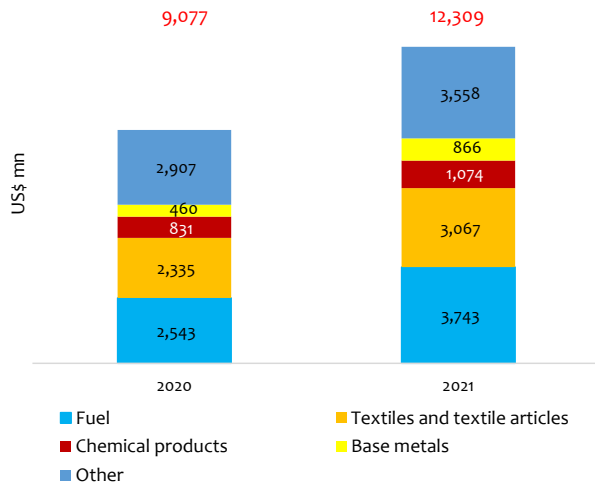
Expenditure on Intermediate Goods Imports



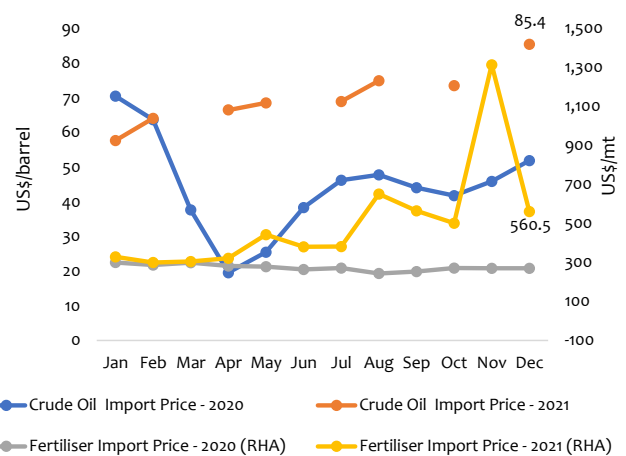
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Dec)



Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

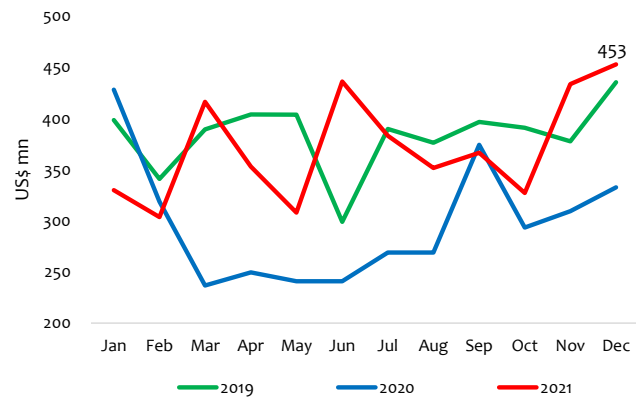


*Crude oil was not imported in March, June, September and November 2021

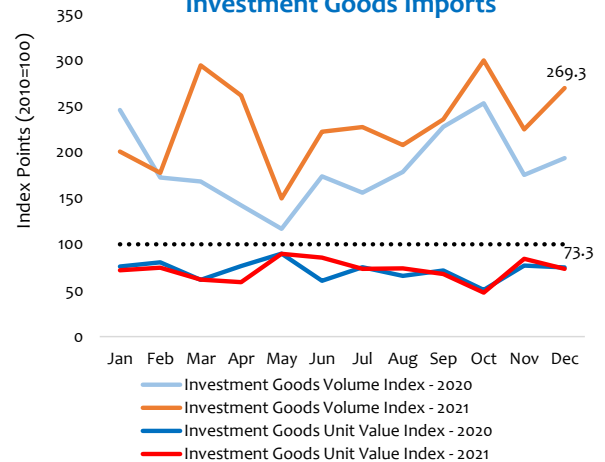
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased significantly during the year 2021, compared to 2020, mainly due to the higher expenses incurred on imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles, base metals, chemical products and plastics and articles thereof. However, import expenditure on fertiliser, unmanufactured tobacco and mineral products decreased in 2021.

Investment Goods Imports

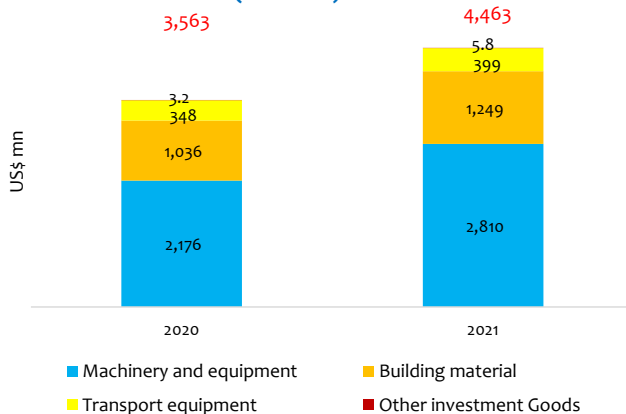
Expenditure on Imports of Investment Goods



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Dec)



Import expenditure on investment goods increased during the year 2021, due to higher expenditure from all subsectors under Investment goods.

Summary of External Trade Statistics (a)

Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	203.3	232.3	14.3	2,336.2	2,729.5	16.8
o/w Tea	113.0	110.6	-2.1	1,240.9	1,324.4	6.7
Coconut	26.8	31.4	17.2	345.2	425.2	23.2
Spices	33.1	43.7	32.0	333.5	454.8	36.4
Seafood	14.4	26.7	85.2	189.8	274.1	44.4
Industrial Exports	755.5	916.7	21.3	7,672.0	9,705.1	26.5
o/w Textiles and garments	451.8	533.2	18.0	4,423.1	5,435.1	22.9
Rubber products	74.9	90.3	20.5	786.1	1,050.4	33.6
Petroleum products	31.2	51.0	63.5	373.6	506.4	35.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	41.4	57.4	38.8	464.0	586.9	26.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	39.6	43.2	9.3	337.5	500.9	48.4
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	18.7	23.2	24.2	181.5	279.8	54.2
Leather, travel goods and footwear	4.4	6.4	44.1	53.9	58.4	8.2
Mineral and Other Exports	5.6	7.3	28.9	39.2	67.1	71.1
Total Exports	964.5	1,156.3	19.9	10,047.4	12,501.7	24.4

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	327.7	419.3	27.9	3,401.7	3,848.7	13.1
Food and beverages	158.1	171.2	8.3	1,554.4	1,666.5	7.2
o/w Vegetables (b)	39.6	33.2	-16.1	352.9	384.3	8.9
Non-food consumer goods	169.7	248.1	46.2	1,847.3	2,182.2	18.1
o/w Personal vehicles	0.5	0.6	23.0	282.9	12.8	-95.5
Intermediate goods	865.0	1,368.3	58.2	9,076.5	12,308.9	35.6
o/w Fuel	235.1	442.5	88.2	2,542.6	3,742.9	47.2
Textiles and textile articles	234.8	297.9	26.9	2,335.1	3,066.9	31.3
Fertiliser	30.4	36.9	21.2	258.9	158.2	-38.9
Wheat and maize	41.9	30.2	-27.8	384.4	418.3	8.8
Investment goods and other	333.9	453.4	35.8	3,577.2	4,479.8	25.2
o/w Machinery and equipment	211.2	307.7	45.7	2,176.1	2,809.5	29.1
Total Imports	1,526.6	2,241.0	46.8	16,055.4	20,637.4	28.5

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-562.2	-1,084.7		-6,007.9	-8,135.7	

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

Item	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	134.2	160.9	19.9	116.5	145.0	24.4
Volume index	167.5	167.7	0.2	132.9	155.7	17.1
Unit value index	80.2	96.0	19.7	87.7	93.1	6.2
Import						
Value index	136.6	200.6	46.8	119.7	153.9	28.5
Volume index	156.9	201.3	28.3	145.5	162.2	11.5
Unit value index	87.1	99.6	14.4	82.3	94.9	15.2
Terms of Trade	92.0	96.3	4.6	106.5	98.2	-7.8

(a) Provisional

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

(c) In US\$ terms