



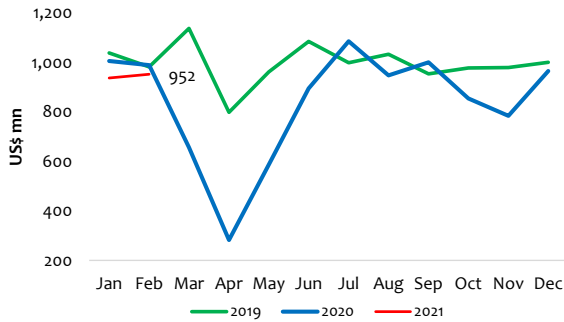
MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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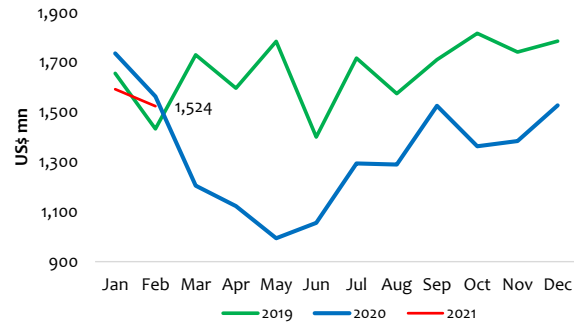
Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



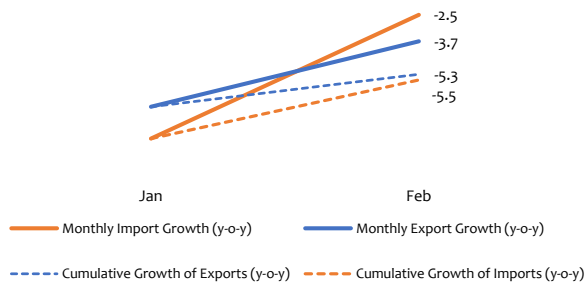
Earnings from merchandise exports decreased by 3.7 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 952 million in February 2021.

Monthly Import Performance



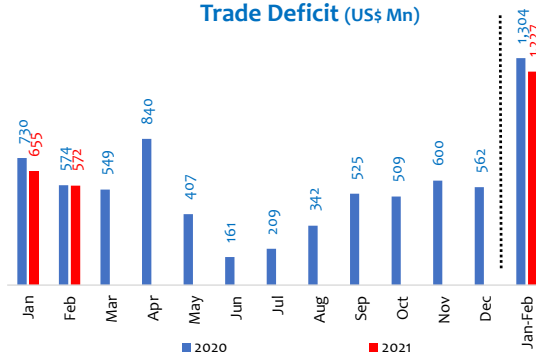
Expenditure on merchandise imports decreased by 2.5 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,524 million in February 2021.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



Export earnings declined by 5.3 per cent and import expenditure declined by 5.5 per cent (y-o-y) during the two months ending February 2021.

Trade Deficit (US\$ Mn)



The deficit in the trade account contracted in February 2021 to US dollars 572 million in comparison to US dollars 574 million recorded in February 2020.

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

Exports (US\$ mn)

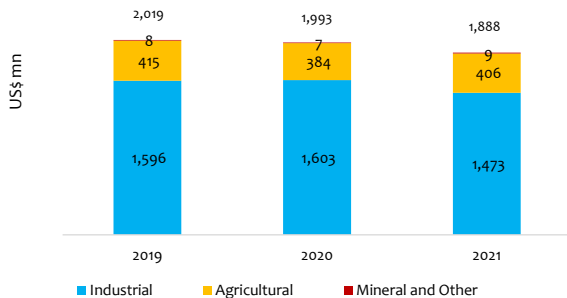
Textiles and garments	866.3
Tea	213.5
Rubber products	161.2
Food beverages and tobacco	81.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	80.7
Spices	75.2
Petroleum products	57.1
Coconut	55.1
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	43.1
Chemical products	32.4

Imports (US\$ mn)

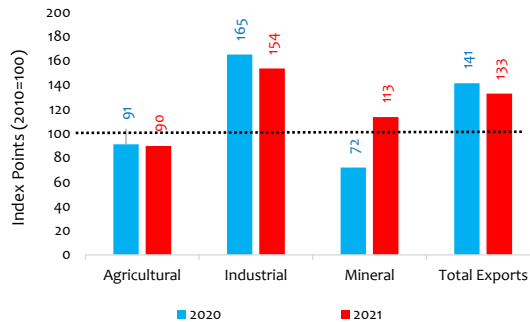
Fuel	630.0
Textiles and textile articles	459.2
Machinery and equipment	410.5
Building material	176.9
Chemical products	165.5
Plastic and articles thereof	117.1
Sugar and confectionery	86.6
Medical and pharmaceuticals	86.0
Telecommunication devices	69.2
Vegetables	67.6

Export Performance

Export Performance - (Jan-Feb)



Export Volume Index - (Jan-Feb)

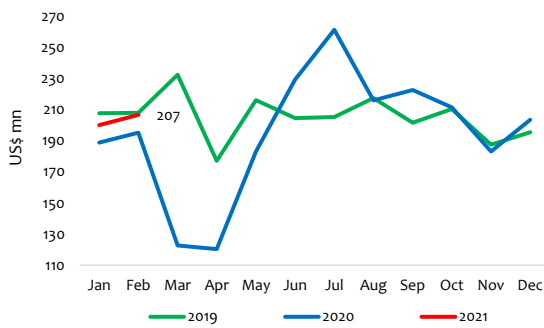


Earnings from exports decreased during the two months ending February 2021 due to reduction in industrial exports, while agricultural, mineral and other exports showed a growth.

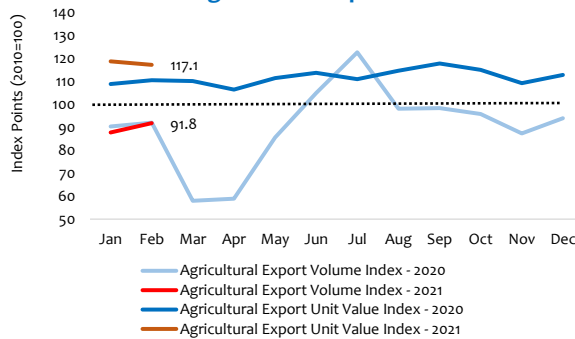
Export volume index declined during the two months ending February 2021 due to reduction in export volumes of industrial and agricultural exports.

Agricultural Exports

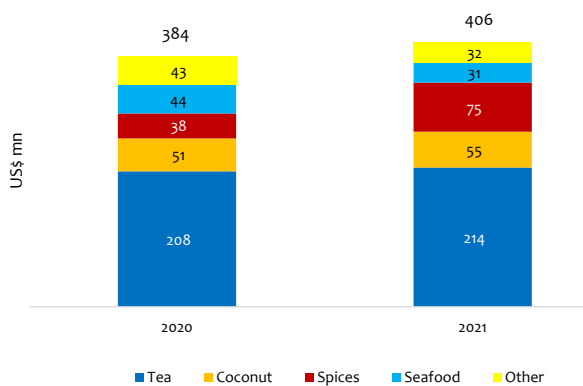
Agricultural Exports



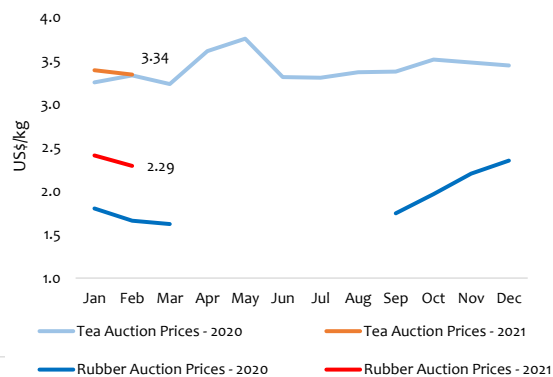
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Feb)



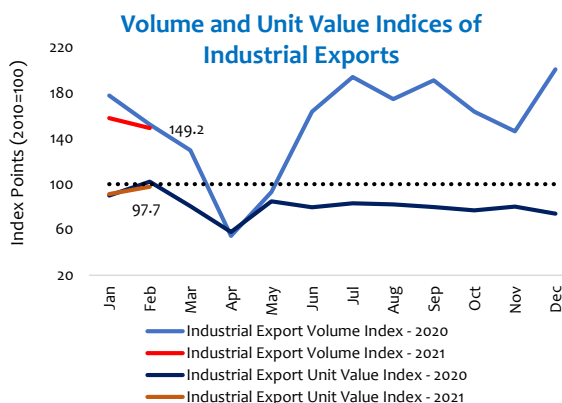
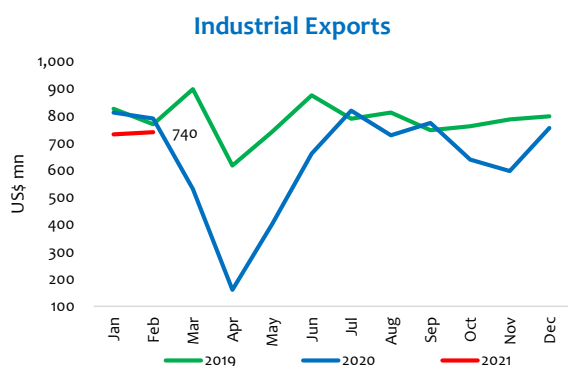
Tea and Rubber Prices *



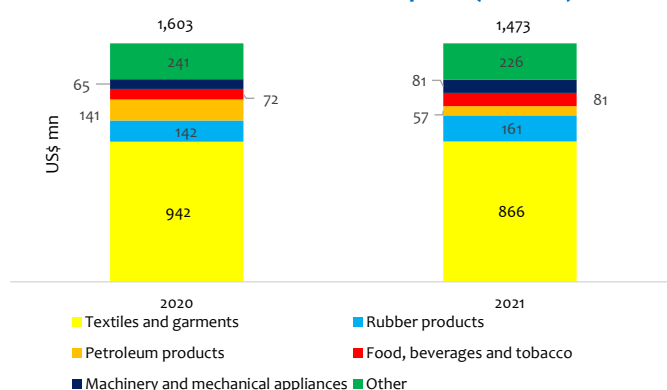
*Based on Colombo auction prices. Rubber auction prices are not available for the period between April to August 2020

Export earnings from agricultural exports improved during the two months ending February 2021 mainly due to higher earnings from spices (led by cinnamon and pepper) tea and coconut exports. However, earnings from seafood, minor agricultural products, and vegetables exports declined.

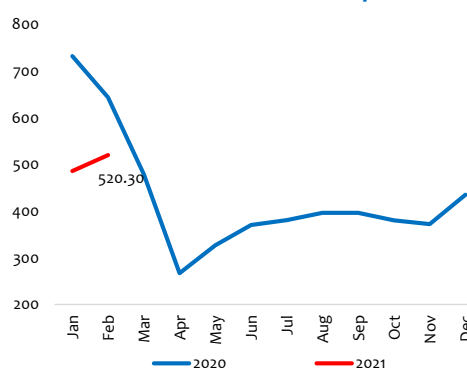
Industrial Exports



Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Feb)



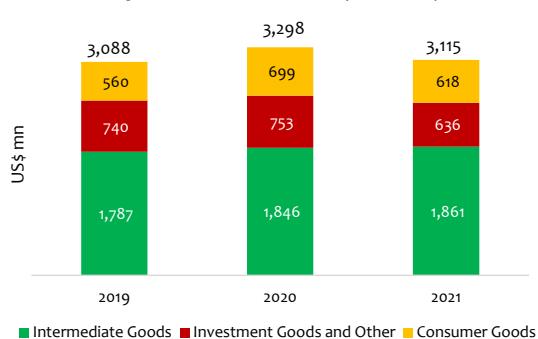
Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



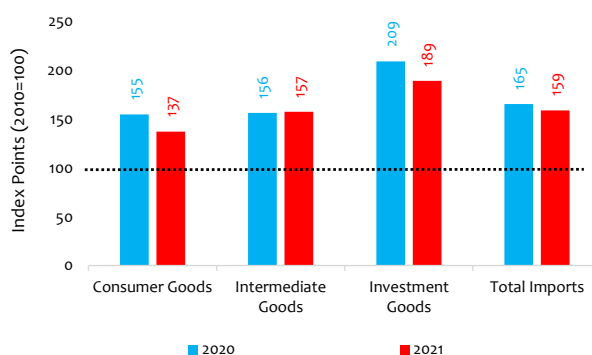
Earnings from industrial exports declined significantly during the two months ending February 2021 mainly due to lower performance in petroleum products and textiles and garments exports. However, earnings from machinery and equipment and rubber products exports increased.

Import Performance

Import Performance - (Jan-Feb)

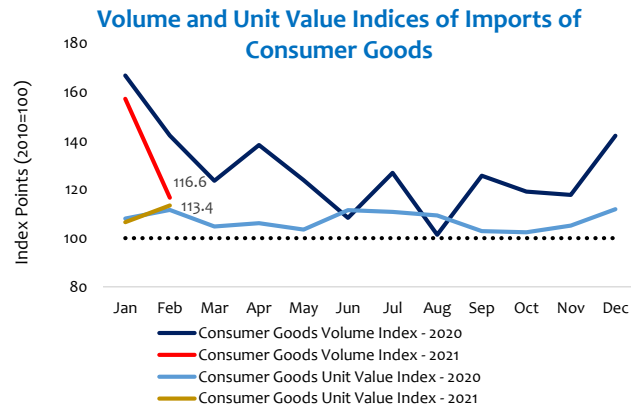
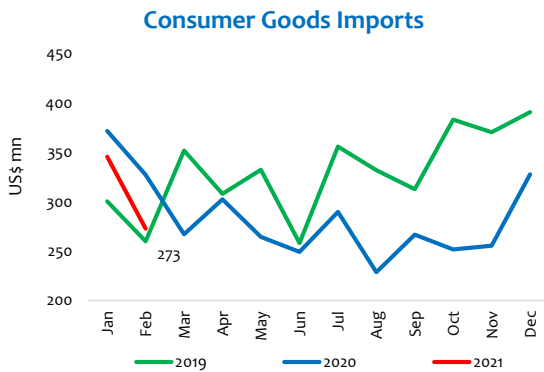


Import Volume Index - (Jan-Feb)

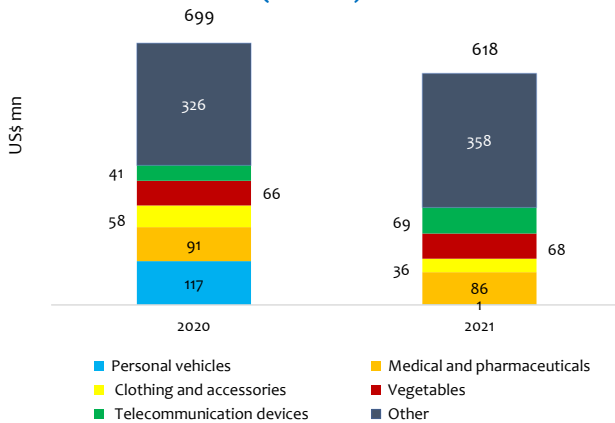


Expenditure on imports declined during the two months ending February 2021 (y-o-y) mainly due to lower expenditure incurred on consumer goods, investment and other goods imports. Meanwhile, the import volume index declined during the same period (y-o-y) with lower volumes in all major categories of imports except for the volumes of intermediate goods.

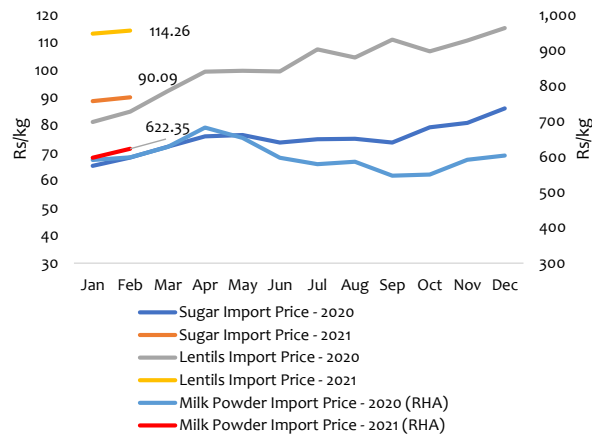
Consumer Goods Imports



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)

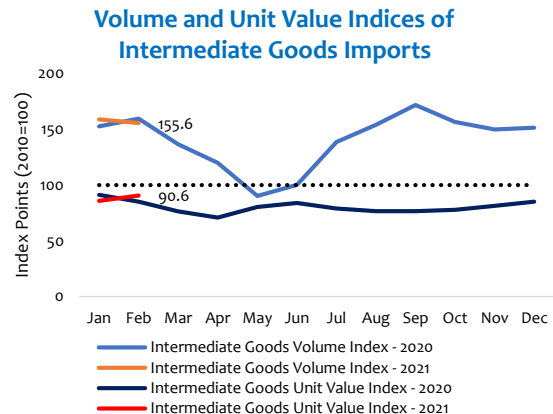
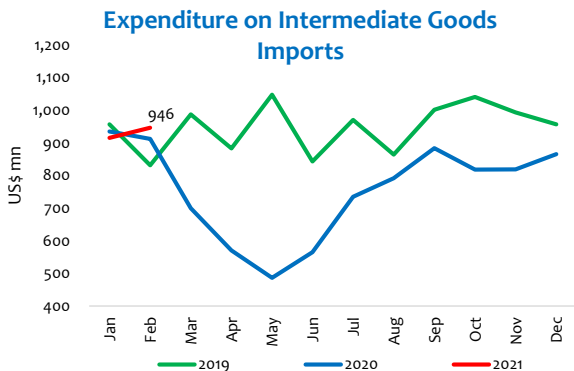


Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder

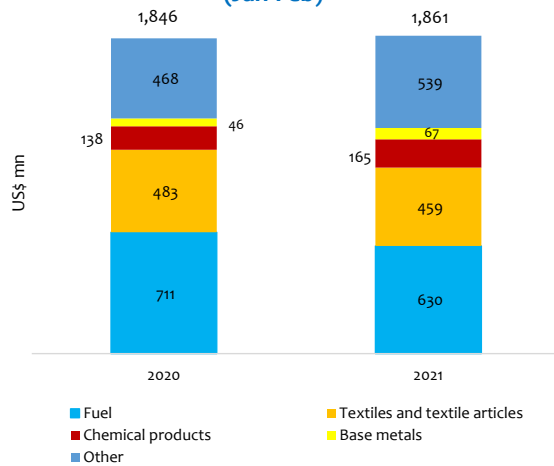


Import expenditure on consumer goods declined (y-o-y) during the two months ending February 2021 mainly due to lower imports of non-food consumer goods driven by personal vehicles and clothing and accessories although expenditure on telecommunication devices imports increased. Meanwhile, expenditure on food and beverages increased with higher expenditure on imports of sugar and oils and fats.

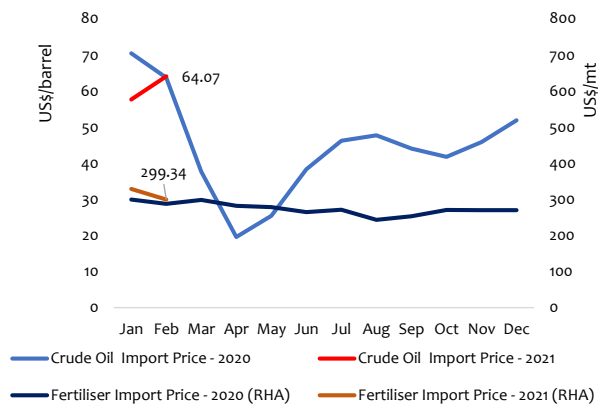
Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)



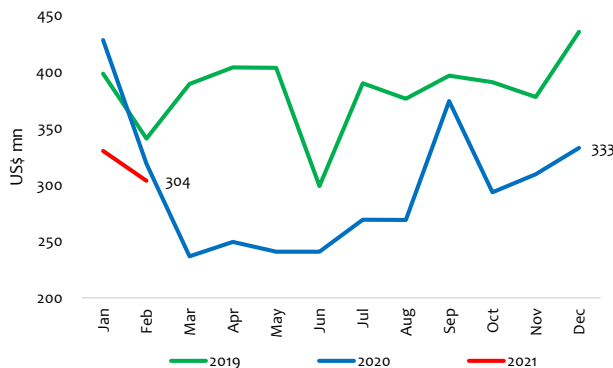
Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)



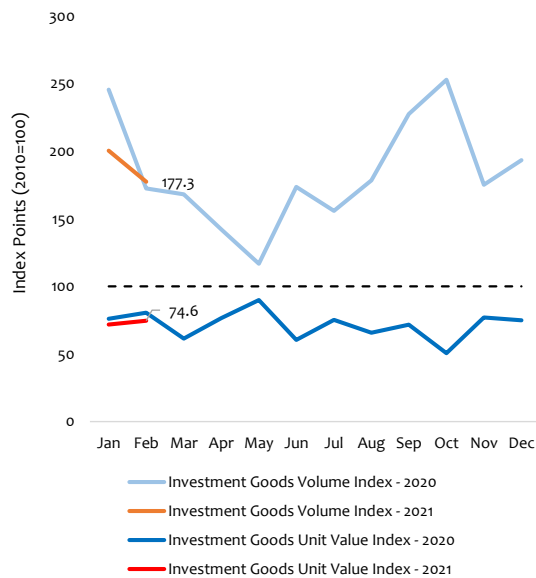
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased during the two months ending February 2021 mainly due to the higher expenditure on wheat and maize, chemical products, plastics and articles thereof and rubber and articles thereof imports. However, expenditure on fuel and textiles and textile articles imports declined.

Investment Goods Imports

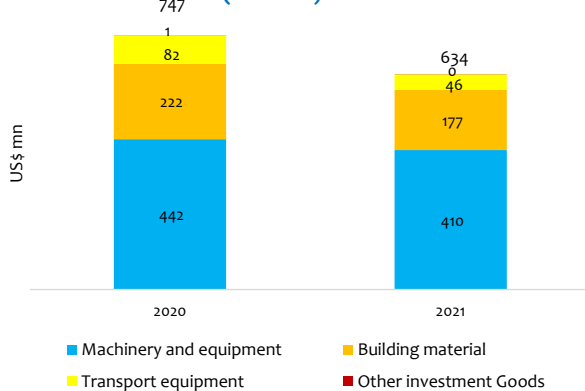
Expenditure on Investment Goods Imports



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Feb)



Expenditure on investment goods imports declined during the two months ending February 2021 resulted from lower imports of all major categories.

Summary of External Trade Statistics

Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	195.1	206.5	5.9	383.8	406.5	5.9
o/w Tea	107.8	112.5	4.4	207.5	213.5	2.9
Coconut	26.2	30.9	18.1	50.7	55.1	8.6
Spices	18.7	33.1	77.6	38.1	75.2	97.1
Seafood	20.6	14.1	-31.6	44.2	31.0	-30.0
Industrial Exports	790.1	740.3	-6.3	1,602.7	1,472.6	-8.1
o/w Textiles and garments	468.1	443.3	-5.3	942.2	866.3	-8.1
Rubber products	71.5	81.0	13.2	141.7	161.2	13.7
Petroleum products	57.8	22.7	-60.8	140.6	57.1	-59.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	36.6	41.7	13.7	72.1	81.4	12.8
Machinery and mechanical appliances	34.8	39.6	13.9	65.3	80.7	23.7
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	21.4	19.7	-8.2	46.1	43.1	-6.7
Leather, travel goods and footwear	7.3	4.5	-39.2	12.9	7.9	-38.4
Mineral and Other Exports	3.3	4.9	48.0	6.9	9.3	35.4
Total Exports	988.5	951.7	-3.7	1,993.4	1,888.4	-5.3

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	327.3	272.7	-16.7	699.0	618.3	-11.5
Food and beverages	135.8	131.8	-3.0	283.4	315.6	11.4
o/w Vegetables	30.0	27.2	-9.4	65.9	67.6	2.6
Non-food consumer goods	191.4	140.9	-26.4	415.7	302.7	-27.2
o/w Personal vehicles	53.6	0.9	-98.3	116.9	1.4	-98.8
Intermediate goods	911.5	945.9	3.8	1,846.0	1,860.8	0.8
o/w Fuel	418.7	320.2	-23.5	710.6	630.0	-11.3
Textiles and textile articles	182.0	222.8	22.4	482.8	459.2	-4.9
Fertiliser	13.2	14.0	5.7	19.2	18.7	-2.6
Wheat and maize	8.4	55.5	558.6	17.3	62.4	260.1
Investment goods and other	323.6	305.0	-5.7	752.7	636.1	-15.5
o/w Machinery and equipment	183.5	193.8	5.6	442.1	410.5	-7.2
Total Imports	1,562.3	1,523.6	-2.5	3,297.7	3,115.2	-5.5

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-573.8	-571.9		-1,304.2	-1,226.8	

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

Item	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	137.6	132.5	-3.7	138.7	131.4	-5.3
Volume index	132.5	130.4	-1.6	141.3	132.9	-5.9
Unit value index	103.8	101.6	-2.2	98.2	98.9	0.7
Import						
Value index	139.8	136.4	-2.5	147.6	139.4	-5.5
Volume index	157.5	151.4	-3.9	165.3	158.6	-4.0
Unit value index	88.8	90.1	1.4	89.3	87.9	-1.6
Terms of Trade	116.9	112.8	-3.5	110.0	112.5	2.3

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

(b) In US\$ terms