



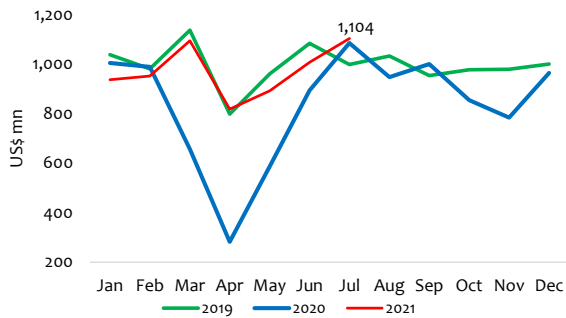
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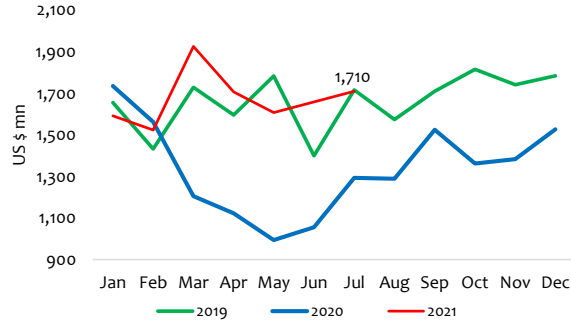
Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



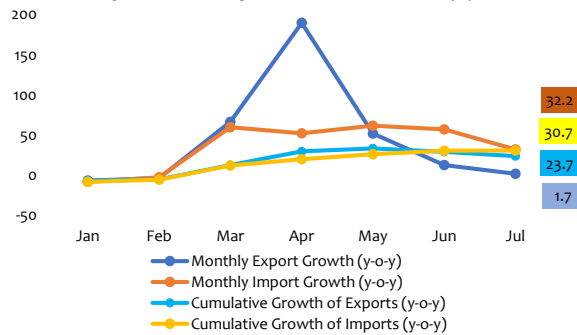
Earnings from merchandise exports increased by 1.7 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,104 million in July 2021.

Monthly Import Performance



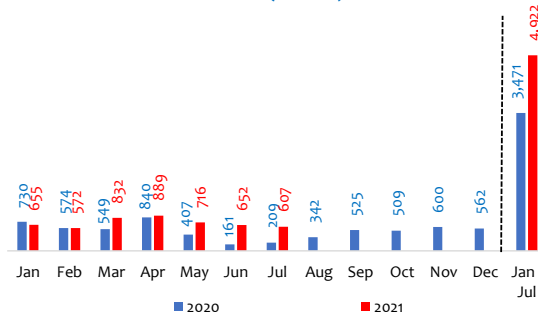
Expenditure on merchandise imports increased by 32.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,710 million in July 2021.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



During the seven months ending July 2021, export earnings and import expenditure increased, year-on-year, by 23.7 per cent and 30.7 per cent, respectively.

Trade Deficit (US\$ Mn)



The deficit in the trade account widened in July 2021 to US dollars 607 million in comparison to US dollars 209 million recorded in July 2020.

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

Exports (US\$ mn)

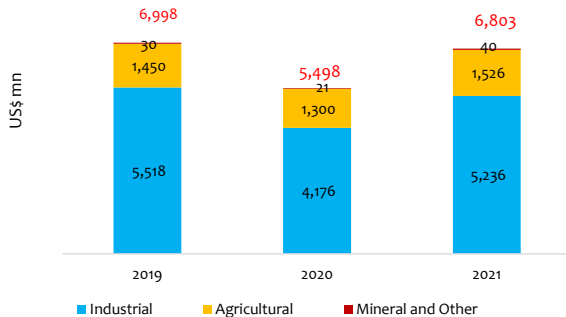
Textiles and garments	2,941.5
Tea	765.7
Rubber products	593.1
Food beverages and tobacco	296.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	288.0
Petroleum products	248.6
Spices	242.7
Coconut	236.9
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	156.3
seafood	146.9

Imports (US\$ mn)

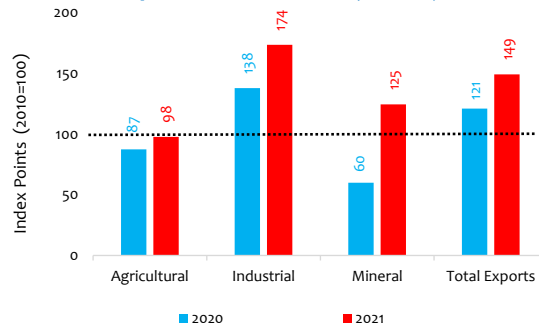
Fuel	2,043.2
Textiles and textile articles	1,702.3
Machinery and equipment	1,598.5
Building material	706.4
Chemical products	652.5
Plastic and articles thereof	464.1
Base metals	459.7
Medical and pharmaceuticals	433.5
Paper and paperboard and articles	282.0
Telecommunication devices	250.3

Export Performance

Export Performance - (Jan-Jul)



Export Volume Index - (Jan-Jul)

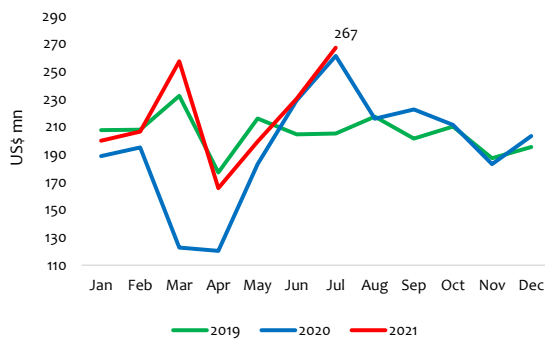


Earnings from exports increased during the seven months ending July 2021 due to the increase in earnings from all major categories of exports in comparison to the same period in 2020.

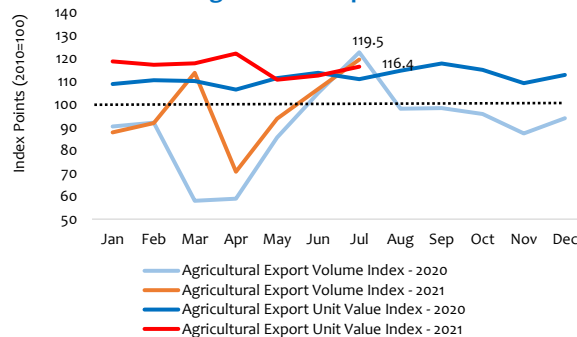
Export volume index increased during the seven months ending July 2021 due to the increase in export volumes of all major categories.

Agricultural Exports

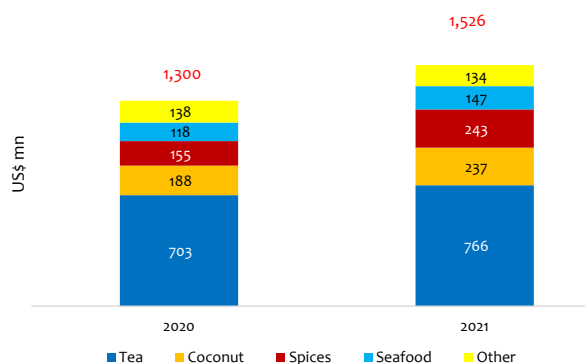
Agricultural Exports



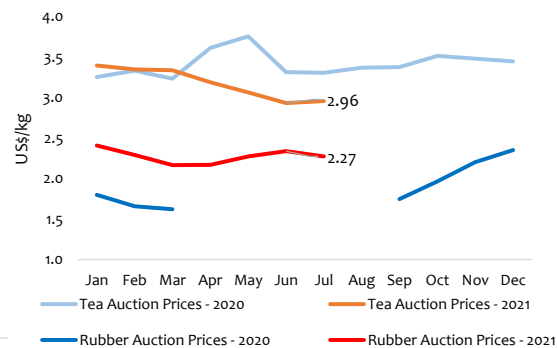
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Jul)



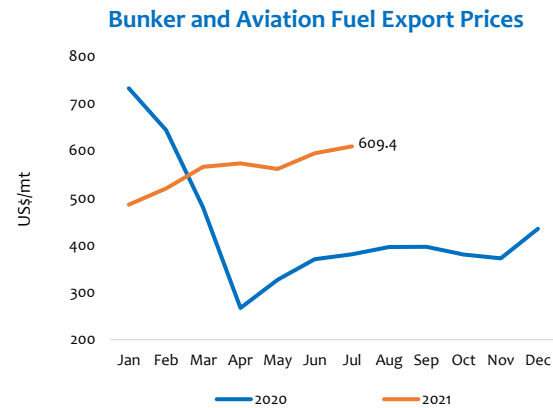
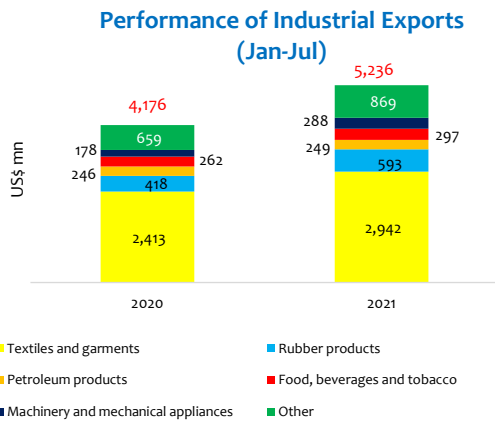
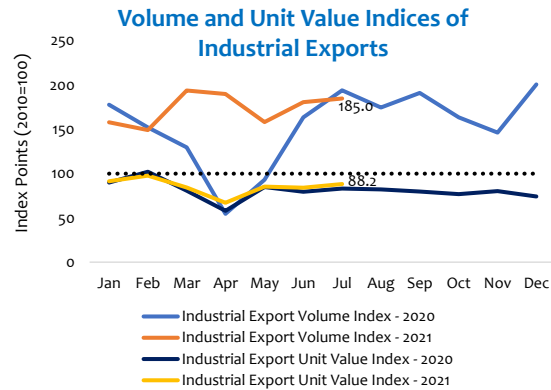
Tea and Rubber Prices *



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

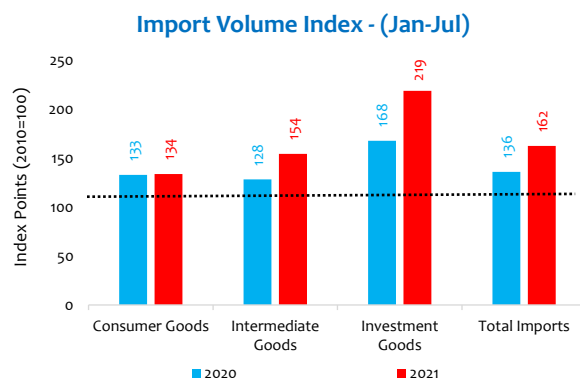
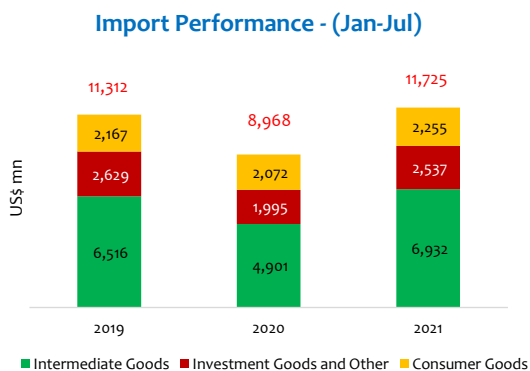
Earnings from agricultural exports improved during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to higher earnings from tea, spices, coconut and seafood exports. However, export earnings from minor agricultural products and vegetables declined during this period.

Industrial Exports



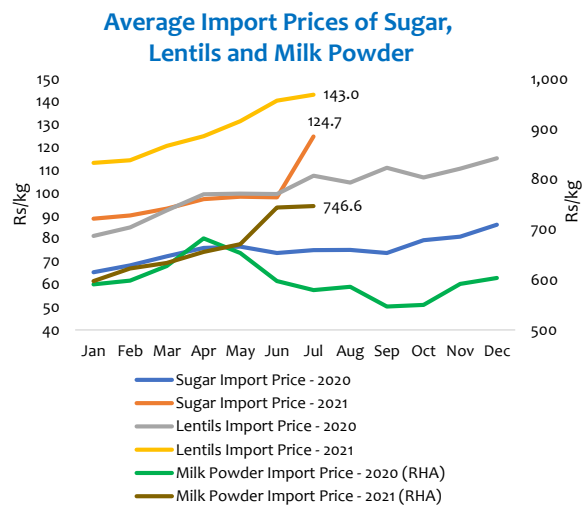
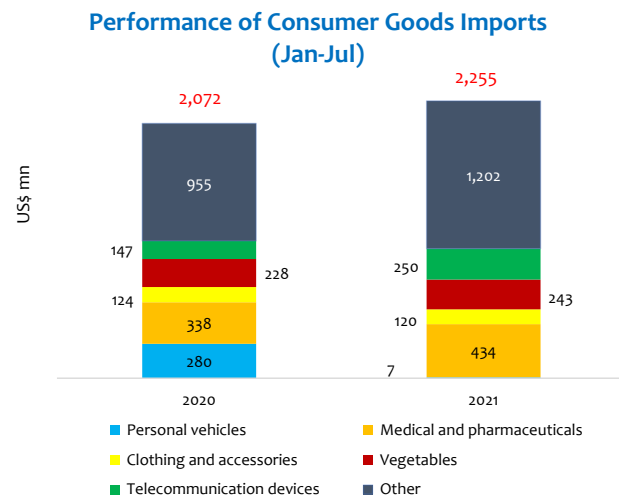
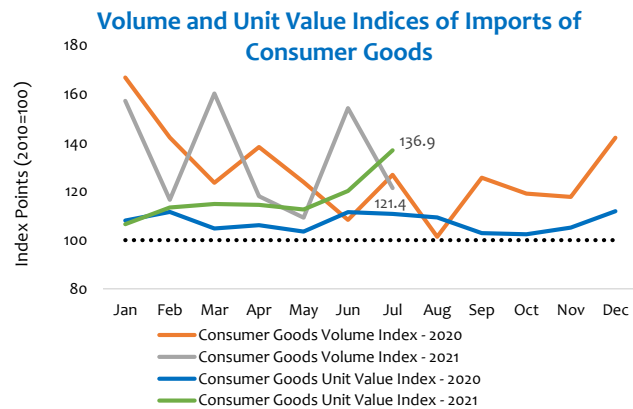
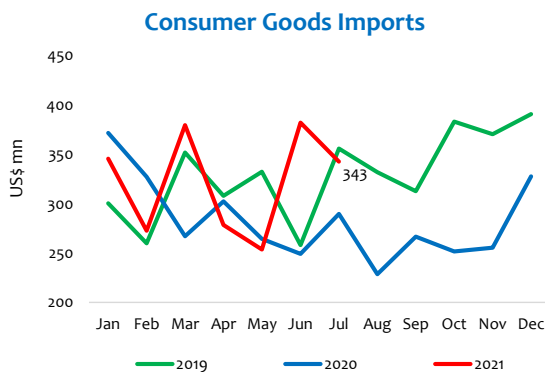
Earnings from industrial exports increased during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to higher earnings from textiles and garments, rubber products, food, beverages and tobacco and machinery and mechanical appliances exports. However, earnings from plastics and articles thereof and leather, travel goods and footwear exports decreased during this period.

Import Performance



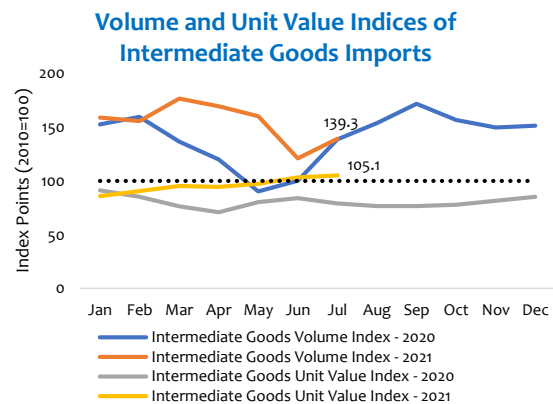
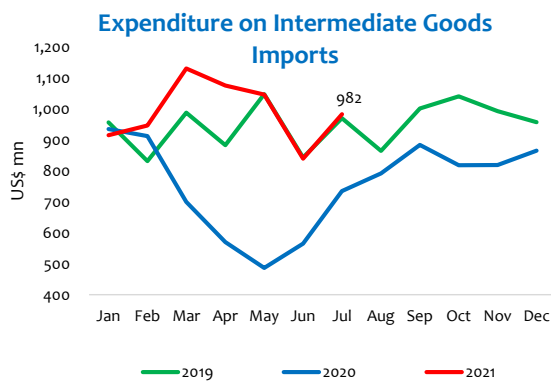
Expenditure on imports increased significantly during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis, due to higher expenditure incurred on all major categories of imports. Meanwhile, the import volume index also increased with higher volumes in all major categories of imports during the period under consideration.

Consumer Goods Imports

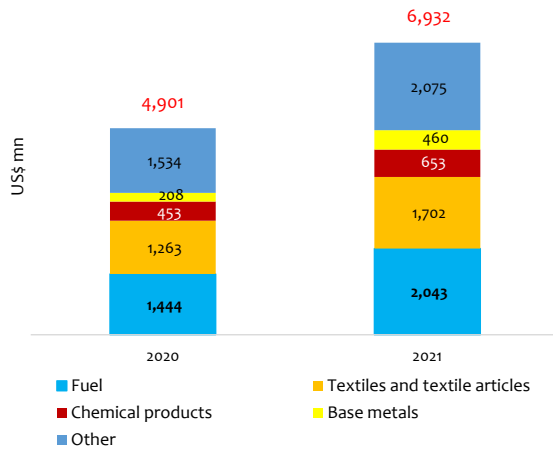


Import expenditure on consumer goods increased during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis due to increased imports of both food and beverages and non-food consumer goods. The increase in food and beverages was driven by oil and fats, sugar and confectionery and vegetables imports. Expenditure on non-food consumer goods increased with higher expenditure on importation of medical and pharmaceuticals, telecommunication devices and home appliances, despite the decline in import expenditure on personal vehicles.

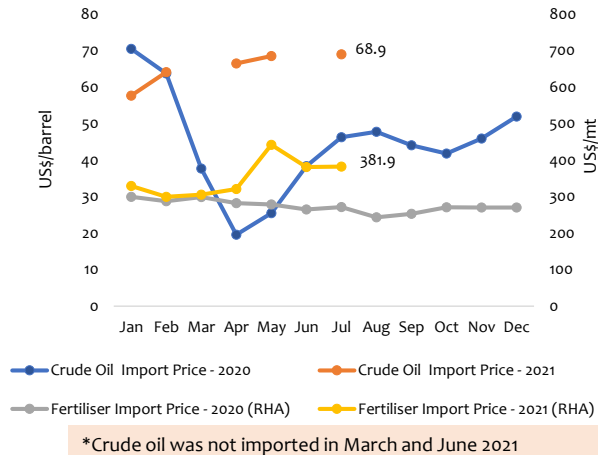
Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Jul)



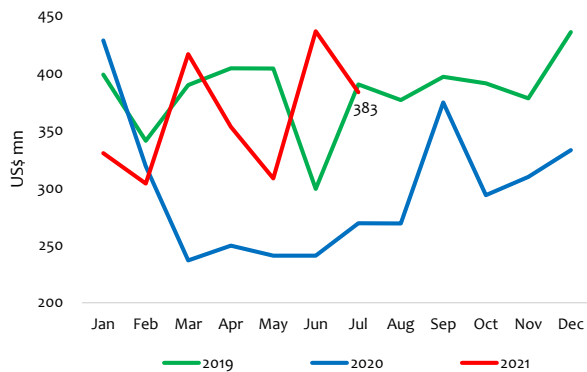
Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)



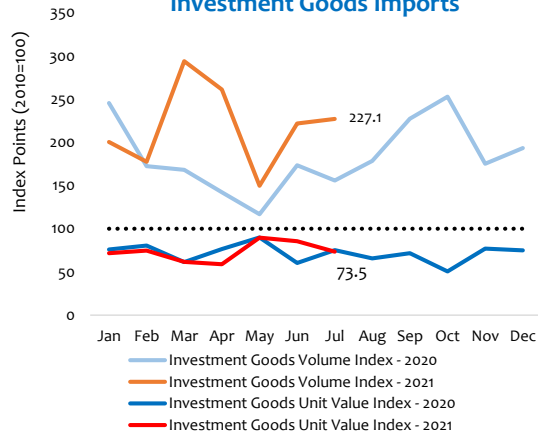
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to the higher expenses incurred on imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles, chemical products and base metals. However, import expenditure on fertiliser, unmanufactured tobacco and mineral products decreased during the period.

Investment Goods Imports

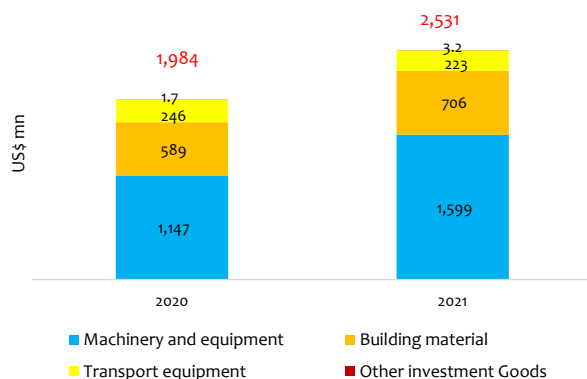
Expenditure on Investment Goods Imports



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Jul)



Import expenditure on investment goods increased during the seven months ending July 2021, on a year-on-year basis, mainly due to the higher expenditure on machinery and equipment and building material imports.

Summary of External Trade Statistics (a)

Export Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports	261.2	267.1	2.3	1,300.1	1,526.0	17.4
o/w Tea	130.9	115.1	-12.1	702.6	765.7	9.0
Coconut	40.8	40.6	-0.5	187.6	236.9	26.3
Spices	40.9	45.8	12.0	154.8	242.7	56.8
Seafood	18.5	40.5	119.1	117.6	146.9	24.9
Industrial Exports	819.3	828.7	1.1	4,176.5	5,236.4	25.4
o/w Textiles and garments	469.2	454.1	-3.2	2,413.0	2,941.5	21.9
Rubber products	82.2	93.4	13.6	417.9	593.1	41.9
Petroleum products	26.7	52.0	94.7	246.2	248.6	1.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	64.3	48.5	-24.6	262.2	296.5	13.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances	32.0	45.8	43.4	178.4	288.0	61.4
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	17.7	24.1	36.6	90.4	156.3	72.9
Leather, travel goods and footwear	6.4	5.4	-15.1	32.5	28.0	-14.0
Mineral and Other Exports	4.5	7.7	71.2	21.2	40.1	89.2
Total Exports	1,085.0	1,103.5	1.7	5,497.8	6,802.6	23.7

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods	289.6	342.7	18.3	2,071.7	2,255.0	8.8
Food and beverages	130.2	117.9	-9.4	917.5	1,032.8	12.6
o/w Vegetables (b)	25.6	31.5	22.7	228.0	242.6	6.4
Non-food consumer goods	159.4	224.8	41.0	1,154.2	1,222.2	5.9
o/w Personal vehicles	6.1	2.3	-62.1	279.5	6.7	-97.6
Intermediate goods	734.3	982.3	33.8	4,901.1	6,932.4	41.4
o/w Fuel	200.3	256.0	27.8	1,443.7	2,043.2	41.5
Textiles and textile articles	197.1	251.2	27.4	1,262.8	1,702.3	34.8
Fertiliser	9.1	5.6	-38.6	116.1	103.0	-11.2
Wheat and maize	26.8	26.3	-1.7	183.3	210.9	15.1
Investment goods and other	269.8	385.1	42.7	1,995.5	2,537.4	27.2
o/w Machinery and equipment	157.0	232.0	47.8	1,147.0	1,598.5	39.4
Total Imports	1,293.7	1,710.1	32.2	8,968.3	11,724.8	30.7

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-208.7	-606.6		-3,470.5	-4,922.3	

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

Item	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	151.0	153.6	1.7	109.3	135.3	23.7
Volume index	170.2	163.1	-4.2	121.0	149.2	23.3
Unit value index	88.7	94.2	6.1	90.3	90.6	0.4
Import						
Value index	115.8	153.0	32.2	114.7	149.9	30.7
Volume index	138.7	152.7	10.1	136.0	162.4	19.4
Unit value index	83.5	100.2	20.1	84.3	92.3	9.5
Terms of Trade	106.2	93.9	-11.6	107.1	98.2	-8.3

(a) Provisional

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

(c) In US\$ terms