



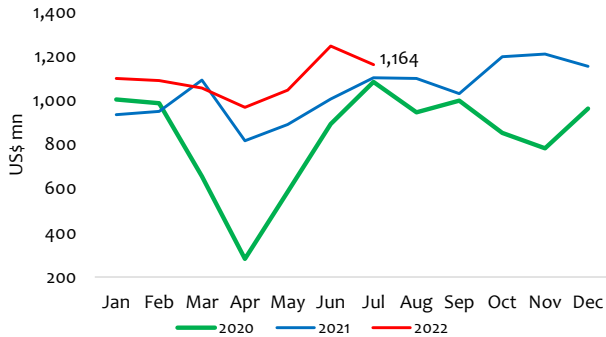
MONTHLY TRADE BULLETIN

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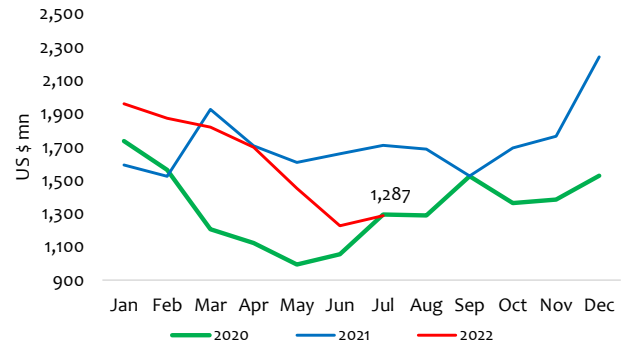
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Highlights

Monthly Export Performance



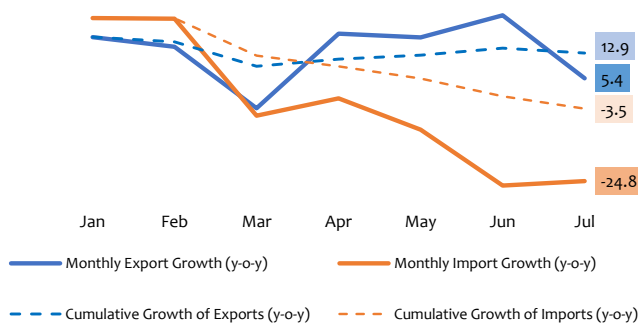
Monthly Import Performance



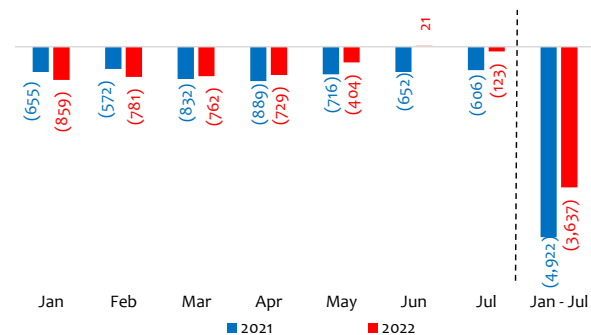
Earnings from merchandise exports increased by 5.4 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,164 million in July 2022.

Expenditure on merchandise imports declined by 24.8 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 1,287 million in July 2022.

Export and Import Growth Rates (%)



Trade Balance (US\$ Mn)



Export earnings increased (year-on-year) by 12.9 per cent, while import expenditure declined marginally (year-on-year) by 3.5 per cent during the seven months ending July 2022.

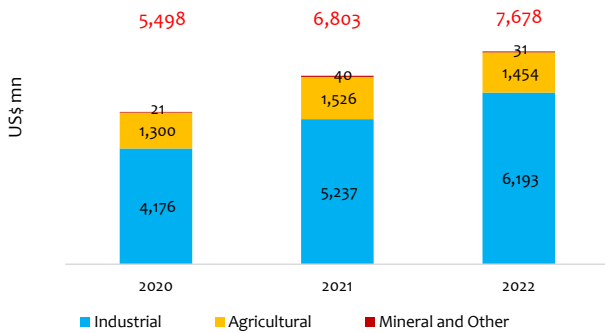
The merchandise trade account in July 2022 recorded a deficit of US dollars 123 million compared to the deficit of US dollars 606 million in July 2021.

Major Export and Import Categories - (Jan - Jul 2022)

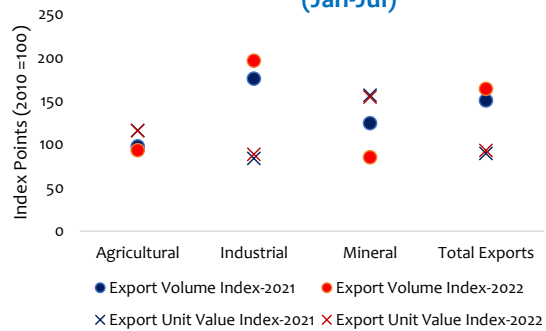
Exports (US\$ mn)		Imports (US\$ mn)	
Textiles and garments	3,528.7	Fuel	2,929.3
Tea	694.9	Textiles and textile articles	1,905.9
Rubber products	579.7	Machinery and equipment	1,326.3
Petroleum products	377.6	Building material	618.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	324.1	Chemical products	589.4
Machinery and mechanical appliances	322.9	Plastics and articles thereof	411.0
Coconut	248.9	Medical and pharmaceuticals	301.0
Gems, diamonds and jewellery	235.4	Paper and paperboard and articles thereof	285.1
Spices	193.4	Base metals	257.3
Seafood	162.8	Cereals and milling industry products	242.5

Export Performance

Export Performance - (Jan- Jul)



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

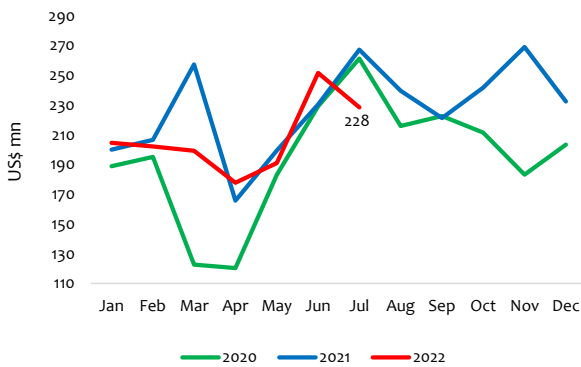


Earnings from exports increased during the seven months ending July 2022, mainly due to the increase in industrial exports. However, a decrease was recorded in exports of agricultural and mineral exports.

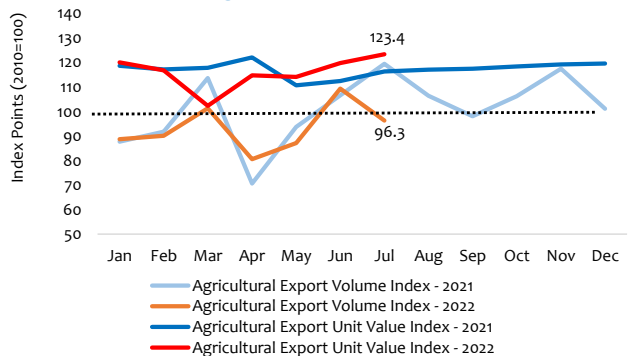
The export volume index and export unit value index increased by 8.8 per cent and 3.7 per cent, respectively during the seven months ending July 2022.

Agricultural Exports

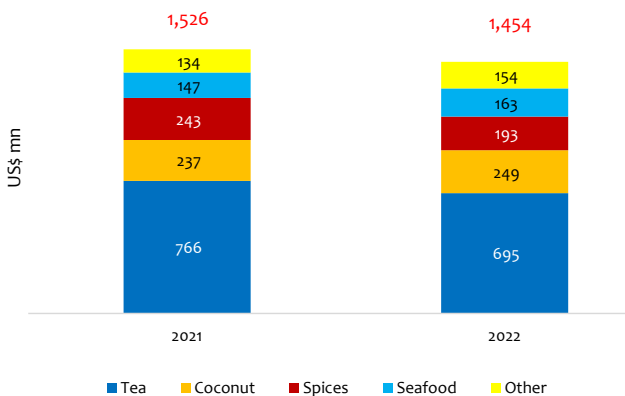
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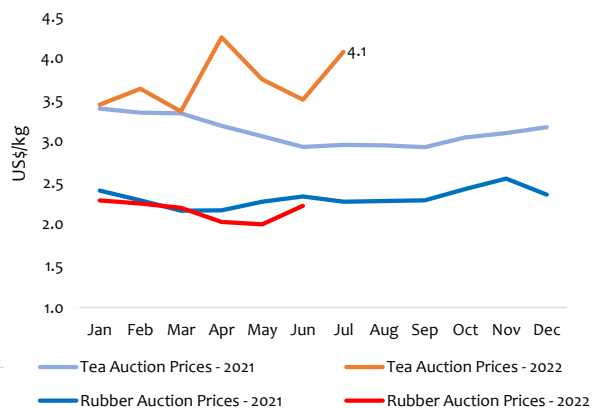
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Agricultural Exports



Performance of Agricultural Exports (Jan-Jul)



Tea and Rubber Prices *

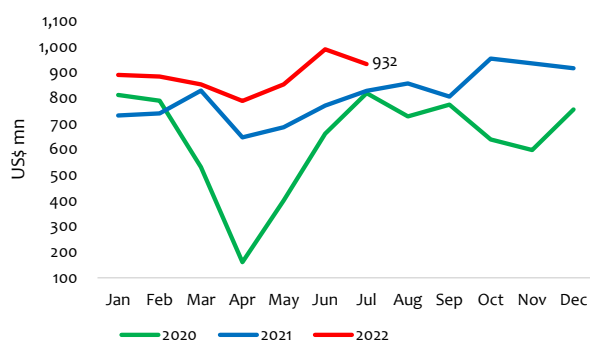


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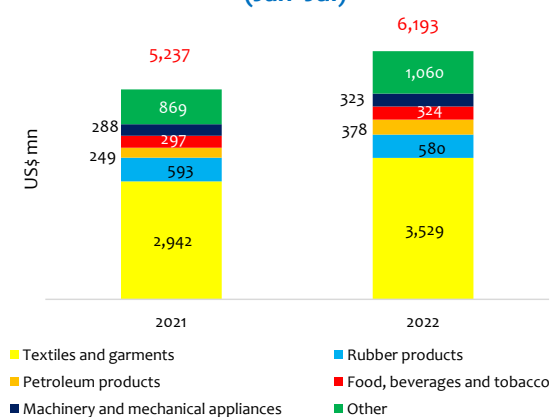
Export earnings from agricultural exports declined during the seven months ending July 2022, on a year-on-year basis, with lower export earnings from tea, spices and unmanufactured tobacco. However, higher export earnings were recorded from minor agricultural products, seafood, coconut and rubber during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

Industrial Exports

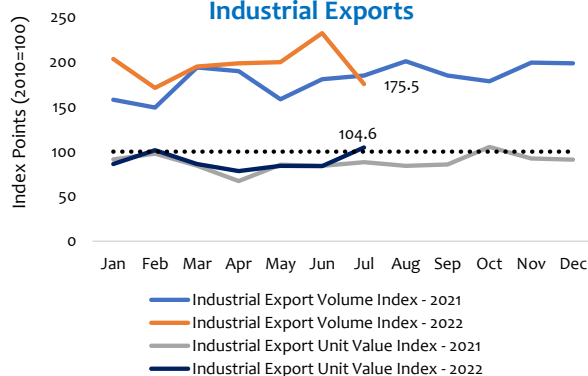
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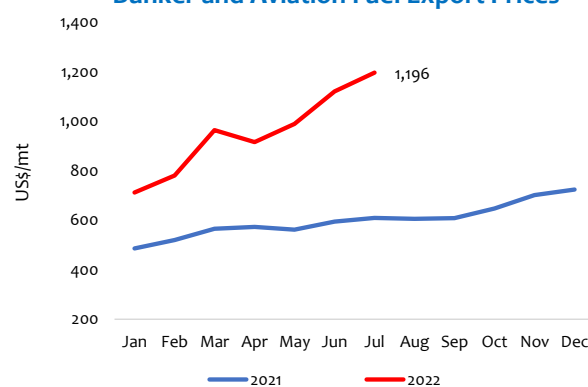
Performance of Industrial Exports (Jan-Jul)



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Industrial Exports



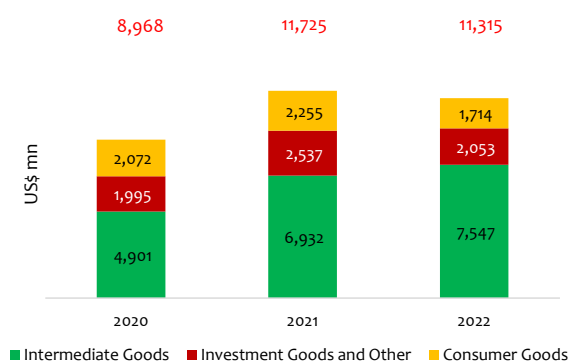
Bunker and Aviation Fuel Export Prices



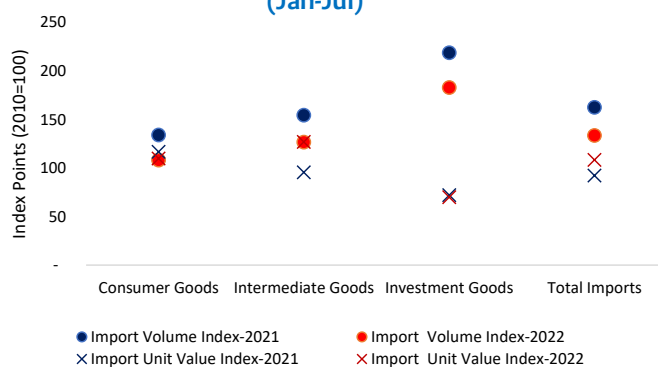
Earnings from industrial exports increased during the seven months ending July 2022 on a year-on-year basis, primarily due to the increase in earnings from exports of textiles and garments, petroleum products, gems, diamonds and jewellery and machinery and mechanical appliances. However, earnings from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

Import Performance

Import Performance - (Jan-Jul)



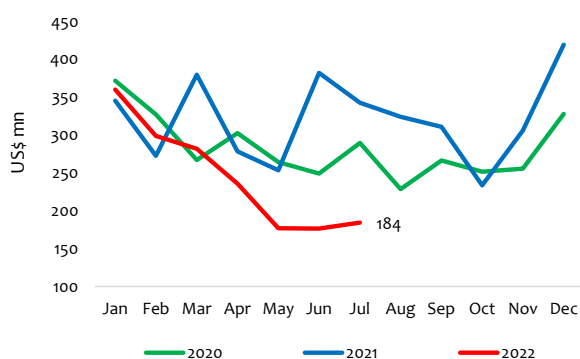
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports (Jan-Jul)



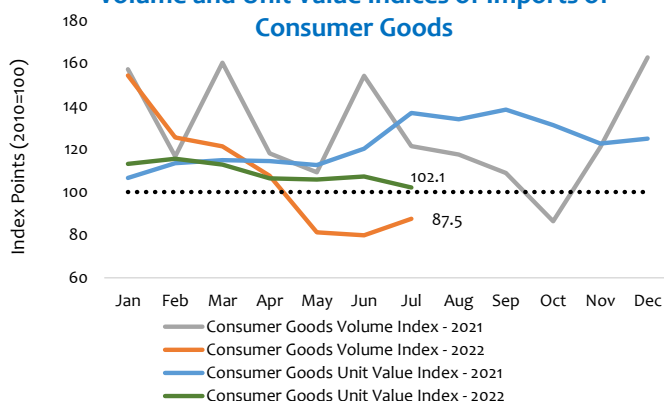
Despite an increase in import expenditure on intermediate goods, expenditure on merchandise imports declined during the seven months ending July 2022 on a year-on-year basis, primarily due to lower expenditure on the imports of investment and non-food consumer goods. Meanwhile, the import volume index declined by 17.7 per cent, while the import unit value index increased by 17.3 per cent (year-on-year) during this period.

Consumer Goods Imports

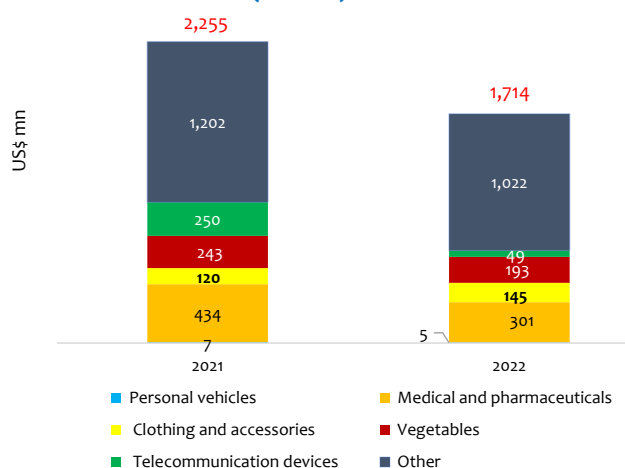
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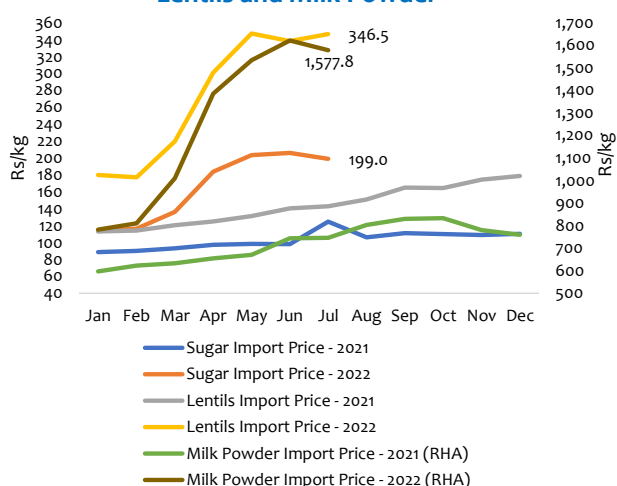
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Imports of Consumer Goods



Performance of Consumer Goods Imports (Jan-Jul)



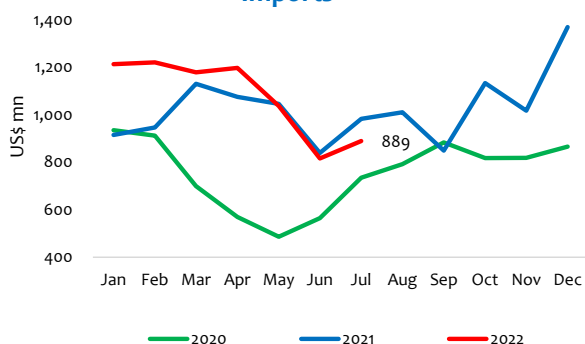
Average Import Prices of Sugar, Lentils and Milk Powder



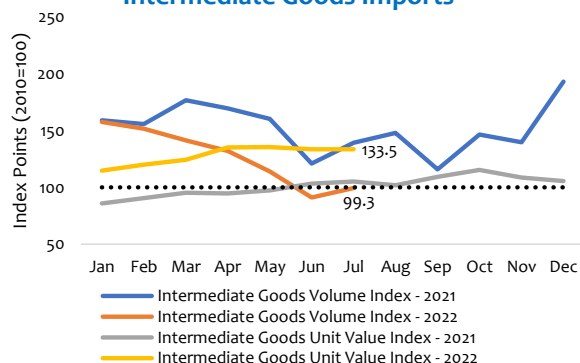
Import expenditure on consumer goods declined substantially (year-on-year) during the seven months ending July 2022, mainly due to the lower import expenditure on non-food consumer goods driven by telecommunication devices, medical and pharmaceuticals and home appliances. Further, the decreases were observed in the import expenditure on oil and fats, sugar and confectionery and vegetables (including lentils, onion, potatoes, etc.) 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

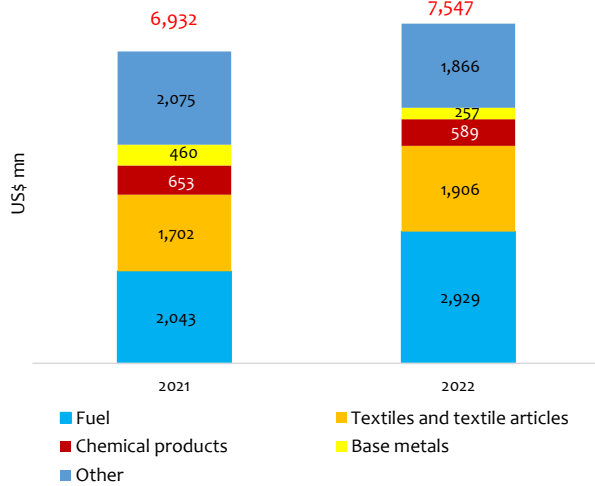
Expenditure on Intermediate Goods Imports



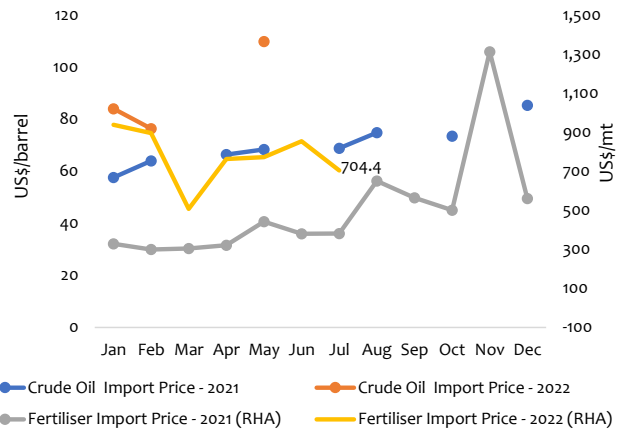
Volume and Unit Value Indices of Intermediate Goods Imports



Performance of Intermediate Goods Imports (Jan-Jul)



Crude Oil and Fertiliser Import Prices (Monthly Averages)

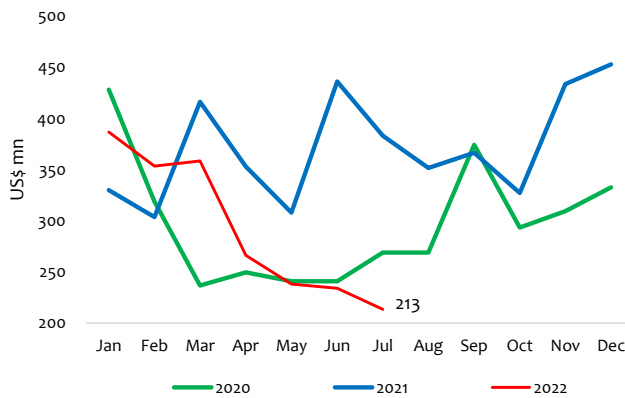


*Crude oil was not imported in March, June, September and November 2021 and March, April, June and July 2022.

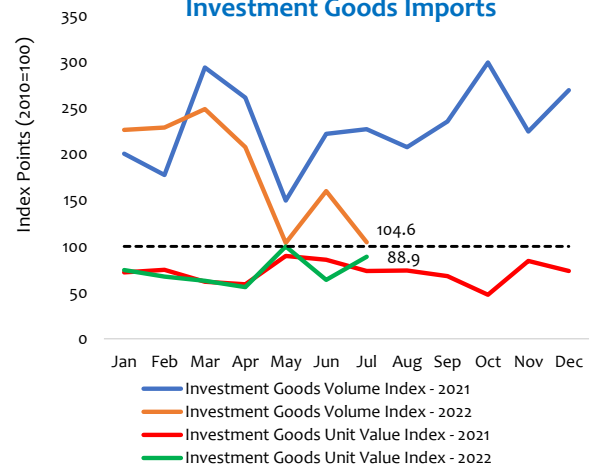
Import expenditure on intermediate goods increased (year-on-year) during the seven months ending July 2022, mainly due to the higher expenses incurred on imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles and diamonds and precious stones and metals. However, import expenditure on base metals, wheat, chemical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

Investment Goods Imports

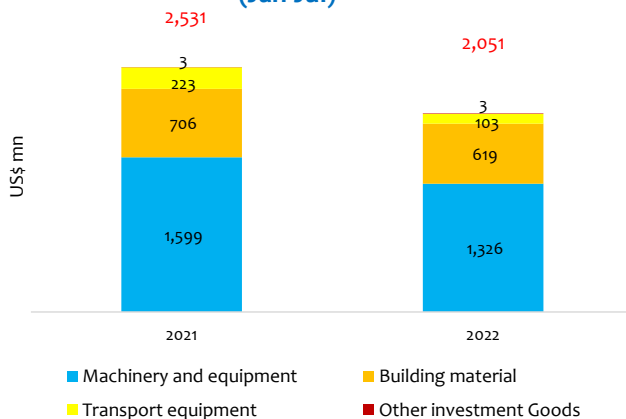
Expenditure on Imports of Investment Goods



Volume and Unit Value Indices of Investment Goods Imports



Performance of Investment Goods Imports (Jan-Jul)



Import expenditure on investment goods declined during the seven months ending July 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		Jul 2021	Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Agricultural Exports		267.1	228.3	-14.5	1,526.0	1,454.3	-4.7
o/w	Tea	115.1	117.5	2.1	765.7	694.9	-9.2
	Coconut	40.6	33.1	-18.6	236.9	248.9	5.1
	Spices	45.8	33.8	-26.2	242.7	193.4	-20.3
	Seafood	40.5	20.6	-49.0	146.9	162.8	10.9
Industrial Exports		829.1	932.2	12.4	5,236.9	6,192.5	18.2
o/w	Textiles and garments	454.1	551.4	21.4	2,941.5	3,528.7	20.0
	Rubber products	93.4	86.4	-7.5	593.1	579.7	-2.3
	Petroleum products	52.0	32.2	-37.9	248.6	377.6	51.9
	Food, beverages and tobacco	48.5	49.7	2.4	296.5	324.1	9.3
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	45.8	52.4	14.4	288.0	322.9	12.1
	Gems, diamonds and jewellery	24.6	43.1	75.4	156.7	235.4	50.2
	Leather, travel goods and footwear	5.4	8.2	51.7	28.0	45.5	62.8
Mineral and Other Exports		7.7	3.1	-59.9	40.1	31.0	-22.7
Total Exports		1,103.9	1,163.6	5.4	6,803.0	7,677.8	12.9

Import Performance (US\$ mn)

Item		Jul 2021	Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Consumer goods		342.7	184.3	-46.2	2,255.0	1,714.4	-24.0
Food and beverages		117.9	109.7	-7.0	1,032.8	966.6	-6.4
o/w	Vegetables (b)	31.5	24.2	-23.0	242.6	193.3	-20.3
	Rice	1.1	24.8	2,244.1	8.0	195.6	2,333.6
Non-food consumer goods		224.8	74.6	-66.8	1,222.2	747.9	-38.8
o/w	Personal vehicles	2.3	1.0	-56.6	6.7	4.9	-27.0
Intermediate goods		982.3	889.0	-9.5	6,932.4	7,547.5	8.9
o/w	Fuel	256.0	345.4	34.9	2,043.2	2,929.3	43.4
	Textiles and textile articles	251.2	220.3	-12.3	1,702.3	1,905.9	12.0
	Fertiliser	5.6	32.3	479.6	103.0	78.3	-24.0
	Wheat and maize	26.3	4.1	-84.6	210.9	140.4	-33.4
Investment goods and other		385.1	213.5	-44.6	2,537.4	2,053.1	-19.1
o/w	Machinery and equipment	232.0	145.0	-37.5	1,598.5	1,326.3	-17.0
Total Imports		1,710.1	1,286.8	-24.8	11,724.8	11,315.0	-3.5

Trade Balance (US\$ mn)

Item	Jul 2021	Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Trade Balance	-606.2	-123.2		-4,921.8	-3,637.2	

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

Item	Jul 2021	Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2022	Y-O-Y Change (%)
Export						
Value index	153.6	162.0	5.4	135.3	152.7	12.9
Volume index	163.0	149.9	-8.0	150.8	164.1	8.8
Unit value index	94.3	108.0	14.6	89.7	93.0	3.7
Import						
Value index	153.0	115.2	-24.8	149.9	144.7	-3.5
Volume index	152.7	97.3	-36.3	162.4	133.6	-17.7
Unit value index	100.2	118.4	18.1	92.3	108.3	17.3
Terms of Trade	94.0	91.2	-3.0	97.2	85.9	-11.6

(a) Provisional

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

(c) In US\$ terms