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Explanatory Notes

1. The compilation of Ghana's external trade statistics by standard international trade classification (SITC) aims to provide a time series information on Ghana's trade performance vis-à-vis the rest of the world in terms of value and volume of merchandise goods.

In this report; the values and volumes of the country's external trade are presented.

2. The general system of recording is adopted in compiling Ghana's external trade statistics. Under this system, the national boundary of the country is used as the statistical frontier. All goods entering or leaving the country (except specific exclusion goods) are recorded, whether or not such goods are subject to clearance. Accordingly, goods entering or leaving customs bonded warehouses, Free Industrial Zones, Free Commercial Zones and other Free Zones are recorded in the statistics.

3. Commodities are classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations. Concepts and definitions used for the purpose of compiling these statistics are based on International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) published by the United Nations, New York, 2011.

4. Imports of goods

Goods are regarded as imports when they are brought into the country either directly or into bonded warehouses, irrespective of whether such goods are for consumption, to be processed, use in manufacturing or subsequent re-exports to other countries.

5. Exports of goods

Goods (locally produced or manufactured or imported for subsequent re-exports) are regarded as exports when they are taken out of the country.

6. Imports - c.i.f (cost, insurance and freight)

The value of the goods in the market at the statistical/customs frontier of the importing country, including all charges for transport and insurance whilst in transit but excluding the cost of unloading from the carrier unless it is borne by the carrier.

7. Exports - f.o.b (free on board)

The value of the goods in the market at the statistical/customs frontier of the exporting country, including all costs of transporting the goods to the statistical/ customs frontier, export and other duties payable as well as the cost of loading the goods onto the carrier unless the latter cost is borne by the carrier.

8. Balance of trade

The difference between the value of exports and imports. When exports exceed imports it is recorded as a surplus while a deficit is registered when imports exceed exports.

9. Total trade

Total trade is the addition of merchandise exports and imports.

The SITC time series can be accessed on the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) website, www.statsghana.gov.gh. For users who have specific data needs, the Trade Statistics Section of GSS could offer the necessary assistance.

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ACRONYMS

SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
FOB	Free-on-Board
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight

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Table 1: Principal Statistics of External Trade (1971 - 1999)*GH¢ million*

Year	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance of Trade ¹	Total Trade ²
1971	0.04	0.04	(0.01)	0.08
1972	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.10
1973	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.13
1974	0.08	0.09	(0.01)	0.18
1975	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.18
1976	0.10	0.10	(0.00)	0.19
1977	0.12	0.12	(0.00)	0.24
1978	0.16	0.17	(0.01)	0.33
1979	0.27	0.23	0.04	0.51
1980	0.32	0.31	0.01	0.63
1981	0.27	0.35	(0.08)	0.62
1982	0.22	0.28	(0.06)	0.50
1983	1.02	1.10	(0.08)	2.12
1984	1.94	2.19	(0.25)	4.13
1985	3.35	4.72	(1.37)	8.06
1986	7.82	9.34	(1.52)	17.15
1987	14.33	17.48	(3.15)	31.81
1988	17.25	19.56	(2.31)	36.81
1989	27.53	34.70	(7.17)	62.23
1990	29.65	36.19	(6.53)	65.84
1991	45.99	38.47	7.51	84.46
1992	54.71	95.06	(40.34)	149.77
1993	63.20	115.51	(52.31)	178.71
1994	135.87	202.92	(67.05)	338.79
1995	156.33	198.22	(41.89)	354.56
1996	412.11	410.01	2.10	822.12
1997	334.52	682.03	(347.51)	1,016.54
1998	389.00	673.72	(284.72)	1,062.72
1999	471.28	870.07	(398.80)	1,341.35

Balance of Trade ¹ *Export(FOB) - Import(CIF)***Total Trade** ² *Export(FOB) + Import(CIF)*

Table 2: Principal Statistics of External Trade (2000 - 2018).*GH¢ million*

Year	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Balance of Trade ¹	Total Trade ²
2000	878.86	1,579.21	(700.35)	2,458.07
2001	1,230.20	2,274.14	(1,043.94)	3,504.34
2002	1,356.91	2,400.57	(1,043.66)	3,757.47
2003	2,020.50	2,786.75	(766.25)	4,807.26
2004	2,504.67	3,097.71	(593.04)	5,602.38
2005	2,706.23	4,269.68	(1,563.44)	6,975.91
2006	3,470.51	4,687.12	(1,216.61)	8,157.64
2007	3,349.91	6,554.56	(3,204.64)	9,904.47
2008	4,135.67	9,278.36	(5,142.69)	13,414.03
2009	6,858.70	9,087.67	(2,228.97)	15,946.37
2010	7,655.32	12,287.39	(4,632.07)	19,942.70
2011	27,428.65	19,064.83	8,363.82	46,493.49
2012	28,305.98	24,420.90	3,885.08	52,726.88
2013	24,863.98	25,777.32	(913.34)	50,641.30
2014	39,154.20	39,458.71	(304.51)	78,612.92
2015	45,476.26	46,830.10	(1,353.84)	92,306.35
2016	43,128.59	45,720.09	(2,591.50)	88,848.69
2017	62,585.51	55,426.57	7,158.93	118,012.08
2018	78,021.25	62,418.50	15,602.75	140,439.75

Balance of Trade ¹ *Export(FOB) - Import(CIF)***Total Trade** ² *Export(FOB) + Import(CIF)*

Table 3: Export Values by SITC Classification, 2004 - 2010 ¹

		<i>GHC' million</i>						
Code	Section	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
0	Food	710.14	940.91	1,351.65	1,081.22	1,324.44	1,757.79	1,526.94
1	Beverages and Tobacco	7.18	19.00	2.26	7.90	3.88	3.57	6.32
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	321.05	160.60	128.43	201.03	261.51	212.82	282.93
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	25.89	9.56	1.27	1.51	0.55	124.48	172.61
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	3.86	16.35	2.66	7.57	6.94	14.42	15.91
5	Chemicals	17.26	37.40	44.78	69.91	50.03	105.11	128.56
6	Manufactured Goods	68.19	519.42	517.07	216.81	213.97	338.72	370.47
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	45.86	71.76	14.08	52.88	99.19	82.71	87.20
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	21.60	39.45	219.27	68.92	59.04	164.44	57.82
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	1,283.64	891.78	3,189.04	1,642.13	2,116.12	4,054.64	5,006.59
Totals		2,504.67	2,706.23	5,470.51	3,349.91	4,135.67	6,858.70	7,655.32

SITC ¹ Standard International Trade Classification

Table 4: Export Values by SITC Classification, 2011 - 2018 ¹

Code	Section	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	Food	5,257.61	4,308.87	3,790.95	2,036.51	2,180.42	4,556.01	2,186.13
1	Beverages and Tobacco	38.16	35.88	70.01	9,794.76	11,071.12	11,909.98	12,332.32
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	1,188.10	673.41	989.14	10,683.70	13,679.63	7,273.10	17,487.85
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	10,671.85	7,810.03	5,908.78	793.80	1,476.34	2,108.33	2,258.48
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	72.03	237.20	343.23	1,757.26	1,300.80	2,338.71	1,250.92
5	Chemicals	493.72	431.65	798.81	141.59	79.27	46.02	362.91
6	Manufactured Goods	943.06	813.43	856.43	465.06	111.77	199.33	119.44
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	157.13	310.22	353.43	12,343.26	13,869.54	14,129.40	26,176.47
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles Miscellaneous Transactions and	900.62	245.13	276.27	756.51	1,515.98	418.47	305.75
9	Commodities	7,706.38	13,440.16	11,476.93	381.76	191.39	149.26	105.24
Totals		27,428.65	28,305.98	24,863.98	39,154.20	45,476.26	43,128.59	62,585.51

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Table 5: Import values by SITC Classification, 2004 - 2010 ¹

		<i>GHC' million</i>						
Code	Section	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
0	Food	375.53	526.01	627.30	786.07	1,083.08	1,164.35	1,357.82
1	Beverages and Tobacco	6.19	9.68	15.39	22.54	28.92	33.66	36.18
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	48.38	72.24	92.69	87.12	141.94	162.23	152.95
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	433.67	588.68	733.39	595.71	1,169.93	279.49	963.29
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	19.58	35.98	46.35	67.83	114.02	89.15	88.23
5	Chemicals	331.19	408.92	541.00	651.28	858.96	979.14	1,160.97
6	Manufactured Goods	428.64	739.90	892.49	1,084.73	1,458.92	1,539.71	2,189.76
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	676.58	922.17	1,157.19	1,548.20	2,135.55	1,968.57	2,465.90
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	191.23	366.93	278.37	787.32	761.33	824.94	1,862.82
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	586.73	599.16	302.96	923.74	1,525.71	2,046.43	2,009.48
Total		3,097.71	4,269.68	4,687.12	6,554.56	9,278.36	9,087.67	12,287.39

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Table 6: Import Values by SITC Classification, 2011 - 2018 ¹

Code	Section	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	Food	2,256.61	2,461.17	2,461.30	1,759.70	1,949.30	2,324.30	2,373.72
1	Beverages and Tobacco	43.53	66.87	81.88	5,295.80	5,363.86	5,400.53	6,455.28
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	267.97	358.82	291.33	8,135.20	8,396.74	4,950.80	8,272.10
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	1,415.14	1,140.79	1,039.66	4,408.35	6,135.09	5,454.36	6,324.60
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	143.02	154.90	192.06	3,119.09	3,657.47	3,300.23	4,494.37
5	Chemicals	1,938.30	2,471.29	2,478.91	380.38	422.29	385.38	427.44
6	Manufactured Goods	2,883.09	3,893.16	3,722.13	1,138.53	1,596.82	1,524.13	1,671.87
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	3,854.88	5,715.35	4,636.65	2,026.07	4,836.45	4,685.32	4,913.25
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	3,542.07	2,637.13	2,878.89	11,344.22	12,109.30	14,360.31	18,764.35
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	2,720.23	5,521.42	7,994.50	1,851.37	2,362.77	3,334.73	1,729.58
	Total	19,064.83	24,420.90	25,777.32	39,458.71	46,830.10	45,720.09	55,426.57

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Table 7: Export Volumes by SITC Classification, 2004 - 2010 ¹

		<i>' 000 Tons</i>						
Code	Section	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
0	Food	568.46	787.20	1,053.68	703.83	689.86	568.79	445.19
1	Beverages and Tobacco	4.10	11.10	1.58	3.59	1.70	2.00	1.48
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	89.38	174.47	168.83	280.67	350.45	183.57	159.11
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	70.85	0.11	2.64	2.43	0.57	754.17	1,002.65
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	6.68	7.14	3.36	13.05	6.38	12.66	20.29
5	Chemicals	6.35	5.46	9.59	22.18	29.57	26.75	41.07
6	Manufactured Goods	43.49	922.90	932.41	159.21	174.18	183.52	124.59
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	4.34	7.61	10.54	7.74	22.55	17.97	15.26
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	4.86	5.60	8.74	12.60	30.11	41.27	31.91
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	9,000.13	6,766.78	186,973.34	63,398.63	7,428.83	14,040.16	52,762.38
Total		9,798.63	8,688.37	189,164.74	64,603.94	8,734.20	15,830.86	54,603.94

SITC ¹ *Standard International Trade Classification*

Table 8: Export Volumes by SITC Classification, 2011 - 2018 ¹

Code	Section	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	Food	949.99	874.93	883.81	353.97	402.48	382.68	457.27
1	Beverages and Tobacco	1.98	4.17	8.68	3,391.46	4,209.14	1,330.22	1,139.80
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	318.48	440.11	875.89	7,909.70	7,553.57	8,966.08	9,424.44
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	4,658.84	6,401.58	5,910.95	120.38	311.69	159.81	128.38
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	20.05	4,568.40	3,246.27	580.64	501.65	401.24	427.72
5	Chemicals	77.17	64.31	82.89	9.08	6.81	4.22	2.66
6	Manufactured Goods	364.31	259.01	1,005.19	44.73	62.23	44.17	98.10
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	7.14	24.17	20.28	177.70	226.14	147.61	144.51
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	597.66	32.46	32.28	60.91	45.85	16.86	10.08
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	501.72	1,153.00	12,740.52	505.66	20.77	16.68	278.09
	Total	7,497.35	13,822.16	24,806.76	13,154.23	13,340.33	11,469.57	12,111.04

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Table 9: Import Volumes by SITC Classification, 2004 - 2010 ¹

		<i>' 000 Tons</i>						
Code	Section	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
0	Food	1,164.96	1,713.73	1,807.65	1,800.50	1,705.43	1,646.59	1,605.07
1	Beverages and Tobacco	9.69	16.64	25.72	25.27	34.16	29.83	29.84
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	242.81	360.40	440.99	314.04	499.86	370.04	398.86
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	38.27	1,543.46	47.09	72.52	243.69	1,345.18	4,768.84
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	36.64	206.20	86.73	94.42	99.91	85.07	79.99
5	Chemicals	311.44	446.04	663.42	593.77	586.53	632.19	918.66
6	Manufactured Goods	1,693.36	2,848.23	4,887.57	3,467.67	3,226.70	2,650.27	3,426.83
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	190.13	267.88	300.72	364.86	434.44	307.54	328.41
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	104.55	167.69	170.71	186.68	356.83	149.54	171.08
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	6,006.78	1,118.10	180,734.14	57,684.20	1,546.65	8,614.61	42,876.38
Total		9,798.63	8,688.37	189,164.74	64,603.94	8,734.20	15,830.86	54,603.94

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Table 10: Import Volumes by SITC Classification, 2011 - 2018 ¹

Code	Section	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	Food	2,053.99	1,899.89	1,664.21	575.84	608.67	1,215.21	684.47
1	Beverages and Tobacco	34.67	43.83	53.37	2,014.86	2,065.99	3,243.38	3,450.62
2	Crude Materials, Inedible	569.96	654.11	545.80	5,570.60	5,298.70	6,888.11	8,169.53
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	72.14	63.95	78.15	889.89	926.11	1,117.74	1,317.23
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	84.27	75.86	86.80	489.44	443.74	367.95	358.92
5	Chemicals	1,066.52	1,102.34	1,815.82	45.48	44.96	48.25	48.07
6	Manufactured Goods	4,105.86	5,626.47	4,499.15	638.23	635.63	740.30	604.19
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	509.82	643.94	428.61	1,358.73	1,271.87	1,320.43	1,196.25
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	258.93	289.72	272.80	917.05	845.21	968.38	1,142.04
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	59,651.10	1,311.58	3,036.77	118.02	139.61	153.17	131.69
	Total	68,407.25	11,711.69	12,481.48	12,618.13	12,280.48	16,062.93	17,103.02

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