

# PROCESSING OF KENYA'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

# The Mandate of the National Statistical Office

- ✓ To collect
- ✓ Analyze
- ✓ Disseminate

External Trade among other Statistics

# Sources of Information

The Customs Office( Kenya Revenue Authority) Reports is the Source of External Trade statistics

# Declarations

- The Central Bureau of Statistics does not Key punch paper declarations rather, we receive data in terms of monthly and annual reports in print out form from the Kenya Revenue Authority
- The Bureau also receives the raw data in electronic format from the Kenya Revenue Authority for loading into Euro trace
- Euro trace is a Trade statistics Analysis Software. However, the system is not yet operationalized (it is not yet used for dissemination)
- Processing of declarations is the Mandate of Customs office. It is done within 2-3 months for monthly data.

# Trade System Used in Kenya

- ❖ The system used is mainly the General trade system as defined in the United Nations Commodity Index with minor Variations to suit Kenyan conditions
- ❖ Imports and Exports from the Export Processing Zones are however classified under Special Trade.

# Exclusions

In Kenya, the goods that are excluded from external trade statistics are;

- Traveler's Samples
- Passenger's baggage
- Motor vehicles moved on triptyque
- Naval and Military stores
- Duty Free goods with value less than Ksh. 1,000 moved by airfreight
- Goods on transit to neighboring countries
- Diplomatic goods imported and exported by parcel post

# Checks on Data received from Customs

Consistency checks are carried out on receipt of data for;

- ✓ values
- ✓ Quantities
- ✓ Aggregates
- ✓ Unit prices
- ✓ Supplementary units
- ✓ Trading partners

# Consultations

- ❖ Consultations are carried out between the Central Bureau of Statistics and Customs office throughout the preparation of trade statistics which include those that are published in the yearly Economic survey and Statistical Abstract.
- ❖ In addition, quarterly meetings are held throughout the year drawing participants from the Central Bank, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Pipeline Company, Kenya Petroleum and Oil Refineries, Ministry of Trade, Export Promotion Council, among others. The Central Bureau of Statistics Chairs these meetings
- ❖ Through the meetings, issues regarding the consistency of values and quantities certain goods are discussed and resolved.

Table 1: Kenya's External Trade, 1999-2003  
( US\$ Million)

Year	Exports	Imports	Volume	Trade Balance
1999	1,728.6	2,911.2	4,639.8	(1,182.5)
2000	1,749.8	3,223.3	4,973.1	(1,473.4)
2001	1,877.3	3,690.0	5,567.3	(1,812.7)
2002	2,177.6	3,315.0	5,492.6	(1,137.5)
2003	2,409.9	3,708.5	6,118.4	(1,298.6)

# Kenya's External Trade 1999-2003

- During the period 1999-2003, the total value of Kenya's international trade increased from US\$ 4,639.8 million in 1999 to 6,118.4 million in 2003 as indicated in table 1.
- Exports increased throughout the review period from US\$ 1,728.6 in 1999 to US\$ 2,409.9 in 2003.
- Imports also followed a similar trend except for a slight decline in 2002 before picking up again in 2003.
- Throughout the review period, Kenya experienced unfavorable terms of trade.

## Table 2a: Principal Exports

Product	Value in Ksh.Million	Value in us\$ Million	% of total Exports
Tea	33,005	434.3	24.1
Horticulture	36,485	480.1	26.7
Coffee	6,286	82.7	4.6
Fish& fish preparations	4,010	52.8	2.9
Total D. Exports	136,709	1,798.8	100.0

# Kenya's Principal Exports

During 2003, Kenya's principal exports were;

- ✓ Tea (24.1 % of Total Domestic Exports)
- ✓ Horticulture(26.7 % of Total Domestic Exports)
- ✓ Coffee(4.6 % of the Total Domestic Exports)
- ✓ Fish and Fish Preparations(2.9% of Total Domestic Exports)

# Table 2b: Destinations of Kenya's Exports in 2003

Country/continent	Value in Ksh. Million	Value in US\$ Million	% of Total
Africa	84,653	1,113.9	46.2
COMESA	61,769	812.8	33.7
Uganda	30,668	403.5	16.7
U.K	21,525	283.2	11.8
Tanzania	14,588	191.9	8.0
Netherlands	14,139	186.0	7.7
Total Exports	183,154	2,409.9	100.0

# Destinations of Kenya's Exports in 2003

Exports to;

- ✓ Africa accounted for 46.2 per cent of the total exports in 2003
- ✓ COMESA alone was 33.7 per cent of the total exports
- ✓ Uganda was 16.7 per cent
- ✓ U.K accounted for 11.8 per cent
- ✓ Netherlands was 7.7 per cent of the total exports during 2003.

# Table 3a: Principal Imports in 2003

Product	Value in Ksh. Million	Value in US\$ Million	% of Total
Petrol products	39,493	519.6	14.0
Crude Petrol.	25,415	334.4	9.0
Industrial Machinery	32,764	431.1	11.6
Road M.Vehicles	17,955	236.3	6.4
Total Imports	281,844	3,708.5	100

# Principal Imports in 2003

Major imports during 2003 include;

- ✓ Petroleum Products accounting for 14.0 per cent of total imports
- ✓ Crude Petroleum( 9.0 per cent)
- ✓ Industrial Machinery(11.6 per cent)
- ✓ Road Motor Vehicles(6.4 per cent)

# Table 3b: Sources of Kenya's Imports in 2003

Country/continent	Value in Ksh. Million	Value in US\$ Million	% of Total Imports
Middle East	75,440	992.63	26.8
Far East	71,145	936.12	25.2
UAE	31,918	419.97	11.3
Saudi Arabia	24,305	319.80	8.6
South Africa	23,309	306.70	8.3
Total Imports	281,844	3,708.47	100.0

# Sources of Kenya's Imports in 2003

Imports were mainly from;

- ✓ Middle East(26.8 per cent of the total imports)
- ✓ Far East(25.2 per cent of the total imports)
- ✓ United Arab Emirates (UAE) alone was the source of 11.3 per cent of total imports
- ✓ South Africa( 8.3 per cent of total imports were from South Africa)