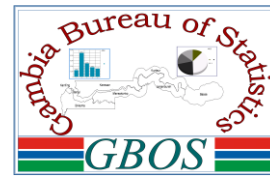




**THE GAMBIA EXTERNAL TRADE
STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER
2009 AND 2010**



External trade statistics unit is responsible for the compilation, processing, dissemination and analysis of trade data.

DATA SOURCE:

The raw data mainly comes from customs declaration filled by importers/exporters and supplemented with direct information obtained from major exporters including Gambia Groundnut Council Radville Farms and Gamcot.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are also available:
Annual External trade report and Quarterly trade statistics report.

Hard/ electronic copies are also produced to satisfy other users both national and international organizations.

CLASSIFICATION USED: HARMONISED SYSTEM (HS 8 AND HS 10 digits)

Gambia Bureau of Statistics started using Euro trace DOS since 1993 and migrated to Eurotrace windows (version 2.0) in January 2010.

TRADE SUMMARY BY MONTH FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 AND 2010

The value of international trade for the first quarter 2010 stands at D2.24 billion of which imports amounted to D1.77 billion or 79.6 percent. Out of the total imports for the first quarter 2010 March registered the highest with D811.56 million or 45.7percent followed by February with D545.32million or 30.7percent. The trade deficit for the first quarter 2010 remained unfavorable at D1.32 billion.

Period	2009				2010			
	Import	Export	Re-export	Total exports	Import	Export	Re-export	Total exports
	CIF VAL	FOB VAL	FOB VAL	FOB VAL	CIF VAL	FOB VAL	FOB VAL	FOB VAL
January	528,181	19,925	2,345	22,270	417,210	26,466	155,862	182,328
February	717,780	20,593	2,398	22,991	545,321	56,899	73,094	129,993
March	642,436	64,978	133,949	198,927	811,564	82,233	72,378	154,611
Total	1,888,397	105,496	138,692	244,188	1,774,095	165,598	301,334	466,932

Trade balance = total exports - imports

Total exports = Exports + Re-exports

CIF: Cost + Insurance + Freight. Cost of the goods at point of entry

FOB: Free on Board, Cost of goods at point of exit.

TRADE SUMMARY BY TRADE FLOWS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 AND 2010

IMPORTS

Total international trade for first quarter 2010 registered D2.24 billion compared to D2.13 billion in 2009 indicating an increase of D0.11 billion or 5.1 percent. Total imports decreased from D1.89 billion for first quarter 2009 to D1.77 billion for first quarter 2010 representing a decrease of D0.12 billion.

EXPORTS

Total exports increased from D244.19 million for first quarter 2009 to D466.93 million for first quarter 2010 indicating an increase of D222.74 million or 91.2 percent. Re-exports increased from D138.69 million for the first quarter 2009 to D301.33 million in the first quarter 2010. This increase is mainly explained by the more efficient recording of re-export trade. Trade deficit decreased from D1.64 billion in 2009 to D1.31 billion in 2010 or 20.5 percent. The increase in total exports is due to the increase in Re-exports in 2010.

VALUES(D'000)

TRADE FLOW	1ST QUARTER 2009	1ST QUARTER 2010	% CHANGE
IMPORTS	1,888,397	1,774,095	-6.05
EXPORTS	105,496	165,598	56.97
RE-EXPORTS	138,692	301,334	117.27
TOTAL EXPORTS	244,188	466,932	91.22
TOTAL TRADE	2,132,585	2,241,027	5.09
BALANCE	-1,644,210	-1,307,162	-20.50

IMPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND BY PERCENTAGES FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 AND 2010

Total imports by major countries for first quarter 2010 stands at D1.56 billion or 88.15 percent of total imports. Cote D'ivoire registered the highest with D393.23 million or 22.17 percent followed by China with D173.98 million or 9.8 percent.

United State accounted for D147.40 million or 8.3 percent whilst Germany recorded D115.34 million or 5.2 percent.

CIF VALUE(D'000)

COUNTRIES	2009		2010	
	CIF VALUE	%	CIF VALUE	%
COTE D'IVOIRE	192,668	10.20	393,233	22.17
UNITED KINGDOM	179,301	9.49	105,296	5.94
BRAZIL	170,717	9.04	30,153	1.70
NETHERLANDS	168,298	8.91	87,253	4.92
CHINA	129,887	6.88	173,985	9.81
MALAYSIA	121,662	6.44	59,390	3.35
BELGIUM	118,702	6.29	31,318	1.77
GERMANY F.R	95,888	5.08	115,344	6.50
FRANCE	81,754	4.33	31,829	1.79
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	63,079	3.34	56,713	3.20
INDIA	62,066	3.29	95,645	5.39
JAPAN	56,769	3.01	17,792	1.00
LEBANON	8,333	0.44	66,709	3.76
SINGAPORE	21,894	1.16	36,747	2.07
UNITED STATES	51,524	2.73	147,400	8.31
SPAIN	48,686	2.58	47,339	2.67
SENEGAL	44,964	2.38	34,718	1.96
DENMARK	33,227	1.76	11,615	0.65
SWITZERLAND	22,785	1.21	21,439	1.21
SUB TOTAL	1,672,204	88.55	1,563,918	88.15
REST OF THE WORLD	216,193	11.45	210,177	11.85
TOTAL IMPORTS	1,888,397	100.00	1,774,095	100.00

DIRECTION OF TOTAL EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 AND 2010

Total exports by major countries for the first quarter 2010 stands at D430.88 million or 92.3.0 percent of total exports.

Exports to Senegal registered the highest value with D149.69 million or 32.1 percent followed by Guinea Conakry with D143.47 million or 30.7 percent. United Kingdom registered D96.17 million or 20.6 percent and Guinea-Bissau with D18.47 million or 3.9 percent.

COUNTRIES	2009		2010	
	FOB VAL	%SHARE OF TOTAL EXPORTS	FOB VAL	%SHARE OF TOTAL EXPORTS
SENEGAL	88,414	36.21	149,686	32.06
GUINEA	68,781	28.17	143,470	30.73
UNITED KINGDOM	23,460	9.61	96,174	20.60
CHINA	17,051	6.98	5,491	1.18
GUINEA-BISSAU	12,144	4.97	18,473	3.96
UNITED STATES	10,702	4.38	496	0.11
DENMARK	7,330	3.00	161	0.03
GHANA	371	0.15	8,450	1.81
NETHERLANDS	3,771	1.54	8,482	1.82
SUB TOTAL	232,023	95.02	430,883	92.28
REST OF THE WORLD	12,165	4.98	36,049	7.72
TOTAL IMPORTS	244,188	100.00	466,932	100.00

TRADE FLOW BY MODE OF TRANSPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2010**VALUE(D'000)**

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS	TOTAL EXPORTS
SEA	1,674,742	156,500	17,965	174,465
ROAD	34,682	5,586	283,369	288,955
AIR	64,671	3,512	0	3,512
TOTAL	1,774,095	165,598	301,334	466,932

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009 AND 2010

For the period under review, vegetable oil constituted D226.81million of the essential commodities import basket to The Gambia followed by total cement with D110.67 million. Importation of vegetable is valued at D33.33 million and tomato paste registered D31.07 million whilst milk and milk product registered D30.97million.

CIF VALUE (D'000)

COMMODITY	UNIT	2009		2010		% CHANGE
		QUANTITY	CIF VALUE	QUANTITY	CIF VALUE	
RICE	M/TONS	14,374	100,768	5,490	47,641	-52.72
FLOUR	M/TONS	16,798	63,030	11,998	52,731	-16.34
SUGAR	M/TONS	27,706	108,112	5,868	48,270	-55.35
VEGETABLE OIL	M/TONS	11,046	167,634	12,180	226,805	35.30
TOMATO PASTE	M/TONS	717	7,084	2,124	31,070	338.59
FRUIT JUICES	M/TONS	500	3,370	458	5,433	61.22
MILK AND MILK PRODS.	M/TONS	3,837	36,489	2,995	30,971	-15.12
TOTAL CEMENT	M/TONS	36,850	60,552	65,489	110,672	82.77
<i>OF WHICH</i>						
White Portland cement	M/TONS	1,249	1,949	3,691	6,198	218.01
Portland cement (excl. white)	M/TONS	34,866	56,676	61,797	104,475	84.34
OTHER CEMENT	M/TONS	735	1,927	-	-	
VEGETABLES	M/TONS	5,980	42,381	4,989	33,338	-21.34
<i>OF WHICH</i>						
POTATOES	M/TONS	1,458	11,049	902	7,076	-35.96
ONIONS	M/TONS	3,971	27,064	3,762	24,470	-9.58
OTHER VEGETABLES	M/TONS	550	4,268	325	1,792	-58.01
BEVERAGES(liters)	LTRS	1,342,552	10,610	902,508	12,502	17.83

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