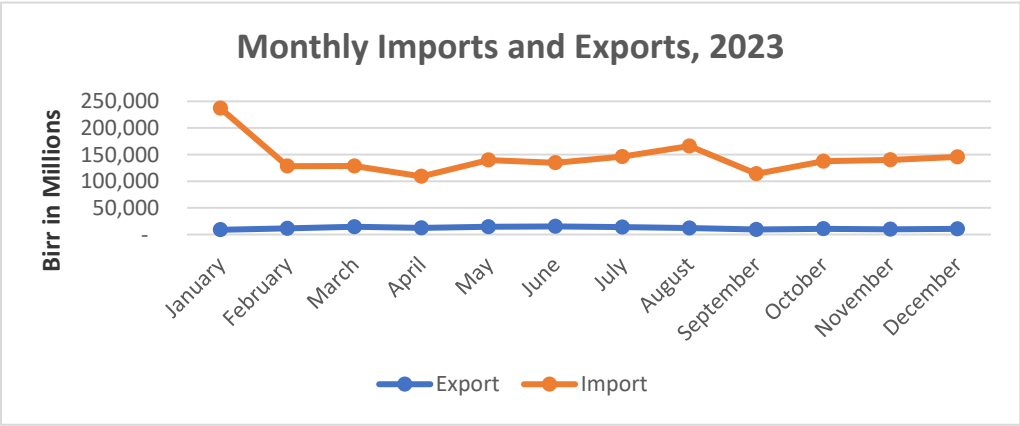


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## 1. Introduction

International trade is the exchange of goods and services between nations. It enables a nation to specialize in those goods it can produce most cheaply and efficiently. Moreover, trade enlarges the potential market for the goods of a particular economy. The increased international demand for goods translates in to greater production and more extensive use of raw materials and labour, which in turn leads to growth in domestic employment. Competition from international trade can also force domestic firms to become more efficient through modernization and innovation. Since the beginning of international trade, nations have striven to achieve and maintain favourable balance of trade i.e. to export more than the import. Trade has always been the major force behind the economic relation among nations. The original information is obtained from the Ethiopian Customs Commission.

In view of this vital role international trade plays in the economic development of a country, and the overall responsibility of the Ethiopian statistical service (ESS) to provide a continuous statistical reference in all fields of statistics. ESS found it imperative to resume the publication of data pertaining to Ethiopia's international trade. With this in mind it will be a timely thought to take sight of Ethiopia's international trade for the past three months, fourth quarter 2023 (October - December) this file. The table conveys volume and value of trade that goes out and comes to the country, visible balance of trade, the major commodities of export and imports and the direction of trade this file however is intended as a bird's eye view to the rapidly increasing foreign trade of the country, not as a detailed report.

## 2. Concepts and Definitions

**Imports:** - Are goods entered at the time of importation for consumption or warehousing into Ethiopia. including goods which are subsequently re-exported or re-directed.

**Re-Exports:** - Are imported goods subsequently re-exported without change of form, including ships or aircraft's stores.

**Exports:** - Are Ethiopian products, including imports which are exported after being transformed, improved or repaired.

**Trade Balance:** The total Exports plus Re- Exports minus total Imports.

**Country of Origin:** - The importers are obliged to submit manufacturer's invoices with import declarations. Generally, the country of origin is then the country in which goods were grown or produced.

**Country of Destination:** - Is the country of final destination to the extent identifiable from records.

**Table:1 Trade Balance, Fourth Quarter 2023**

Period	Export		Import		Re- Export		Visible Balance of Trade
	Value in('000') Birr	NetWeight in Tons	Value in('000') B	NetWeight in Tons	Value in('000') Birr	NetWeight in Tons	Value in ('000')Birr
	a	b	C	d	e	f	g=(a+e)-c
October	10,761,492	105,107	126,715,446	5,751,216	274,606	1,179	(115,679,348)
November	9,880,680	98,822	130,175,682	2,538,306	436,176	2,272	(119,858,826)
December	10,611,222	108,089	134,990,803	3,677,265	267,531	975	(124,112,050)
Total	31,253,394	312,018	391,881,930	11,966,787	978,312	4,426	(359,650,224)

**Table 2: Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities , Fourth quarter 2023**

<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kilos</b>
Coffee Not decaffeinated	12,751,515,873	51,733,427
Sesamum seeds	3,211,784,536	30,011,387
Roses	2,622,125,570	10,263,577
Fresh or chilled vegetables	2,438,442,990	4,660,606
Dried, shelled kidney beans not broken	1,821,516,846	35,359,910
Soya beans, whether or not broken	1,543,011,631	45,007,300
Meat of goats	701,281,032	1,683,089
Fresh Cut Flowers Gypsophila:-- Other	397,633,535	1,403,461
Fresh Injera	385,230,079	2,478,195
Other dried beans, for seed	303,617,645	4,981,501
Dried leguminous not broken	301,815,360	5,136,000
soya beans	299,986,404	8,722,164
Chickpeas dried, shelled or not skinned or split	298,550,813	6,404,000
Sheep	284,142,944	1,970,687
Unrooted cuttings and slips	269,745,745	642,060
Broad Beans & Horse Beans, Shelled not broken	259,618,728	6,360,000
Potatoes, fresh or chilled	226,546,085	13,740,403
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	188,056,216	2,885,560
Beans of the species vigna mungo	176,073,237	3,568,008
Other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables	144,788,009	291,356
Others	2,627,910,539	74,715,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,253,393,817</b>	<b>312,017,873</b>

<b>Table 3: Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities , Fourth quarter 2023</b>		
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Value in Birr</b>	<b>Net Weight in Kil</b>
Other mineral or chemical fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus	20,495,824,578	454,094,825
Other palm oil and its fractions	16,646,720,564	292,115,153
Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	12,043,071,771	364,086,657
Other parts of airplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft	11,636,091,511	312,798
Other cane sugar	7,666,693,177	375,421,391
Thrust exceeding products 25 kN	7,050,091,515	85,868
Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	6,926,937,436	238,036,273
Other drugs mixed non mixed treated disease controlled	6,849,892,275	5,857,041
Parts of gas turbines, n.e.s.	6,492,534,910	58,502
Printed books, brochures	5,275,334,117	22,780,900
Benzene regular or super	5,232,232,512	465,708,870
Wheat or meslin flour.	5,076,292,734	299,111,931
Sunflower-seed or Oil	4,732,142,548	90,190,270
Prefabricated Buildings other than of wood	4,308,147,939	66,942,763
Other coal	3,926,025,003	290,271,805
Flat-rolled Products Of Iron Or Nonalloy Steel thickness of less than 3mm	3,441,292,913	79,593,427
Turbo-jets or turbo- propellers	3,043,630,152	23,204
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine	2,813,854,520	12,535,418
Steel structures parts	2,757,580,655	16,527,858
Polyesters	2,732,375,000	26,251,815
Others	252,735,164,203	8,866,780,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>391,881,930,033</b>	<b>11,966,787,371</b>

**Table 4: Major Export Destination by Value , Fourth quarter 2023**

Countries	Value in Birr	Percentage
Saudi Arabia	4,155,229,766	13.3
Netherlands	2,665,210,941	8.5
United Arab Emirates	2,254,463,973	7.2
Somalia	1,839,702,115	5.9
India	1,614,844,157	5.2
United States	1,416,539,695	4.5
Djibouti	1,359,276,987	4.3
Chaina	1,350,435,594	4.3
Israel	1,186,539,403	3.8
Korea, Republic of	1,163,810,986	3.7
Germany	1,162,733,869	3.7
Belgium	1,086,225,582	3.5
Japan	917,925,026	2.9
Singapore	792,368,114	2.5
Sudan	720,935,763	2.3
Turkey	641,994,418	2.1
Yemen	617,772,892	2.0
Viet Nam	589,329,202	1.9
United Kinkdom	497,172,228	1.6
Jordan	479,200,985	1.5
Others	4,741,682,121	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,253,393,817</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5: Major Import Origins by Value , Fourth quarter 2023**

Countries	Value in Birr	Percentage
China	142,122,511,789	36.27
India	39,526,339,419	10.09
Morocco	20,379,032,546	5.20
United States	18,674,639,750	4.77
Turkey	17,973,740,662	4.59
Egypt	16,046,905,677	4.09
United Arab Emirates	14,928,600,416	3.81
Uited Kinkdom	12,647,702,061	3.23
Saudi Arabia	10,873,010,202	2.77
Oman	10,302,852,326	2.63
Indonesia	9,749,646,727	2.49
Malaysia	9,661,084,155	2.47
Japan	7,898,419,924	2.02
France	6,262,663,879	1.60
Djibouti	5,558,643,687	1.42
Italy	5,104,244,472	1.30
South Africa	4,462,385,767	1.14
Korea, Republic Of	3,702,017,806	0.94
Hong Kong	3,567,890,340	0.91
Germany	3,091,356,599	0.79
Others	29,348,241,829	7.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>391,881,930,033</b>	<b>100.00</b>