



COMESA - Netherlands Trade Relations

MARKET BRIEF



1. INTRODUCTION

Netherlands is one of COMESA's top export and import trading partner over the past years. According to Trademap, in 2020, Netherlands was the 15th top export destination for COMESA, consumed US\$ 1,8 Billion worth of products from the bloc.

The top export products include Cut flowers, fresh; Petroleum oils crude; Petroleum oils (excluding crude); Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers; Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn; Grapes, fresh and Citrus fruit, fresh .

On the other hand, COMESA sourced goods worth US\$3 billion. The top import products include, Petroleum oils (excluding crude), Medicaments, Frozen fish; Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes; Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel; Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing; Polyacetals, other polyethers and epoxide resins, in primary forms and Malt extract.

The charts below highlights COMESA top export and import markets 2019

Chart 1: COMESA Top Export Markets

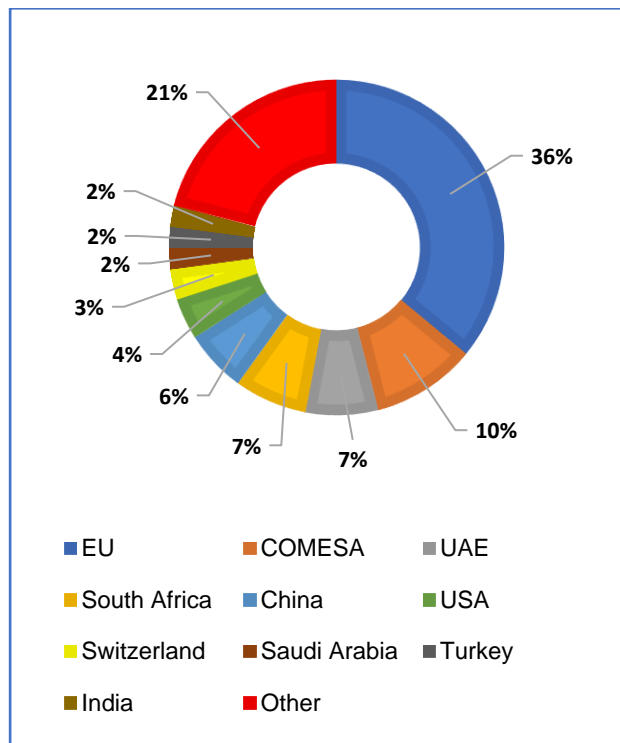
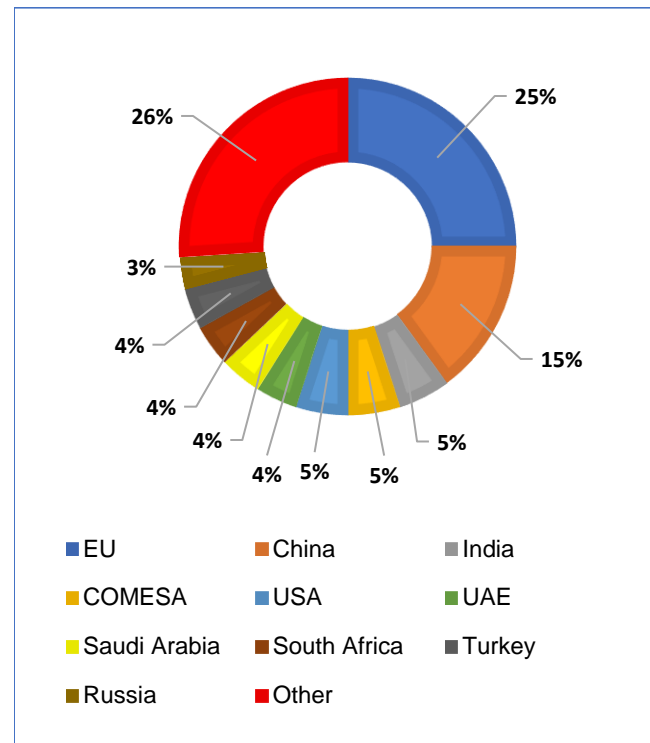


Chart 2: COMESA Top Import Sources



Source: COMSTAT Database

2. COMESA-NETHERLANDS TRADE TREND

In 2019, COMESA total trade with Netherlands amounted to US\$5,3 billion (exports & imports). Goods exports totaled \$2.2 billion; goods imports totaled \$3 billion. COMESA goods trade deficit with Netherlands was \$801 thousand.

The chart below highlights the bilateral trade trend between COMESA and Netherlands.

Chart 3: COMESA-Netherlands Trade Trend: 2015 – 2019



Source: UNCOMTRADE, ITC Trademap

3. COMESA TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO NETHERLANDS

The top export categories (4-digit HS) in 2019 were: Cut flowers, fresh; Petroleum oils crude; Petroleum oils (excluding crude); Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers; Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn; Grapes, fresh and Citrus fruit, fresh. Table 1 below shows the top COMESA export products to Netherlands.

Table 1: COMESA Top export products to Netherlands – 2019

Product label	Value in 2019 US\$'000
All products	2,240,325
Cut flowers, fresh	455,027
Petroleum oils crude	406,972
Petroleum oils (excluding crude)	204,180
Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers	111,741
Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn	85,636
Grapes, fresh	50,848
Citrus fruit, fresh	45,411
Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks, fresh	44,976
Prepared or preserved fish	42,360
Cobalt mattes	40,167
Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados fresh or dried	36,139
Tracksuits, ski suits, swimwear	31,292
Glass fibres, incl. glass wool, and articles thereof (excluding mineral wools and articles ...	30,249
Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	27,434
Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	24,160
Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	24,011
Vanilla	22,775
Unwrought nickel	22,462

Source: UNCOMTRADE, ITC Trademap

4. COMESA TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM NETHERLANDS

The top import categories (4-digit HS) in 2019 were: Petroleum oils (excluding crude); Medicaments; Frozen fish; Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes; Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel; Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing; Polyacetals, other polyethers and epoxide resins, in primary forms. Table 2 below shows the top COMESA import products from Netherlands.

Table 2: COMESA Top import products from Netherlands – 2018

Product label	Value in 2019 US\$'000
All products	3,042,238
Petroleum oils (excluding crude)	454,523
Medicaments	226,352
Frozen fish	211,933
Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes	156,079
Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel	92,727

Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing	87,336
Polyacetals, other polyethers and epoxide resins, in primary forms	76,543
Malt extract	75,023
Ferrous waste and scrap	47,238
Cheese and curd	46,902
Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences	45,672
Milk and cream, concentrated	43,586
Potatoes, fresh	42,733
Animal feeds	40,626
Human blood	38,977
Telephone sets	33,190
Automatic data-processing machines	32,080
Petroleum gas and other gaseous hydrocarbons	31,904
Food preparations	26,115
Motor cars	25,659

Source: UNCOMTRADE, ITC Trademap

5. COMESA COUNTRIES EXPORT VALUES TO NETHERLANDS

COUNTRY	Value in 2019 US\$'000
Egypt	591,783
Kenya	538,962
Tunisia	240,265
Libya, State of	197,618
Sudan	171,516
Ethiopia	124,768
Uganda	76,336
Mauritius	76,303
Zimbabwe	73,157
Madagascar	48,333
Zambia	37,907

Congo, Democratic Republic of the	25,775
Malawi	21,000
Seychelles	6,547
Rwanda	6,082
Eswatini	5,905
Djibouti	1,524
Comoros	1,226
Burundi	441
Somalia	32
Eritrea	15

Source: UNCOMTRADE, ITC Trademap

6. TOP COMESA COUNTRIES SOURCING FROM NETHERLANDS

COUNTRY	Value in 2019 US\$'000
Egypt	1,791,828
Libya, State of	595,311
Tunisia	355,543
Kenya	324,056
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	310,184
Ethiopia	267,067
Sudan	68,160
Uganda	67,217
Zambia	59,738
Mauritius	58,377

Madagascar	54,455
Djibouti	28,392
Malawi	27,580
Rwanda	21,570
Zimbabwe	20,232
Somalia	18,941
Seychelles	16,147
Eritrea	6,471
Burundi	6,162

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