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**External Merchandise Trade Statistics,
Second Quarter, 2012**



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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 into 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 beginnings of international trade, nations have striven to achieve and maintain a favourable balance of trade – that is, to export more than they import. Trade has always been the major force behind the economic relations among nations.

In view of this vital role international trade plays in the economic development of a country, and the overall responsibility of the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) to provide a convenient statistical reference in all fields of statistics, the Agency 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 a glimpse of Ethiopia's International trade for the past three months, Second quarter (April – June) of 2012 in this flier. The tables convey volume and value of trade that goes out and comes to the country, visible balance of trade, the major commodities of exports and imports, imports by end-use, and direction of trade. This flier however, is intended as a birds-eye view to the rapidly increasing foreign trade of the country, not as a detailed report.

Table 1 : Trade Balance, Second Quarter 2012

Period	Export		Import		Re-Export		Balance of Trade
	Value in '000'Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000'Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000'Birr	Net Weight in Tons	Value in '000'Birr
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g=(a+e)-c
April	7,065,606	159,591	15,596,069	683,188	6,292	6	-8,524,171
May	7,660,135	183,338	16,267,496	576,911	59,842	541	-8,547,518
June	7,117,228	161,125	19,063,029	735,988	30,838	234	-11,914,964
Total	21,842,969	504,054	50,926,595	1,996,087	96,972	782	-28,986,653

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, Second Quarter 2012

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, Not Roasted Decaffeinated	7,706,967,367	100,167,739
Roses	2,365,233,295	32,761,269
Sesamum seeds	2,314,287,769	97,169,959
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, nes	1,982,512,602	20,591,292
Semi-manufactured gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	1,559,046,157	2,196
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	639,947,256	7,156,000
Camels	622,842,238	25,820,423
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	490,308,832	41,700,486
OX	482,090,483	19,367,680
Dried chickpeas, shelled	353,941,865	26,533,434
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	248,562,418	2,774,096
Leather Prepared after tanning/Crusting Inclu.Parchment Dressed leather..	245,942,381	305,050
Unrooted cutings and slips	203,182,298	994,347
Ground-nuts in shell, not roasted or otherwise cooked	194,353,321	8,484,000
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, nes	188,838,179	13,115,504
Other cut flowers	154,001,884	2,126,051
Niobium, tantalum and vanadium ores and concentrates	136,469,058	117,287
Live Sheep	115,324,577	2,882,267
Leather of Goats or Kids Prepared after tanning or Crusting..	103,969,247	248,400
Other potatoes, fresh or chilled	99,122,942	19,242,821
Others	1,636,025,238	82,493,380
Total	21,842,969,406	504,053,682

Table 3 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import Commodities, Second Quarter 2012

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Other Petroleum Oils obtained from Bituminous minT...	9,206,055,577	525,411,156
Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate)	2,405,865,302	208,304,000
Dumpers for off-highway use	1,783,788,796	19,591,869
Edible Palm Oil	1,354,401,412	56,337,176
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods,Hotrolled,Twisted/with deformtns from rolling proc.	1,198,858,862	88,337,142
Urea	1,166,623,359	125,706,302
Towers and lattice masts of iron or steel	749,036,578	15,524,081
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	698,873,327	118,891,561
Cane or beet sugar, in solid form, nes	559,555,307	46,584,566
Self-Propelled Bulldozers and Angledoosers , Track laying	495,226,120	2,813,316
Other machines for the reception conversion and transmission or regeneration...	489,616,500	53,800
Motorized Tanks and other Armoured Finhting Vehicles and parts thereof	485,160,059	3,095,840
Goods Vehicles, with Diesel or Semi-Diesel Engines, gvw 5-20Tonnes	462,460,987	4,555,691
Self-Propelled Bulldozers, Excavators..., Nes	427,787,953	4,592,879
Benzene Regular or Super	421,504,397	38,871,062
Stranded wire, cables... of aluminium alloys, not electrically insulated	383,539,042	4,847,514
Other Medicaments of mixed/Unmixed products,frs,(exc.Anaesthetics)	364,622,890	5,707,952
Goods Vehi.with Dis/Semi-Dengines, gvw<= 5 Tonnes Scarr.cap. > 1500	355,597,218	2,676,106
Machinery for suger Manufacture	342,905,707	2,120,406
Parts Suitable for Machinesof 8501/8502(Excl 8501.1000,3100,5100)	334,486,436	968,268
Ohers	27,240,628,957	721,096,416
Total	50,926,594,789	1,996,087,103

Table 4 : Imports by END USE, Second Quarter 2012

Classification	Value in Birr	%
Raw Materials	753,852,929	1.48
Semi-Finished Products	9,706,779,979	19.06
Fuel	9,987,619,130	19.61
Capital Goods (Transport)	4,380,116,165	8.60
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	552,518,106	1.08
Capital Goods (Industrial)	12,407,245,192	24.36
Consumer Goods (Durable)	3,886,843,265	7.63
Consumer Goods (Non-Durable)	7,663,177,085	15.05
Miscellaneous	1,588,442,937	3.12
Total	50,926,594,789	100.00

**Table 5 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export by Destination,
Second Quarter 2012**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Germany	3,401,741,819	46,664,279
Netherlands	2,267,767,048	31,362,016
Somalia	1,920,301,871	58,306,974
China	1,728,979,899	68,401,214
Switzerland	1,569,222,883	242,892
Saudi Arabia	1,400,417,886	26,695,760
Sudan	1,268,288,315	50,992,454
United States	879,146,827	15,627,199
Djibouti	784,084,787	24,718,377
Italy	618,445,905	8,360,991
Belgium	548,774,257	8,492,145
France	466,993,799	6,742,366
Japan	406,679,874	7,307,828
United Arab Emirates	374,725,155	9,938,021
Egypt	369,977,588	15,686,759
Israel	348,453,562	11,581,670
United Kingdom	338,270,571	5,441,537
Jordan	304,773,091	6,935,543
Pakistan	302,829,818	22,671,616
Viet Nam	218,548,667	9,151,181
Others	2,324,545,784	68,732,858
Total	21,842,969,406	504,053,682

**Table 6 : Value and Net Weight of Major Import by Origin,
Second Quarter 2012**

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
China	10,621,184,709	175,907,099
Saudi Arabia	6,138,538,387	378,915,377
India	4,582,697,403	172,631,086
Kuwait	3,772,578,336	204,632,299
Italy	2,564,984,037	109,434,831
Turkey	2,330,766,399	119,100,431
Japan	2,120,407,895	17,764,019
Ukraine	2,120,067,590	161,149,128
United States	1,334,215,205	24,565,241
Morocco	1,232,661,317	107,226,240
Indonesia	1,155,506,066	48,745,888
France	1,068,681,383	11,184,206
Germany	959,036,165	17,503,330
United Arab Emirates	895,677,333	30,559,815
Korea, Republic Of	706,409,680	16,217,605
Malaysia	630,550,466	22,632,326
Jordan	589,483,296	50,623,010
Thailand	564,227,874	11,510,937
United Kingdom	531,598,392	2,303,110
Sudan	493,652,781	43,980,535
Others	6,513,670,074	269,500,588
Total	50,926,594,789	1,996,087,103