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**External Merchandise Trade Statistics,
Third 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, Third quarter (July – September) 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, Third 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
July	5,336,382	123,098	16,215,772	573,625	43,289	450	-10,836,101
August	5,506,747	140,077	17,265,867	625,988	11,746	121	-11,747,374
September	4,407,826	108,001	16,724,527	575,001	2,714	3	-12,313,987
Total	15,250,955	371,177	50,206,167	1,774,615	57,749	574	-34,897,462

Table 2 : Value and Net Weight of Major Export Commodities, Third Quarter 201

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Coffee, Not Roasted or Decaffeinated	4,900,136,944	65,581,190
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, nes	2,340,435,499	24,109,202
Roses	1,989,022,474	28,002,333
Sesamum seeds	962,234,097	35,459,527
Camels	749,504,444	26,231,770
Ox	611,911,793	22,497,497
Dried kidney beans, incl. white pea beans, shelled	394,270,325	32,815,497
Fresh, chilled or frozen goat meat	283,341,998	3,130,135
Leather prepared after tanning/Crusting inclu.Parchment Dressed Leather..	255,335,014	322,817
Dried chickpeas, shelled	254,180,594	18,761,730
Unrooted cutting and Slips	199,987,308	985,823
Other potatoes, fresh or chilled	128,592,652	24,276,369
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, nes	122,621,046	8,608,483
Dried broad beans and horse beans, shelled	121,900,875	9,204,059
Ground-nuts in shell, not roasted or otherwise cooked	120,931,839	5,712,248
Other cut flowers	105,780,692	1,562,711
Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, nes	91,059,198	6,832,300
Leather of Goats or Kids prepared after Tanning or Crusting..	87,319,121	245,919
Cotton, carded or combed	81,324,541	2,730,402
Niobium, tantalum and vanadium ores and concentrates	78,444,054	57,079
Others	1,372,620,856	54,049,970
Total	15,250,955,363	371,177,061

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

Major Commodities	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Other Petroleum Oils and Oils Obtained from Bituminous min...	5,982,235,965	309,346,283
Edible Palm Oil	1,879,885,268	75,368,879
Dumpers for off -Highway use	1,603,746,983	20,095,696
jet fuel	1,001,872,695	51,203,590
Iron/Steel Bars & Rods,Hotrolled,Twisted/with deformtns from Rolling prod	925,101,095	67,838,336
Self-Propelled BullDozers, Excavators..., nes	897,836,448	8,149,548
Spelt, common wheat and meslin	867,067,994	158,516,000
Medicaments of other hormones, for retail sale, nes	852,367,302	349,224
Cane or beet sugar, in solid form, nes	703,031,456	59,285,750
Parts Suitable for Macheines of 8501/8502(Excl 8501.1000,3100,5100)	692,314,014	616,918
Raw cane sugar, in solid form	639,058,951	57,785,584
Parts	542,451,663	61,873
Durum wheat	522,825,932	65,075,685
Goods Vehicles, with Diesel or Semi-Diesel Engines, gvw5-20Tonnes	520,878,842	4,125,174
Structures and parts of structures, nes of Iron or Steel	464,894,600	6,957,634
New Pneumatic Tyres, of Rubber of kind used on Buses or Lorries	462,517,864	5,885,427
Self-Propelled BullDozers and AngleDozers, Track Laying	424,249,312	3,132,623
Parts of aircraft (excl. aeroplanes/helicopters)	407,256,160	330,463
Vaccines for human medicine	404,848,005	61,213
Other Woven Fabrics of Synth'c Yarn >=85% Textrd/non-Textrd Polystr Film	391,256,935	3,932,131
Others	30,020,469,354	876,497,193
Total	50,206,166,837	1,774,615,224

Table 4 : Imports by END USE, Third Quarter 2012

Classification	Value in Birr	%
Raw Materials	941,447,193	1.88
Semi-Finished Products	7,294,410,699	14.53
Fuel	7,533,309,332	15.00
Capital Goods (Transport)	4,860,228,026	9.68
Capital Goods (Agriculture)	906,234,104	1.81
Capital Goods (Industrial)	12,467,087,863	24.83
Consumer Goods (Durable)	3,179,156,070	6.33
Consumer Goods (Non Durable)	11,544,750,920	22.99
Miscellaneous	1,479,542,630	2.95
Total	50,206,166,837	100.00

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

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
Somalia	2,443,610,644	71,394,643
Nethrelands	1,886,881,481	25,740,367
Germany	1,759,965,095	25,306,257
Saudi Arabia	816,062,618	12,522,812
Djibouti	721,011,741	25,783,146
China	680,518,184	23,175,278
Japan	555,089,178	9,964,450
Egypt	537,138,306	20,301,944
United States	489,642,118	9,091,519
Belgium	474,554,892	5,847,497
Italy	402,379,367	4,744,435
Aunited Arab Emirates	392,176,366	11,204,295
United Kingdom	370,080,947	6,534,253
Sudan	358,138,438	17,187,684
India	279,864,450	13,011,807
Israel	266,936,470	8,682,610
France	256,299,114	4,146,985
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	207,419,561	6,312,300
Australia	189,229,651	1,516,123
Spain	176,240,352	1,555,417
Others	1,987,716,392	67,153,239
Total	15,250,955,363	371,177,061

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

Countries	Value in Birr	Net Weight in Kilos
China	12,646,182,265	213,720,678
Saudi Arabia	5,302,076,445	278,585,786
India	5,104,949,656	265,240,818
Italy	3,362,611,445	171,355,229
Japan	2,205,650,016	14,170,398
United Arab Emirates	1,873,862,393	111,109,238
Indonesia	1,751,583,617	70,115,354
Turkey	1,696,531,425	79,008,366
Kuwait	1,649,323,289	82,360,528
France	1,456,016,159	15,074,989
United States	1,330,979,002	10,433,159
Korea, Republic of	1,138,288,442	25,095,640
Thailand	913,182,764	31,760,133
Malaysia	898,802,856	31,730,654
Ukraine	826,921,662	83,534,931
Germany	738,705,176	7,357,727
Belgium	630,703,787	4,457,595
South Africa	561,274,633	62,646,669
Brazil	504,023,225	12,998,754
Spain	500,301,156	4,306,391
Others	5,114,197,425	199,552,187
Total	50,206,166,837	1,774,615,224