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1. Trade between Sri Lanka & Afghanistan

Afghanistan is the 133rd export destination for Sri Lanka in 2016. Total export value from Sri Lanka to Afghanistan was US\$ 627,000 in 2016 and total imports from Afghanistan to Sri Lanka for the same period were US\$ 48,000.

Sri Lanka's main export products to Afghanistan in 2016 were Books & Printed matter, Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Defatted Coconut, Desiccated Coconut, Tea, Parts of Refrigerating or Freezing equipments, Paper & Paper articles. The main import products from Afghanistan were Telephone sets, Books & Printed matter, Toys, and Electrical Transformers, Processed food, Precious stones, Office machines, Electric motors & generators during the same year.

2. Bilateral Trade between Sri Lanka and Afghanistan (2013-2016), Value in USD Thousand

Year	Exports to Afghanistan	Imports from Afghanistan	Total Trade
2013	124	61	185
2014	137	25	162
2015	486	17	503
2016	627	48	675
2017 upto April	299	14	313

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

3. Sri Lanka's major export products to Afghanistan (2014-2016), Value in USD Thousand

HS Code	Product Description	2014	2015	2016	% to total export value (2016)
4911	Calendars, printed	0	393	370	59.0%
4011	Conveyor, transmission belts and belting, rubber nes	0	56	118	18.8%
2306	Ground-nut oil-cake and other solid residues	0	26	80	12.8%
0801	Arrowroot, salep, etc fresh or dried and sago pith	0	0	42	6.7%
9025	Parts and accessories of material testing equipment	0	0	7	1.1%
0902	Coffee substitutes containing coffee	0	13	6	1.0%
8419	Parts of refrigerating or freezing equipment	0	0	2	0.3%
4901	Paper and paper articles, nes	1	0	1	0.2%

Source: Trade Map

4. Sri Lanka's major import products from Afghanistan (2014-2016), Value in USD Thousand

HS code	Product Description	2014	2015	2016	% to total import value (2016)
8517	Parts of electro-thermic apparatus, domestic, etc	2	0	30	62.5%
4901	Paper and paper articles, nes	2	4	2	4.2%
9999	Antiques older than one hundred years	1	0	1	2.1%
2936	Sulphonamides in bulk	0	0	1	2.1%
7117	Articles of precious, semi-precious, artificial stone	0	0	1	2.1%
3303	Mixed odoriferous substances - industrial use nes	0	0	1	2.1%
8504	Parts for electric motors and generators	0	0	1	2.1%
9506	Festive, carnival, other entertainment articles, nes	0	0	1	2.1%
8473	Office machines, nes	1	4	1	2.1%
9503	Dolls representing only human beings	0	0	1	2.1%

Source: Trade map

5. Sri Lanka's Leading Exporters to Afghanistan -2016

No	Company	Product
1	Printcare Secure Ltd	Books & Printed Matter
2	Samson Rubber Industries Pvt Ltd	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes
3	Stassen Exports Pvt Ltd	Defatted Coconut, Desiccated Coconut
4	Admajee Lukmanjee Pvt Ltd	Defatted Coconut, Desiccated Coconut
5	Expolanka Pvt Ltd	Defatted Coconut
6	Aroma Natural Rubber Pvt Ltd	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes
7	Analytical Instruments Pvt Ltd	Other Manufactures nes, Other Electrical & Electronic Products nes
8	Jafferjee Brothers	Tea Packets
9	D H L Keels Pvt Ltd	Books & Printed Matter
10	For Personal Effect Exporters	Other Textile Articles nes

6. Potential products to be explored from Sri Lanka

- Sisal and Agave, raw
- Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude
- Pearls cultured worked, not mounted or set
- Conveyor, transmission belts and belting, rubber nes
- Flight simulators, parts thereof
- Mens, boys trousers & shorts, material nes, not knit
- Manufactured tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes and "homogenized" or "reconstituted" ...

- T-shirts, singlets etc, of material nes, knit
- Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse
- Mens, boys trousers & shorts, of material nes, knit
- Parts for electric motors and generators
- Other Vehicles Including Gas Turbine Powered
- Cereals unmilled nes
- Spacecraft, satellites and spacecraft launch vehicles
- Synthetic staple fibres, not carded or combed nes
- Ice, snow and potable water not sweetened or flavored
- Parts of electro-thermic apparatus, domestic, etc
- Flour or meal, pellet, fish, etc, for animal feed
- Parts of electrical machines and apparatus nes
- Motorcycles with other than a spark ignition engine

7. Facts about Afghanistan

Afghanistan – Map



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Afghanistan is a landlocked mountainous country located within South Asia and Central Asia. The country is the 40th largest in the world in size. Kabul is the capital and largest city of Afghanistan, located in the Kabul Province. Strategically located at the crossroads of major trade routes, Afghanistan has attracted a succession of invaders since the sixth century BCE.

Total Area: total: 652,864 sq. km

Climate: Rainfall in Afghanistan is very scarce, and mainly only affects the northern highlands, arriving in March and April. Rainfall in the more arid lowlands is rare, and can be very unpredictable.

DEMOPGRAPHY

Population: 33,332,025 (July 2016 est.)

Population growth rate: 2.34 % (2016 est.)

ECONOMY

The economy of Afghanistan has had significant improvement in the last decade due to the infusion of billions of dollars in international assistance and remittances from Afghan expatriates. The assistance that came from expatriates and outside investors saw this increase when there was more political reliability after the fall of the Taliban regime. The nation's GDP stands at about \$64.08 billion with an exchange rate of \$18.4 billion (2014), and the GDP per capita is about \$2,000. It imports over \$6 billion worth of goods but exports only \$658 million, mainly fruits and nuts.

GDP - per capita (PPP): \$2,000 (2016 est.)
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Exports: \$421 million (2016)

Exports - commodities: Grapes, Dates, Precious stones, Vegetables, Fennel seeds, Cashew nuts, Cardamoms

Exports - partners: Pakistan 39.7%, India 33.1%, Iran 5.1%, UAE 4.3%, Russian Federation 3.2%, Turkey 3.1%

Imports: \$3.3 billion (2016)

Imports - commodities: Tank & other armored fight vehicles, Wheat, Petroleum oils, Powered aircraft, Human blood, Palm oil

Imports - partners: Iran 23.4%, Pakistan 17.4%, China 13.5%, Turkmenistan 8.2%, Kazakhstan 5.5%, Uzbekistan 4.4%

Bilateral & Multilateral Trade Agreements:

- Afghanistan–Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
- South Asia Free Trade Area (SAFTA)
- Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement (ECOTA)
- India-Afghanistan Preferential Trading Agreement