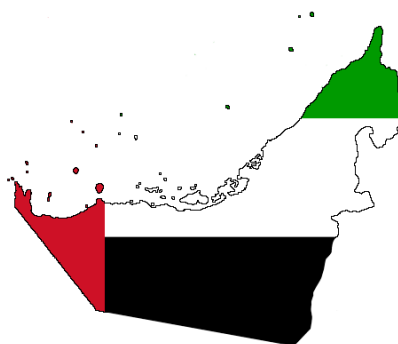


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## 1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

United Arab Emirates (UAE) is the 09<sup>th</sup> export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to UAE was USD 282.84 Mn in 2021 and total imports from UAE to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 1315.6 Mn. UAE is the 03<sup>rd</sup> import origin for Sri Lanka in 2021.

Sri Lanka's exports to UAE has increased by 40.36% in 2021 when compared to the year 2020. Imports from UAE has decreased by 3.65% in 2021 when compared to the year 2020

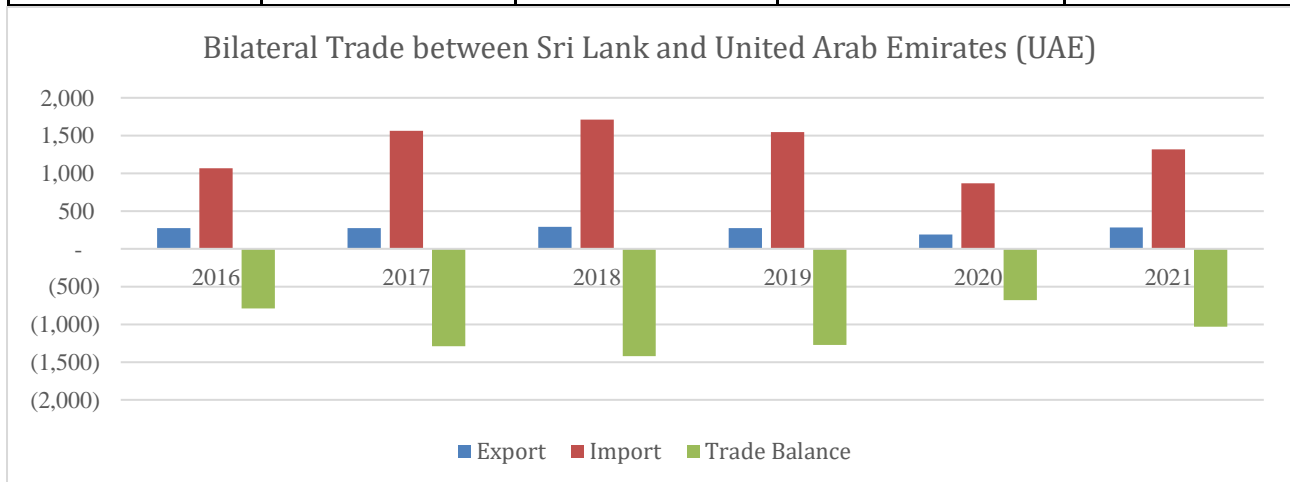
Sri Lanka's main export products to UAE in 2021 were Tea in Bulk, Apparel, Petroleum Oil, Tea Packets, Coconut Milk Powder, Gems, Manufactured Tobacco, Products of Base Metal, Melons & Papayas, Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations, Coconut Fresh Nuts, Woven Fabrics and Cloves

Sri Lanka's main imports products from UAE in 2021 were Petroleum Oils, Other Petroleum Product, Standard Wire of Aluminium, Petroleum Gases, Edible Fish, Products of Plastics, Other Mineral Products, Diamonds, Products of Base Metal, Sugars, Sugar Confectionery & Bakery Products, Fruits and Prefabricated Buildings and Paper & Paper Products.

## 2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH UAE (2016-2021)

*Values in USD Million*

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2016	275	1,066	1,341	(791)
2017	274	1,564	1,838	(1,290)
2018	290	1,712	2,002	(1,422)
2019	275	1,546	1,821	(1,271)
2020	189	869	1,058	(680)
2021	283	1,316	1,598	(1,033)



*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

### 3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO TURKEY (2019-2021)

*Values in USD Million*

No	Product	2019	2020	2021	% Avg. Growth
1	Tea in Bulk	20.87	26.22	83.59	69.39
2	Apparel	41.21	28.57	37.61	-4.57
3	Petroleum Oils	72.07	33.55	34.3	-37.12
4	Tea Packets	16.65	10.71	16.83	0.53
5	Coconut Milk Powder	3.14	5.22	6.87	39.2
6	Gems	3.48	0.28	5.81	25.67
7	Manufactured Tobacco	19.31	0.8	5.3	-64.64
8	Products of Base Metal	4.59	4.48	5.28	6.93
9	Melons & Papayas	3.97	4.09	5.24	13.92
10	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	5.15	6.4	5	-1.4
11	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations	3.27	3.66	4.89	20.1
12	Coconut Fresh Nuts	3.48	3.04	4.28	10.28
13	Woven Fabrics	3.69	2.45	4.1	5.25
14	Cloves	1.75	0.32	4.09	42.32
15	Cocoa and Cocoa Preparations	3.46	2.34	3.74	3.89
16	Alcoholic Beverages	12.16	7.53	2.98	-70.25
17	Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber	0.55	2.14	2.59	77.57
18	Desiccated Coconut	1.78	1.07	2.54	17.79
19	Manioc	2.58	2.61	2.4	-3.68
20	Bananas	1.18	0.91	2.11	28.84
	Other Products	50.61	42.53	43.29	-7.81
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>274.95</b>	<b>188.9</b>	<b>282.84</b>	<b>1.41</b>

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

#### 4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM UAE (2019-2021)

*Values in USD Million*

No	Product	2019	2020	2021	% Avg. Growth
1	Petroleum Oils	1,122.84	535.43	886.19	-11.83
2	Other Petroleum Products	45.81	17.09	79.08	27.3
3	Standard Wire of Aluminium	52.18	44.26	74.82	18.02
4	Petroleum Gases	20.02	24.89	38.32	32.47
5	Edible Fish	26.06	41.91	36.27	16.52
6	Products of Plastics	30.22	23.72	36.18	9
7	Other Mineral Products	96.22	41.33	34.85	-50.78
8	Diamonds	1.77	14.42	22.95	128.23
9	Products of Base Metal	30.81	22.65	20.23	-21.03
10	Sugars, Sugar Confectionery & Bakery Products	1.83	21.81	15.23	105.9
11	Fruits	8.37	7.34	8.17	-1.18
12	Prefabricated Buildings	6.84	7.41	8.02	7.94
13	Paper & Paper Products nes	8.02	4.98	5.95	-14.94
14	Electrical & Electronic Products	6.33	4.79	5.03	-11.5
15	Fertilizers	37.85	14.07	3.07	-125.67
16	Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts	2.81	2.14	3.05	4.18
17	Woven Fabrics	1.68	1.8	2.88	27.05
18	Synthetic Rubber	0.37	0.33	2.35	92.72
19	Automatic Data Processing Machines	0.33	0.85	2.34	97.97
20	Organic Chemicals	0.46	0.65	1.78	67.27
	Other Products	44.94	37.15	28.87	-22.13
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>1,545.75</b>	<b>869.01</b>	<b>1,315.62</b>	<b>-8.06</b>

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

## 5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO UAE

- Black tea
- Apparel
- Gems
- Cinnamon
- Gloves with plastics/rubber
- Solid/cushion tyres
- Pepper
- Desiccated coconuts
- Food preparations

*Source: ICT Trade Map -<https://exportpotential.intracen.org/>*

## 6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO UAE- 2021

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	AKBAR BROTHERS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets, Other Tea, Tea Bags,
2	LANKA MARITIME SERVICES LTD	Petroleum Oils
3	LANKA IOC PLC	Petroleum Oils
4	R J V INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Apparel, Footwear, Made-Up Textile Articles,
5	UNIWORLD TEAS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk
6	EMPIRE TEAS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Green Tea, Tea Packets, Tea Bags, Plants and Parts of Plants
7	NESTLE LANKA PLC	Coconut Milk Powder, Liquid Coconut Milk
8	VAN REES CEYLON LTD	Tea in Bulk
9	CEYLON BEVERAGE CAN PVT LTD	Other Products of Base Metal
10	MUSHAN INTERNATIONAL	Gems
11	SRI LANKAN CATERING LTD	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations
12	MAS ACTIVE TRADING PVT LTD	Apparel
13	J-CEY TEA PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk
14	COMMERCIAL EXPORT CO	Tea Packets, Tea in Bulk, Apparel, Sacs & Bags of Plastics
15	HAYLEYS FREE ZONE LTD	Lamps and Lighting Fittings

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*