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1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan is the 135th export destination for Sri Lanka. The total export value from Sri Lanka to Afghanistan was USD 983,492 in 2023 and total imports from Afghanistan to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 122,808. Afghanistan is the 113th import origin for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's exports to Afghanistan has increased by 27.51% in 2023 compared to the year 2022. Imports from Afghanistan has increased by 36.72% in 2023 when compared to the year 2022.

Sri Lanka's main export products to Afghanistan in 2023 were Desiccated Coconut, Animal Feed, Defatted Coconut, Coconut Ekels.

Sri Lanka's main import products from Afghanistan in 2023 were Condiments, Rubber Plates, Sheets Rods of Vulcanized or Unhardened Rubber, Fruits.

2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH AFGHANISTAN (2018-2023)

				Values in USD
Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2018	489,553	89,587	399,966	579,140
2019	643,240	77,127	566,113	720,367
2020	168,568	25,168	143,400	193,736
2021	953,762	52,842	900,920	1,006,604
2022	771,302	89,825	681,477	861,127
2023	983,492	122,808	860,684	1,106,300



Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AFGHANISTAN (2021-2023)

Values in USD

No	Product	2021	2022	2023	% Avg. Growth
1	Desiccated Coconut	15,175	617,045	394,107	162.85
2	Products of Base Metal	844,795	-	248,202	-
3	Animal Feed	-	-	213,623	-
4	Defatted Coconut	-	57,051	121,230	-
5	Coconut Ekels	-	-	6,330	-
6	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	48,982	64,152	-	-
7	Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations	-	33,054	-	-
8	Processed Vegetables, Fruits & Juices	43,358	-	-	-
9	Products of Plastics	1,452	-	-	-
	Total :	953,762	771,302	983,492	1.53

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AFGHANISTAN (2021-2023)

Values in USD

No	Product	2021	2022	2023	% Avg. Growth
1	Condiments	-	-	84,964	-
2	Mineral Products	-	80,961	23,792	-
3	Rubber Plates, Sheets Rods of Vulcanized or Unhardened Rubber	-	3,383	8,471	-
4	Fruits	468	5,482	5,580	123.91
5	Plants and Parts of Plants	42,220	-	-	-
6	Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts	2,684	-	-	-
7	Saffron	1,539	-	-	-
8	Automatic Data Processing Machines	1,066	-	-	-
9	Electrical & Electronic Products	827	-	-	-
10	Tools, Implements, Cutlery & Parts	564	-	-	-
11	Processed Vegetables, Fruits & Juices	487	-	-	-
12	Textile Floor Coverings (Carpets, Mats, Floor Coverings etc.)	282	-	-	-
13	Men's Outerwear	267	-	-	-
14	Furniture & Seats	218	-	-	-
15	Footwear	216	-	-	-
16	Products of Plastics	216	-	-	-
17	Products of Base Metal	192	-	-	-
18	Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc.)	183	-	-	-
19	Other Manufactures	133	-	-	-
20	Toys, Games & Sport Requisites	120	-	-	-
	Other Products	1,161	-	-	-
	Total :	52,842	89,825	122,808	42.17
			Sourc	e: Sri Lank	a Customs

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5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO AFGHANISTAN - 2023

- Tea & mate
- Apparel
- Cereals (processed)
- Plastics & rubber
- Food products (processed or preserved)
- Fruits
- Spices
- Metal products
- Nuts
- Vegetable oils & fat

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

6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO AFGHANISTAN - 2023

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	CEYLON BEVERAGE CAN PVT LTD	Products of Base Metal
2	FARMCHEMIE MANUFACTURERS PVT LTD	Animal Feed
3	TROPIKAL LIFE INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Defatted Coconut, Desiccated Coconut
4	K M N EXPORT & IMPORT PVT LTD	Desiccated Coconut, Coconut Ekels
5	FARWAY LANKA EXPORTS PVT LTD	Desiccated Coconut
6	GREEN LAND AGRO EXPORT PVT LTD	Desiccated Coconut
7	S P N TRADING	Desiccated Coconut
8	ADAMJEE LUKMANJEE & SONS PVT LTD	Desiccated Coconut
9	A C J IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	Desiccated Coconut

Source: Sri Lanka Customs