

# **MARKET AND COUNTRY**

## **BRIEF ON**

# **France**

## **2024**



**PREPARED BY**  
**MARKET DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
**Sri Lanka Export Development Board**  
**April 2025**

## Contents

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & FRANCE .....        | 1 |
| 2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH FRANCE (2019-2024) .....     | 1 |
| 3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO FRANCE (2022-2024) .....   | 2 |
| 4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (2022-2024) ..... | 3 |
| 5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO FRANCE.....              | 4 |
| 6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO FRANCE - 2024.....                | 4 |

## 1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & FRANCE

France is the 09<sup>th</sup> export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to France was USD 263.75Mn in 2024 and total imports from France to Sri Lanka for the same period were 272.26Mn. France is the 15<sup>th</sup> import origin for Sri Lanka in 2024.

Sri Lanka's exports to France have decreased by 14% in 2024 when compared to the year 2023. Imports from France has increased by 38% in 2024 when compared to the year 2023.

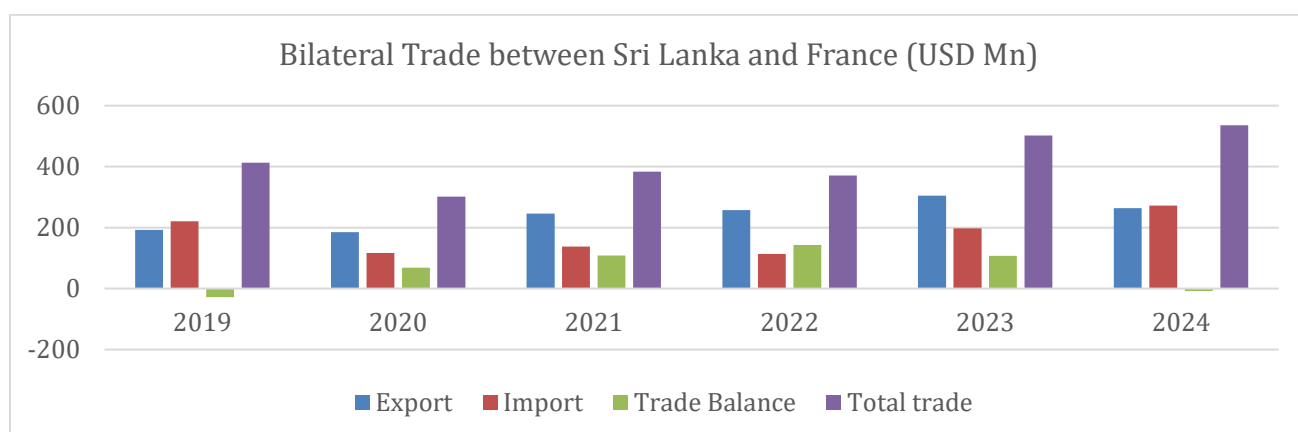
Sri Lanka's main export products to France in 2024 were Boat Building, Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Active wear/Sportswear, Frozen Fish, Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Motor Vehicles & Parts, and Men's Outerwear.

Sri Lanka's main imports products from France in 2024 were Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Pharmaceutical Products, Woven Fabrics, Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations, Alcoholic Beverages, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations, Other Manufactures, Other Products of Plastics, Gems, and Other Products of Base Metal.

## 2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH FRANCE (2019-2024)

*All Values in USD Million*

| Year | Export | Import | Trade Balance | Total trade |
|------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| 2019 | 192.61 | 220.81 | -28.2         | 413.42      |
| 2020 | 184.74 | 116.44 | 68.3          | 301.18      |
| 2021 | 245.92 | 137.32 | 108.6         | 383.24      |
| 2022 | 257.52 | 113.93 | 143.59        | 371.45      |
| 2023 | 304.95 | 197.42 | 107.53        | 502.37      |
| 2024 | 263.75 | 272.26 | -8.51         | 536.01      |



*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

### 3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO FRANCE (2022-2024)

*All Values in USD Million*

| No | Product                                     | 2022          | 2023          | 2024          | % Avg. Growth |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1  | T-shirts                                    | 22.5          | 24.32         | 22.09         | -0.92         |
| 2  | Men's and Women's Under Garments            | 14.82         | 16.48         | 20.6          | 16.48         |
| 3  | Women's Outerwear                           | 22.82         | 24.4          | 20.56         | -5.22         |
| 4  | Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes  | 19.2          | 20.19         | 20.13         | 2.36          |
| 5  | Activewear/Sportswear                       | 6.45          | 16.44         | 16.74         | 47.68         |
| 6  | Frozen Fish                                 | 20.39         | 15.43         | 14.62         | -16.64        |
| 7  | Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile          | 14.83         | 13.47         | 14.38         | -1.54         |
| 8  | Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber      | 10.06         | 7.78          | 12.66         | 11.52         |
| 9  | Liquid Coconut Milk                         | 5.72          | 6.65          | 10.99         | 32.62         |
| 10 | Men's Outerwear                             | 10.65         | 9.33          | 8.58          | -10.76        |
| 11 | Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)        | 7.22          | 8.96          | 8.47          | 7.99          |
| 12 | Motor Vehicles & Parts                      | 14.94         | 11.15         | 7.41          | -35.07        |
| 13 | Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products    | 5.01          | 6             | 5.96          | 8.64          |
| 14 | Fish Fresh or Chilled                       | 9.29          | 6.1           | 5.92          | -22.5         |
| 15 | Electrical & Electronic Products            | 2.36          | 5.05          | 5.48          | 42.11         |
| 16 | Gems  | 11.54         | 6.92          | 5.4           | -37.95        |
| 17 | Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber | 3.8           | 3.94          | 4.87          | 12.48         |
| 18 | Tea Packets                                 | 3.98          | 4.71          | 4.86          | 10.01         |
| 19 | Sacs & Bags of Plastics                     | 3.79          | 3.67          | 4.4           | 7.5           |
| 20 | Gherkins                                    | 0.7           | 0.98          | 3.19          | 76.2          |
|    | Other Products                              | 47.45         | 92.97         | 46.42         | -1.1          |
|    | <b>Total :</b>                              | <b>257.52</b> | <b>304.95</b> | <b>263.75</b> | <b>1.2</b>    |

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

#### 4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (2022-2024)

*Values in USD Million*

| No | Product   | 2022          | 2023          | 2024          | % Avg. Growth |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1  | Aircrafts & Parts                                   | 7.68          | 1.93          | 128.56        | 140.88        |
| 2  | Electrical & Electronic Products                    | 20.73         | 102.46        | 46.32         | 40.2          |
| 3  | Pharmaceutical Products                             | 19.42         | 16.7          | 16.25         | -8.91         |
| 4  | Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations | 3.71          | 6.66          | 10.31         | 51.06         |
| 5  | Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts       | 2.28          | 2.33          | 6.11          | 49.35         |
| 6  | Alcoholic Beverages                                 | 5.11          | 6.34          | 5.55          | 4.15          |
| 7  | Miscellaneous Edible Preparations                   | 2.15          | 4.82          | 4.72          | 39.24         |
| 8  | Manufactures nes                                    | 8.56          | 4.49          | 4.55          | -31.62        |
| 9  | Products of Plastics                                | 3.78          | 3.64          | 4.09          | 3.91          |
| 10 | Woven Fabrics                                       | 6.57          | 8.32          | 3.82          | -27.17        |
| 11 | Chemical Products                                   | 1.52          | 2.41          | 3.82          | 45.97         |
| 12 | Gems  | 1.68          | 3.46          | 3.21          | 32.41         |
| 13 | Organic Chemicals                                   | 4.63          | 1.77          | 3             | -21.71        |
| 14 | Switches, Boards & Panels                           | 3.08          | 2.94          | 2.88          | -3.31         |
| 15 | Unmanufactured Tobacco                              | 1.82          | 2.63          | 2.72          | 20.31         |
| 16 | Sugars, Sugar Confectionery & Bakery Products       | 0.21          | 2.23          | 2.56          | 126.07        |
| 17 | r Products of Base Metal                            | 2.93          | 3.25          | 2.43          | -9.53         |
| 18 | Boilers, Piston Engines, Pumps & Vacuum Pumps       | 0.79          | 1.07          | 1.78          | 40.75         |
| 19 | Paper & Paper Products nes                          | 0.39          | 2.44          | 1.58          | 70.41         |
| 20 | Automatic Data Processing Machines                  | 1.44          | 1.35          | 1.35          | -3.11         |
|    | Other Products                                      | 15.45         | 16.17         | 16.66         | 3.75          |
|    | <b>Total :</b>                                      | <b>113.93</b> | <b>197.42</b> | <b>272.26</b> | <b>43.56</b>  |

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

## 5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO FRANCE

- Apparel
- Tea & mate
- Jewellery & precious metal articles
- Spices
- Textile products
- Plastics & rubber
- Machinery, electricity
- Fish & shellfish
- Fruits

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

## 6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO FRANCE - 2024

| No | Company Details                           | Products Exported within this Period  |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | CRYSTAL MARTIN CEYLON PVT LTD             | Activewear/Sportswear, Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Men's and Women's Under Garments  |
| 2  | INQUBE GLOBAL PVT LTD                     | Women's Outerwear, Activewear/Sportswear, Men's and Women's Under Garments,   |
| 3  | MICHELIN LANKA PVT LTD                    | Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Motor Vehicles & Parts, Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber, Other Products of Base Metal |
| 4  | MAS CAPITAL PVT LTD                       | Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Women's Outerwear,  |
| 5  | ATG HAND CARE PVT LTD                     | Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Made-up Clothing Accessories  |
| 6  | ANSELL LANKA PVT LTD                      | Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber  |
| 7  | HIRDARAMANI INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PVT LTD | T-shirts, Men's and Women's Under Garments  |
| 8  | SILVERMILL NATURAL BEVERAGES PVT LTD      | Liquid Coconut Milk, Desiccated Coconut, Coconut Cream, Pepper, Coconut Milk Powder   |
| 9  | MAKEEN ENERGY LANKA PVT LTD               | Tea Bagging, Packing, Cleaning, Weighing Machines, Other Electrical & Electronic Products   |
| 10 | DURTEK LANKA PVT LTD                      | Other Products of Plastics, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc)  |
| 11 | RICHARD PEIRIS EXPORTS PLC                | Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber   |
| 12 | S M T APPAREL LANKA LTD                   | Men's Outerwear, Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)  |
| 13 | GLOBAL RUBBER INDUSTRIES PVT LTD          | Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes  |
| 14 | SWISS CUT & DESIGN PVT LTD                | Gems  |
| 15 | GPV LANKA PVT LTD                         | Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Switches, Boards & Panels   |

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*