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1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom is the 02^{nd} export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to United Kingdom was USD 903.72 Mn in 2024 and total imports from United Kingdom to Sri Lanka in 2024 was USD 168.17 Mn. United Kingdom is the 22^{nd} import origin for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's exports to United Kingdom have increased by 6.80% in 2024 compared to the year 2023. Imports from United Kingdom has decreased by 18.39% in 2024.

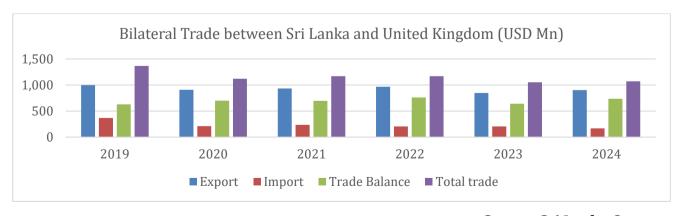
Sri Lanka's main export products to United Kingdom in 2024 were Women's Outerwear, Men's & Women's Under Garments, Babies' Garments, Men's Outerwear, T-shirts, Activewear/ Sportswear, Motor Vehicles & Parts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc.), Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber, Liquid Coconut Milk, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc.), Gloves, and Mitts & Mittens of Textile.

Sri Lanka's main imports products from United Kingdom in 2024 were Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Alcoholic Beverages, Other Products of Base Metal, Pharmaceutical Products, Other Chemical Products, Other Products of Plastics, Other Paper & Paper Products, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations, Switches, Boards & Panels, Motor Vehicles & Parts, and Woven Fabrics.

2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH UNITED KINGDOM (2019-2024)

Values in USD Million

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total Trade
2019	997.9	369.19	628.71	1367.09
2020	910.47	210.45	700.02	1120.92
2021	933.72	236.98	696.74	1170.7
2022	966.04	204.42	761.62	1170.46
2023	846.16	206.09	640.07	1052.25
2024	903.72	168.17	735.55	1071.89



3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO UNITED KINGDOM (2022-2024)

Values in USD Million

No	Product	2022	2023	2024	% Avg. Growth
1	Women's Outerwear	234.17	201.92	197.54	-8.51
2	Men's and Women's Under Garments	135.26	114.97	130.42	-1.82
3	Babies' Garments	134.58	112.72	127.69	-2.63
4	Men's Outerwear	93.67	82.81	91.12	-1.38
5	T-shirts	41.01	42.01	49.89	9.81
6	Active wear/Sportswear	17.27	21.44	20.9	9.53
7	Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber	11.98	14.26	18.52	21.78
8	Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)	16.11	15.43	17.38	3.81
9	Liquid Coconut Milk	9.63	12.41	14.63	20.93
10	Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc)	17.16	12.11	14.6	-8.07
11	Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile	13.97	13.78	14.28	1.12
12	Other Manufactures	13.58	9.38	14.03	1.61
13	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	16.83	13.76	13.13	-12.39
14	Tea Packets	7.17	9.83	11	21.38
15	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products	8.16	7.88	10.58	12.98
16	Motor Vehicles & Parts	17.97	16.64	10.49	-26.93
17	Fish Fresh or Chilled	1.44	2.95	9.57	94.84
18	Frozen Fish	10.45	10.95	7.57	-16.11
19	Other Garments	7.93	6.07	7.3	-4.1
20	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	10.01	9.65	6.8	-19.3
	Other Products	147.72	115.19	116.28	-11.97
	Total:	966.04	846.16	903.72	-3.33

4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM (2022-2024)

Values in USD Million

No	Product	2022	2023	2024	% Avg. Growth
1	Alcoholic Beverages	19.88	29.37	30.93	22.1
2	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	51.56	67.16	19.88	-47.65
3	Pharmaceutical Products	9.14	8.67	13.84	20.77
4	Other Chemical Products	7.13	8.64	10.06	17.2
5	Other Products of Plastics	17.32	7.85	9.67	-29.14
6	Other Products of Base Metal	10.68	8.96	8.58	-10.94
7	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations	5.72	6.2	8.03	16.98
8	Switches, Boards & Panels	4.36	4.28	6.36	18.86
9	Motor Vehicles & Parts	1.7	6.02	5.72	60.75
10	Woven Fabrics	6.61	5.5	5.54	-8.81
11	Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts	4.66	3.21	4.42	-2.6
12	Other Manufactures	3.17	5.34	3.97	11.29
13	Knitted Fabrics	2.4	1.79	2.85	8.49
14	Printed Books & Printed Matter	1.87	1.69	2.81	20.37
15	Other Mineral Products	3.76	1.37	2.49	-20.67
16	Electronic Circuits, Transistors, Valves, Cathode Tubes etc.	1.98	2.32	2.45	10.77
17	Other Textile Articles	1.68	2.37	2.42	18.25
18	Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations	2.05	1.94	2.17	2.78
19	Other Paper & Paper Products	19.47	6.58	2.07	-112.02
20	Inorganic Chemicals	1.27	1.23	1.65	12.82
	Other Products	28.03	25.57	22.26	-11.51
	Total:	204.42	206.09	168.17	-9.76

5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO UNITED KINGDOM

- Apparel
- Tea & mate
- Plastics & rubber
- Machinery, electricity
- Fruits, Nuts
- Textile products
- Spices
- Jewellery & precious metal articles
- Vegetal textile fibers

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

6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO UNITED KINGDOM- 2024

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	HELA CLOTHING PVT LTD	Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Men's and Women's Under Garments, Men's Outerwear, Babies' Garments, Active wear/Sportswear, Other Garments, Hosiery
2	HIRDARAMANI INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PVT LTD	Men's Outerwear, Women's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Active wear/Sportswear, T-shirts, Other Garments nes, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc), Babies' Garments
3	JAY JAY MILLS LANKA PVT LTD	Babies' Garments, Other Garments nes, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Made-up Clothing Accessories (Handkerchief, Shawls, Scarves, Ties etc), Women's Outerwear, Men's Outerwear, Tshirts, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc)
4	MAS CAPITAL PVT LTD	Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Women's Outerwear, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Men's Outerwear, Active wear/Sportswear, Other Garments
5	PRIME STAR TRADING PVT LTD	Footwear, Men's Outerwear, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc), Women's Outerwear, Babies' Garments, Active wear/Sportswear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Textile Floor Coverings (Carpets, Mats, Floor Coverings etc), Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers), Other Products of Plastics, Other Toys, Games & Sport Requisites, Travel

		Goods, Bags etc., Other Ceramic Products, Soap, Washing Preparations, Waxes, Candles etc., Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Other Paper & Paper Products, Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations, Other Wood & Wooden Products, Lamps and Lighting Fittings, Hosiery, Mattresses & Mattress Supporters, Other Manufactures, Other Garments, Jewellery Boxes, Cloth Hangers and Handicraft, Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber, Cartons, Boxes & Bags, Ornaments, Coir Carpets, Mats, Floor Coverings, Products of Animal Origin
6	FIRST STEPS BABYWEAR LANKA PVT LTD	Babies' Garments, Men's and Women's Under Garments
7	NEXT MANUFACTURING PVT LTD	Babies' Garments, Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Men's Outerwear, Other Manufactures, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc), Hosiery
8	WINTER QUILTS PVT LTD	Men's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Women's Outerwear
9	EMJAY INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Women's Outerwear, Other Garments, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Active wear/Sportswear
10	CRYSTAL MARTIN CEYLON PVT LTD	Active wear/Sportswear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Women's Outerwear, Other Garments T-shirts, Babies' Garments, Jewellery Boxes, Cloth Hangers and Handicraft, Other Products of Plastics, Other Manufactures
11	MIAMI EXPORTS PVT LTD	Women's Outerwear, Babies' Garments, T-shirts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Men's and Women's Under Garments, Men's Outerwear
12	VOGUE TEX PVT LTD	Women's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Men's Outerwear, Other Garments, T- shirts, Active wear/Sportswear
13	MIAMI CLOTHING PVT LTD	Babies' Garments, Women's Outerwear, Men's Outerwear, Other Garments nes, T-shirts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Hosiery, Other Manufactures nes, Active wear/Sportswear
14	COURTAULDS TRADING CO PVT LTD	Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Active wear/Sportswear, Men's Outerwear
15	RASUKI APPAREL PVT LTD	Women's Outerwear, Active wear/Sportswear, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), Men's and Women's Under Garments, T-shirts, Other Garments, Men's Outer wear