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

China is the 09<sup>th</sup> export destination for Sri Lanka. The total export value from Sri Lanka to China was USD 278.58 Mn in 2025 and total imports from China to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 5,147.16 Mn. China is the 01<sup>st</sup> import origin for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka's exports to China has increased by 10% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024. Imports from China has increased by 16% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024.

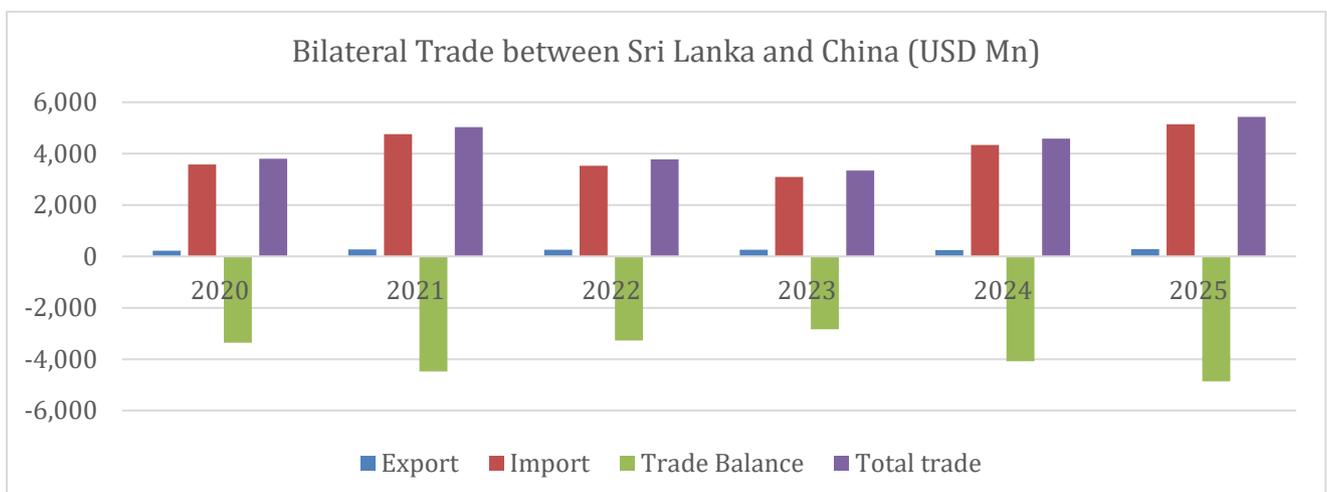
Sri Lanka's main export products to China in 2025 were Tea in Bulk, Activated Carbon, T-shirts, Men's & Women's Under Garments, Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products, Men's Outerwear, Frozen Fish, Coconut Husk Chips, Refined Copper & Lead Alloys and Women's Outerwear.

Sri Lanka's main import products from China in 2025 were Other Electrical & Electronic Products, Other Products of Base Metal, Woven Fabrics, Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts, Knitted Fabrics, Motor Vehicles & Parts, Other Products of Plastics, Fertilizers, Organic Chemicals and Yarn.

## 2. SRI LANKA'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH CHINA (2020-2025)

*Values in USD Million*

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2020	223.00	3,578.52	-3,355.52	3,801.52
2021	273.73	4,752.75	-4,479.02	5,026.48
2022	253.11	3,523.00	-3,269.89	3,776.11
2023	257.73	3,089.55	-2,831.82	3,347.28
2024	251.91	4,332.48	-4,080.57	4,584.39
2025	278.58	5,147.16	-4,868.58	5,425.74



*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

### 3. SRI LANKA'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS TO CHINA (2023-2025)

*All Values in USD Million*

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Tea in Bulk	45.6	45.36	42.99	-2.95
2	Activated Carbon	19.89	24.5	38.82	33.43
3	T-shirts	17.43	17.37	19.59	5.84
4	Men's and Women's Under Garments	18.31	14.11	15.53	-8.25
5	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products	10.79	14.98	14.62	15.17
6	Men's Outerwear	8.01	8.59	11.62	18.61
7	Frozen Fish	12.04	8.32	10.72	-5.82
8	Coconut Husk Chips	0.25	1.96	9.49	182.4
9	Refined Copper & Lead Alloys	5.96	7.82	8.12	15.39
10	Women's Outerwear	12.04	10.59	7.26	-25.28
11	Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)	4.07	4.87	6.83	25.92
12	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	5.48	3.51	6.51	8.55
13	Tea Packets	8.88	8.05	5.87	-20.74
14	Mattress Fiber	7.71	7.05	5.74	-14.72
15	Animal Feed			5.04	
16	Switches, Boards & Panels	4.17	4.66	5	9.05
17	Other Mineral Products nes	2.92	3.21	4.8	24.84
18	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	4.88	3.87	4.29	-6.43
19	Crepe Rubber	2.11	2.6	4.03	32.26
20	Yarn	2.35	3.14	3.85	24.59
	Other Products	64.84	57.38	47.89	-15.15
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>257.73</b>	<b>251.91</b>	<b>278.58</b>	<b>3.89</b>

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

#### 4. SRI LANKA'S TOP IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM CHINA (2023-2025)

*All Values in USD Million*

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	339.39	792.16	743.33	39.2
2	Other Products of Base Metal	366.4	497	628.73	27
3	Woven Fabrics	403.32	509.93	492.74	10.01
4	Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts	224.48	316.03	383.46	26.77
5	Knitted Fabrics	246.59	296.79	334.03	15.18
6	Motor Vehicles & Parts	17.55	39.69	331.64	146.95
7	Other Products of Plastics	132.78	177.07	211.8	23.35
8	Fertilizers	73.22	31.09	168.79	41.76
9	Organic Chemicals	92.57	128.7	154.94	25.75
10	Yarn	108.55	150.84	136.89	11.6
11	Automatic Data Processing Machines	77.03	101.93	123.24	23.5
12	Other Textile Articles nes	79.51	93.6	99.97	11.45
13	Electrical Transformers	33.97	76.27	74.91	39.54
14	Other Paper & Paper Products nes	57.6	75.92	74.79	13.06
15	Petroleum Oils	100.68	46.06	70.04	-18.15
16	Other Transport Equipment	28.4	42.58	69.43	44.69
17	Boilers, Piston Engines, Pumps & Vacuum Pumps	45.21	59.62	58.77	13.12
18	Other Chemical Products	37.49	54.06	56.97	20.92
19	Other Manufactures nes	36.35	45.18	51.8	17.71
20	Garlic	36.1	50.76	46.97	13.16
	Other Products	552.37	747.17	833.91	20.6
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>3089.55</b>	<b>4332.48</b>	<b>5147.16</b>	<b>25.52</b>

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*

## 5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO CHINA

- Ceylon Tea – both bulk tea and packaged tea
- Spices – especially cinnamon, pepper, cloves, and nutmeg.
- Coconut-based products– coconut milk, coconut oil, desiccated coconut, coco peat, and fiber products.
- Rubber and rubber-based products – tyres, gloves, and industrial rubber products
- Frozen fish
- Shrimp and prawns
- Apparel and textile products (T-shirts, undergarments, garments)
- Activated carbon (used in water purification and industrial filtration)
- Electrical and measuring equipment
- Bicycles and spare parts

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

## 6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO CHINA- 2025

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	MAS Capital (Pvt) Ltd	T-shirts, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc.), Women's Outerwear, Men's Outerwear, Woven Fabrics Made-up Clothing Accessories (Handkerchief, Shawls, Scarves, Ties etc.)
2	Haycarb PLC	Activated Carbon
3	Jacobi Carbons Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Activated Carbon
4	Inqube Global (Pvt) Ltd	Men's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc.), Women's Outerwear, T-shirts, Babies' Garments, Active wear /Sportswear
5	Mabroc Teas (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Other Tea, Tea Packets
6	Agromet Asia (Pvt) Ltd	Refined Copper & Lead Alloys
7	Empire Teas (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Other Tea, Tea Packets, Green Tea, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations
8	Prima Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd	Animal Feed
9	Contrinex Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd	Switches, Boards & Panels, Nails, Screws, Bolts & Nuts of Metal, Products of Plastics, Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts, Electronic Circuits, Transistors,
10	Sunshine Tea (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Other Tea, Tea Packets
11	Heritage Teas (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Tea Bags

12	Continental Tea (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets, Other Tea
13	Lanka Zhongyuan Mining Co (Pvt) Ltd	Mineral Products
14	Dravima Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Yarn
15	Flintec Transducers (Pvt) Ltd	Electrical & Electronic Products
16	Ansell lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Industrial & Surgical Gloves of Rubber, Cartons, Boxes & Bags
17	Dinuth Cey Foods	Frozen Fish, Other Edible Fish, Fish Fresh or Chilled
18	George Steuart Teas (Pvt) Ltd	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets
19	Dinuth Cey Foods (Pvt) Ltd	Frozen Fish
20	Ultracarb (Pvt) Ltd	Activated Carbon

*Source: Sri Lanka Customs*