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1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is the 72nd export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to Ethiopia was USD 11.78 Mn in 2025 and total imports from Ethiopia to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 1.98 Mn. Ethiopia is the 83rd import origin for Sri Lanka in 2025.

Sri Lanka's exports to Ethiopia has increased by 49% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024. Imports from Ethiopia has also increased in 2025 when compared to the year 2024.

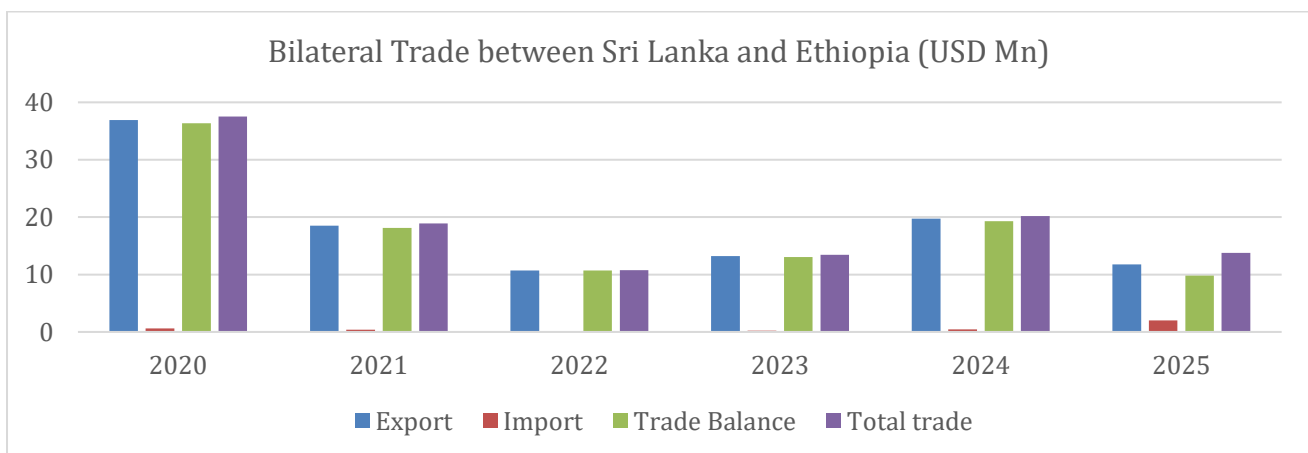
Sri Lanka's main export products to Ethiopia in 2024 were Knitted Fabrics, Woven Fabrics, Textile Articles, Paper Products, Cartons, Boxes & Bags, Labels Printed or Not, Plastics Products, Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts, Made-up Clothing Accessories (Handkerchief, Shawls, Scarves, Ties etc), Printed Books & Printed Matter.

Sri Lanka's main imports products from Ethiopia in 2024 were Raw hides & skins, Hosiery Knitted Fabrics, Condiments, Spices and spice mixture, Ornamental fish, chemical products, Foliage, Articles of Stones, Woven Fabrics, Foliage, Textile Articles, Men's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments.

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

All Values in USD Million

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2020	36.94	0.60	36.34	37.54
2021	18.50	0.39	18.11	18.89
2022	10.72	0.03	10.69	10.75
2023	13.24	0.21	13.03	13.45
2024	19.74	0.43	19.31	20.17
2025	11.78	1.98	9.80	13.76



Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Knitted Fabrics	3.57	11.4	5.91	25.2
2	Textile Articles	1.14	1.17	0.9	-11.74
3	Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts	0.6	1.09	0.77	12.42
4	Buttons, Studs, Fasteners & Similar Products	0.11	0.59	0.75	93.82
5	Paper & Paper Products	1	1.09	0.61	-24.77
6	Cartons, Boxes & Bags	0.96	0.74	0.5	-33
7	Chemical Products	0.11	0.39	0.45	70.23
8	Labels Printed or Not	0.79	0.42	0.36	-38.93
9	Woven Fabrics	1.98	0.81	0.34	-87.95
10	Sacs & Bags of Plastics	0.2	0.17	0.27	14.37
11	Petroleum Oils	-	-	0.26	-
12	Products of Plastics	0.64	0.42	0.24	-50.07
13	Printed Books & Printed Matter	0.5	0.8	0.1	-82.6
14	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products	0.05	0.03	0.07	16.42
15	Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts	0.06	0.01	0.05	-6.48
16	Starches, Glues, Enzymes	0.05	0.08	0.05	-3.81
17	Animal Feed	-	0.05	0.03	-
18	Soap, Washing Preparations, Waxes, Candles etc.	0.03	0.04	0.03	-2.01
19	Electrical & Electronic Products	0.13	0.04	0.03	-79.82
20	Manufactures	0.03	0.02	0.02	-16.67
	Other Products	1.29	0.42	0.05	-158.52
	Total :	13.2	19.7	11.8	-5.87

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Woven Fabrics	-	-	1.75	297.48
2	Plants and Parts of Plants	-	-	0.22	-
3	Foliage	-	-	-	-1.92
4	Men's Outerwear	-	-	-	-38.89
5	Babies' Garments	-	-	-	150.41
6	Electrical Transformers	-	-	-	-
7	Buttons, Studs, Fasteners & Similar Products	0.08	-	-	-
8	Women's Outerwear	-	-	-	-26.53
9	Gems	-	-	-	-
10	Garments	-	-	-	-
11	Textile Articles	-	-	-	-193.82
12	Made-up Clothing Accessories (Handkerchief, Shawls, Scarves, Ties etc)	-	-	-	- 43.25
13	Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)	-	-	-	-
14	T-shirts	-	-	-	-78.43
15	Cartons, Boxes & Bags	-	-	-	-
16	Products of Plastics	-	-	-	-
17	Labels Printed or Not	-	-	-	- 60.2
18	Automatic Data Processing Machines	0.01	-	-	-
19	Coffee	-	-	-	-
20	Toys, Games & Sport Requisites	-	-	-	-
	Other Products	0.1	0.43	-	-460.31
	Total :	0.21	0.43	1.98	111.99

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO ETHIOPIA

- Apparel
- Plastics & rubber
- Machinery, electricity
- Food products
- Spices
- Vegetal residues & animal feed
- Synthetic textile fabric
- Textile and Textile fabric
- Metal products
- Paper product

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

6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO ETHIOPIA- 2025

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	TEEJAY LANKA PLC	Knitted Fabrics
2	HAYLEYS FABRIC PLC	Knitted Fabrics
3	R- PAC PRINTCARE LANKA PVT LTD	Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts, Paper & Paper Products, Labels Printed or Not
4	Y K K LANKA PVT LTD	Buttons, Studs, Fasteners & Similar Products
5	AMERICAN & EFIRD LANKA PVT LTD	Textile Articles
6	ECOCHEM PVT LTD	Chemical Products
7	HIRDARAMANI INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PVT LTD	Textile Articles, Cartons, Boxes & Bags, Paper & Paper Products, Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts
8	ORIT TRADING LANKA PVT LTD	Woven Fabrics, Paper & Paper Products, Textile Articles, Buttons, Studs, Fasteners & Similar Products
9	LANKA IOC PLC	Petroleum Oils
10	HAYLEYS FREE ZONE LTD	Woven Fabrics, Cartons, Boxes & Bags, Telephone Sets, Audio/Video Equipment & Parts, Manufactures
11	ECONOPACK INDUSTRIES PVT LTD	Cartons, Boxes & Bags
12	PRINTCARE UNIVERSAL PVT LTD	Paper & Paper Products, Labels Printed or Not
13	S & D CHEMICALS PVT LTD	Starches, Glues, Enzymes, Chemical Products, Products of Plastics, Soap, Washing Preparations, Waxes
14	NATURUB EXPORTS INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Knitted Fabrics, Textile Articles, Woven Fabrics, Yarn
15	THERMO PLASTICS PVT LTD	Sacs & Bags of Plastics, Cartons, Boxes & Bags

Source: Sri Lanka Customs