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1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is the 45th export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to South Africa was USD 47.06 Mn in 2025 and total imports from South Africa to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 51.67 Mn. South Africa is the 33rd import origin for Sri Lanka in 2025.

Sri Lanka's exports to South Africa has increased by 14.92% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024. Imports from South Africa decreased significantly in 2025 compared to the year 2024.

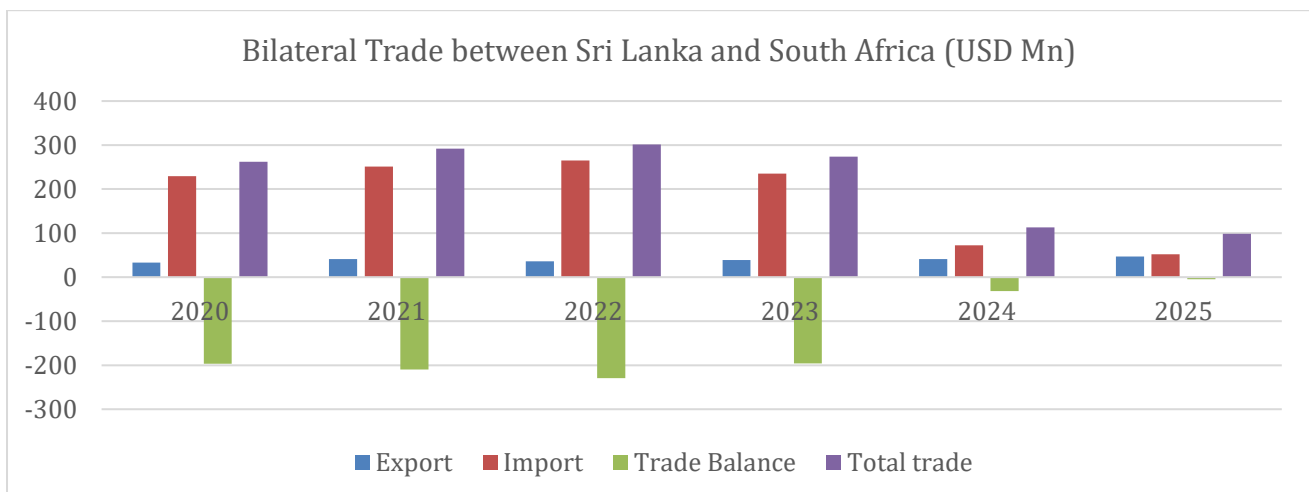
Sri Lanka's main export products to South Africa in 2025 were Petroleum Oils, Tea in Bulk, Activated Carbon, Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products, Base Metal Products, Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Crepe Rubber, T-shirts, Women's Outerwear.

Sri Lanka's main imports products from South Africa in 2025 were Base Metal, Diamonds, Petroleum Products, Fruits, Scrap of Ferrous, Aluminum, Copper & Other Metals, Plants and Parts of Plants, Organic Chemicals, Export Crops nes, Cereals, Alcoholic Beverages.

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

All Values in USD Million

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2020	32.96	229.34	-196.40	262.30
2021	41.14	250.97	-209.80	292.11
2022	36.02	265.34	-229.30	301.36
2023	38.98	234.83	-195.90	273.81
2024	40.95	72.44	-31.49	113.39
2025	47.06	51.67	-4.61	98.73



Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Petroleum Oils	10.84	8.04	12.11	5.53
2	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products	2.48	3.9	5.82	42.7
3	Tea in Bulk	5.83	5.95	5.62	-1.84
4	Activated Carbon	3.13	4.79	4.15	14.13
5	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	3.76	3.05	3.96	2.54
6	Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile	1.85	2.05	1.42	-13.42
7	Men's Outerwear	0.44	0.36	1.3	54.26
8	Insulated Wires and Cables	...		1.26	
9	Crepe Rubber	2.05	1.22	1.17	-27.96
10	Women's Outerwear	0.79	0.7	0.95	8.73
11	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	0.83	0.63	0.87	2.54
12	T-shirts	0.97	0.96	0.71	-15.91
13	Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber	0.11	0.12	0.67	91.23
14	Desiccated Coconut	0.25	0.29	0.66	47.33
15	Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc)	0.13	0.21	0.65	80.15
16	Cloves	0.52	0.52	0.46	-6.39
17	Tea Packets	0.42	0.46	0.42	-0.44
18	Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc)	0.28	0.23	0.33	8.39
19	Ornamental Fish	0.27	0.24	0.32	7.81
20	Switches, Boards & Panels			0.29	
	Other Products	4.03	7.22	3.95	-0.94
	Total :	38.98	40.95	47.06	9.42

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Other Products of Base Metal	13.19	28.8	20.4	21.82
2	Other Fruits	2.25	4.69	6.32	51.53
3	Diamonds	35.51	22.21	6.25	-86.89
4	Other Petroleum Products	176.01	7.45	6.01	-168.89
5	Motor Vehicles & Parts	0.01	0.01	3.14	298.04
6	Plants and Parts of Plants	1.01	1.48	1.63	23.73
7	Other Cereals and its Products	0.8	0.91	1.5	31.44
8	Other Export Crops nes	0.93	0.96	1.44	21.96
9	Alcoholic Beverages	0.97	0.84	1.29	14.41
10	Organic Chemicals	0.88	1.4	1.03	7.72
11	Other Paper & Paper Products nes	0.15	0.14	0.49	60.87
12	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	0.15	0.24	0.31	35.12
13	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations	0.2	0.2	0.3	21.94
14	Other Chemical Products	0.18	0.07	0.26	19.36
15	Pulp of Wood, Waste & Scrap of Paper /Paper Boards	0.18		0.25	
16	Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and their Products	0.04	0.08	0.24	96.9
17	Other Products of Plastics	0.04	0.17	0.13	64.67
18	Meat, preparations of Meat/Fish & Dairy Produce	...	0.09	0.12	371.84
19	Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations	0.08	0.06	0.07	-5.88
20	Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts	0.05	0.06	0.07	11.73
	Other Products	2.22	2.58	0.42	-82.82
	Total :	234.83	72.44	51.67	-75.7

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO SOUTH AFRICA

- Apparel
- Plastics & rubber
- Paper products
- Vegetal residues & animal feed
- Spices
- Fruits
- Tea & mate
- Machinery, electricity
- Textile products
- Metal products

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

6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO SOUTH AFRICA- 2025

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	LANKA IOC PLC	Petroleum Oils
2	LANKA MARINE SERVICES PVT LTD	Petroleum Oils
3	RANFER TEAS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Instant Tea, Tea Packets, Products of Plastics
4	MAS CAPITAL PVT LTD	Men's Outerwear, Warm Cloths (Jerseys, Pullovers etc), T-shirts, Women's Outerwear, Men's and Women's Under Garments
5	GALLE SUBMARINE CABLE DEPOT PVT LTD	Insulated Wires and Cables, Electrical & Electronic Products, Switches, Boards & Panels, Telephone Sets
6	CONSARC PVT LTD	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products
7	COCOGREEN UK LANKA PVT LTD	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products
8	HAYCARB PLC	Activated Carbon
9	MICHELIN LANKA PVT LTD	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Gaskets, Washers, Seals etc. of Hard Rubber
10	YOKOHAMA TWS LK PVT LTD	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes
11	JACOBI CARBONS LANKA PVT LTD	Activated Carbon
12	ATG HAND CARE PVT LTD	Gloves, Mitts & Mittens of Textile, Made-up Textile Articles (Blankets, Rugs, Linen, Curtains etc)
13	MANISHA EN CARBON PVT LTD	Activated Carbon
14	YOKOHAMA TWS LANKA PVT LTD	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes, Motor Vehicles & Parts
15	DILMAH CEYLON TEA COMPANY PLC	Tea Packets, Miscellaneous Edible Preparations, Jewellery Boxes, Cloth Hangers and Handicraft, Glass & Glassware

Source: Sri Lanka Customs