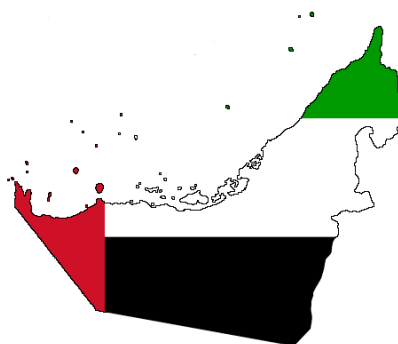


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1. INTRODUCTION TO TRADE BETWEEN SRI LANKA & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

United Arab Emirates (UAE) is the 07th export destination for Sri Lanka. Total export value from Sri Lanka to UAE was USD 341.06 Mn in 2025 and total imports from UAE to Sri Lanka for the same period were USD 1,439.83 Mn UAE is the 03rd import origin for Sri Lanka in 2025.

Sri Lanka's exports to UAE has increased by 1.9% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024. Imports from UAE has also increased by 10% in 2025 when compared to the year 2024.

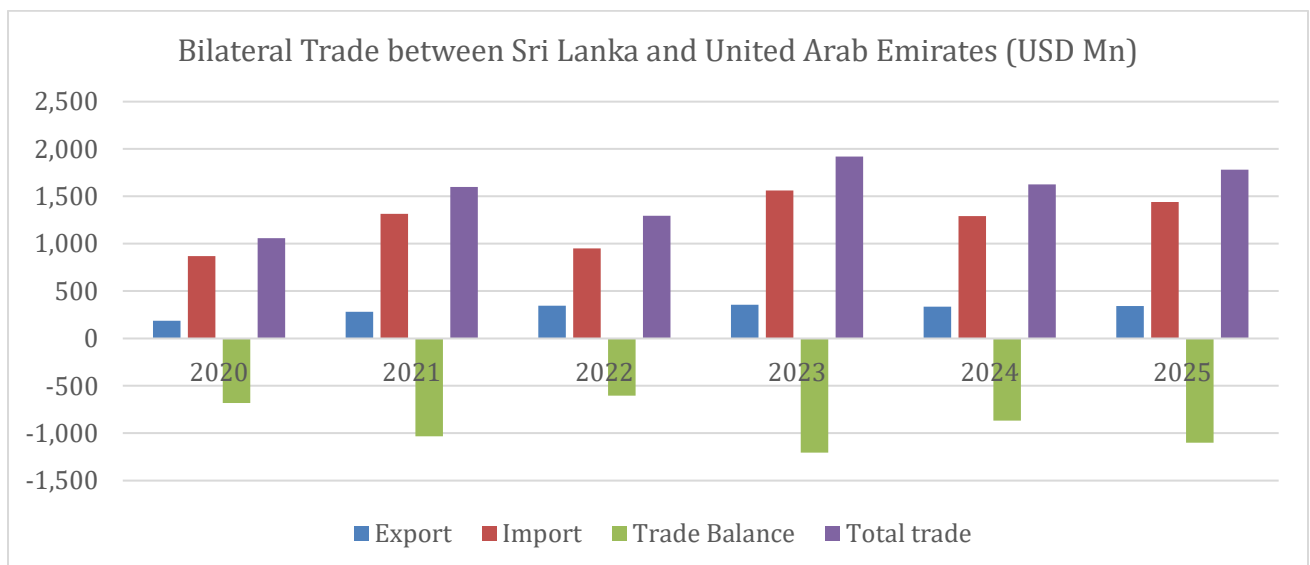
Sri Lanka's main export products to UAE in 2025 were Tea in bulk, Petroleum Oils, Tea packets, Men's and Women's Under Garments, Diamonds, Cocoa and Cocoa Preparations, Coconut Milk Powder, Women's Outerwear and Desiccated Coconut.

Sri Lanka's main imports products from UAE in 2025 were Sugars, Sugar Confectionery & Bakery Products, Standard Wire of Aluminum, Copper & Iron, Other Edible Fish, Mineral Products, Base Metal, Plastics, Fertilizer, Petroleum Gases and Petroleum Products.

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

All Values in USD Million

Year	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total trade
2020	188.90	869.01	-680.11	1,057.91
2021	282.84	1,315.62	-1,032.80	1,598.46
2022	345.82	950.36	-604.54	1,296.18
2023	357.09	1,562.81	-1,205.70	1,919.90
2024	334.63	1,291.03	-865.42	1,625.66
2025	341.06	1,439.83	-1,098.77	1,780.89



Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Tea in Bulk	68.95	81.36	70.86	1.37
2	Petroleum Oils	96.98	35.96	31.09	-56.88
3	Tea Packets	23.14	34.83	30.66	14.08
4	Men's and Women's Under Garments	14.5	14.1	15.85	4.45
5	Cocoa and Cocoa Preparations	6.2	10.98	14.97	44.08
6	Coconut Milk Powder	6.16	8.5	12.2	34.21
7	Women's Outerwear	9.89	11.56	12.17	10.4
8	Desiccated Coconut	7.82	9.02	10.94	16.74
9	Miscellaneous Edible Preparations	5.27	6.98	8.98	26.63
10	Coconut Fresh Nuts / King Coconut	9.93	6.61	8.23	-9.4
11	Men's Outerwear	6.2	5.87	6.67	3.64
12	Diamonds	4.14	11.57	6.6	23.35
13	T-shirts	4.22	5.02	6.29	20.01
14	Melons & Papayas	5.28	3.98	5.34	0.54
15	Pneumatic & Retreated Rubber Tyres & Tubes	3.95	4.56	4.96	11.48
16	Alcoholic Beverages	3.02	4.77	4.58	20.83
17	Tea Bags	0.26	1.9	4.03	136.69
18	Babies' Garments	4.08	4.45	3.88	-2.47
19	Coco Peat, Fiber Pith & Moulded products	1.97	1.53	3.64	30.73
20	Nutmeg & Mace	0.36	1.03	3.58	115.23
	Other Products	74.78	70.04	75.53	0.5
	Total :	357.09	334.63	341.06	-2.3

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

All Values in USD Million

No	Product	2023	2024	2025	% Avg. Growth
1	Petroleum Oils	1281.52	936.53	1084.35	-8.35
2	Petroleum Gases	0.01	13.36	68.41	476.2
3	Standard Wire of Aluminum, Copper & Iron	35.6	49.45	50.21	17.19
4	Other Edible Fish	23.05	47.74	38.66	25.86
5	Sugars, Sugar Confectionery & Bakery Products	11.78	60.03	32.37	50.56
6	Other Products of Plastics	23.42	27.88	28.94	10.57
7	Other Mineral Products nes	25.27	30.34	19.62	-12.65
8	Other Products of Base Metal	33.51	28.15	15.22	-39.47
9	Fertilizers	25.31	18.17	13.31	-32.13
10	Other Petroleum Products	12.71	13.22	12.81	0.39
11	Other Fruits	7.63	10.74	11.93	22.37
12	Other Cereals and its Products	3.94	4.65	5.31	14.97
13	Other Diamonds, Gems & Jewellery	0.01	1.56	4.78	332.98
14	Other Electrical & Electronic Products	3.51	3.89	4.49	12.43
15	Other Paper & Paper Products nes	5.94	4.4	4.14	-18.05
16	Paints, Varnishes and Dyeing Extracts	2.39	3.28	3.07	12.59
17	Manufactured Tobacco	1.53	1.43	2.79	30.19
18	Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and their Products	0.46	0.49	2.61	87.09
19	Perfumes, Cosmetics, Shampoos & Makeup Preparations	1.56	2.8	2.13	15.49
20	Scrap of Ferrous, Aluminum, Copper & Other Metals	1.05	1.14	2.02	32.59
	Other Products	62.63	31.8	32.65	-32.57
	Total :	1562.81	1291.03	1439.83	-4.1

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. POTENTIAL PRODUCTS FROM SRI LANKA TO UAE

- Apparel
- Beverages
- Minerals, metals & products thereof
- Horticulture
- Wood, paper, rubber, plastics
- Processed food & animal feed
- Machinery & electronic equipment

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

6. TOP SRI LANKAN EXPORTERS TO UAE - 2025

No	Company Details	Products Exported within this Period
1	AKBAR BROTHERS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets, Tea, Green Tea
2	R J V INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Men's and Women's Under Garments
3	MOCETI INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	Petroleum oils
4	GEORGE STEUART TEAS PVT LTD	Tea Packets, Tea in Bulk, Tea
5	DIAMOND CUTTERS LTD	Diamonds
6	ANVERALLY & SONS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets, Non Alcoholic Beverages,
7	LANKA IOC PLC	Petroleum Oils
8	HAYLEYS FREE ZONE LTD	Alcoholic Beverages, Manufactured Tobacco
9	EMPIRE TEAS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets, Beverages,
10	NESTLE LANKA PLC	Coconut Milk Powder, Liquid Coconut Milk
11	SRI LANKA CATERINE ltd	Miscellaneous edible preparations
12	ADAMJEE LUKMANJEE & SONS PVT LTD	Desiccated Coconut, Cloves
13	E F L GLOBAL FREEPORT PVT LTD	Cocoa preparation products
14	HERITAGE TEAS PVT LTD	Tea in Bulk, Tea
15	LANKA MARITIME SERVICES LTD	Petroleum Oils

Source: Sri Lanka Customs