



Trade between Tanzania and Korea Republic

1. Existing Trade between Tanzania and Korea Republic

Trade between Tanzania and Korea republic is in favor of Korea for the past five (5) years (2021 to 2025) whereas exports value from Tanzania to Korea republic has increased from US\$ 10 million in 2021 to US\$ 42 million in 2025. Main export products include tobacco, sesame seed, coffee, other manufactured products, gold, cut flower, seaweed, spices, fish and fish products whilst main imports from Korea republic include Electrical transformers, Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of <10 persons, Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width \geq 600 mm, hot-rolled, not clad and Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs, household as shown in Table No. 1 below;

Table.1 Trade between Tanzania and Korea Republic (Value in USD millions)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Exports	10	27	19	28	42
Imports	137	251	263	360	160
Trade Balance	-127	-224	-243	-332	-118

Source: Computed by TanTrade

On the other hand, Tanzania main exported products are shown in Table No. 2 below;

2. Tanzania Main Exports to Korea Republic Value in US Dollar thousands table no. 2

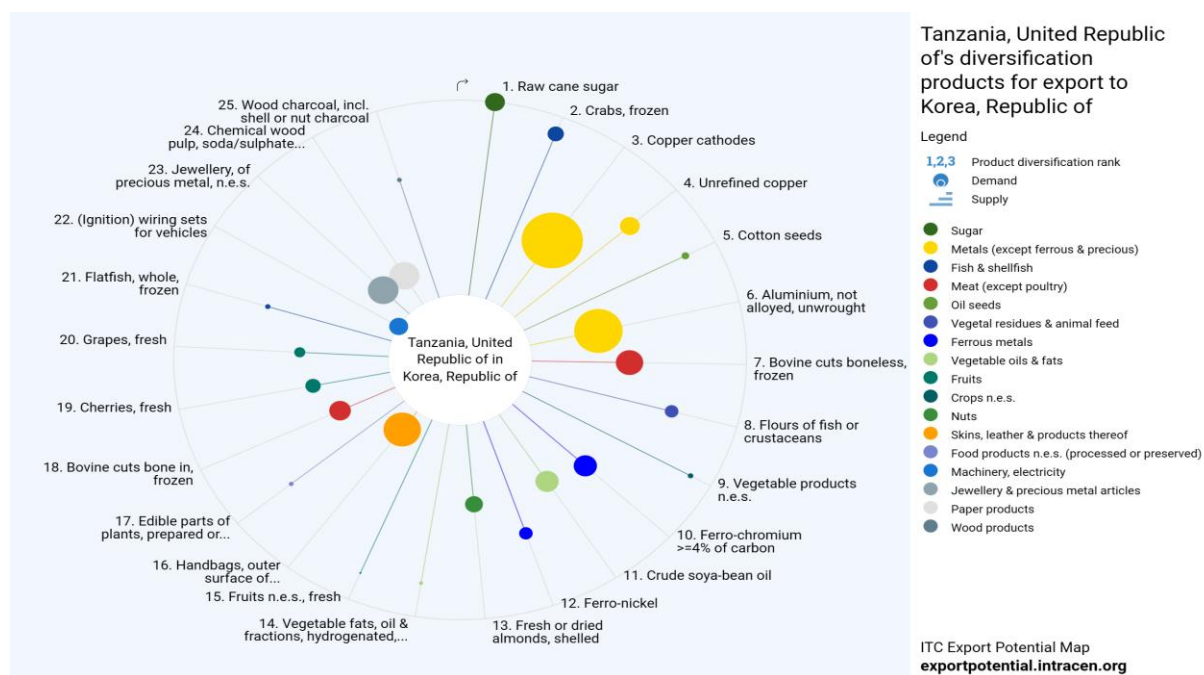
Product code	Products	2024	2025
240120	Tobacco	16,154	34,528
120740	Sesame seed	7,105	51,600
090111	Coffee (excl. roasted and decaffeinated)	2,613	2,572
710812	Gold	482	11,807
121229	Seaweed	84	51,600
080132	Cut flower		49,527

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3. Underutilized Exports Potential in the Korea

There is underutilized export potential of Tanzanian products to the Korea market. This gives an opportunity for Tanzania to increase exports of existing products such as tobacco, gold, coffee, sesame seeds, cashew nuts and cocoa beans as shown in diagram 1 below;

Diagram No. 1 Product diversification



Source: Computed by TanTrade

4. Key Recommendations to Strengthen trade between Tanzania and Korea Republic

- i. To participate in the Seoul Coffee Expo in Korea to promote Tanzanian Coffee aims to increase exports.
- ii. Invite the Korean Companies to participate in the 50th DITF, the premier trade event in East Africa which attracts more than 500 foreign companies annually, this platform will offer Korean manufacturers a strategic gateway to showcase advanced industrial machinery, specifically in the leather processing, beverage production and textile manufacturing sectors.
- iii. Facilitating Strategic Joint Ventures for Industrial Capacity Building between the two Countries.
- iv. Promote collaborative partnerships and joint ventures between Korean and Tanzanian enterprises to modernize local processing capabilities. Priority sectors for technology transfer and investment includes:

- a) Coffee Processing: Transitioning from raw bean export to high-value finished products.
 - b) Fish Processing: Implementing advanced cold-chain and packaging solutions for aquatic exports.
 - c) Sesame Processing: Establishing high-efficiency cleaning and oil extraction facilities.
- v. Commercialization of Agricultural commodities which includes coffee, cashew nuts, sesame seed and tobacco in Tanzania by using irrigation technology from Korea.