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This Report analyses Zambia’s direction of merchandise trade for the second quarter of 2021. The Statistics based on the Harmonised Coding System (HS) are reported and exports are valued as free on board (f.o.b.) while imports are reported at cost, including insurance and freight (c.i.f.).

1.0 Major Destinations for Zambia’s Exports

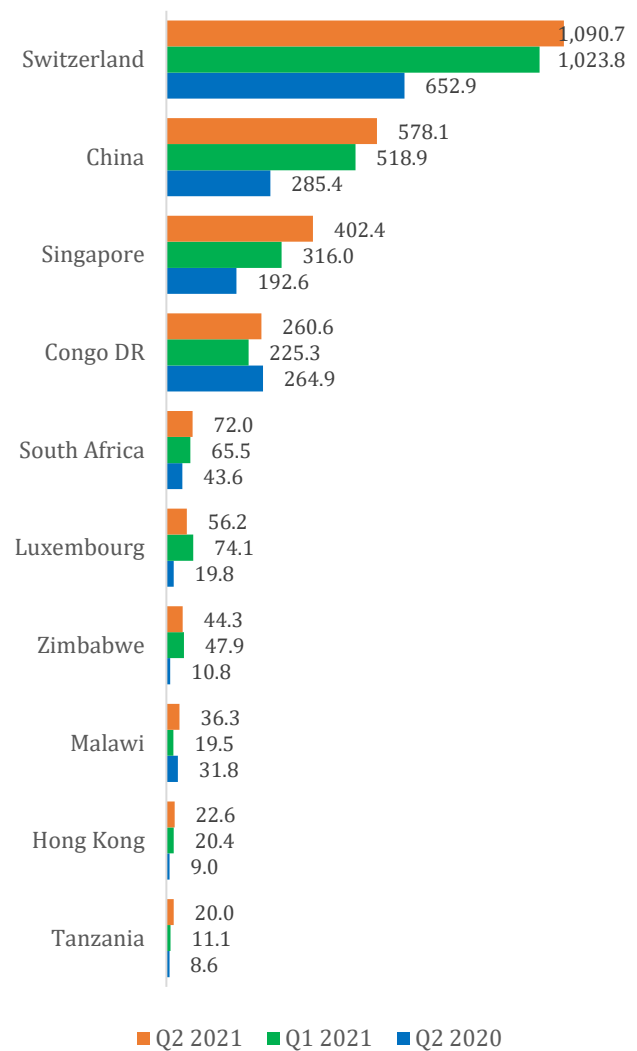
Major export destinations were Switzerland, China, Singapore, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Luxembourg, and Zimbabwe

Total export earnings were US\$2.72 billion in the second quarter of 2021, 70.5 percent higher than the corresponding quarter in 2020. Copper exports which grew by 82.6 percent to US\$2.09 billion largely accounted for this outturn. The rise in copper exports was mainly due to the sustained rise in prices and a marginal increase in export volumes.

Average copper prices were 80.5 percent higher, at US\$9,461.8 per tonne, than the corresponding quarter in 2020. The rise in prices was supported by higher demand, particularly in China where construction activities held steady despite a slight dip in manufacturing activities and a localised COVID-19 outbreak in Guangdong Province, a major manufacturing and export hub.

Export earnings from the main destinations are shown in Chart 1 while the products and associated destination countries accounting for the favourable export performance are given in Table 1.

Chart 1: Major Export Destinations (US\$ millions)



Source: Zambia Statistics Agency (Zamstats) and Bank of Zambia

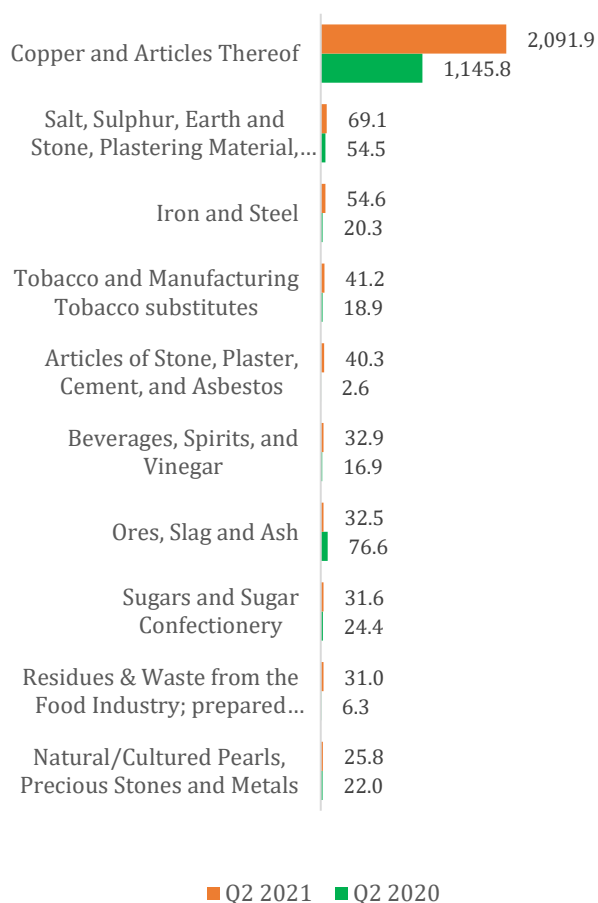
Table 1: Top Export Destinations by Product Type (US\$ millions)

Country	Main Product (s)	Q2 2020	Q2 2021	percent Change
Switzerland	Copper and articles thereof	635.6	1,058.6	66.6
China	Copper and articles thereof	276.6	512.9	85.4
Singapore	Copper and articles thereof	192.2	400.7	108.4
Luxembourg	Copper and articles thereof	19.7	56.2	185.6
Democratic Republic of Congo	Salt, Sulphur, Earth and Stone, Plastering Material, Lime and Cement	41.8	51.8	23.7

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

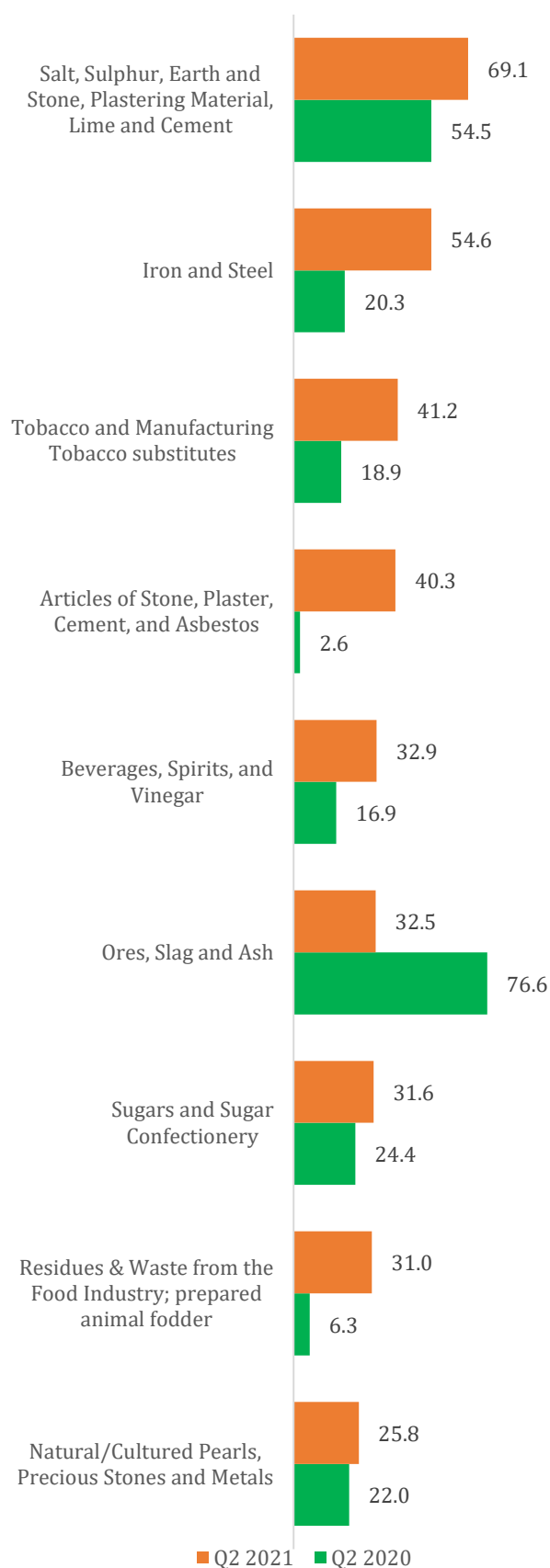
Copper and articles thereof; salt, sulphur, plastering material, lime and cement; iron and steel; tobacco and manufacturing tobacco substitutes as well as articles of stone, plaster, cement, and asbestos continued to be the major export commodities (Charts 2a and 2b).

Chart 2a: Export Earnings (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

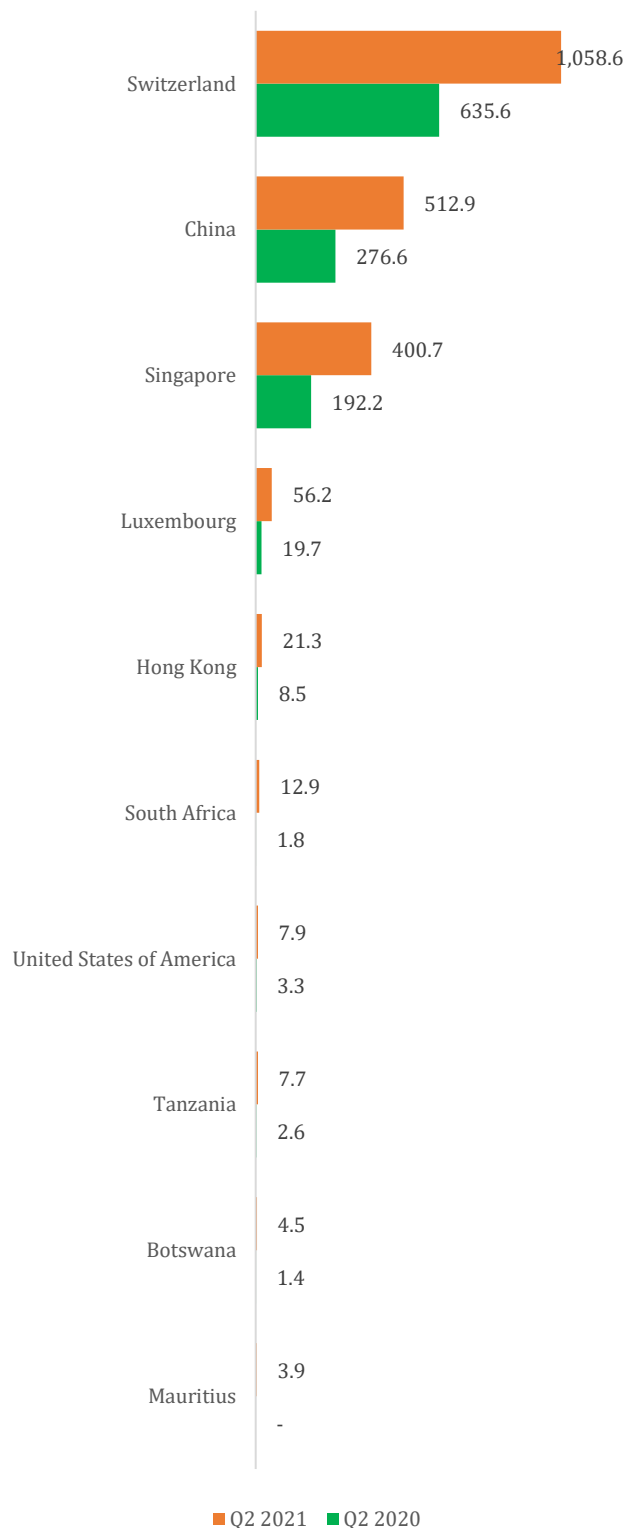
Chart 2b: Export Earnings, excluding Copper (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

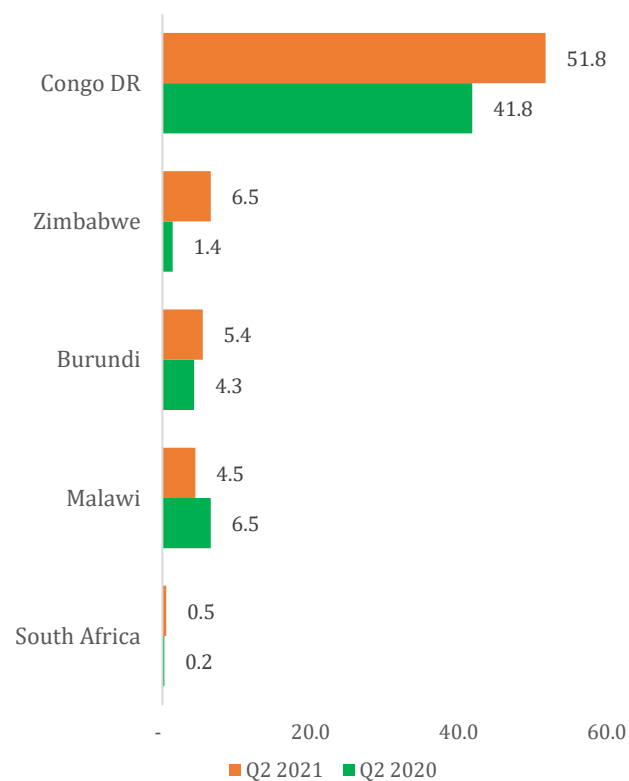
The major export destinations for the top five export commodities are shown in Charts 3a-3e.

Chart 3a: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Major Export Destinations for Copper and Articles thereof (US\$ millions)



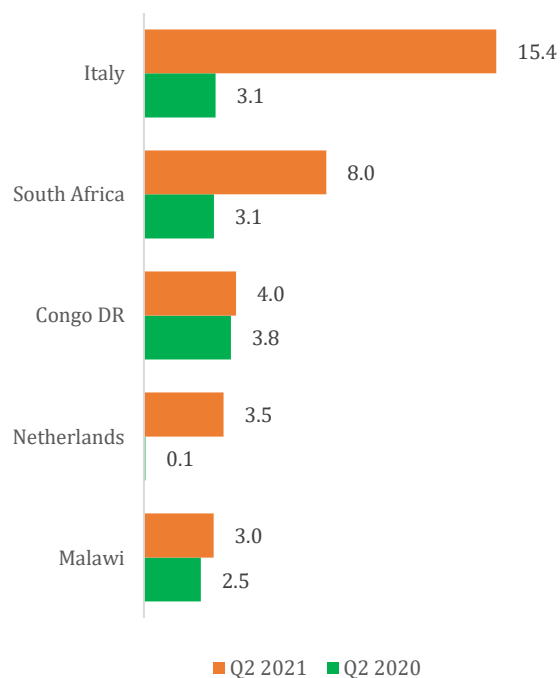
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 3b: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Major Export destinations for Salt, Sulphur, Lime and Cement (US\$ millions)



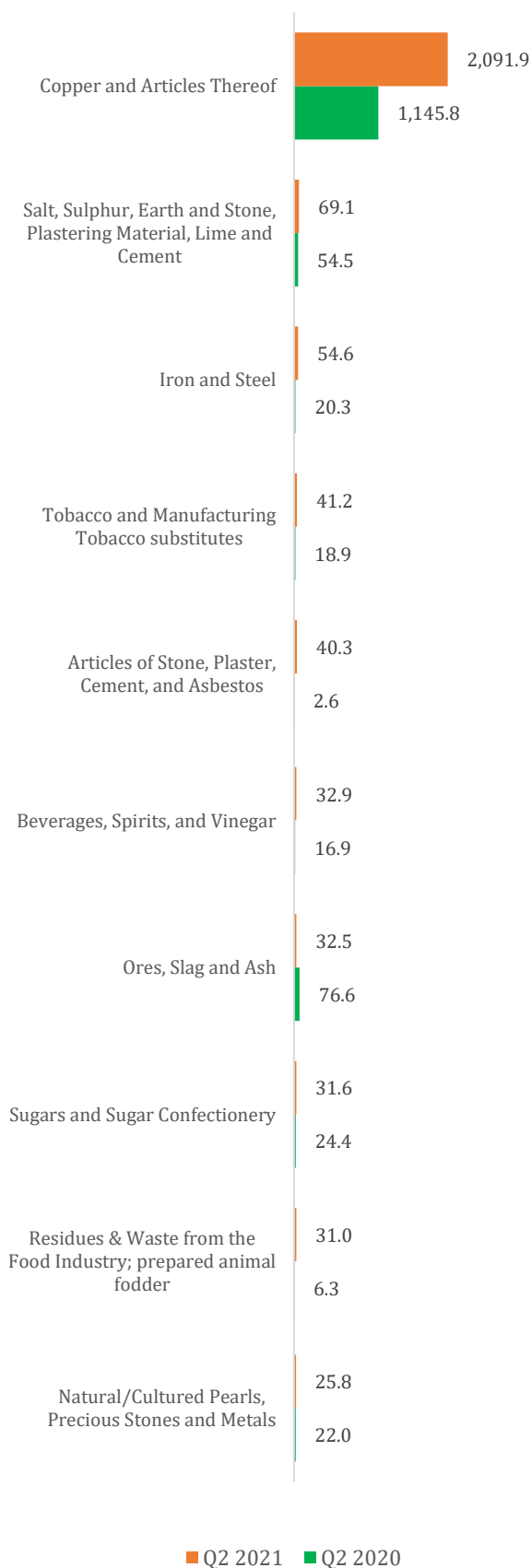
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 3c: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Major Export destinations for Iron and Steel (US\$ millions)



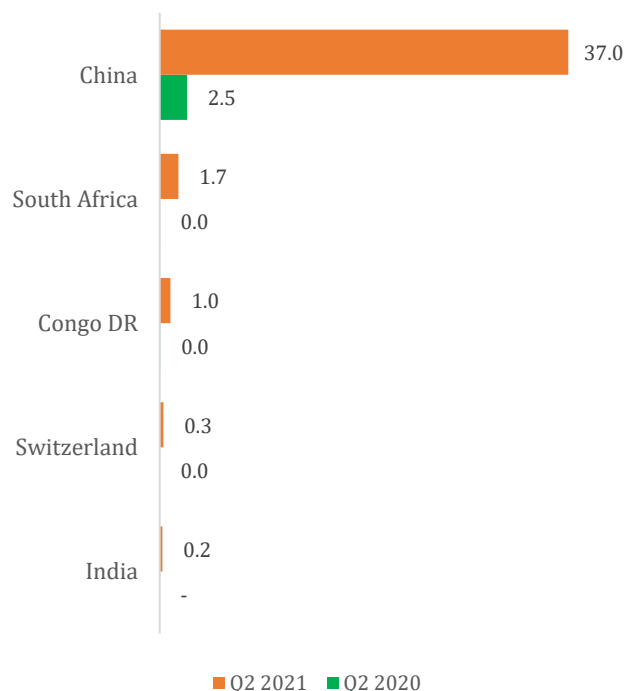
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 3d: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Major Export Items (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 3e: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Major Export destinations of Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, and Asbestos (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

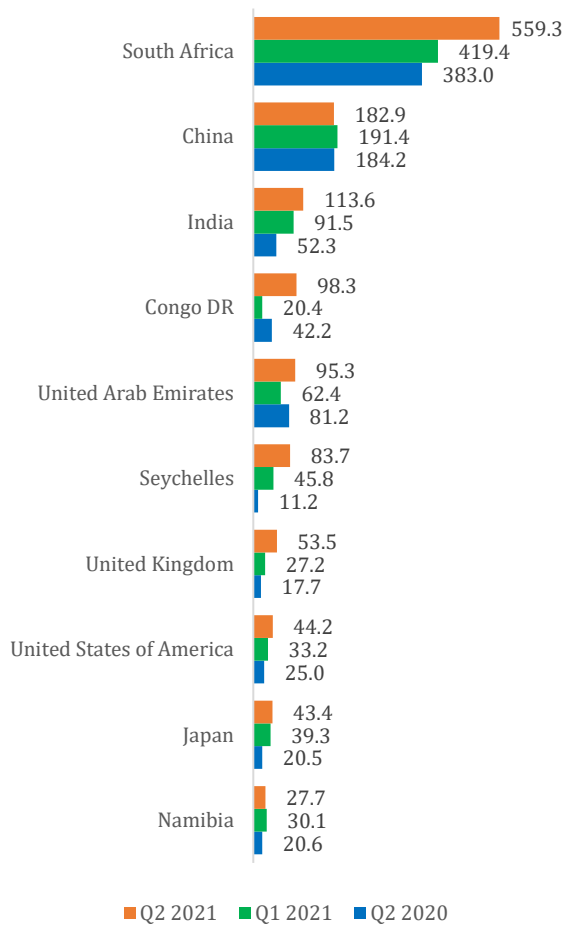
2.0 Major Source Countries for Zambia's Imports

Major source countries for imports were South Africa, China, India, Democratic Republic of Congo, United Arab Emirates, Seychelles and United Kingdom

The value of merchandise imports was 49.6 percent higher, at US\$1.71 billion, in the second quarter of 2021 compared to the corresponding quarter in 2020. Imports from the top five source countries accounted for 61.4 percent of total imports with South Africa being the largest contributor at 33 percent (Chart 4).

Imports broadly increased across all major categories except fertiliser (Table 2.0). This mainly reflected improved domestic activity.

Chart 4: Top Source Countries for Imports (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

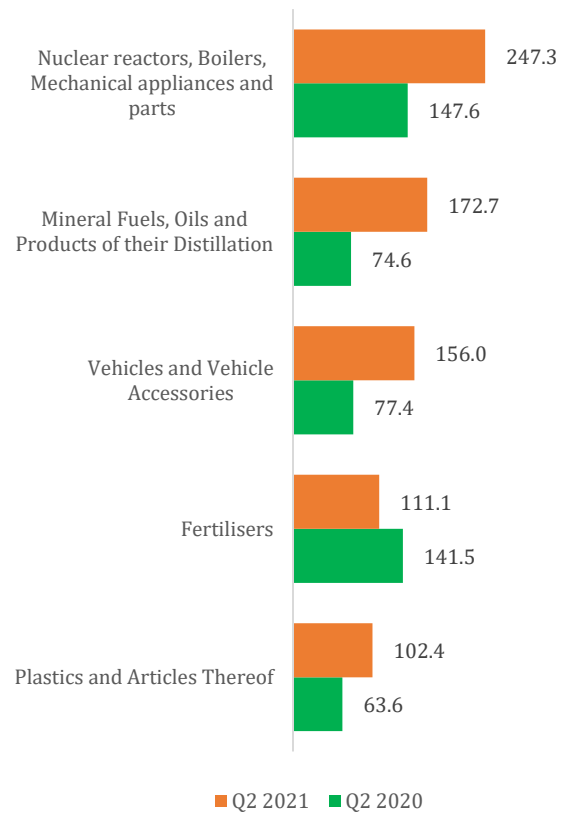
Table 2: Import performance by product and source country (US\$ millions)

Country	Main Product (s)	Q2 2020	Q2 2021	percent Change
Seychelles	Mineral Fuels, Oils and Products of their Distillation	11.20	83.74	647.43
South Africa	Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, and Mechanical Appliances and parts	39.96	66.74	67.02
South Africa	Vehicles and Vehicle accessories	47.66	57.04	19.70
South Africa	Plastics and articles thereof	26.87	47.45	76.59
South Africa	Fertilisers	68.68	38.42	(44.06)

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

The top five import commodities are presented in Chart 5.

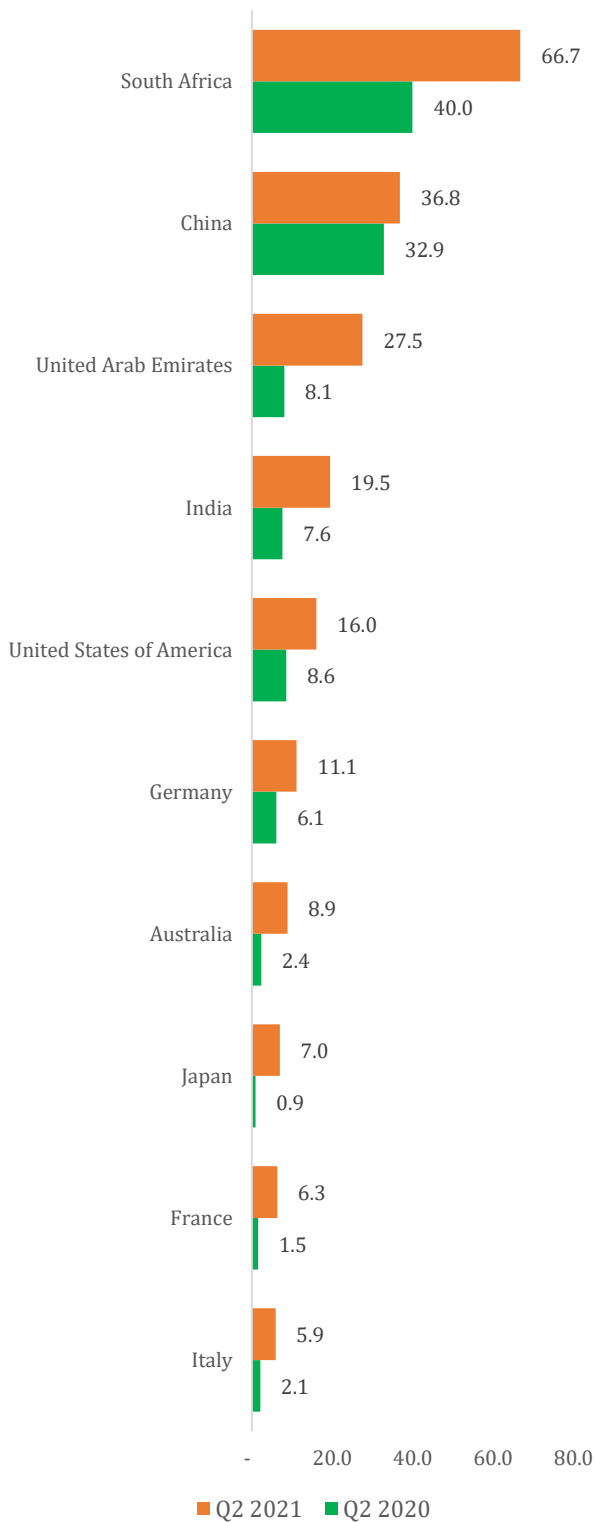
Chart 5: Major Import Commodities (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

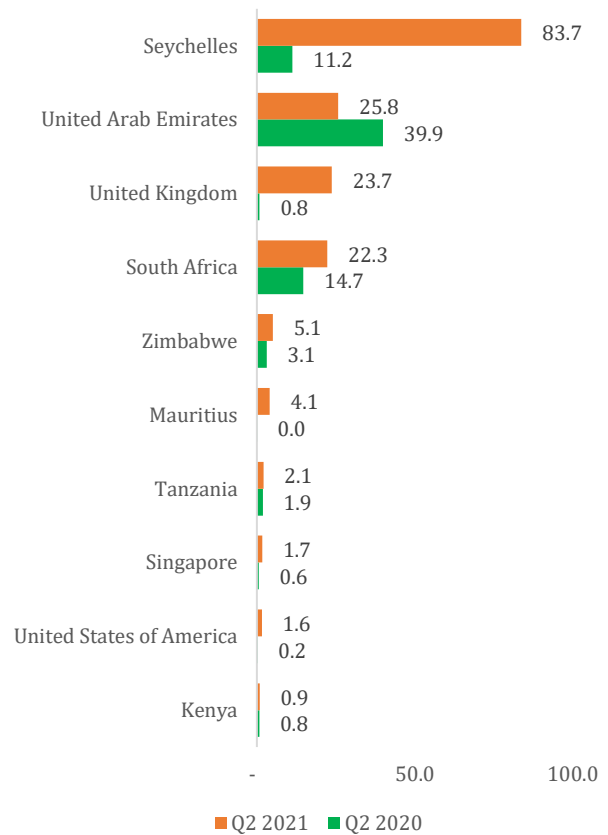
The source countries for Zambia's top five major imports are given in Charts 6a to 6e.

Chart 6a: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Source countries for Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, and Mechanical Appliances and parts (US\$ millions)



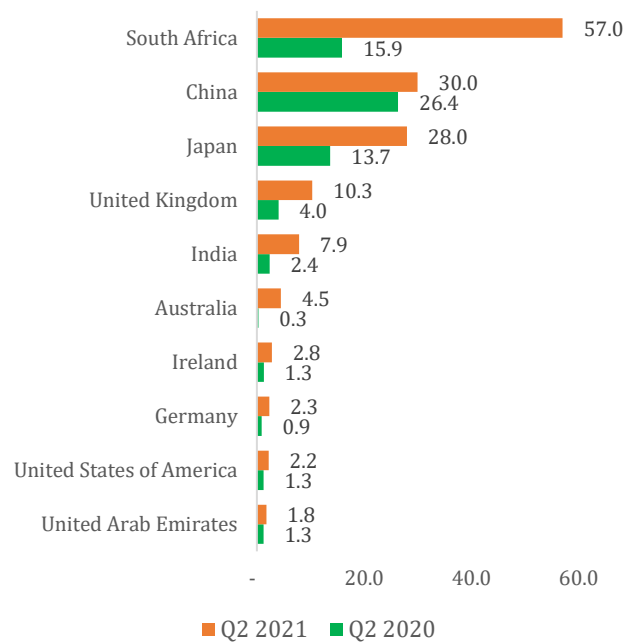
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 6b: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Source countries for Mineral Fuels, oils and products of their distillation (US\$ millions)



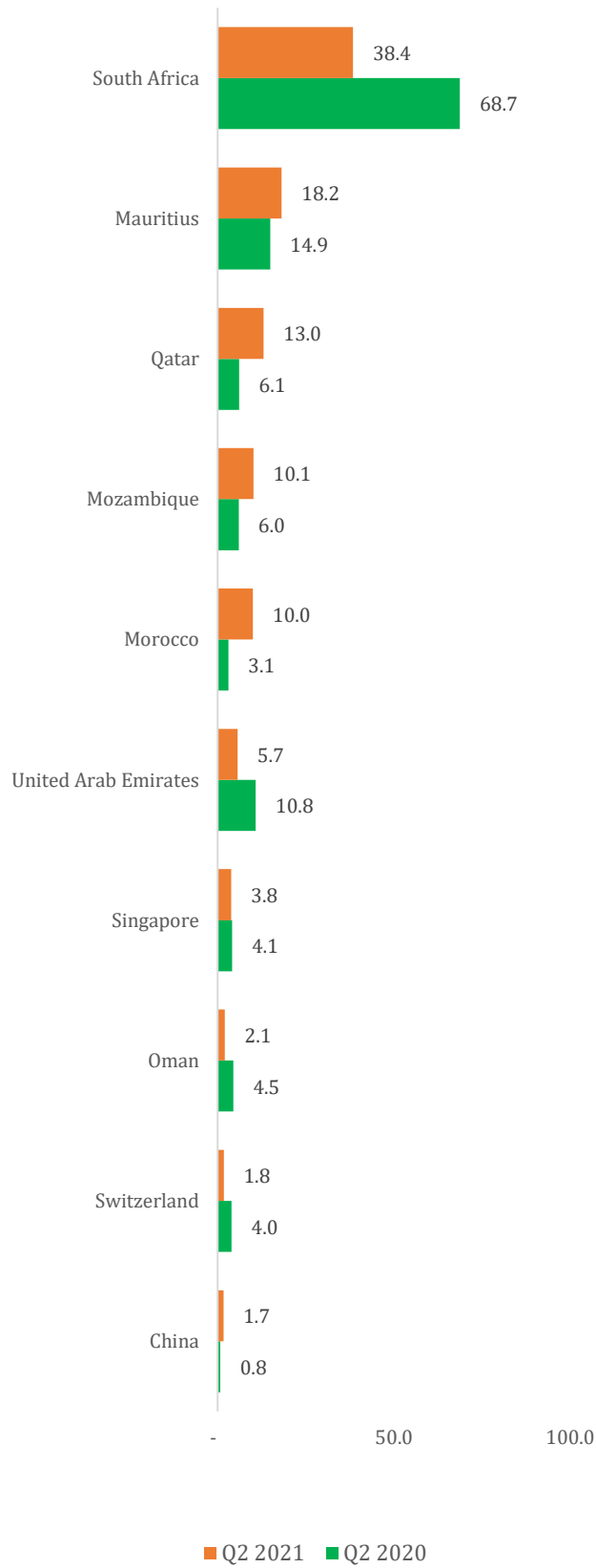
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Chart 6c: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Source countries for Vehicles and Vehicle Accessories (US\$ millions)



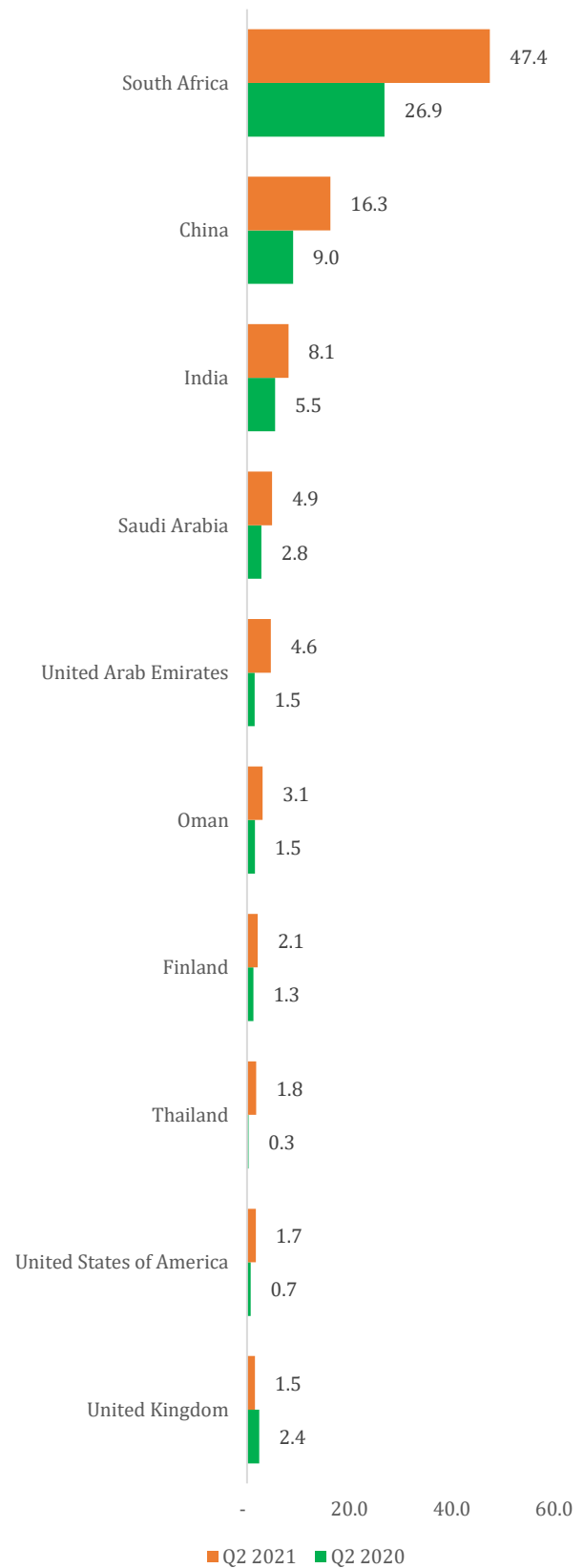
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 6d: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Source countries for Fertilisers (US\$ millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart 6e: Q1 2021 and Q1 2020 Source Countries for Plastics and articles thereof (US\$ millions)



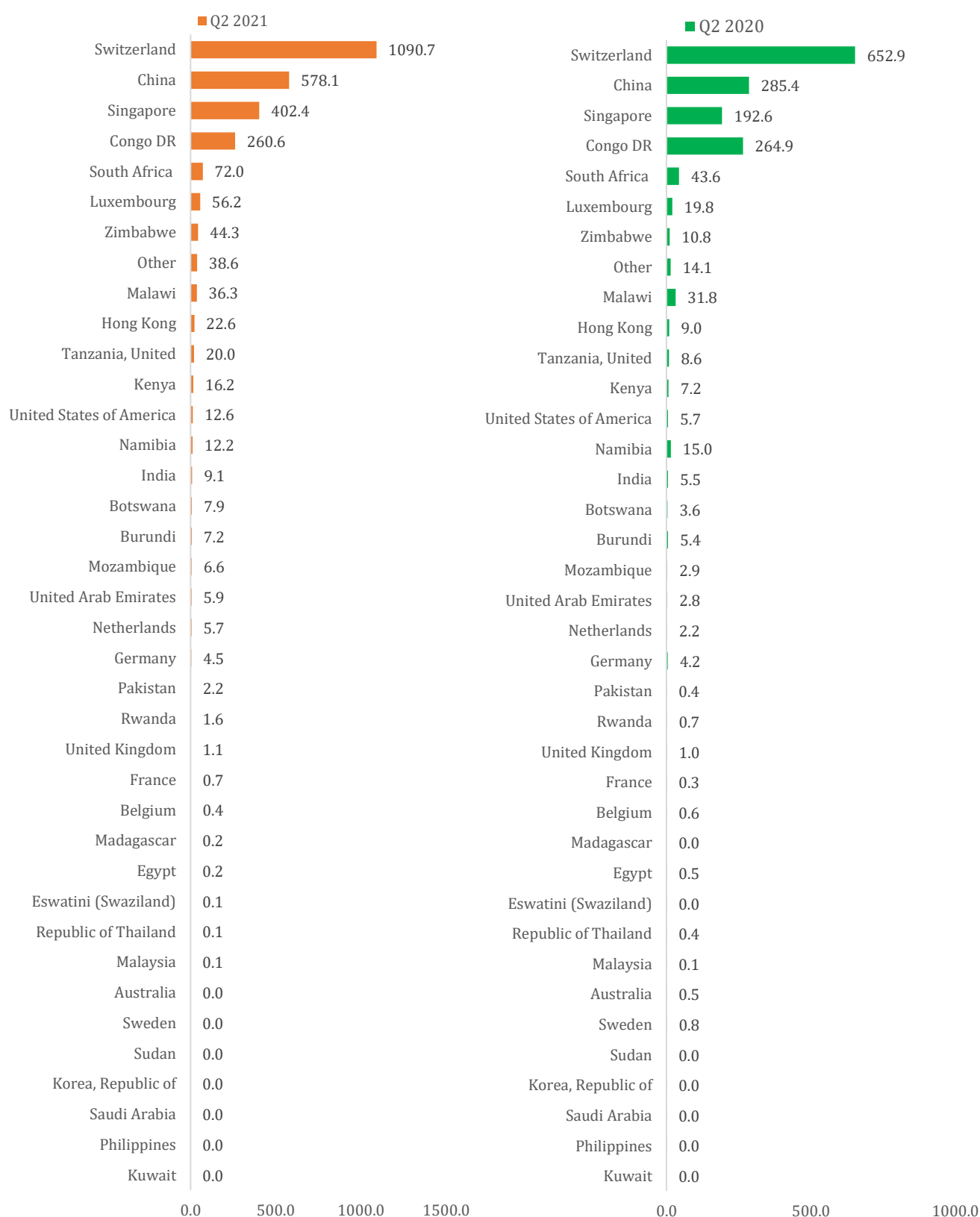
Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Appendix One: Major Export Destinations for Zambia's Exports (US\$ Millions)

COUNTRY	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Australia	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.6	10.0	1.3	0.6	0.4
Botswana	3.6	5.0	8.7	8.9	7.9
Burundi	5.4	7.5	5.5	7.4	7.2
China	285.4	386.1	421.6	518.9	578.1
Congo DR	264.9	253.0	237.3	225.3	260.6
Egypt	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Eswatini	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.1
France	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7
Germany	4.2	2.0	4.1	3.7	4.5
Hong Kong	9.0	11.9	13.8	20.4	22.6
India	5.5	7.9	8.8	26.3	9.1
Kenya	7.2	12.0	14.4	5.5	16.2
Korea, Republic of	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwait	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Luxembourg	19.8	24.3	48.0	74.1	56.2
Madagascar	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
Malawi	31.8	33.6	25.9	19.5	36.3
Malaysia	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Mozambique	2.9	6.9	6.2	4.4	6.6
Namibia	15.0	17.8	19.3	24.6	12.2
Netherlands	2.2	2.5	4.4	4.5	5.7
Other	14.1	19.6	20.0	28.6	38.6
Pakistan	0.4	0.2	1.0	2.9	2.2
Philippines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Republic of Thailand	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Rwanda	0.7	4.3	1.7	1.4	1.6
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Singapore	192.6	268.1	266.9	316.0	402.4
South Africa	43.6	65.9	49.0	65.5	72.0
Sudan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sweden	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0
Switzerland	652.9	1050.3	1103.1	1023.8	1090.7
Tanzania, United	8.6	20.3	17.5	11.1	20.0
United Arab Emirates	2.8	9.3	8.4	11.4	5.9
United Kingdom	1.0	4.8	2.2	0.6	1.1
United States of America	5.7	9.3	4.9	5.9	12.6
Zimbabwe	10.8	30.1	40.5	47.9	44.3
Total	1,593.2	2,264.1	2,339.7	2,460.2	2,716.6

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart A: Major Export Destinations for Zambia's Exports (US\$ Millions)



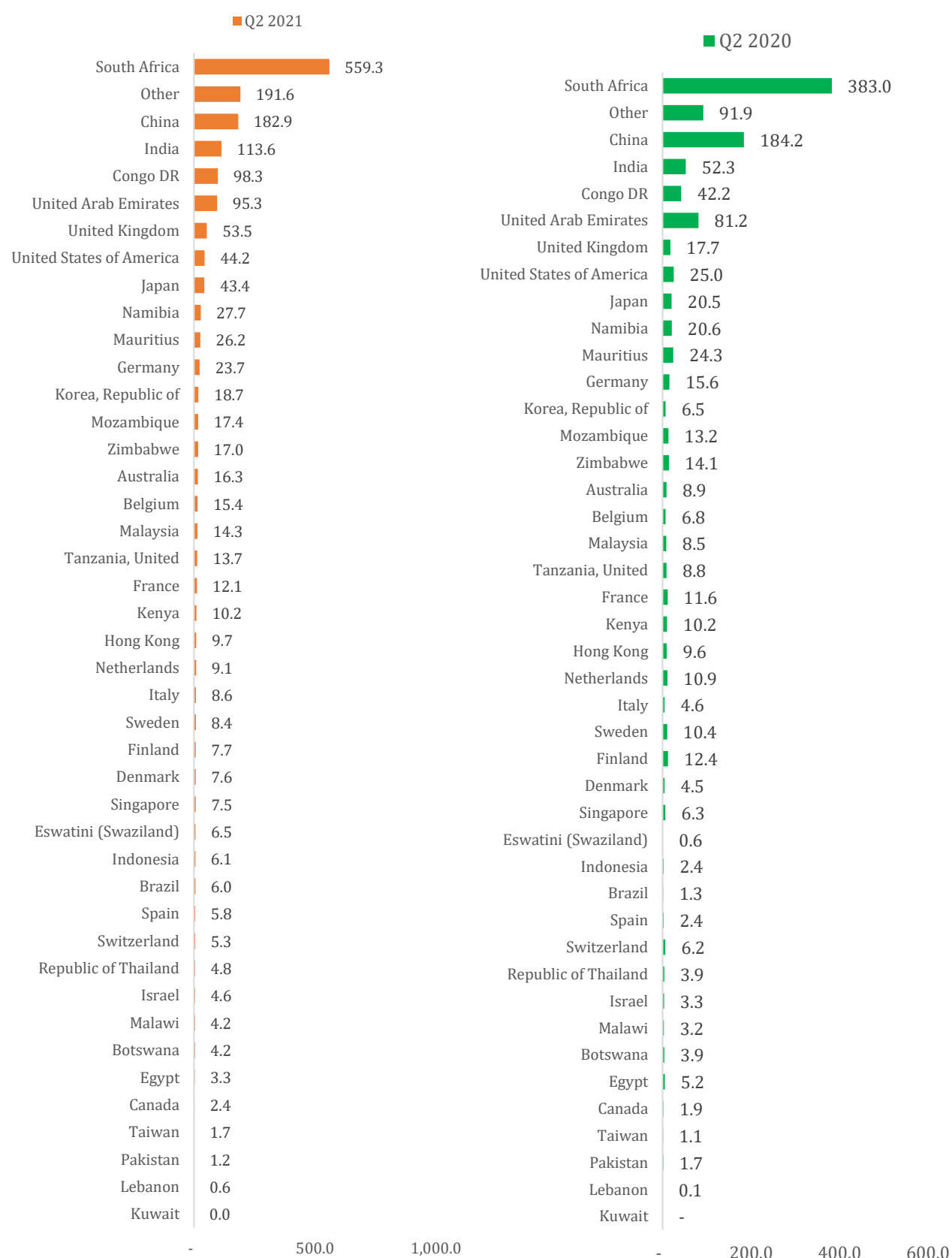
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Appendix Two: Major Source Countries for Zambia's Imports (US\$ Millions)

COUNTRY	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Australia	6.4	8.9	6.0	9.1	8.4	16.3
Belgium	6.0	6.8	10.0	6.8	7.0	15.4
Botswana	3.3	3.9	5.3	5.2	3.3	4.2
Brazil	3.2	1.3	2.2	2.7	3.6	6.0
Canada	2.8	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.3	2.4
China	310.7	184.2	209.6	190.6	191.4	182.9
Congo DR	8.0	42.2	15.1	5.8	20.4	98.3
Denmark	5.0	4.5	4.3	15.5	4.6	7.6
Egypt	2.9	5.2	4.4	2.1	2.4	3.3
Eswatini (Swaziland)	4.0	0.6	3.9	5.1	4.9	6.5
Finland	9.4	12.4	11.6	14.7	11.0	7.7
France	7.9	11.6	6.9	8.8	10.5	12.1
Germany	12.8	15.6	15.6	26.4	20.7	23.7
Hong Kong	17.0	9.6	10.2	15.6	8.5	9.7
India	78.2	52.3	69.1	85.9	91.5	113.6
Indonesia	1.9	2.4	1.7	3.1	3.0	6.1
Israel	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.6	4.6
Italy	6.4	4.6	12.3	4.5	4.0	8.6
Japan	27.2	20.5	28.8	36.1	39.3	43.4
Kenya	7.6	10.2	17.1	11.7	11.2	10.2
Korea, Republic of	6.7	6.5	6.1	4.5	9.8	18.7
Kuwait	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
Lebanon	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.6	0.6
Malawi	3.6	3.2	4.1	4.1	3.3	4.2
Malaysia	14.0	8.5	9.0	13.2	16.9	14.3
Mauritius	31.9	24.3	33.2	20.4	12.8	26.2
Mozambique	10.1	13.2	13.2	12.1	6.7	17.4
Namibia	22.1	20.6	20.5	22.6	30.1	27.7
Netherlands	5.8	10.9	17.9	29.8	20.5	9.1
Other	107.4	91.9	91.8	94.6	136.6	191.6
Pakistan	1.8	1.7	1.4	13.0	1.0	1.2
Republic of Thailand	1.3	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.4	4.8
Singapore	6.6	6.3	3.7	2.1	4.0	7.5
South Africa	408.2	383.0	486.9	485.1	419.4	559.3
Spain	6.1	2.4	5.3	4.0	7.0	5.8
Sweden	9.4	10.4	6.5	10.5	9.9	8.4
Switzerland	3.1	6.2	8.9	5.4	2.3	5.3
Taiwan	1.7	1.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7
Tanzania, United	39.9	8.8	11.8	13.3	11.9	13.7
United Arab Emirates	180.7	81.2	113.8	93.4	62.4	95.3
United Kingdom	26.4	17.7	29.2	24.5	27.2	53.5
United States of America	30.3	25.0	30.0	33.8	33.2	44.2
Zimbabwe	15.4	14.1	17.2	15.6	14.0	17.0
Total	1,456.4	1,143.2	1,355.1	1,362.4	1,288.9	1,710.0

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Chart A2: Major Source Countries for Zambia's Imports (US\$ Millions)



Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Appendix Three: Zambia's Trade with SADC (Exclusively) (US\$ Millions)

COUNTRY	Q2 2020		Q3 2020		Q4 2020		Q1 2021		Q2 2021	
	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM
Angola	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.1
Botswana	3.6	3.9	5.0	5.3	8.7	5.2	8.9	3.3	7.9	4.2
Lesotho	0.1	0.0	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Mozambique	2.9	13.2	6.9	13.2	6.2	12.1	4.4	6.7	6.6	17.4
Namibia	15.0	20.6	17.8	20.5	19.3	22.6	24.6	30.1	12.2	27.7
South Africa	43.6	383.0	65.9	486.9	49.0	485.1	65.5	419.4	72.0	559.3
Tanzania	8.6	8.8	20.3	11.8	17.5	13.3	11.1	11.9	20.0	13.7
TOTAL	73.8	429.7	117.9	537.7	101.4	538.3	115.0	471.5	119.3	622.4

X and IM denote exports and Imports, respectively

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Appendix Four: Zambia's Trade with COMESA (Exclusively) (US\$ Millions)

COUNTRY	Q2 2020		Q3 2020		Q4 2020		Q1 2021		Q2 2021	
	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM
Burundi	5.4	0.0	7.5	0.1	5.5	0.1	7.4	0.0	7.2	0.0
Comoros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Djibouti	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egypt	0.5	5.2	0.0	4.4	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.4	0.2	3.3
Eritrea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ethiopia	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Kenya	7.2	10.2	12.0	17.1	14.4	11.7	5.5	11.2	16.2	10.2
Libya	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rwanda	0.7	0.0	4.3	0.2	1.7	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.6	0.1
Sudan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uganda	1.0	0.9	2.3	1.7	2.5	1.8	3.2	4.0	4.4	2.8
TOTAL	14.6	16.7	26.2	24.1	24.1	16.0	17.4	17.8	29.5	16.6

X and IM denote exports and Imports, respectively

Source: Zamstats and Bank of Zambia

Appendix Five: Zambia's Trade with SADC and COMESA (US\$ Millions)

COUNTRY	Q2 2020		Q3 2020		Q4 2020		Q1 2021		Q2 2021	
	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM	X	IM
Congo DR	264.9	42.2	253.0	15.1	237.3	5.8	225.3	20.4	260.6	98.3
Madagascar	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Malawi	31.8	3.2	33.6	4.1	25.9	4.1	19.5	3.3	36.3	4.2
Mauritius	0.3	24.3	1.1	33.2	0.3	20.4	2.4	12.8	5.0	26.2
Seychelles	0.0	11.2	0.0	6.5	0.0	21.5	0.0	45.8	0.0	83.7
Eswatini (Swaziland)	0.0	0.6	0.7	3.9	1.0	5.1	0.5	4.9	0.1	6.5
Zimbabwe	10.8	14.1	30.1	17.2	40.5	15.6	47.9	14.0	44.3	17.0
TOTAL	307.8	95.6	318.4	80.0	307.9	72.6	295.5	101.2	346.5	235.9

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