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Table 7.1: Exports and Imports as % of GDP

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Exports						
Benin	11.78	17.17	9.96	8.71	8.34	7.72
Burkina Faso	7.12	7.42	10.41	10.73	7.40	6.94
Cape Verde	2.69	3.08	2.38	2.61	2.58	4.80
Côte d'Ivoire	35.39	35.44	34.48	34.35	33.23	33.6
Gambia	7.84	4.55	7.71	7.91	6.59	2.11
Ghana	36.35	23.72	26.73	25.52	17.27	34.09
Guinea	16.80	16.77	17.73	16.65	19.58	24.91
Guinea Bissau	6.05	7.54	23.87	23.38	27.78	27.69
Liberia	343.41	196.08	181.96	113.39	24.69	24.89
Mali	16.16	22.34	21.94	21.20	21.54	22.46
Niger	12.36	11.76	11.29	9.43	12.10	8.83
Nigeria	26.97	25.34	15.90	42.44	56.20	35.10
Senegal	18.47	16.28	17.50	17.26	15.85	17.01
Sierra Leone	1.99	1.62	0.88	0.54	1.90	2.59
Togo	16.38	15.75	18.38	15.65	15.90	17.74
ECOWAS	26.11	24.59	20.54	32.58	40.58	30.10
Imports						
Benin	25.19	27.94	27.48	34.93	24.04	25.35
Burkina Faso	18.91	20.68	25.16	21.94	22.33	22.27
Cape Verde	48.35	51.27	50.27	56.64	54.58	40.14
Côte d'Ivoire	23.29	23.54	23.46	23.06	23.44	23.48
Gambia	72.56	52.79	71.98	56.28	56.47	41.0
Ghana	36.08	48.33	46.32	40.90	24.41	59.73
Guinea	15.45	14.72	16.33	15.25	16.86	20.83
Guinea Bissau	22.68	22.26	42.37	42.71	26.44	27.25
Liberia	271.65	142.81	122.02	86.39	38.89	35.47
Mali	29.71	29.49	30.15	30.71	32.15	32.9
Niger	16.32	18.01	19.85	17.74	17.99	18.59
Nigeria	12.62	14.45	13.34	11.51	12.09	15.69
Senegal	28.64	27.68	33.09	33.99	35.53	37.46
Sierra Leone	21.00	12.85	14.36	11.41	21.57	43.81
Togo	27.76	24.96	28.84	22.49	40.24	28.63
ECOWAS	20.15	21.84	22.43	20.65	18.38	22.62

Sources: National Account of ECOWAS, ECOWAS handbook of International Trade

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Table 7.2: ECOWAS intra-trade

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Exports to ECOWAS (as % of total exports value)</i>						
Benin	4.98	2.70	4.74	5.29	9.57	16.19
Burkina Faso	24.14	19.64	18.32	24.81	20.12	21.51
Cape Verde	--	21.43	18.18	16.67	--	3.70
Côte d'Ivoire	19.09	20.33	22.46	21.04	25.89	24.61
Gambia	14.81	6.67	7.41	7.41	9.52	14.29
Ghana	3.61	6.67	6.96	7.94	8.27	5.310
Guinea	0.91	1.84	1.04	0.65	0.31	0.39
Guinea Bissau	37.50	33.33	18.37	21.15	17.74	17.46
Liberia	3.13	4.50	4.08	4.95	5.00	5.51
Mali	63.13	74.45	67.85	19.26	20.74	20.30
Niger	33.79	28.65	31.55	34.52	46.56	51.30
Nigeria	6.28	7.25	7.06	6.49	5.09	4.60
Senegal	22.86	23.91	24.14	21.49	24.39	25.26
Sierra Leone	47.37	42.86	33.33	33.33	50.00	47.60
Togo	7.95	8.05	9.85	16.39	34.90	58.18
ECOWAS	10.86	12.66	14.59	10.08	8.40	9.25
<i>Imports from ECOWAS (as % of total imports value)</i>						
Benin	13.08	12.13	11.25	23.50	20.85	23.46
Burkina Faso	26.41	26.07	24.80	25.00	29.49	27.54
Cape Verde	2.14	3.00	3.45	3.46	1.29	1.33
Côte d'Ivoire	21.20	17.34	12.60	15.98	28.67	20.67
Gambia	11.20	9.77	7.94	7.81	6.67	11.03
Ghana	5.07	11.08	12.13	15.12	17.79	17.81
Guinea	19.93	8.73	7.42	8.99	19.93	19.6
Guinea Bissau	20.00	22.58	16.09	16.84	15.25	14.52
Liberia	5.93	6.18	6.52	6.25	4.50	3.31
Mali	34.47	37.33	34.24	28.17	35.11	28.21
Niger	25.26	26.53	26.24	30.70	35.23	34.26
Nigeria	2.13	2.19	1.99	2.04	2.22	5.09
Senegal	8.47	9.93	8.73	10.42	21.89	13.43
Sierra Leone	10.45	18.92	15.31	25.40	26.98	24.23
Togo	15.56	20.32	17.91	17.84	57.65	10.14
ECOWAS	11.25	10.93	10.54	12.44	16.79	13.61

Source: ECOWAS handbook of International Trade

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Table 7.3: Trade with other African Countries

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Exports to other African countries (as % of total exports value)</i>						
Benin	7.28	7.84	12.07	8.17	14.36	21.31
Burkina Faso	27.01	23.81	18.70	25.56	21.95	22.09
Cape Verde	7.69	21.43	18.18	16.67	--	3.70
Côte d'Ivoire	23.56	27.32	28.62	25.84	32.12	30.76
Gambia	14.81	6.67	7.41	7.41	9.52	14.29
Ghana	4.38	7.71	8.11	9.16	9.46	5.87
Guinea	28.94	6.58	6.69	6.14	7.87	8.00
Guinea Bissau	37.50	33.33	18.37	21.15	17.74	17.46
Liberia	3.13	4.50	6.71	7.43	8.33	8.66
Mali	67.23	75.18	68.87	19.44	20.74	20.3
Niger	35.62	29.17	32.04	35.12	47.09	51.95
Nigeria	8.65	9.38	9.84	9.95	5.35	6.44
Senegal	32.47	34.32	35.71	26.98	28.28	33.8
Sierra Leone	47.37	42.86	33.33	33.33	50.00	42.86
Togo	17.57	17.80	10.22	24.37	43.23	64.09
ECOWAS	14.69	16.20	18.53	13.59	9.59	8.70
<i>Imports from other African countries (as % of total imports value)</i>						
Benin	17.20	16.28	16.09	26.26	25.46	26.29
Burkina Faso	29.22	27.99	26.54	26.45	34.55	30.29
Cape Verde	2.56	3.00	3.88	3.85	1.72	1.77
Côte d'Ivoire	23.30	19.62	15.51	18.50	31.27	25.23
Gambia	13.20	12.64	10.32	8.33	7.22	12.5
Ghana	7.40	13.25	14.67	18.14	21.23	21.21
Guinea	23.23	13.09	9.68	11.82	25.23	24.69
Guinea Bissau	20.00	22.58	16.09	16.84	15.25	14.52
Liberia	5.93	6.86	9.78	9.25	7.27	5.52
Mali	47.71	40.95	37.93	31.92	39.21	33.37
Niger	26.99	28.91	28.45	34.49	38.08	11.16
Nigeria	3.78	3.17	3.50	4.85	4.36	17.78
Senegal	11.41	13.65	12.44	14.07	25.50	38.03
Sierra Leone	11.94	20.72	17.35	28.57	27.78	13.24
Togo	18.52	24.33	19.53	21.93	58.72	18.53
ECOWAS	13.94	13.02	13.01	15.29	19.60	

Source: ECOWAS handbook of International Trade

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Table 7.4: Trade with the European Union

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Exports to European Union (as % of total exports value)</i>						
Benin	28.74	9.46	19.40	14.90	7.98	10.93
Burkina Faso	25.86	35.12	33.59	32.22	40.85	40.12
Cape Verde	84.62	71.43	72.73	75.00	81.82	77.78
Côte d'Ivoire	56.16	53.24	50.85	45.42	45.22	4.63
Gambia	62.96	66.67	77.78	85.19	76.19	71.43
Ghana	54.22	67.75	59.11	84.83	83.38	66.5
Guinea	30.91	61.10	54.68	41.36	63.15	63.23
Guinea Bissau	62.50	38.10	24.49	61.54	64.52	63.49
Liberia	46.88	56.83	33.67	46.10	35.83	41.12
Mali	29.40	8.82	8.63	21.72	24.07	23.41
Niger	47.49	53.13	50.97	45.83	35.45	50.65
Nigeria	34.98	27.99	37.10	20.35	23.01	23.16
Senegal	36.58	36.15	34.24	42.25	46.46	42.22
Sierra Leone	15.79	42.86	50.00	33.33	50.00	38.1
Togo	12.97	1.27	11.31	23.11	21.88	25.45
ECOWAS	41.80	38.47	42.51	31.54	28.81	31.44
<i>Imports from European Union (as % of total imports value)</i>						
Benin	48.39	51.16	50.47	45.08	37.82	33.61
Burkina Faso	52.60	46.58	48.82	45.11	43.64	38.59
Cape Verde	65.81	71.24	72.84	68.46	74.68	74.98
Côte d'Ivoire	49.93	50.85	53.73	50.88	41.81	44.13
Gambia	54.00	50.57	48.02	85.42	66.67	61.76
Ghana	46.52	42.99	49.42	59.28	68.21	68.2
Guinea	43.16	51.66	44.03	47.97	42.78	42.75
Guinea Bissau	63.33	64.52	65.52	65.26	57.63	59.68
Liberia	43.95	41.88	43.04	52.75	32.53	34.81
Mali	43.51	30.36	34.85	40.99	32.26	36.70
Niger	35.29	44.22	41.16	35.13	31.67	24.41
Nigeria	46.22	44.47	49.05	48.99	51.83	39.13
Senegal	52.61	53.18	58.50	54.74	47.97	51.77
Sierra Leone	25.37	33.33	29.59	28.57	26.98	21.69
Togo	56.54	51.34	56.28	50.29	29.18	43.10
ECOWAS	47.73	46.30	50.09	51.68	48.31	45.5

Source: ECOWAS handbook of International Trade

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Table 7.5: Trade with Northern America

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Exports to Northern America (as % of total exports value)</i>						
Benin	0.08	0.05	1.12	4.18	0.59	0.27
Burkina Faso	0.57	2.20	0.19	0.11	0.43	0.76
Cape Verde	--	--	--	--	11.82	15.19
Côte d'Ivoire	8.42	7.70	9.60	8.81	8.75	0.75
Gambia	2.59	4.00	0.37	0.37	0.48	1.43
Ghana	3.99	2.39	2.45	2.23	5.35	3.93
Guinea	38.03	25.60	23.39	38.34	15.28	15.3
Guinea Bissau	2.50	3.81	2.24	2.12	3.06	2.06
Liberia	22.97	31.38	28.53	36.78	30.67	30.08
Mali	1.20	2.94	--	3.68	3.52	3.44
Niger	0.09	0.47	1.17	0.06	2.75	0.32
Nigeria	38.01	42.85	38.72	36.22	44.87	43.14
Senegal	0.14	0.18	0.49	0.76	0.59	0.80
Sierra Leone	2.11	--	--	3.33	10.00	10.00
Togo	13.72	12.25	17.74	8.53	10.57	1.95
ECOWAS	23.06	25.81	19.47	26.11	36.69	31.00
<i>Imports from Northern America (as % of total imports value)</i>						
Benin	4.37	8.07	7.81	5.40	3.73	4.83
Burkina Faso	6.08	4.15	4.23	4.02	3.17	4.15
Cape Verde	4.44	5.24	5.91	5.46	4.68	5.25
Côte d'Ivoire	6.67	6.48	5.27	5.67	3.91	5.68
Gambia	6.72	9.71	6.87	5.05	3.72	4.41
Ghana	14.42	12.77	14.97	18.01	12.85	12.85
Guinea	9.67	10.24	8.76	7.23	5.85	6.70
Guinea Bissau	4.17	9.19	8.16	9.05	8.81	10.48
Liberia	10.84	22.01	24.63	25.85	30.76	20.11
Mali	9.70	8.22	7.51	7.50	10.04	6.65
Niger	5.57	7.55	6.69	3.35	5.12	6.02
Nigeria	21.22	16.92	15.16	15.86	11.62	10.73
Senegal	5.91	6.14	6.66	5.34	5.04	5.21
Sierra Leone	13.33	7.30	13.27	7.94	10.32	38.20
Togo	5.88	7.22	5.67	6.17	2.51	6.54
ECOWAS	12.46	11.77	10.98	11.26	8.73	9.59

Source: ECOWAS handbook of International Trade

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Table 7.6 : Trade with Asia

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Exports to Asia (as % of total exports value)</i>						
Benin	21.07	2.35	31.38	48.99	54.63	32.79
Burkina Faso	10.29	21.25	8.28	6.70	0.67	7.67
Cape Verde	--	--	--	--	--	--
Côte d'Ivoire	4.31	4.36	4.75	5.49	6.06	0.55
Gambia	11.11	15.33	10.37	11.48	7.62	1.43
Ghana	6.44	7.61	7.25	7.33	0.24	5.88
Guinea	0.94	0.95	0.36	0.47	0.11	0.12
Guinea Bissau	5.00	3.81	5.51	5.38	8.55	5.71
Liberia	3.48	4.00	6.08	4.57	8.17	8.95
Mali	14.94	6.99	--	20.32	20.93	20.40
Niger	17.63	17.50	16.07	18.51	14.44	0.32
Nigeria	10.12	15.37	7.88	24.92	19.88	18.21
Senegal	17.01	17.24	19.51	21.90	3.07	14.08
Sierra Leone	8.95	3.57	3.33	3.33	--	7.14
Togo	29.16	24.11	21.50	18.66	23.13	0.14
ECOWAS	8.79	11.16	7.52	19.02	17.12	14.68
<i>Imports from Asia (as % of total imports value)</i>						
Benin	18.60	13.74	20.84	18.59	19.50	19.8
Burkina Faso	13.27	14.76	13.33	16.76	9.45	14.78
Cape Verde	6.32	7.47	7.50	10.58	10.77	10.75
Côte d'Ivoire	13.35	14.90	15.27	16.40	17.37	15.60
Gambia	17.36	22.24	18.21	35.36	12.33	14.71
Ghana	16.50	12.29	13.68	15.80	17.73	17.73
Guinea	20.89	22.98	20.77	43.32	21.41	21.40
Guinea Bissau	9.67	10.32	9.31	11.89	9.32	8.87
Liberia	1.16	3.71	11.54	6.65	14.01	1.49
Mali	13.63	13.93	15.15	14.15	10.07	11.63
Niger	17.02	16.56	17.54	21.58	19.32	22.10
Nigeria	18.71	29.26	24.19	22.97	32.28	27.31
Senegal	21.13	19.58	17.55	19.36	16.75	18.83
Sierra Leone	17.36	21.53	36.84	29.68	10.24	28.45
Togo	8.44	6.66	13.44	12.37	8.84	2.85
ECOWAS	16.23	19.15	17.88	19.19	21.89	20.89

Source: ECOWAS handbook of International Trade