Analysis on EU-27's Export Competitiveness towards Ethiopia's Import visa-vis Comparison to Ukraine, Russia and the Rest of the World (ROW)

Summary

EU-27 is competitive in the Ethiopian import market with products such as pharmaceutical; chemicals; cereals, majorly wheat and meslin; and milling products, majorly malt and wheat flour.

Facts

- Ethiopia imports more than half of its pharmaceutical and nearly half of its chemical needs from EU-27 (54.9% and 44% respectively).
- Globally, Belgium is the leading exporter of pharmaceutical products to Ethiopia.
- Netherland, Germany and France are the major chemical product exporters of the EU-MS.
- Ethiopia imports 17.5% of cereals, majorly wheat and meslin (seed and durum) from EU-27. In this regard, the EU-27 stood as the fourth cereal exporter to Ethiopia following USA, India (also rice), and Ukraine followed by Russia.
- Ethiopia primarily depend on EU-27 (53% of total imports) for its milling products, majorly malt and wheat flour imports. Ukraine (26%) is the second exporter in this category.
- Equivalent to China (45%), EU-27 (44%) exports woods and wood articles to Ethiopia.
- On another note, EU-27 has insignificant share of Ethiopia's iron and steel import. The leading nations in this category are Turkey (36%) and China (28%) followed by Ukraine (13%).

Figure 1. Comparing Ethiopia's Import by Major Products: EU-27, Rest of the World (ROW)

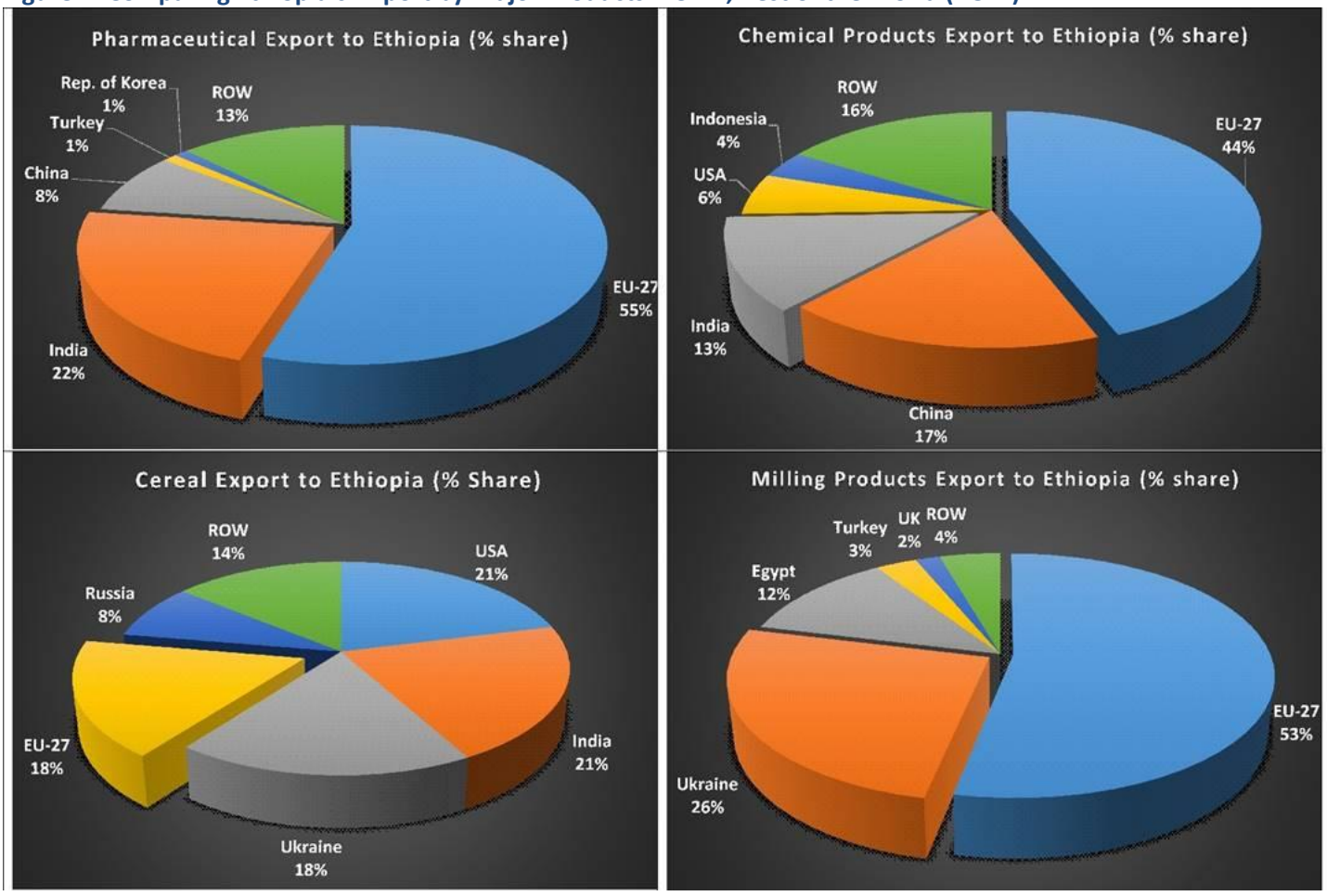

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Table 1. Comparing Ethiopia's Import by Major Products: EU-27 Vs Ukraine, and Russia

HS CODE (Prod. Cat.)	Ethiopia's Imports (million USD)	Partners (Value in million USD)				Partners (Share in % to World Total)		
		Ukraine	Russia	EU	World	Ukraine	Russia	EU
10	Cereals	142.01	64.77	135.95	778.37	18.2%	8.3%	17.5%
11	Milling products, malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	23.50		48.86	91.77	25.6%	0.0%	53.2%
15	Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products	15.55	0.41		431.18	3.6%	0.1%	0.0%
19	Cereal, flour, starch, milk, pastrycooks' products, food preparations			37.62	80.73	0.0%	0.0%	46.6%
38	Chemical products, n.e.c., Miscellaneous	0.25	0.30	134.85	305.36	0.1%	0.1%	44.2%
44	Wood and articles of wood charcoal		1.74	43.45	98.85	0.0%	1.8%	44.0%
48	Paper and paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board		1.02	16.1	162.32	0.0%	0.6%	9.9%
72	Iron and Steel	129.48	32.75	12.96	1,014.19	12.8%	3.2%	1.3%
73	Iron or Steel articles			42.9	410.11	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%
01	Animals; live			4.05	8.43	0.0%	0.0%	48.0%
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included			3.93	15.00	0.0%	0.0%	26.2%
23	Residues and wastes thereof food industries; prepared animal fodder			4.09	5.02	0.0%	0.0%	81.5%
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes			4.75	21.44	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%
25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement		0.21	1.38	9.14	0.0%	2.3%	15.1%
29	Organic chemicals			10.79	124.94	0.0%	0.0%	8.6%
30	Pharmaceutical products		0.11	349.61	636.67	0.0%	0.0%	54.9%
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring matter; paints, varnishes; putty, other mastics; inks			6.7	66.52	0.0%	0.0%	10.1%
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations			52.45	90.89	0.0%	0.0%	57.7%
35	Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes			7.5	24.81	0.0%	0.0%	30.2%
47	Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard			0.89	9.03	0.0%	0.0%	9.9%
69	Ceramic products			5.42	55.86	0.0%	0.0%	9.7%
76	Aluminium and articles thereof			4.59	108.42	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%
79	Zinc and articles thereof			20.4	29.61	0.0%	0.0%	68.9%
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof, of base metal			11.5	49.37	0.0%	0.0%	23.3%
83	Metal; miscellaneous products of base metal			7.3	61.95	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1.62	0.37	343.56	2,281.19	0.1%	0.0%	15.1%
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders; television image, parts and accessories of such articles	0.84	0.15	168.74	1,107.16	0.1%	0.0%	15.2%
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories			63.52	265.43	0.0%	0.0%	23.9%
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, n.e.c.; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings			18.88	186.17	0.0%	0.0%	10.1%
	Other goods	1.74	2.32	271.83	7003.49	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%
	Total Imports	314.99	104.15	1834.57	15,533.42	2.0%	0.7%	11.8%

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