Trade in Services Data for LDC's

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What we will cover

- Data we currently publish
- Methods for obtaining country level data
- Future developments

Available data

Geography data for LDC's currently published by ONS

International trade in services by service product and country

- An annual publication since 2018 with data for 52 services products by 243 countries
- The dataset excludes activities from travel, transport and banking industries
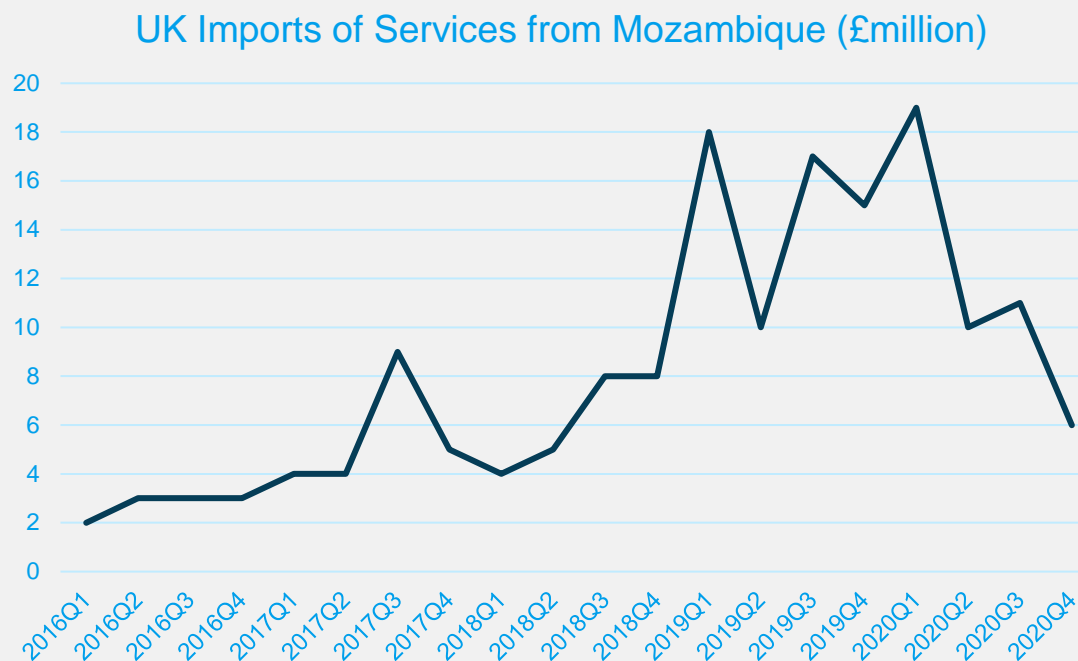- Disclosure control is applied to the dataset

Top 10 countries*

Country	2019 total imports (£million)	2018 total imports (£million)	Change (£million)	Top service product
Angola	37.8	67.7	-29.9	Engineering services
Ethiopia	35.0	19.9	+15.1	Telecommunication services
Bangladesh	24.6	32.1	-7.5	Computer services
Mozambique	24.3	13.2	+11.1	Telecommunication services
Uganda	14.5	12.7	+1.8	Business management and management consulting
Somalia	11.3	17.4	-6.1	Telecommunication services
Myanmar	10.6	0.9	+9.7	Accountancy, auditing, bookkeeping and tax
Tanzania	0.8	10.6	-9.8	Telecommunication services
Sudan	0.7	0.3	+0.4	Telecommunication services
Malawi	0.6	10.9	-10.3	Business management and management consulting

*Based on available, non-disclosive data

Office for **National Statistics**

Trade in services, all countries dataset

- Data available on a quarterly basis from 2016Q1
- Account 0 – total services level

UK Imports of Services from Mozambique (£million)

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Methods

ITIS methods

The International Trade in Services survey (ITIS) is a business survey that is sent out to UK businesses on a quarterly and annual basis.

The survey asks respondents for the value of imports and exports that they have traded internationally for 52 different products. However, this excludes activities in the travel, transport and banking industries.

Companies are also asked to provide detail of which countries they have traded with. This provides us with a country by product breakdown for the ITIS products.

Calculating geographies

Other sources that provide country breakdowns include:

- International Passenger Survey

- Bank of England

- Foreign and Commonwealth Office

- Airlines/airports

We use this data to create a 'pattern' which we use to apportion the data across countries.

Further developments

Future developments

Not much in the way of short-term developments as lots of work has been undertaken in the last few years to review and improve geography sources.

Long-term improvements are likely to include:

- Some new geography sources for specific EBOPS
- Inclusion of transport SIC's in the ITIS survey leading to availability of additional transport geography data
- Publishing individual countries rather than groups where possible