Containerised maritime trade behaviour in the East Coast of South America (ECSA) during January to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019

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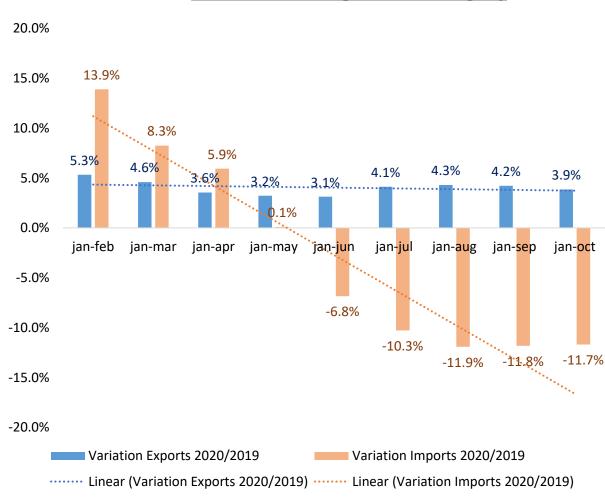


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Total of Brazil, Argentina & Uruguay



Source: Brazil & Argentina, Datamar; Uruguay, CENNAVE.

The three countries show the best performance compared to the rest of the subregions in Latin America and the Caribbean (the other subregions will be published as well), with two countries with positive exports, the third in recovery, and all three showing smaller relative declines in imports.

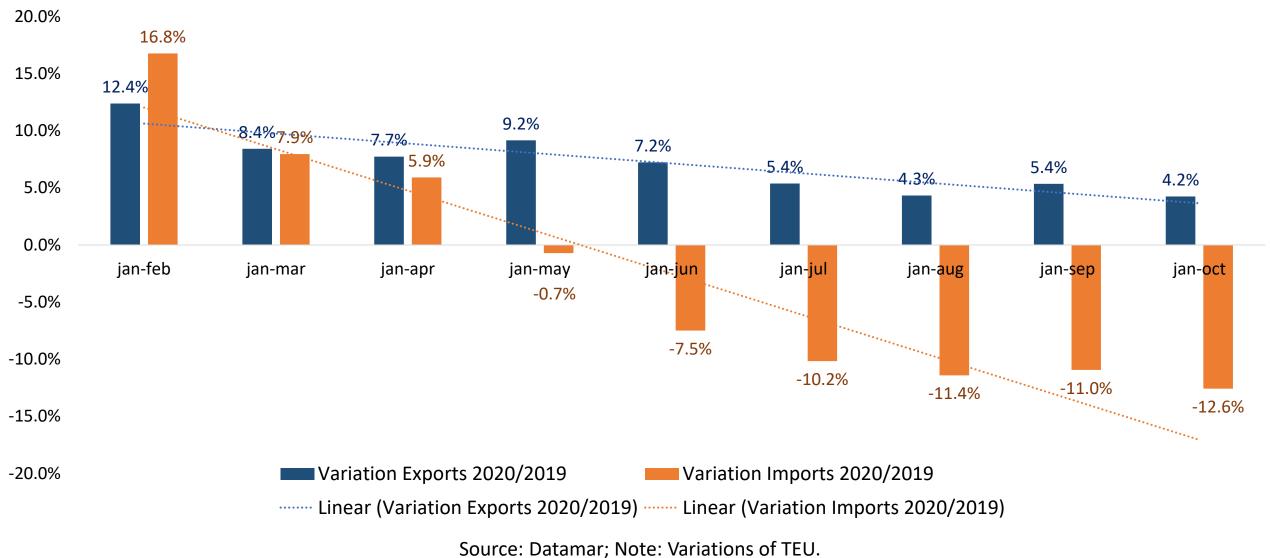
In Brazil, many people see a better relative situation, which may be helping the other two coastal countries, Uruguay and Argentina. In the case of exports, the first half of 2020 saw a growth of 3.9% over the previous year, mainly explained by meat exports and particularly agricultural exports, which had an excellent season, as well as by exchange rate effects that favoured exports.

In Argentina, the long quarantine has had collateral damage on the domestic economy, with shops having to close due to the lack of activity, generating a sharp fall in domestic consumption and unemployment. Despite this, exports (mainly agricultural) benefited from a 4.2% increase in the same period, although imports fell by 12.6% in the first half of 2020.

Uruguay's exports are recovering by 0.5%. However, imports continued to be negative until October, when they fell by 10.6%.



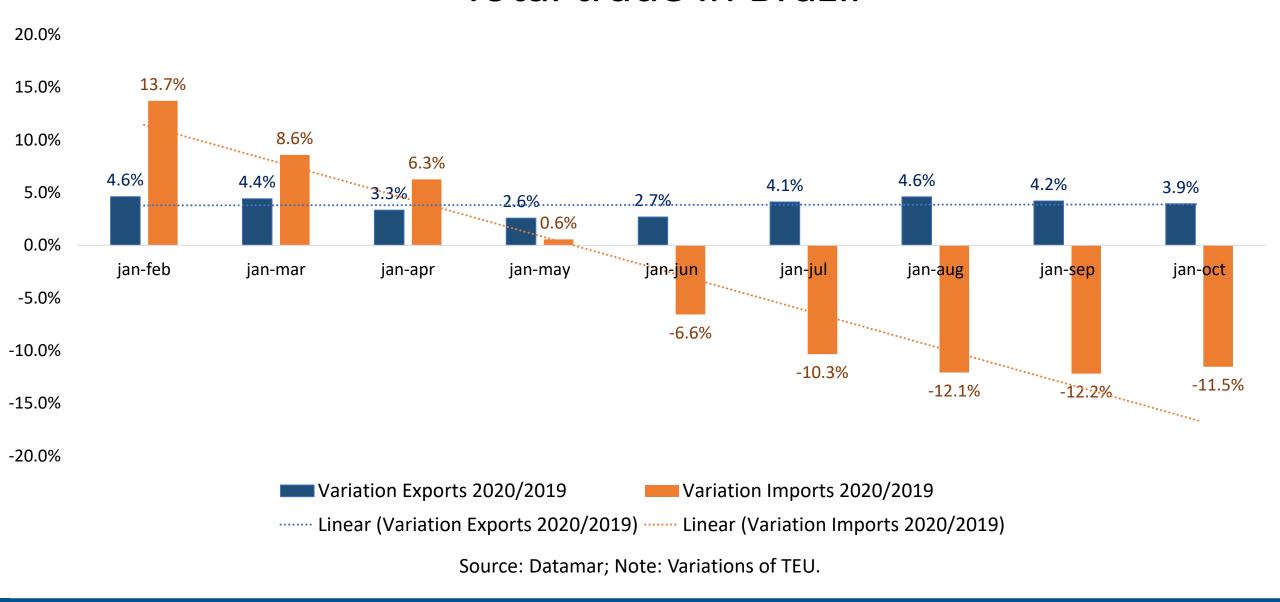
Total trade in Argentina







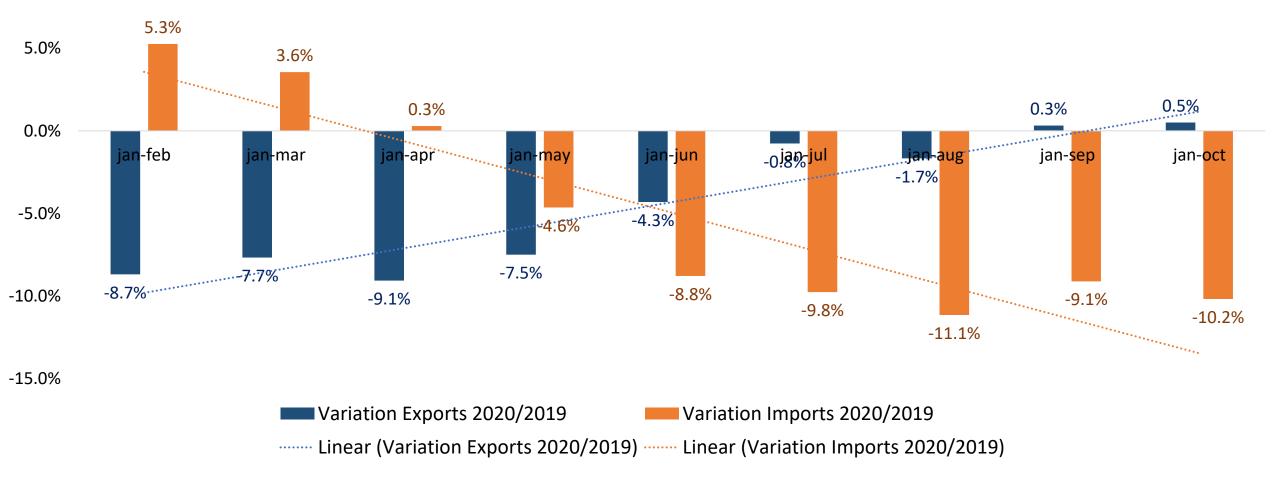
Total trade in Brazil





Trade in Montevideo, Uruguay





Source: CENNAVE; Note: Variations of TEU.



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