

HARMONISED SECTIONS	TRADE		IMPORTS										EXPORTS							
	(Rm) Balance Ex-Im	Ratio Ex/Im	% 1mth	% 3mth	% 6mth	% 9mth	% 12mth	(Rm) Month Total	Month % of Total	(Rm) Cumul. 2017	(Rm) Cumul. 2018	% 1mth	% 3mth	% 6mth	% 9mth	% 12mth	(Rm) Month Total	Month % of Total	(Rm) Cumul. 2017	(Rm) Cumul. 2018
1. Animals / Animal Products	-370	0.75	16.8	13.2	4.0	4.4	7.9	1,493	1.23	15,357	13,639	39.7	27.7	16.4	10.5	7.2	1,123	1.03	10,724	9,626
2. Vegetable Products	2,091	1.92	34.5	-16.7	7.2	1.2	-7.2	2,279	1.87	23,081	19,357	41.5	15.8	12.1	7.3	6.5	4,370	4.02	57,370	54,819
3. Fats and Oils	-1,021	0.11	54.7	10.2	3.8	-10.6	-10.6	1,152	0.95	10,113	7,455	-29.2	-29.5	-29.8	-21.9	-22.2	131	0.12	2,332	1,566
4. Prepared Foods	1,681	1.54	6.1	-4.5	5.1	1.3	-0.8	3,127	2.57	31,235	25,862	47.4	17.1	16.3	15.0	16.3	4,808	4.43	34,674	32,014
5. Mineral Products	2,969	1.13	86.0	52.2	53.8	40.8	34.2	23,687	19.48	166,754	193,162	-3.0	-0.6	4.2	0.8	3.2	26,656	24.54	278,538	221,839
6. Chemical Products	-7,646	0.43	25.2	20.2	16.6	14.5	15.6	13,346	10.98	112,707	105,762	4.6	10.4	9.1	6.7	7.3	5,699	5.25	60,811	53,631
7. Plastics and Rubber	-3,350	0.36	21.4	15.1	12.8	13.7	14.2	5,245	4.31	48,297	45,335	15.8	14.7	12.8	10.4	10.4	1,896	1.75	18,031	16,307
8. Hides, Skins and Leather	-149	0.69	12.5	11.5	8.9	4.3	4.5	477	0.39	3,871	3,247	-5.5	-9.8	-8.2	-9.6	-5.2	328	0.30	4,121	3,039
9. Wood and articles thereof	141	1.36	15.1	10.5	6.4	5.8	3.4	391	0.32	3,672	3,206	32.9	19.3	10.1	7.9	8.3	533	0.49	5,280	4,729
10. Pulp and Paper Products	-1,359	0.58	53.3	90.7	110.2	112.4	116.4	3,251	2.67	19,251	28,226	21.1	19.7	12.4	0.6	2.6	1,892	1.74	18,933	15,817
11. Textiles and Clothing	-3,090	0.28	28.4	13.3	10.4	8.8	8.5	4,309	3.54	35,648	32,654	13.8	19.8	18.5	14.0	14.9	1,220	1.12	10,741	9,472
12. Footwear and Accessories	-1,557	0.06	22.8	15.0	7.9	5.8	3.8	1,650	1.36	12,901	11,864	-11.7	-0.4	7.6	6.2	11.6	93	0.09	965	811
13. Stone, Plaster, etc	-980	0.32	21.0	16.1	15.7	14.6	14.0	1,435	1.18	12,583	12,089	30.1	19.3	16.4	18.0	16.4	455	0.42	3,926	3,755
14. Precious Stones	19,512	14.29	30.1	136.9	141.0	91.8	74.4	1,468	1.21	7,201	11,766	37.5	23.0	20.8	15.8	16.2	20,980	19.32	191,493	175,931
15. Base Metals	6,613	2.12	22.0	11.7	6.2	1.1	0.8	5,916	4.87	57,518	49,587	14.7	18.7	16.6	10.9	12.1	12,529	11.54	130,058	117,310
16. Machinery and Appliances	-17,857	0.32	8.2	8.9	5.5	3.8	6.2	26,152	21.51	256,051	218,302	21.5	12.3	10.8	7.4	7.3	8,295	7.64	76,553	67,193
17. Transport Equipment	5,879	1.57	19.3	10.6	-1.1	-6.3	-9.0	10,358	8.52	110,390	88,240	48.7	36.7	13.8	8.9	8.9	16,237	14.95	128,290	113,979
18. Precision Products, etc	-2,450	0.17	2.2	8.2	5.4	3.7	2.6	2,960	2.43	30,255	26,027	-5.6	-0.7	8.2	-3.1	-0.5	510	0.47	6,294	4,951
20. Misc Manufactured Articles	-2,011	0.19	21.1	16.1	12.3	10.3	8.8	2,495	2.05	19,059	17,182	20.0	5.7	1.4	6.4	6.7	484	0.45	4,648	3,991
21. Works of Art / Antiques	49	3.54	-19.0	105.5	56.3	32.1	-0.4	19	0.02	672	718	-5.6	21.9	32.5	-17.2	-4.3	68	0.06	1,160	831
22. Other Unclassified	214	3.29	-38.9	-16.4	-0.4	-8.8	-12.6	94	0.08	1,311	970	-60.4	-30.1	-19.2	-30.0	-25.4	308	0.28	8,617	4,946
23. Special Provisions	-10,283	0.00	17.8	14.8	12.9	9.1	11.3	10,283	8.46	89,931	85,978	-68.8	-7.7	-0.0	44.7	349.1	1	0.00	22	7
24. Total SA Rand / Percent	-12,974	0.89	26.9	19.5	17.1	12.7	11.9	121,588	100.00	1,067,856	1,000,624	18.8	14.6	12.0	7.6	8.5	108,614	100.00	1,053,577	916,561
WORLD ZONES	TRADE		IMPORTS										EXPORTS							
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Africa	7,445	1.60	117.2	61.2	72.9	46.4	31.3	12,460	10.25	76,760	93,342	29.9	18.4	13.1	9.5	7.8	19,905	18.33	179,930	162,127
Europe	-2,400	0.93	10.4	9.3	8.7	5.8	6.2	35,127	28.89	359,484	317,430	40.8	34.2	21.9	11.8	9.5	32,726	30.13	283,043	261,800
America	-2,417	0.80	21.0	15.2	4.2	-0.5	-1.6	11,818	9.72	117,658	98,664	-0.1	-3.8	-1.0	-0.5	5.3	9,401	8.66	108,686	87,165
Asia	-22,116	0.63	27.6	21.0	17.1	14.8	15.0	59,438	48.89	495,354	470,516	7.1	5.2	10.0	6.1	7.8	37,322	34.36	384,643	322,567
Oceania	-568	0.67	20.7	19.5	36.5	29.1	36.2	1,736	1.43	15,791	16,284	8.0	4.1	-4.1	-6.8	-4.1	1,168	1.07	14,024	10,907
Other Unclassified Goods	6,846	7.79	103.0	103.8	159.6	98.2	86.8	1,009	0.83	2,809	4,387	15.8	17.2	8.9	13.6	21.6	7,855	7.23	75,131	67,843
Ships / aircraft stores	237	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0	-69.6	-50.2	-46.1	-43.1	-33.2	237	0.22	8,120	4,153
Total	-12,974	0.89	26.9	19.5	17.1	12.7	11.9	121,588	100.00	1,067,856	1,000,624	18.8	14.6	12.0	7.6	8.5	108,614	100.00	1,053,577	916,561

THE EXPLANATION

Why only consider the South African monthly trade statistics in isolation, when you are able to gain a detailed overview?

HARMONISED SECTIONS

The description of the 23 Harmonised Sections for Product Classifications, and the 98 Tariff Chapters.

WORLD ZONES

The 5 world zones, namely Africa, Europe, America, Asia, and Oceania, and in addition the Other Unclassified Goods.

TRADE

(Rm) Balance Ex-Im

The current trade balance, or the export value minus the import value, for this month is expressed in South African Rands million.

Ratio Ex/Im

The export/import ratio, which is calculated by dividing the export value through the import value, which serve to indicate the propensity of exports in comparison to imports.

IMPORTS / EXPORTS

1mth, 3mth, 6mth, 9mth, and 12mth

In the instance of 1mth, it expresses the latest months figure as a percentage of last years monthly figure. The 3mth, 6mth, 9mth, and 12mth figures for the current year is compared that that of last years corresponding months. These calculations are in respect of both imports and exports, and for both the Harmonised Sections, as well as the World Zones. Source: unaudited monthly figures from SARS.

(Rm) Month Total

The South African Rand value of imports and exports for the current month. The month is indicated on the South African Trade Trends table. Source: unaudited monthly figures from SARS.

Month % of Total

The respective Harmonised Sections import and export value expressed as a percentage of total import and export value for the month. The intention is to provide an indication of the importance of a specific Harmonised Sections by means of expressing its value as a percentage of total trade.

(Rm) Cumul. 2017

Cumulative. The total imports and exports for the year 2017 to date. Source: progressive figures from SARS.

(Rm) Cumul. 2018

Cumulative. The total imports and exports for the year 2018 to date. Source: progressive figures from SARS.

The South African Trade Trends table is compiled from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) Monthly Preliminary Statement of Trade Statistics.