

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. 2016	(Rm) Cumul. 2017	% 1mth	% 3mth	% 6mth	% 9mth	% 12mth	(Rm) Month Total	Month % of Total	(Rm) Cumul. 2016	(Rm) Cumul. 2017
1. Animals / Animal Products	-661	0.52	31.9	26.6	15.9	16.3	15.4	1,387	1.47	13,208	11,489	-19.9	-10.4	-6.1	-6.0	-0.9	726	0.81	11,493	7,908
2. Vegetable Products	2,633	1.77	18.0	-27.8	-32.4	-29.7	-23.9	3,409	3.61	32,300	18,306	17.0	19.5	10.2	8.7	6.3	6,042	6.70	52,568	48,169
3. Fats and Oils	-871	0.16	19.5	4.7	-0.9	10.5	12.0	1,041	1.10	9,996	7,521	-26.4	-18.3	-10.6	-8.4	5.4	170	0.19	2,676	1,787
4. Prepared Foods	-44	0.99	31.1	9.0	3.0	7.7	8.8	3,366	3.56	29,766	22,808	2.9	3.8	-4.5	-7.1	-5.8	3,322	3.69	34,945	24,603
5. Mineral Products	9,052	1.61	30.9	-7.2	4.7	11.4	9.3	14,936	15.82	152,176	123,462	32.7	31.3	36.1	39.6	39.3	23,988	26.62	201,608	194,951
6. Chemical Products	-5,572	0.45	7.7	4.3	1.4	1.6	-0.2	10,157	10.76	106,963	81,840	-9.4	7.7	9.7	9.8	6.6	4,585	5.09	55,675	44,615
7. Plastics and Rubber	-2,832	0.35	4.6	-2.3	-2.5	-1.4	-0.8	4,361	4.62	47,825	35,390	-10.0	-2.5	-5.8	-2.5	0.6	1,529	1.70	17,959	13,086
8. Hides, Skins and Leather	-37	0.90	-5.4	-6.2	-5.3	-8.1	-8.9	365	0.39	4,004	2,719	-15.1	-5.4	-5.5	-7.0	-5.5	328	0.36	4,309	2,984
9. Wood and articles thereof	226	1.80	-6.7	-6.9	-4.6	-10.1	-11.2	284	0.30	3,963	2,764	40.8	12.0	4.6	5.4	7.2	510	0.57	5,102	3,932
10. Pulp and Paper Products	282	1.21	-13.1	-12.9	-14.8	-14.7	-13.0	1,352	1.43	17,171	11,114	-5.5	-13.4	-8.4	-8.6	-7.8	1,633	1.81	19,448	13,953
11. Textiles and Clothing	-2,242	0.29	-4.5	-2.2	-3.3	-8.5	-9.9	3,154	3.34	37,562	26,818	18.4	13.8	6.5	5.6	5.8	912	1.01	9,749	7,189
12. Footwear and Accessories	-1,204	0.06	-4.9	-6.6	-5.3	-11.5	-11.3	1,278	1.35	14,185	9,878	-6.2	7.4	7.1	4.3	1.8	74	0.08	852	654
13. Stone, Plaster, etc	-809	0.32	-0.9	-3.6	-7.8	-10.7	-9.6	1,189	1.26	13,466	9,350	5.2	3.7	-10.5	-24.9	-20.5	380	0.42	4,239	2,837
14. Precious Stones	15,226	25.83	0.2	-54.0	-37.4	-27.2	-15.2	613	0.65	8,739	4,891	-8.3	-1.6	-13.9	-10.9	-11.5	15,840	17.58	174,524	138,983
15. Base Metals	4,587	1.90	1.0	-1.8	1.8	-1.6	-3.7	5,122	5.42	58,327	44,092	-4.3	3.9	1.6	0.7	2.7	9,709	10.77	124,276	94,565
16. Machinery and Appliances	-14,664	0.31	-2.9	-1.8	-4.4	-8.2	-8.5	21,143	22.39	266,161	183,585	-2.0	-5.3	-10.0	-11.7	-11.0	6,479	7.19	82,603	55,764
17. Transport Equipment	3,546	1.41	6.1	9.9	17.0	8.2	7.1	8,620	9.13	107,809	84,122	-3.4	-1.4	-6.9	-6.4	-3.5	12,166	13.50	132,007	94,529
18. Precision Products, etc	-1,910	0.24	-8.8	-4.2	-8.6	-6.7	-5.0	2,499	2.65	31,811	22,158	-8.1	-27.4	-28.0	-19.0	-16.6	589	0.65	7,382	4,509
20. Misc Manufactured Articles	-1,399	0.24	-11.9	-7.2	-2.1	-6.6	-6.1	1,842	1.95	19,816	13,619	-3.6	-6.2	-6.3	-10.1	-10.0	443	0.49	5,031	3,343
21. Works of Art / Antiques	42	4.35	-89.3	-28.6	-16.4	36.0	46.1	13	0.01	678	553	-82.2	-59.9	-52.5	-7.3	-22.7	55	0.06	1,176	918
22. Other Unclassified	510	5.22	13.7	9.7	-11.4	-16.0	-14.9	121	0.13	1,455	970	35.2	-26.3	-17.1	3.1	-5.8	630	0.70	8,025	6,408
23. Special Provisions	-8,168	0.00	-1.0	4.1	0.1	-2.1	-1.4	8,169	8.65	87,992	69,934	0.0	600.0	-38.5	-30.4	-55.8	1	0.00	5	3
24. Total SA Rand / Percent	-4,310	0.95	5.7	-1.7	-0.7	-1.8	-2.0	94,418	100.00	1,065,373	787,382	4.1	6.7	2.3	3.6	4.1	90,109	100.00	955,652	765,690
WORLD ZONES	TRADE		IMPORTS									EXPORTS								
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Africa	7,971	2.11	18.1	-22.3	-16.8	-10.4	-11.3	7,170	7.59	86,568	59,506	-3.2	2.1	1.7	3.5	5.8	15,141	16.80	176,281	132,344
Europe	-8,881	0.72	6.5	1.8	-0.2	-2.1	-1.6	31,864	33.75	359,242	266,166	-11.7	1.1	-1.1	2.2	3.4	22,983	25.51	271,169	214,367
America	-513	0.95	-2.4	-6.2	-6.6	-7.8	-6.7	10,552	11.18	127,457	89,047	-1.4	10.6	2.6	-1.7	-3.3	10,038	11.14	103,260	77,694
Asia	-7,652	0.82	4.9	0.9	3.3	1.3	0.3	43,189	45.74	476,807	360,297	20.9	15.0	10.1	11.8	12.7	35,537	39.44	331,557	271,885
Oceania	-1	1.00	21.2	0.0	2.2	7.8	8.5	1,394	1.48	13,444	10,683	20.1	23.4	12.8	7.2	4.6	1,393	1.55	12,839	10,680
Other Unclassified Goods	4,375	18.53	-4.8	-8.3	63.7	35.9	36.3	250	0.26	1,854	1,683	28.4	-2.1	-17.0	-18.8	-22.4	4,624	5.13	54,797	52,552
Ships / aircraft stores	392	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0	-31.3	-32.5	3.4	44.5	32.5	392	0.43	5,750	6,169
Total	-4,310	0.95	5.7	-1.7	-0.7	-1.8	-2.0	94,418	100.00	1,065,373	787,382	4.1	6.7	2.3	3.6	4.1	90,109	100.00	955,652	765,690

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. 2016

Cumulative. The total imports and exports for the year 2016 to date. Source: progressive figures from SARS.

(Rm) Cumul. 2017

Cumulative. The total imports and exports for the year 2017 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.