

| 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 | -587 | 0.56 | 20.4 | 13.8 | 12.2 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 1,341 | 1.66 | 13,208 | 8,832 | -17.0 | -7.2 | -6.7 | -2.0 | 1.5 | 754 | 0.91 | 11,493 | 6,303 |
| 2. Vegetable Products | 5,336 | 4.14 | -39.3 | -40.0 | -38.3 | -27.3 | -15.4 | 1,701 | 2.11 | 32,300 | 13,277 | 21.6 | 10.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 7,037 | 8.47 | 52,568 | 34,916 |
| 3. Fats and Oils | -620 | 0.28 | -8.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 10.8 | 14.6 | 857 | 1.06 | 9,996 | 5,748 | -14.0 | -4.4 | -0.2 | 6.6 | 12.5 | 236 | 0.28 | 2,676 | 1,404 |
| 4. Prepared Foods | 729 | 1.34 | -10.0 | -6.4 | -1.3 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 2,119 | 2.62 | 29,766 | 16,499 | -4.0 | -7.2 | -13.0 | -9.7 | -6.0 | 2,847 | 3.43 | 34,945 | 18,000 |
| 5. Mineral Products | 9,425 | 2.09 | -34.1 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 8.1 | 8,608 | 10.65 | 152,176 | 94,322 | 19.4 | 27.1 | 39.3 | 42.7 | 33.9 | 18,033 | 21.70 | 201,608 | 148,379 |
| 6. Chemical Products | -4,608 | 0.51 | 6.4 | 2.6 | -0.3 | 0.6 | -1.8 | 9,489 | 11.74 | 106,963 | 62,099 | 4.7 | 10.9 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 4,881 | 5.87 | 55,675 | 34,486 |
| 7. Plastics and Rubber | -2,232 | 0.40 | -8.3 | -2.9 | -4.6 | -0.6 | 0.4 | 3,749 | 4.64 | 47,825 | 26,814 | 2.4 | -0.3 | -1.8 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 1,517 | 1.83 | 17,959 | 10,028 |
| 8. Hides, Skins and Leather | -13 | 0.96 | -14.4 | -9.0 | -10.2 | -9.6 | -10.8 | 290 | 0.36 | 4,004 | 2,019 | -7.4 | -5.1 | -8.7 | -6.4 | -5.0 | 277 | 0.33 | 4,309 | 2,307 |
| 9. Wood and articles thereof | 73 | 1.26 | -8.9 | -1.9 | -10.4 | -11.4 | -11.0 | 278 | 0.34 | 3,963 | 2,170 | -4.0 | 13.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 3.7 | 351 | 0.42 | 5,102 | 2,970 |
| 10. Pulp and Paper Products | -94 | 0.93 | -8.9 | -13.4 | -17.0 | -12.9 | -9.1 | 1,256 | 1.55 | 17,171 | 8,432 | -12.6 | -7.6 | -5.5 | -7.0 | -0.8 | 1,162 | 1.40 | 19,448 | 10,642 |
| 11. Textiles and Clothing | -2,229 | 0.19 | -13.4 | -4.8 | -12.7 | -12.2 | -10.7 | 2,758 | 3.41 | 37,562 | 20,104 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 530 | 0.64 | 9,749 | 5,523 |
| 12. Footwear and Accessories | -1,009 | 0.06 | -13.7 | -6.9 | -13.7 | -12.1 | -10.6 | 1,076 | 1.33 | 14,185 | 7,238 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 67 | 0.08 | 852 | 489 |
| 13. Stone, Plaster, etc | -707 | 0.31 | -7.4 | -9.4 | -13.9 | -11.3 | -8.9 | 1,027 | 1.27 | 13,466 | 7,046 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -30.9 | -26.5 | -20.4 | 320 | 0.38 | 4,239 | 2,102 |
| 14. Precious Stones | 14,424 | 39.33 | -23.8 | -9.7 | -12.9 | 5.8 | 35.2 | 376 | 0.47 | 8,739 | 3,820 | -20.5 | -27.6 | -20.0 | -16.6 | -13.4 | 14,800 | 17.81 | 174,524 | 106,136 |
| 15. Base Metals | 5,738 | 2.37 | -15.9 | 1.2 | -4.1 | -4.1 | -4.0 | 4,198 | 5.19 | 58,327 | 33,917 | 0.7 | -1.1 | -0.8 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 9,935 | 11.96 | 124,276 | 73,808 |
| 16. Machinery and Appliances | -13,704 | 0.31 | -4.0 | -2.7 | -10.0 | -8.7 | -9.2 | 19,930 | 24.66 | 266,161 | 140,354 | -15.6 | -12.8 | -13.9 | -13.1 | -12.0 | 6,226 | 7.49 | 82,603 | 42,400 |
| 17. Transport Equipment | 2,422 | 1.23 | 16.4 | 23.1 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 3.5 | 10,406 | 12.88 | 107,809 | 66,437 | 2.7 | -1.7 | -7.9 | -5.3 | -0.9 | 12,828 | 15.44 | 132,007 | 71,916 |
| 18. Precision Products, etc | -2,100 | 0.17 | -0.4 | -8.5 | -8.7 | -4.9 | -3.0 | 2,523 | 3.12 | 31,811 | 17,110 | -30.3 | -33.8 | -13.2 | -13.8 | -4.7 | 423 | 0.51 | 7,382 | 3,402 |
| 20. Misc Manufactured Articles | -1,032 | 0.27 | -14.1 | 0.8 | -7.5 | -5.9 | -6.2 | 1,422 | 1.76 | 19,816 | 9,945 | -8.1 | -4.9 | -9.5 | -12.0 | -10.1 | 389 | 0.47 | 5,031 | 2,496 |
| 21. Works of Art / Antiques | -11 | 0.82 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 91.4 | 78.0 | 63.0 | 64 | 0.08 | 678 | 476 | -3.5 | -9.7 | 28.7 | 15.8 | 18.6 | 53 | 0.06 | 1,176 | 803 |
| 22. Other Unclassified | 311 | 3.77 | 44.7 | -14.7 | -29.8 | -15.1 | -14.1 | 112 | 0.14 | 1,455 | 757 | -44.5 | -18.1 | -1.3 | -3.0 | -4.4 | 424 | 0.51 | 8,025 | 5,365 |
| 23. Special Provisions | -7,231 | 0.00 | -4.1 | 3.7 | -6.1 | -2.9 | -1.9 | 7,231 | 8.95 | 87,992 | 52,513 | 100.0 | -65.6 | -52.3 | -67.9 | -68.9 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 | 2 |
| 24. Total SA Rand / Percent | 2,280 | 1.03 | -8.0 | 0.2 | -3.6 | -1.1 | -2.2 | 80,808 | 100.00 | 1,065,373 | 599,931 | -1.4 | -3.0 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 83,088 | 100.00 | 955,652 | 583,876 |
| WORLD ZONES | TRADE | | IMPORTS | | | | | | | | | | EXPORTS | | | | | | | |
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| Africa | 10,701 | 3.38 | -42.4 | -24.3 | -13.9 | -7.3 | -5.2 | 4,497 | 5.56 | 86,568 | 45,439 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 15,198 | 18.29 | 176,281 | 101,548 |
| Europe | -3,898 | 0.87 | -3.5 | 0.1 | -4.1 | -1.4 | -2.4 | 29,021 | 35.91 | 359,242 | 203,286 | 7.4 | -3.6 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 25,123 | 30.24 | 271,169 | 166,060 |
| America | -881 | 0.91 | 0.4 | -0.2 | -8.2 | -5.8 | -4.3 | 9,580 | 11.85 | 127,457 | 68,611 | 0.0 | -1.5 | -8.9 | -8.1 | -5.3 | 8,699 | 10.47 | 103,260 | 57,723 |
| Asia | -9,806 | 0.73 | -5.3 | 5.1 | -0.3 | 1.0 | -1.4 | 36,743 | 45.47 | 476,807 | 273,467 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 7.1 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 26,937 | 32.42 | 331,557 | 204,062 |
| Oceania | 381 | 1.41 | -42.0 | -19.0 | 2.8 | 7.8 | 2.1 | 929 | 1.15 | 13,444 | 7,829 | 23.7 | 6.0 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 1,310 | 1.58 | 12,839 | 7,878 |
| Other Unclassified Goods | 5,406 | >100.00 | -44.0 | 207.7 | 52.3 | 70.2 | 57.5 | 39 | 0.05 | 1,854 | 1,300 | -42.8 | -32.1 | -32.0 | -30.8 | -29.7 | 5,445 | 6.55 | 54,797 | 41,252 |
| Ships / aircraft stores | 377 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -100.0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | -38.3 | 11.8 | 62.2 | 59.0 | 41.1 | 377 | 0.45 | 5,750 | 5,354 |
| Total | 2,280 | 1.03 | -8.0 | 0.2 | -3.6 | -1.1 | -2.2 | 80,808 | 100.00 | 1,065,373 | 599,931 | -1.4 | -3.0 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 83,088 | 100.00 | 955,652 | 583,876 |

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.