

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	-352	0.72	9.3	5.4	12.4	16.8	16.0	1,277	1.51	15,357	5,277	13.0	-0.2	-0.8	-3.4	-4.4	925	1.18	10,724	3,765
2. Vegetable Products	2,527	3.05	-20.3	-11.5	-20.9	-21.3	-26.6	1,235	1.46	23,081	6,779	10.3	-7.1	-2.8	6.4	7.8	3,763	4.81	57,370	14,864
3. Fats and Oils	-184	0.55	-50.1	-35.3	-22.1	-16.5	-13.2	405	0.48	10,113	2,661	28.3	-0.9	-13.5	-15.9	-12.5	222	0.28	2,332	630
4. Prepared Foods	157	1.07	1.8	-6.8	-6.5	0.3	-1.2	2,326	2.75	31,235	9,476	6.8	11.6	16.3	13.2	7.3	2,483	3.17	34,674	10,254
5. Mineral Products	3,966	1.24	18.8	16.6	16.2	13.0	10.4	16,728	19.81	166,754	70,234	-12.2	-6.2	2.2	13.7	16.4	20,694	26.44	278,538	82,214
6. Chemical Products	-4,580	0.50	11.1	9.7	14.4	11.4	9.1	9,098	10.77	112,707	38,363	3.0	1.7	5.4	7.8	8.6	4,518	5.77	60,811	19,618
7. Plastics and Rubber	-2,922	0.30	16.5	15.7	15.7	9.9	6.7	4,201	4.97	48,297	17,724	22.2	5.2	7.8	4.3	3.1	1,279	1.63	18,031	5,520
8. Hides, Skins and Leather	97	1.49	-19.9	-7.2	-0.4	0.6	-1.8	197	0.23	3,871	1,071	-15.8	-12.3	-2.1	-3.9	-4.2	294	0.38	4,121	1,142
9. Wood and articles thereof	123	1.47	-5.0	4.4	0.5	-1.2	-1.4	263	0.31	3,672	1,276	41.6	3.0	6.3	6.1	8.0	386	0.49	5,280	1,650
10. Pulp and Paper Products	-1,181	0.52	139.4	117.8	123.6	76.0	52.9	2,466	2.92	19,251	10,446	-8.4	-21.8	-6.8	-7.8	-7.7	1,286	1.64	18,933	5,401
11. Textiles and Clothing	-1,569	0.37	-7.7	5.2	6.4	5.2	2.6	2,477	2.93	35,648	12,066	14.5	5.8	11.5	13.4	11.3	908	1.16	10,741	3,519
12. Footwear and Accessories	-601	0.13	-23.0	0.7	-1.1	-0.1	-1.9	693	0.82	12,901	4,114	14.9	3.1	16.3	17.3	15.1	92	0.12	965	283
13. Stone, Plaster, etc	-676	0.32	4.1	12.2	12.2	7.8	3.1	998	1.18	12,583	4,419	15.9	21.9	16.5	12.2	8.9	322	0.41	3,926	1,314
14. Precious Stones	14,897	29.11	-34.1	-11.5	9.1	-10.3	-10.2	530	0.63	7,201	2,901	-0.9	5.1	11.2	11.9	-1.4	15,427	19.71	191,493	59,892
15. Base Metals	6,342	2.62	-19.7	-9.5	-4.9	-1.8	-1.1	3,907	4.63	57,518	18,265	-5.6	-0.4	7.5	7.5	5.2	10,249	13.10	130,058	43,069
16. Machinery and Appliances	-13,351	0.31	-3.2	-0.2	6.8	4.9	3.0	19,356	22.92	256,051	81,571	3.0	0.1	3.5	3.1	-1.4	6,005	7.67	76,553	23,291
17. Transport Equipment	728	1.10	-23.7	-17.3	-16.7	-8.7	-1.4	7,470	8.84	110,390	30,762	-12.9	-2.2	2.8	0.3	-0.3	8,198	10.48	128,290	34,618
18. Precision Products, etc	-1,926	0.17	8.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-2.7	2,331	2.76	30,255	9,854	-8.2	-22.4	-8.5	-13.9	-19.4	405	0.52	6,294	1,731
20. Misc Manufactured Articles	-815	0.30	-10.6	4.7	4.4	2.0	1.7	1,166	1.38	19,059	5,450	2.2	18.4	12.8	4.5	1.9	351	0.45	4,648	1,481
21. Works of Art / Antiques	-131	0.34	528.9	8.9	-25.8	-29.8	-23.0	198	0.23	672	323	38.0	-48.4	-23.9	-36.3	-32.3	68	0.09	1,160	349
22. Other Unclassified	277	3.59	29.3	-23.6	-23.1	-11.2	-11.9	107	0.13	1,311	362	-25.8	-45.6	-30.3	-20.2	-19.6	384	0.49	8,617	1,900
23. Special Provisions	-7,026	0.00	9.7	-0.1	9.1	9.0	7.5	7,026	8.32	89,931	28,865	-100.0	210.0	>999.9	>999.9	385.7	0	0.00	22	3
24. Total SA Rand / Percent	-6,199	0.93	1.5	3.1	6.4	5.3	4.0	84,456	100.00	1,067,856	362,257	-4.5	-1.9	4.7	7.8	4.9	78,257	100.00	1,053,577	316,507
WORLD ZONES	TRADE		IMPORTS									EXPORTS								
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Africa	5,410	1.63	16.3	2.0	-2.4	-3.8	-8.8	8,521	10.09	76,760	31,635	6.3	1.6	2.2	1.3	2.2	13,930	17.80	179,930	56,887
Europe	-6,117	0.78	2.3	-0.6	3.6	4.4	3.2	27,493	32.55	359,484	116,834	-9.7	-8.5	-4.0	-1.5	-2.1	21,376	27.32	283,043	83,104
America	-1,497	0.83	2.5	-10.5	-7.7	-7.8	-5.9	8,855	10.49	117,658	34,925	-5.0	1.0	13.3	13.9	9.5	7,359	9.40	108,686	30,369
Asia	-10,191	0.73	-1.0	9.5	12.7	10.0	8.8	38,407	45.48	495,354	171,852	-3.7	-2.1	5.6	11.7	9.3	28,215	36.05	384,643	113,330
Oceania	-195	0.81	2.6	14.8	36.0	35.2	20.4	1,037	1.23	15,791	6,089	-27.3	-12.9	-4.0	5.0	5.4	842	1.08	14,024	3,628
Other Unclassified Goods	6,040	43.21	-74.8	-9.1	14.8	31.2	44.2	143	0.17	2,809	921	-1.1	24.4	36.5	41.8	12.3	6,183	7.90	75,131	26,875
Ships / aircraft stores	352	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0	-48.4	-39.4	-23.5	-17.6	-11.4	352	0.45	8,120	2,314
Total	-6,199	0.93	1.5	3.1	6.4	5.3	4.0	84,456	100.00	1,067,856	362,257	-4.5	-1.9	4.7	7.8	4.9	78,257	100.00	1,053,577	316,507

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.