

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	-323	0.75	42.1	16.6	21.4	16.1	16.4	1,273	1.48	13,199	15,357	-16.6	-8.4	-9.3	-6.9	-6.6	950	1.02	11,495	10,724
2. Vegetable Products	2,109	2.45	-23.9	-24.1	-26.4	-30.2	-28.6	1,459	1.70	32,301	23,081	-0.3	11.4	16.9	10.5	9.2	3,567	3.82	52,543	57,370
3. Fats and Oils	-439	0.30	-39.6	-18.6	-8.4	-8.1	1.2	626	0.73	9,985	10,113	-30.1	-25.3	-21.7	-15.4	-13.0	187	0.20	2,677	2,332
4. Prepared Foods	356	1.13	18.4	-2.0	3.2	1.2	4.9	2,738	3.19	29,760	31,235	20.2	18.4	10.7	2.6	-0.9	3,094	3.31	34,864	34,674
5. Mineral Products	9,077	1.54	7.0	3.0	-2.1	4.1	9.1	16,877	19.65	152,323	166,754	3.8	28.9	30.5	33.6	36.5	25,954	27.79	206,221	278,538
6. Chemical Products	-3,844	0.58	21.8	17.0	10.5	6.4	5.4	9,072	10.56	107,003	112,707	7.5	12.2	9.9	10.5	10.4	5,228	5.60	55,663	60,811
7. Plastics and Rubber	-2,431	0.39	27.5	8.1	2.7	1.0	0.9	3,977	4.63	47,904	48,297	15.3	9.1	3.2	-0.9	0.4	1,546	1.66	17,971	18,031
8. Hides, Skins and Leather	88	1.29	20.1	10.5	2.1	0.3	-3.3	308	0.36	3,998	3,871	7.0	3.1	-1.0	-2.6	-4.4	395	0.42	4,310	4,121
9. Wood and articles thereof	210	1.87	36.8	1.7	-2.7	-2.5	-7.5	241	0.28	3,963	3,672	4.6	-2.5	4.3	2.2	3.3	451	0.48	5,101	5,280
10. Pulp and Paper Products	-1,397	0.57	187.8	95.5	39.1	21.1	12.0	3,233	3.76	17,177	19,251	5.0	4.1	-5.0	-4.4	-5.6	1,836	1.97	19,461	18,933
11. Textiles and Clothing	-1,167	0.49	16.8	7.2	2.2	-0.1	-5.1	2,289	2.66	37,460	35,648	16.0	20.9	18.1	12.3	10.2	1,122	1.20	9,738	10,741
12. Footwear and Accessories	-602	0.14	-5.7	-0.1	-3.8	-3.8	-9.1	697	0.81	14,184	12,901	41.3	38.1	23.0	17.6	13.2	95	0.10	852	965
13. Stone, Plaster, etc	-522	0.41	17.6	8.4	2.0	-3.0	-6.5	888	1.03	13,467	12,583	9.8	7.7	5.7	-4.9	-18.0	366	0.39	4,229	3,926
14. Precious Stones	18,476	32.65	-18.6	14.2	-27.3	-23.2	-17.6	584	0.68	8,740	7,201	32.6	24.5	10.6	-3.3	-3.4	19,060	20.41	174,564	191,493
15. Base Metals	7,880	3.22	-3.0	-0.9	-1.4	1.0	-1.4	3,547	4.13	58,325	57,518	10.9	15.2	9.5	6.0	4.2	11,427	12.23	124,281	130,058
16. Machinery and Appliances	-16,105	0.28	18.9	9.3	3.8	0.2	-3.8	22,329	26.00	266,263	256,051	1.8	7.1	0.7	-4.7	-7.3	6,225	6.66	82,542	76,553
17. Transport Equipment	1,443	1.17	-28.0	-15.0	-3.7	4.9	1.6	8,470	9.86	107,872	110,390	24.9	6.9	2.5	-2.7	-3.3	9,913	10.61	131,970	128,290
18. Precision Products, etc	-1,780	0.27	2.4	0.3	-2.0	-5.6	-4.9	2,426	2.82	31,832	30,255	-4.8	-1.9	-15.6	-19.8	-14.8	646	0.69	7,378	6,294
20. Misc Manufactured Articles	-1,030	0.28	23.7	4.3	-1.6	0.1	-3.8	1,432	1.67	19,819	19,059	-1.3	-0.6	-3.4	-4.4	-7.6	402	0.43	5,028	4,648
21. Works of Art / Antiques	52	3.69	-37.9	-55.6	-44.3	-34.7	-0.7	19	0.02	678	672	>999.9	107.8	-23.6	-30.1	4.8	71	0.08	1,176	1,160
22. Other Unclassified	776	12.07	-41.5	12.3	11.0	-3.5	-10.1	70	0.08	1,455	1,311	93.5	21.9	-3.3	-5.4	7.3	846	0.91	7,971	8,617
23. Special Provisions	-3,319	0.00	16.0	20.6	10.9	5.4	2.2	3,336	3.88	88,090	89,931	>999.9	>999.9	>999.9	362.2	315.4	17	0.02	5	22
24. Total SA Rand / Percent	7,509	1.09	8.8	5.7	2.0	1.4	0.1	85,889	100.00	1,065,797	1,067,856	12.5	17.5	12.2	7.2	7.1	93,398	100.00	960,040	1,053,577
WORLD ZONES	TRADE		IMPORTS									EXPORTS								
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Africa	9,415	2.68	-22.4	-13.2	-18.2	-15.7	-11.1	5,599	6.52	86,588	76,760	-4.1	-0.8	0.6	0.8	2.3	15,014	16.08	176,764	179,930
Europe	-4,380	0.84	9.4	5.7	3.7	1.8	-0.1	27,010	31.45	359,451	359,484	4.1	8.9	4.8	1.9	3.8	22,630	24.23	271,480	283,043
America	-188	0.98	3.0	-7.6	-6.9	-6.9	-7.8	9,358	10.90	127,533	117,658	27.1	27.0	18.3	10.1	5.0	9,170	9.82	103,124	108,686
Asia	-4,719	0.89	16.7	10.6	5.8	5.8	3.7	42,082	49.00	476,940	495,354	13.7	23.4	19.8	15.0	15.1	37,364	40.01	335,297	384,643
Oceania	-792	0.50	2.5	44.5	21.5	16.6	17.5	1,568	1.83	13,431	15,791	-4.3	16.5	20.2	13.9	9.3	776	0.83	12,840	14,024
Other Unclassified Goods	7,630	29.20	-31.6	82.9	43.8	71.7	51.5	271	0.32	1,854	2,809	86.6	63.3	27.4	2.2	-4.1	7,901	8.46	54,786	75,131
Ships / aircraft stores	543	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0	15.1	31.7	-3.2	12.3	41.2	543	0.58	5,751	8,120
Total	7,509	1.09	8.8	5.7	2.0	1.4	0.1	85,889	100.00	1,065,797	1,067,856	12.5	17.5	12.2	7.2	7.1	93,398	100.00	960,040	1,053,577

## 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.*