



**SARS PRELIMINARY TRADE STATISTICS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

APRIL 2010

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
April 2010 (Prelim)	R	44,167,036,993	R	46,056,187,275	R -1,889,150,282
March 2010	R	51,532,804,646	R	51,075,050,399	R 457,754,247
R Increase/Decrease	R	-7,365,767,653	R	-5,018,863,124	
% Growth		-14.29%		-9.83%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to April 2010 (Prelim)	R	171,919,506,348	R	182,818,439,946	R -10,898,933,598
January to April 2009 (Revised)	R	170,698,730,153	R	192,444,257,470	R -21,745,527,317
R Increase/Decrease	R	1,220,776,195	R	-9,625,817,524	
% Growth		0.72%		-5.00%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R1 443 million (-13%) .
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R2 528 million (-20%) .
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R745 million (-9%) .
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R443 million (-11%) .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R1 200 million (-25%) .

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R1 611 million (-15%) .
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R526 million (-4%) .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R777 million (-15%) .
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R48 million (2%) .



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METHODOLOGY

COMPARING THE MONTH ON MONTH FIGURES.
ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF
AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN
RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS

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PERIOD:

MARCH 2010 / APRIL 2010

TABLE A: TOTALS IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT STORES

WORLD ZONES	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	Mar-10	Apr-10	Increase/ Decrease %	MAR ADJUSTMENT	Mar-10	Apr-10	Increase/ Decrease %	MAR ADJUSTMENT
AFRICA	7,641.57	6,858.18	-10%	-48.12	4,081.85	2,126.43	-48%	0.00
EUROPE	13,891.07	12,468.00	-10%	-56.11	18,272.18	15,989.18	-12%	0.00
AMERICA	6,248.14	4,431.60	-29%	-21.53	5,846.56	5,511.94	-6%	0.00
ASIA	17,368.99	15,851.29	-9%	-313.08	21,710.93	21,250.78	-2%	0.00
OCEANIA	763.85	520.99	-32%	-1.07	1,095.73	1,063.44	-3%	0.00
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	5,568.89	3,990.96	-28%	0.00	67.80	114.42	69%	0.00
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES	50.29	46.02	-8%	-0.75				0.00
GRAND TOTAL	51,532.80	44,167.04	-14%	-440.66	51,075.05	46,056.19	-10%	0.00

TABLE B: MONTHLY FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM

SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		Mar-10	Apr-10	Increase/ Decrease %	MAR ADJUSTMENT	Mar-10	Apr-10	Increase/ Decrease %	MAR ADJUSTMENT
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	507.53	452.10	-11%	-1.39	516.25	393.69	-24%	0.00
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,611.22	1,501.69	-7%	-11.33	861.77	620.39	-28%	0.00
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	100.14	126.84	27%	-1.15	693.63	596.67	-14%	0.00
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,826.16	1,665.84	-9%	-76.25	1,215.55	1,023.14	-16%	0.00
V (25-27)	Mineral products	10,847.50	9,404.09	-13%	-36.02	10,763.87	9,152.67	-15%	0.00
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	2,753.51	2,452.10	-11%	-26.74	5,018.53	4,634.44	-8%	0.00
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	760.63	672.99	-12%	-1.62	2,045.05	1,903.79	-7%	0.00
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travelgoods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animalgut (other than silkworm gut)	142.45	110.16	-23%	-0.10	162.16	131.06	-19%	0.00
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood;wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaitingmaterials; basketware and wickerwork	248.46	441.17	78%	-0.01	219.87	165.99	-25%	0.00
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard of paper orpaperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	828.39	902.76	9%	-0.34	768.78	669.64	-13%	0.00
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	563.03	382.97	-32%	-14.78	1,571.59	1,379.05	-12%	0.00
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	202.90	26.92	-87%	-0.59	413.99	407.17	-2%	0.00
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster,cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	173.83	161.14	-7%	-0.08	606.55	501.76	-17%	0.00
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	12,349.79	9,821.68	-20%	-0.18	440.60	388.65	-12%	0.00
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	8,740.08	7,995.43	-9%	-256.11	2,508.71	2,306.59	-8%	0.00
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	3,906.31	3,463.43	-11%	-5.77	12,815.70	12,289.20	-4%	0.00
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	4,874.33	3,674.40	-25%	-7.79	5,216.75	4,439.37	-15%	0.00
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	335.48	179.94	-46%	-0.32	1,406.44	1,218.30	-13%	0.00
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	429.93	395.26	-8%	-0.09	687.02	638.02	-7%	0.00
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	43.29	17.75	-59%	0.00	12.23	14.79	21%	0.00
XXII	Other unclassified goods	287.16	318.14	11%	0.00	51.94	55.39	7%	0.00
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.70	0.22	-68%	0.00	3,078.06	3,126.41	2%	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		51,532.80	44,167.04	-14%	-440.66	51,075.05	46,056.19	-10%	0.00



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<u>METHODOLOGY</u> CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR	Import and export figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by importers and exporters of goods. The figures cover all goods imported and exported during the reporting month to and from South Africa. cursory checks of the figures are made prior to publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible. Comparisons are made with revised figures.					
PERIOD:	JANUARY - APRIL 2009 / JANUARY - APRIL 2010					
TABLE A: TOTALS IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT STORES						
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
WORLD ZONES	Jan-Apr'09	Jan-Apr'10	%	Jan-Apr'09	Jan-Apr'10	%
AFRICA	31,033.25	26,737.12	-14%	12,312.73	14,035.32	14%
EUROPE	49,189.10	49,703.21	1%	66,554.54	64,608.68	-3%
AMERICA	16,439.40	18,110.41	10%	27,971.46	20,429.44	-27%
ASIA	54,265.65	58,008.51	7%	80,770.25	79,035.29	-2%
OCEANIA	2,198.57	2,320.49	6%	4,063.87	3,627.56	-11%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	17,256.53	16,845.58	-2%	771.41	1,082.14	40%
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES	316.23	194.18	-39%			
GRAND TOTAL	170,698.73	171,919.51	1%	192,444.26	182,818.44	-5%

TABLE B: CUMULATIVE FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM							
		EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	Jan-Apr'09	Jan-Apr'10	%	Jan-Apr'09	Jan-Apr'10	%
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1,815.16	1,883.86	4%	1,388.88	1,591.53	15%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	7,450.25	6,091.31	-18%	3,735.85	2,989.39	-20%
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	271.74	383.19	41%	1,655.73	2,060.17	24%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	6,252.50	5,838.46	-7%	5,245.94	4,578.83	-13%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	37,802.33	36,335.69	-4%	39,254.39	36,954.54	-6%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	9,949.73	9,741.95	-2%	17,122.43	18,158.13	6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	3,230.90	2,756.39	-15%	6,968.43	7,327.46	5%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travelgoods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animalgut (other than silkworm gut)	490.17	451.15	-8%	633.55	594.75	-6%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	830.30	1,054.78	27%	982.97	826.18	-16%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard of paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	3,592.76	3,324.87	-7%	3,427.48	3,153.08	-8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	1,636.68	1,593.06	-3%	6,510.29	5,699.67	-12%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	89.91	264.67	194%	1,959.07	1,689.95	-14%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	611.75	612.88	0%	2,072.78	2,322.28	12%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	40,312.58	41,306.68	2%	1,818.37	2,055.70	13%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	23,278.54	29,675.14	27%	8,911.80	8,671.79	-3%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	14,068.85	13,636.37	-3%	53,804.63	46,200.95	-14%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	14,559.00	13,874.42	-5%	16,912.43	17,999.43	6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,618.62	902.38	-44%	5,774.44	4,929.61	-15%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,303.04	1,493.65	15%	2,661.99	2,559.41	-4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	67.10	110.01	64%	100.00	44.02	-56%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,463.25	583.67	-60%	383.62	758.87	98%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	3.57	4.91	37%	11,119.19	11,652.68	5%
GRAND TOTAL		170,698.73	171,919.51	1%	192,444.26	182,818.44	-5%