



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

FEBRUARY 2010

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2010 (Unaudited)	R 40,257,281,446	R 45,947,343,932	R -5,690,062,486
January 2010 (Revised)	R 36,576,921,748	R 39,966,557,977	R -3,389,636,229
R Increase/Decrease	R 3,680,359,698	R 5,980,785,955	
% Growth	10.06%	14.96%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to February 2010 (Unaudited)	R 76,834,203,194	R 85,913,901,909	R -9,079,698,715
January to February 2009 (Revised)	R 79,835,674,514	R 98,362,140,749	R -18,526,466,235
R Increase/Decrease	R -3,001,471,320	R -12,448,238,840	
% Growth	-3.76%	-12.66%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

IMPORTS

Section 5: Mineral products increased by R4 351 million **(69%)**.
 Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 044 million **(9%)**.
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R1 460 million **(41%)**.

EXPORTS

Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R687 million **(8%)**.
 Section 14: Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R771 million **(8%)**.
 Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1 056 million **(17%)**.
 Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R770 million **(27%)**.
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R464 million **(19%)**.



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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:

JANUARY 2010 / FEBRUARY 2010

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

WORLD ZONES	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Increase/ Decrease %	JAN ADJUSTMENT	Jan-10	Feb-10	Increase/ Decrease %	JAN ADJUSTMENT
AFRICA	2,532.78	5,295.32	109%	0.00	5,514.91	7,066.75	28%	-23.66
EUROPE	14,693.06	15,911.22	8%	0.00	12,114.01	11,391.30	-6%	5.18
AMERICA	4,435.43	4,619.49	4%	0.00	3,812.52	3,702.58	-3%	-0.84
ASIA	17,257.24	18,800.85	9%	0.00	11,993.26	12,798.15	7%	-16.30
OCEANIA	973.44	495.14	-49%	0.00	346.48	709.85	105%	-0.13
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	74.61	825.32	1006%	0.00	2,734.49	4,550.12	66%	-22.77
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES					61.25	38.53	-37%	-0.07
GRAND TOTAL	39,966.56	45,947.34	15%	0.00	36,576.92	40,257.28	10%	-58.59

TABLE B: MONTHLY FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM									
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
		Jan-10	Feb-10	Increase/Decrease %	JAN ADJUSTMENT	Jan-10	Feb-10	Increase/Decrease %	JAN ADJUSTMENT
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	327.51	355.25	8%	0.00	392.97	535.23	36%	-0.23
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	772.25	735.68	-5%	0.00	1,376.89	1,624.96	18%	-23.00
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	374.21	396.04	6%	0.00	62.50	94.80	52%	-0.86
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,114.77	1,225.04	10%	0.00	1,127.26	1,315.39	17%	-7.18
V (25-27)	Mineral products	6,336.86	10,687.84	69%	0.00	8,332.95	7,647.25	-8%	-1.28
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,159.60	4,346.41	4%	0.00	2,091.39	2,380.81	14%	-0.41
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	1,841.03	1,537.02	-17%	0.00	594.53	751.35	26%	-0.01
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)	134.28	166.39	24%	0.00	90.77	108.04	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	222.22	218.11	-2%	0.00	145.99	215.52	48%	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	828.32	886.43	7%	0.00	877.87	789.68	-10%	0.00
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	1,292.41	1,454.60	13%	0.00	275.66	393.82	43%	-4.94
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	397.23	471.56	19%	0.00	13.20	22.85	73%	-0.02
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster,cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	698.08	515.70	-26%	0.00	117.74	159.53	35%	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	484.85	741.54	53%	0.00	9,188.37	9,959.54	8%	-0.18
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,900.05	1,945.89	2%	0.00	6,116.75	7,176.74	17%	-4.15
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	11,064.72	10,020.92	-9%	0.00	2,819.30	3,604.49	28%	-15.48
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	3,573.79	5,033.46	41%	0.00	2,436.44	2,901.51	19%	-0.85
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,068.01	1,232.47	15%	0.00	193.07	194.43	1%	0.00
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	601.70	631.85	5%	0.00	308.61	365.74	19%	0.00
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	7.98	9.02	13%	0.00	28.09	20.97	-25%	0.00
XXII	Other unclassified goods	38.73	612.74	1482%	0.00	-16.18	-6.61	-59%	0.00
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2,727.96	2,723.38	0%	0.00	2.75	1.24	-55%	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		39,966.56	45,947.34	15%	0.00	36,576.92	40,257.28	10%	-58.59



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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 audited figures.					
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TABLE A: TOTALS IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT STORES						
	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
WORLD ZONES	Jan-Feb'09	Jan-Feb'10	%	Jan-Feb'09	Jan-Feb'10	%
AFRICA	6,757.41	7,828.10	16%	14,657.59	12,581.65	-14%
EUROPE	32,352.83	30,604.27	-5%	23,158.96	23,505.32	1%
AMERICA	14,494.59	9,054.93	-38%	8,330.43	7,515.10	-10%
ASIA	42,164.16	36,058.09	-14%	24,394.37	24,791.41	2%
OCEANIA	2,067.19	1,468.58	-29%	906.48	1,056.33	17%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	525.96	899.93	71%	8,240.15	7,284.61	-12%
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES				147.69	99.78	-32%
GRAND TOTAL	98,362.14	85,913.90	-13%	79,835.67	76,834.20	-4%

TABLE B: CUMULATIVE FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM							
		IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	Jan-Feb'09	Jan-Feb'10	%	Jan-Feb'09	Jan-Feb'10	%
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	538.81	682.76	27%	834.84	928.20	11%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,004.15	1,507.93	-25%	3,594.41	3,001.85	-16%
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	936.54	770.25	-18%	107.46	157.31	46%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,478.15	2,339.81	-6%	2,905.96	2,442.65	-16%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	21,288.60	17,024.70	-20%	18,057.44	15,980.20	-12%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	8,248.24	8,506.01	3%	4,679.88	4,472.20	-4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	3,555.53	3,378.05	-5%	1,413.84	1,345.88	-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)	331.30	300.67	-9%	219.38	198.81	-9%
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	548.89	440.34	-20%	334.96	361.51	8%
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	1,777.46	1,714.75	-4%	2,039.58	1,667.55	-18%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	3,498.92	2,747.01	-21%	795.85	669.49	-16%
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	1,059.89	868.79	-18%	42.14	36.04	-14%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	1,043.12	1,213.78	16%	283.86	277.28	-2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	974.61	1,226.39	26%	17,371.82	19,147.91	10%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	4,759.66	3,845.94	-19%	11,280.98	13,293.49	18%
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	27,251.60	21,085.64	-23%	6,647.31	6,423.78	-3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	7,764.03	8,607.25	11%	7,307.37	5,337.94	-27%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	2,825.90	2,300.48	-19%	432.94	387.50	-10%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,369.62	1,233.54	-10%	640.91	674.35	5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	15.92	17.00	7%	29.08	49.06	69%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	157.38	651.47	314%	812.81	-22.79	-103%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	5,933.82	5,451.34	-8%	2.85	3.99	40%
GRAND TOTAL		98,362.14	85,913.90	-13%	79,835.67	76,834.20	-4%