

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

JANUARY 2010

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January 2010 (Unaudited)	36,635,516,675	39,966,557,977	-3,331,041,302
December 2009 (Unaudited)	45,361,669,694	41,692,848,566	3,668,821,128
R Increase/Decrease	-8,726,153,019	-1,726,290,589	
% Growth	-19.24%	-4.14%	

PROGRESSIVE FIGURE

January 2010 (Unaudited)	36,635,516,675	39,966,557,977	-3,331,041,302
January 2009 (Audited)	36,232,292,585	53,698,622,078	-17,466,329,493
R Increase/Decrease	403,224,090	-13,732,064,101	
% Growth	1.11%	-25.57%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease on imports

Imports

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R5 070 million (44%) .
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industry increased by R425 million (11%) .
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R408 million (27%) .
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R1 502 million (16%) .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R978 million (21%) .
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R1 030 million (61%) .

Month on month increase/decrease on exports

Exports

Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco decreased by R401 million (26%) .
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R706 million (8%) .
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R3 372 million (27%) .
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R185 million (3%) .
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 338 million (32%) .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R1 663 million (41%) .

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE
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COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN
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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:

DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

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

WORLD ZONES	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	Dec-09	Jan-10	Increase/ Decrease %	DEC ADJUSTMENT	Dec-09	Jan-10	Increase/ Decrease %	DEC ADJUSTMENT
AFRICA	4,518.29	2,532.78	-44%	0.00	7,384.19	5,538.57	-25%	-7.12
EUROPE	12,488.27	14,693.06	18%	0.00	13,414.91	12,108.84	-10%	-22.42
AMERICA	4,558.69	4,435.43	-3%	0.00	4,608.25	3,813.36	-17%	-0.05
ASIA	19,081.80	17,257.24	-10%	0.00	13,194.29	12,009.56	-9%	-22.07
OCEANIA	968.28	973.44	1%	0.00	843.12	346.61	-59%	-0.37
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	77.52	74.61	-4%	0.00	5,811.28	2,757.26	-53%	0.00
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES					53.54	61.32	15%	-0.06
GRAND TOTAL	41,692.85	39,966.56	-4%	0.00	45,309.58	36,635.52	-19%	-52.09

TABLE B: MONTHLY FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM									
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
		Dec-09	Jan-10	Increase/Decrease %	DEC ADJUSTMENT	Dec-09	Jan-10	Increase/Decrease %	DEC ADJUSTMENT
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	395.29	327.52	-17%	0.00	503.78	393.20	-22%	-0.51
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	667.30	772.25	16%	0.00	1,414.09	1,399.89	-1%	-2.53
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	315.90	374.21	18%	0.00	76.61	63.37	-17%	0.00
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,404.76	1,114.77	-21%	0.00	1,523.71	1,134.44	-26%	-11.29
V (25-27)	Mineral products	11,407.14	6,336.86	-44%	0.00	9,039.82	8,334.23	-8%	0.00
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,734.86	4,159.60	11%	0.00	2,303.77	2,091.80	-9%	-1.31
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	1,494.47	1,841.03	23%	0.00	596.64	594.54	0%	-0.62
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)	148.53	134.28	-10%	0.00	117.16	90.77	-23%	-0.12
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	110.39	222.22	101%	0.00	156.68	145.99	-7%	-0.05
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	687.10	828.32	21%	0.00	983.27	877.87	-11%	-0.37
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	1,058.20	1,292.41	22%	0.00	498.14	280.60	-44%	-1.16
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	313.73	397.23	27%	0.00	28.43	13.22	-53%	-0.18
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster,cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	471.04	698.08	48%	0.00	154.90	117.74	-24%	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	355.30	484.85	36%	0.00	12,559.92	9,188.55	-27%	-0.15
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,491.66	1,900.05	27%	0.00	6,274.95	6,120.90	-2%	-31.48
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	9,562.41	11,064.72	16%	0.00	4,172.14	2,834.78	-32%	-1.02
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	4,551.46	3,573.79	-21%	0.00	4,099.17	2,437.29	-41%	-1.11
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,168.07	1,068.00	-9%	0.00	270.63	193.07	-29%	-0.01
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	624.80	601.70	-4%	0.00	290.54	308.61	6%	-0.18
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	11.83	7.98	-33%	0.00	24.56	28.09	14%	0.00
XXII	Other unclassified goods	20.19	38.73	92%	0.00	220.04	-16.18	-107%	0.00
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1,698.42	2,727.96	61%	0.00	0.63	2.75	337%	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		41,692.85	39,966.56	-4%	0.00	45,309.58	36,635.52	-19%	-52.09

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WORLD ZONES	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	Jan'09	Jan'10	%	Jan'09	Jan'10	%
AFRICA	2,770.84	2,532.78	-9%	6,580.09	5,538.57	-16%
EUROPE	17,430.77	14,693.06	-16%	11,200.43	12,108.84	8%
AMERICA	7,582.24	4,435.43	-42%	3,286.79	3,813.36	16%
ASIA	24,179.58	17,257.24	-29%	11,376.71	12,009.56	6%
OCEANIA	1,311.45	973.44	-26%	474.90	346.61	-27%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	423.74	74.61	-82%	3,209.40	2,757.26	-14%
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES				103.97	61.32	-41%
GRAND TOTAL	53,698.62	39,966.56	-26%	36,232.29	36,635.52	1%

TABLE B:		PROGRESSIVE FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM					
		IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	Jan'09	Jan'10	%	Jan'09	Jan'10	%
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	286.67	327.52	14%	426.41	393.20	-8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	973.26	772.25	-21%	1,769.55	1,399.89	-21%
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	560.62	374.21	-33%	55.09	63.37	15%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,266.48	1,114.77	-12%	1,388.40	1,134.44	-18%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	11,632.42	6,336.86	-46%	8,319.02	8,334.23	0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,434.20	4,159.60	-6%	2,271.99	2,091.80	-8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	2,018.10	1,841.03	-9%	639.99	594.54	-7%
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)	184.36	134.28	-27%	95.44	90.77	-5%
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	323.13	222.22	-31%	226.72	145.99	-36%
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	987.93	828.32	-16%	954.11	877.87	-8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	1,832.62	1,292.41	-29%	326.63	280.60	-14%
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	609.34	397.23	-35%	17.93	13.22	-26%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	579.15	698.08	21%	124.30	117.74	-5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	577.82	484.85	-16%	7,597.09	9,188.55	21%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	2,523.83	1,900.05	-25%	5,450.24	6,120.90	12%
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	15,496.67	11,064.72	-29%	2,919.07	2,834.78	-3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	4,066.19	3,573.79	-12%	2,647.08	2,437.29	-8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,300.34	1,068.00	-18%	201.55	193.07	-4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	754.60	601.70	-20%	309.38	308.61	0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	8.82	7.98	-10%	11.99	28.09	134%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	58.98	38.73	-34%	479.04	-16.18	-103%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	3,223.09	2,727.96	-15%	1.27	2.75	117%
GRAND TOTAL		53,698.62	39,966.56	-26%	36,232.29	36,635.52	1%