



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

**MARCH 2010**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2010 (Prelim)	R 51,532,804,646	R 51,075,050,399	<b>R 457,754,247</b>
February 2010 (Revised)	R 40,417,805,431	R 45,947,343,932	<b>R -5,529,538,501</b>
R Increase/Decrease	R 11,114,999,215	R 5,127,706,467	
% Growth	27.50%	11.16%	

**CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

January to March 2010 (Prelim)	R 128,445,715,902	R 137,010,234,575	<b>R -8,564,518,673</b>
January to March 2009 (Revised)	R 131,307,849,776	R 150,314,431,268	<b>R -19,006,581,492</b>
R Increase/Decrease	<b>R -2,862,133,874</b>	<b>R -13,304,196,693</b>	
% Growth	<b>-2.18%</b>	<b>-8.85%</b>	

**COMMENTS**

**Month on month increase/decrease**

**IMPORTS**

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R76 million <b>(1%)</b> .
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industry increased by R672 million <b>(15%)</b> .
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof increased by R508 million <b>(33%)</b> .
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R563 million <b>(29%)</b> .
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R2 795 million <b>(28%)</b> .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R183 million <b>(4%)</b> .
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R355 million <b>(13%)</b> .

**EXPORTS**

Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and tobacco increased by R511 million <b>(39%)</b> .
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R3 200 million <b>(42%)</b> .
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R2 390 million <b>(24%)</b> .
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1 563 million <b>(22%)</b> .
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R1 973 million <b>(68%)</b> .



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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:**

**FEBRUARY 2010 / MARCH 2010**

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

WORLD ZONES	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	Feb-10	Mar-10	Increase/ Decrease %	FEB ADJUSTMENT	Feb-10	Mar-10	Increase/ Decrease %	FEB ADJUSTMENT
AFRICA	5,295.32	4,081.85	-23%	0.00	7,066.75	7,641.57	8%	0.00
EUROPE	15,911.22	18,272.18	15%	0.00	11,391.32	13,891.07	22%	0.01
AMERICA	4,619.49	5,846.56	27%	0.00	3,702.73	6,248.14	69%	0.16
ASIA	18,800.85	21,710.93	15%	0.00	12,958.50	17,368.99	34%	160.35
OCEANIA	495.14	1,095.73	121%	0.00	709.85	763.85	8%	0.00
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	825.32	67.80	-92%	0.00	4,550.13	5,568.89	22%	0.00
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES					38.53	50.29	31%	0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>45,947.34</b>	<b>51,075.05</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,417.81</b>	<b>51,532.80</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>160.52</b>

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

SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
		Feb-10	Mar-10	Increase/ Decrease %	FEB ADJUSTMENT	Feb-10	Mar-10	Increase/ Decrease %	FEB ADJUSTMENT
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	355.25	516.25	45%	0.00	535.23	507.53	-5%	0.00
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	735.68	861.77	17%	0.00	1,625.15	1,611.22	-1%	0.19
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	396.04	693.63	75%	0.00	94.80	100.14	6%	0.00
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,225.04	1,215.55	-1%	0.00	1,315.39	1,826.16	39%	0.00
V (25-27)	Mineral products	10,687.84	10,763.87	1%	0.00	7,647.25	10,847.50	42%	0.00
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,346.41	5,018.54	15%	0.00	2,541.16	2,753.51	8%	160.35
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	1,537.02	2,045.05	33%	0.00	751.35	760.63	1%	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)	166.39	162.16	-3%	0.00	108.04	142.45	32%	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	218.11	219.87	1%	0.00	215.52	248.46	15%	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	886.43	768.78	-13%	0.00	789.68	828.39	5%	0.00
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	1,454.60	1,571.59	8%	0.00	393.83	563.03	43%	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	471.56	413.99	-12%	0.00	22.85	202.90	788%	0.00
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster,cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	515.70	606.55	18%	0.00	159.53	173.82	9%	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	741.54	440.60	-41%	0.00	9,959.54	12,349.79	24%	0.00
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,945.89	2,508.71	29%	0.00	7,176.72	8,740.07	22%	-0.02
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	10,020.92	12,815.70	28%	0.00	3,604.49	3,906.31	8%	0.00
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	5,033.46	5,216.75	4%	0.00	2,901.51	4,874.33	68%	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	1,232.47	1,406.44	14%	0.00	194.43	335.48	73%	0.00
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	631.85	687.02	9%	0.00	365.74	429.93	18%	0.00
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	9.02	12.23	36%	0.00	20.97	43.29	106%	0.00
XXII	Other unclassified goods	612.74	51.94	-92%	0.00	-6.61	287.16	-4444%	0.00
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2,723.38	3,078.06	13%	0.00	1.24	0.70	-44%	0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>45,947.34</b>	<b>51,075.05</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,417.81</b>	<b>51,532.80</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>160.52</b>



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<b>TABLE A: TOTALS IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT STORES</b>						
	<b>IMPORTS</b>			<b>EXPORTS</b>		
<b>WORLD ZONES</b>	<b>Jan-Mar'09</b>	<b>Jan-Mar'10</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Jan-Mar'09</b>	<b>Jan-Mar'10</b>	<b>%</b>
AFRICA	9,897.89	11,908.79	20%	24,127.32	20,085.75	-17%
EUROPE	52,175.46	48,878.11	-6%	37,908.53	37,333.46	-2%
AMERICA	22,131.01	14,902.76	-33%	13,012.75	13,712.37	5%
ASIA	62,198.91	57,789.57	-7%	40,744.94	42,492.21	4%
OCEANIA	3,293.83	2,563.28	-22%	1,574.25	1,817.88	15%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED GOODS	617.33	967.72	57%	13,726.62	12,853.51	-6%
SHIPS/AIRCRAFT STORES				213.44	150.54	-29%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>150,314.43</b>	<b>137,010.23</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>131,307.85</b>	<b>128,445.72</b>	<b>-2%</b>

TABLE B: CUMULATIVE FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF RAND ACCORDING TO SECTIONS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM							
		IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
SECTION (chapter)	DESCRIPTION	Jan-Mar'09	Jan-Mar'10	%	Jan-Mar'09	Jan-Mar'10	%
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	971.03	1,198.47	23%	1,369.73	1,433.54	5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,981.41	2,368.94	-21%	5,959.52	4,611.14	-23%
III(15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	1,397.73	1,463.30	5%	220.33	257.51	17%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	3,987.46	3,554.74	-11%	4,702.60	4,264.59	-9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	32,106.69	27,802.44	-13%	28,887.47	27,018.38	-6%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	12,937.78	13,525.10	5%	7,610.24	7,338.75	-4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	5,343.31	5,423.21	1%	2,366.49	2,095.33	-11%
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)	470.70	463.03	-2%	374.18	340.80	-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	785.12	660.21	-16%	624.38	611.31	-2%
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	2,669.19	2,483.62	-7%	2,875.27	2,476.20	-14%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles	5,070.97	4,318.91	-15%	1,271.85	1,228.70	-3%
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	1,541.65	1,283.02	-17%	67.08	238.83	256%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	1,598.48	1,820.93	14%	471.97	451.79	-4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	1,437.63	1,667.08	16%	30,071.83	31,488.16	5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal	6,828.18	6,357.10	-7%	18,353.66	21,979.37	20%
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	41,265.24	33,904.43	-18%	10,693.41	10,204.09	-5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	13,498.94	13,821.92	2%	11,586.61	10,219.14	-12%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	4,493.63	3,710.81	-17%	1,364.17	722.97	-47%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,993.40	1,920.72	-4%	1,001.71	1,103.77	10%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	52.08	29.23	-44%	48.34	92.27	91%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	228.95	703.45	207%	1,383.85	264.39	-81%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	8,654.86	8,529.57	-1%	3.16	4.69	48%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>150,314.43</b>	<b>137,010.23</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>131,307.85</b>	<b>128,445.72</b>	<b>-2%</b>