

SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2011 (prelim)	R 51,666,261,924	R 54,112,643,261	R -2,446,381,337
March 2011	R 60,243,140,713	R 59,272,535,575	R 970,605,138
R Increase/Decrease	R -8,576,878,789	R -5,159,892,314	
% Growth	-14.2%	-8.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to April 2011 (Prelim)	R 208,132,369,909	R 215,644,008,417	R -7,511,638,508
January to April 2010	R 170,703,245,433	R 182,824,926,354	R -12,121,680,921
R Increase/Decrease	R 37,429,124,476	R 32,819,082,063	
% Growth	21.9%	18.0%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R 883 million (-6%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemical or allied industries decreased by R 452 million (-14%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R2 122 million (-14%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R1 647 million (-18%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 942 million (-18%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R1 044 million (-20%).

IMPORTS

Section 3:	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products decreased by R 820 million (-74%).
Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco decreased by R 527 million (-34%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R4 328 million (42%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 998 million (-17%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 607 million (-22%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 492 million (-10%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R2 961 million (-34%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by R 863 million (-23%).

PRELIMINARY SA CUMULATIVE STATEMENT

<p>METHODOLOGY CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p>	<p>Export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month from and to South Africa. Cursory checks of the figures are made prior to publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	Jan - Apr 2010 / Jan - Apr 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Apr 2010	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Apr 2010	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
World zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	26,555.1	31,545.2	18.8%	14,038.1	17,112.7	21.9%
Europe	49,002.4	56,297.7	14.9%	64,604.4	75,114.2	16.3%
America	18,031.9	22,727.0	26.0%	20,430.2	27,192.4	33.1%
Asia	57,850.6	75,243.4	30.1%	79,039.6	92,118.4	16.5%
Oceania	2,294.2	2,167.5	-5.5%	3,630.5	3,693.5	1.7%
Other Unclassified Goods	16,778.7	20,097.0	19.8%	1,082.2	412.9	-61.8%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	190.4	54.7	-71.3%			
Total	170,703.2	208,132.4	21.9%	182,824.9	215,644.0	18.0%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Apr 2010	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Apr 2010	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1,873.6	1,673.0	-10.7%	1,591.8	1,902.6	19.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	6,076.6	7,054.2	16.1%	2,988.3	3,786.4	26.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	370.1	436.4	17.9%	2,060.2	2,641.4	28.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	5,635.9	5,111.0	-9.3%	4,580.6	4,882.5	6.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	36,170.2	50,823.1	40.5%	36,957.9	48,322.3	30.7%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	9,552.0	11,316.8	18.5%	18,156.0	19,512.5	7.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	2,744.7	3,399.6	23.9%	7,327.1	8,294.5	13.2%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof; saddlery & harness; travel goods, h&bags & similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)	453.4	674.8	48.8%	594.6	691.6	16.3%
IX (44-46)	Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork & articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware & wickerwork	1,071.4	812.9	-24.1%	826.3	845.3	2.3%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste & scrap of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard & articles thereof	3,322.2	3,730.9	12.3%	3,153.0	3,119.6	-1.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1,590.5	1,606.1	1.0%	5,700.2	6,355.8	11.5%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops & parts thereof; prepared feathers & articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	263.7	102.0	-61.3%	1,690.5	2,139.0	26.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	616.0	679.9	10.4%	2,320.6	2,272.8	-2.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	41,305.3	51,626.9	25.0%	2,055.8	2,214.2	7.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	29,432.9	33,070.8	12.4%	8,684.7	9,408.9	8.3%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	13,604.2	17,007.7	25.0%	46,208.4	52,122.0	12.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	13,625.2	16,056.5	17.8%	17,998.9	25,094.1	39.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	899.6	966.2	7.4%	4,930.4	5,764.9	16.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,492.7	1,384.4	-7.3%	2,546.5	2,607.2	2.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	110.0	94.2	-14.4%	44.1	64.9	47.1%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	488.3	495.8	1.5%	758.9	158.1	-79.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.9	9.0	84.4%	11,650.3	13,443.5	15.4%
Total		170,703.2	208,132.4	21.9%	182,824.9	215,644.0	18.0%

PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT

<p>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</p>	<p>Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported 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.</p>
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WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World zone	March 2011 / April 2011							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment	March 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	9,507.2	7,900.6	-16.9%	0.0	3,461.1	4,531.4	30.9%	-
Europe	14,685.6	14,205.6	-3.3%	0.0	23,627.9	17,414.2	-26.3%	-
America	6,965.4	6,057.4	-13.0%	-	7,758.0	7,204.6	-7.1%	-
Asia	22,054.6	18,155.6	-17.7%	-	23,317.7	24,078.6	3.3%	-
Oceania	690.7	638.8	-7.5%	-	995.2	776.0	-22.0%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,321.2	4,694.5	-25.7%	-	112.6	107.9	-4.1%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	18.4	13.8	-25.4%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	60,243.1	51,666.3	-14.2%	0.0	59,272.5	54,112.6	-8.7%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment	March 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	486.3	368.6	-24.2%	-	576.0	475.8	-17.4%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,990.7	1,670.0	-16.1%	-	966.9	811.2	-16.1%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	123.2	123.0	-0.1%	-	1,112.5	292.3	-73.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,617.9	1,249.2	-22.8%	0.0	1,539.5	1,012.8	-34.2%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	14,085.5	13,202.9	-6.3%	-0.0	10,428.0	14,755.9	41.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,198.3	2,746.0	-14.1%	0.0	5,706.2	4,707.8	-17.5%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,104.5	770.3	-30.3%	0.0	2,375.3	1,983.2	-16.5%	-
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof; saddlery & harness; travel goods, h&bags & similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)	191.1	146.7	-23.2%	-	144.8	167.1	15.4%	-
IX (44-46)	Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork & articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware & wickerwork	225.3	151.3	-32.9%	0.0	204.0	190.8	-6.5%	-
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste & scrap of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard & articles thereof	960.0	990.0	3.1%	-	848.2	710.6	-16.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	461.9	474.4	2.7%	-	1,490.3	1,415.1	-5.1%	-
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops & parts thereof; prepared feathers & articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	34.7	24.1	-30.4%	-	443.5	445.0	0.3%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	214.1	182.9	-14.6%	-	583.7	594.6	1.9%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,891.7	12,770.0	-14.2%	-	501.5	529.3	5.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	9,313.9	7,666.8	-17.7%	0.0	2,763.0	2,155.8	-22.0%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,161.7	4,219.9	-18.2%	-0.0	14,646.1	13,153.9	-10.2%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,272.1	4,228.6	-19.8%	0.0	8,733.0	5,771.6	-33.9%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	284.6	237.3	-16.6%	-	1,747.5	1,403.3	-19.7%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	406.0	357.1	-12.0%	-	653.5	631.2	-3.4%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	47.3	20.9	-55.9%	-	25.7	8.4	-67.4%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	171.8	62.0	-63.9%	-	61.6	38.2	-37.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.3	4.2	1194.2%	-	3,721.7	2,858.6	-23.2%	-
Total		60,243.1	51,666.3	-14.2%	0.0	59,272.5	54,112.6	-8.7%	-