



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2011 (prelim)	R 60,997,649,446	R 64,735,395,204	R -3,737,745,758
July 2011	R 56,503,956,057	R 60,406,106,082	R -3,902,150,025
R Increase/Decrease	R 4,493,693,389	R 4,329,289,122	
% Growth	8.0%	7.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to August 2011 (Prelim)	R 443,002,017,076	R 453,612,276,781	R -10,610,259,705
January to August 2010	R 374,251,662,580	R 387,322,144,097	R -13,070,481,517
R Increase/Decrease	R 68,750,354,496	R 66,290,132,684	
% Growth	18.4%	17.1%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 606 million (4%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemical or allied industries increased by R 952 million (36%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R 683 million (5%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 590 million (8%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 656 million (15%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 687 million (5%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 744 million (5%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 52 million (1%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 642 million (16%).

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: World zone	Jan - Aug 2011 / Jan - Aug 2010					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	66,844.2	57,551.6	16.1%	34,891.0	29,963.7	16.4%
Europe	118,278.1	104,560.6	13.1%	150,410.4	133,774.9	12.4%
America	50,238.8	43,993.8	14.2%	59,749.2	45,561.0	31.1%
Asia	156,852.8	124,885.0	25.6%	198,693.3	168,883.3	17.7%
Oceania	4,563.4	4,976.6	-8.3%	8,719.2	7,350.7	18.6%
Other Unclassified Goods	46,119.2	37,936.1	21.6%	1,149.2	1,788.4	-35.7%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	105.6	347.9	-69.7%			
Total	443,002.0	374,251.7	18.4%	453,612.3	387,322.1	17.1%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Aug 2011	Jan - Aug 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	3,380.3	3,485.0	-3.0%	4,174.6	3,301.3	26.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	18,437.2	15,330.1	20.3%	7,971.8	6,033.8	32.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,079.3	790.5	36.5%	4,926.6	3,760.4	31.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	11,850.8	12,977.8	-8.7%	10,276.5	9,430.0	9.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	107,796.6	77,947.7	38.3%	100,562.3	77,138.8	30.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	23,527.5	20,765.3	13.3%	41,671.5	37,160.7	12.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	7,553.9	6,062.0	24.6%	17,995.2	16,015.1	12.4%
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)	1,398.0	943.2	48.2%	1,534.2	1,431.3	7.2%
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	1,775.8	1,971.7	-9.9%	1,652.4	1,546.6	6.8%
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	7,354.3	7,158.3	2.7%	6,447.8	6,271.6	2.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	3,188.6	2,903.7	9.8%	13,495.9	11,818.4	14.2%
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	227.6	217.3	4.7%	4,649.1	3,748.6	24.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1,492.9	1,366.2	9.3%	4,947.6	4,866.7	1.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	112,717.9	94,293.8	19.5%	4,734.3	4,109.5	15.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	63,442.8	59,474.2	6.7%	20,959.0	18,643.3	12.4%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	35,769.2	30,211.6	18.4%	109,516.9	97,926.2	11.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	35,581.6	31,699.9	12.2%	50,128.4	40,246.0	24.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,059.3	1,772.8	16.2%	11,982.3	10,511.9	14.0%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,868.7	3,160.4	-9.2%	6,230.5	5,975.1	4.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	184.5	197.7	-6.7%	154.5	89.2	73.2%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,302.4	1,509.4	-13.7%	365.0	1,157.4	-68.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	12.9	13.3	-3.3%	29,235.7	26,140.4	11.8%
Total		443,002.0	374,251.7	18.4%	453,612.3	387,322.1	17.1%

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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PERIOD: World zone	August 2011 / July 2011							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2011	July 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment	August 2011	July 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	9,444.4	9,565.8	-1.3%	-0.1	5,147.0	4,066.7	26.6%	-
Europe	15,213.6	15,581.5	-2.4%	-0.0	20,832.1	18,191.4	14.5%	-
America	7,342.5	5,296.5	38.6%	-	7,988.6	9,535.3	-16.2%	-
Asia	21,750.3	19,012.8	14.4%	-90.8	28,875.0	26,951.9	7.1%	-
Oceania	660.5	601.9	9.7%	-	1,674.3	1,467.5	14.1%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,574.6	6,433.3	2.2%	-	218.2	193.2	12.9%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	11.8	12.2	-3.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	60,997.6	56,504.0	8.0%	-91.0	64,735.4	60,406.1	7.2%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2011	July 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment	August 2011	July 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	451.0	387.3	16.4%	-	623.1	607.0	2.6%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	3,004.6	3,040.6	-1.2%	-	1,064.8	1,012.1	5.2%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	155.6	203.2	-23.4%	-	650.7	466.0	39.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,829.8	1,694.0	8.0%	-0.1	1,459.0	1,282.0	13.8%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	14,503.3	13,896.8	4.4%	-	13,723.6	13,036.8	5.3%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,587.3	2,635.2	36.1%	-	6,163.4	5,790.5	6.4%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,040.2	1,094.2	-4.9%	-	2,465.6	2,316.6	6.4%	-
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)	170.2	183.7	-7.3%	-	241.0	202.7	18.9%	-
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	258.6	235.1	10.0%	-	224.0	196.2	14.1%	-
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	1,185.7	904.9	31.0%	-	945.4	779.3	21.3%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	383.7	289.6	32.5%	-	1,983.9	1,791.5	10.7%	-
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	36.1	25.8	39.8%	-	818.2	634.2	29.0%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	216.7	197.4	9.8%	-	743.6	649.2	14.5%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	15,075.2	14,391.9	4.7%	-90.9	741.9	861.1	-13.8%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,678.0	7,087.9	8.3%	-	2,976.4	2,692.3	10.6%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,178.3	4,521.9	14.5%	-	15,376.9	14,632.6	5.1%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,243.7	4,915.8	6.7%	-	7,224.9	7,172.7	0.7%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	281.5	276.2	1.9%	-	1,573.4	1,506.6	4.4%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	386.4	351.6	9.9%	-	1,112.5	797.7	39.5%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	18.5	28.6	-35.2%	-	13.6	55.4	-75.5%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	313.0	141.8	120.7%	-	75.8	31.3	142.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.4	0.7	-45.7%	-	4,533.7	3,892.2	16.5%	-
Total		60,997.6	56,504.0	8.0%	-91.0	64,735.4	60,406.1	7.2%	-