



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
December 2011 (prelim)	R	62,982,943,092	R	58,281,423,731	R 4,701,519,361
November 2011	R	68,456,825,872	R	76,501,550,756	R -8,044,724,884
R Increase/Decrease	R	-5,473,882,780	R	-18,220,127,025	
% Growth		-8.0%		-23.8%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to December 2011 (Prelim)	R	707,511,492,654	R	722,636,658,021	R -15,125,165,367
January to December 2010	R	590,035,521,033	R	585,229,506,273	R 4,806,014,760
R Increase/Decrease	R	117,475,971,621	R	137,407,151,748	
% Growth		19.9%		23.5%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by R 747 million (57%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R1 318 million (-8%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R 789 million (-4%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R2 154 million (-23%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 678 million (-12%).

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by R1 118 million (-54%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R4 096 million (-24%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R1 248 million (-20%).
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof decreased by R 674 million (-23%).
Section 11:	Textile and textile articles decreased by R 457 million (-22%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R 423 million (-63%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R1 172 million (-30%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R4 818 million (-25%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 516 million (-6%).
Section 20:	Miscellaneous manufactured articles decreased by R 517 million (-39%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by R1 673 million (-42%).

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 - Dec 2011 / Jan - Dec 2010					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Dec 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Dec 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	108,378.5	90,766.6	19.4%	54,248.7	44,778.8	21.1%
Europe	180,994.2	161,008.2	12.4%	234,938.2	197,730.8	18.8%
America	81,409.4	68,083.5	19.6%	91,521.5	69,569.9	31.6%
Asia	250,625.3	197,251.2	27.1%	327,052.4	259,880.5	25.8%
Oceania	7,070.8	7,736.6	-8.6%	13,224.4	11,049.6	19.7%
Other Unclassified Goods	78,866.7	64,721.9	21.9%	1,651.5	2,219.9	-25.6%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	166.5	467.6	-64.4%			
Total	707,511.5	590,035.5	19.9%	722,636.7	585,229.5	23.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Dec 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Dec 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	5,037.6	5,221.7	-3.5%	6,876.9	4,999.8	37.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	25,829.5	21,218.6	21.7%	13,525.9	9,320.3	45.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,712.1	1,285.6	33.2%	7,853.2	6,104.7	28.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	19,199.9	19,651.9	-2.3%	17,161.3	14,909.2	15.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	177,895.2	126,565.1	40.6%	158,279.5	117,131.5	35.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	37,825.8	31,133.9	21.5%	65,956.4	56,116.6	17.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	11,817.8	9,499.8	24.4%	28,374.5	23,806.6	19.2%
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)	2,185.4	1,529.8	42.9%	2,576.9	2,277.1	13.2%
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	2,758.7	2,747.1	0.4%	2,583.5	2,205.6	17.1%
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	12,383.4	10,875.2	13.9%	10,166.8	9,468.2	7.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	5,468.4	4,478.9	22.1%	21,603.8	18,395.6	17.4%
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	382.8	347.8	10.1%	7,665.3	5,981.6	28.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	2,274.2	2,066.4	10.1%	8,074.8	7,341.6	10.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	181,847.5	152,426.0	19.3%	7,199.5	5,965.1	20.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	94,645.4	92,142.5	2.7%	34,704.2	27,446.2	26.4%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	57,323.4	47,710.5	20.1%	176,754.8	148,708.2	18.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	58,415.9	50,491.6	15.7%	78,829.5	60,044.5	31.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	3,635.0	2,957.0	22.9%	18,931.8	16,020.2	18.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,543.7	4,903.6	-7.3%	10,858.0	9,541.7	13.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	268.7	292.3	-8.1%	197.2	174.4	13.1%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	2,035.3	2,472.1	-17.7%	669.9	1,331.4	-49.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	26.0	18.2	42.9%	43,792.9	37,939.5	15.4%
Total		707,511.5	590,035.5	19.9%	722,636.7	585,229.5	23.5%

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	December 2011 / November 2011							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2011	November 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	November adjustment	December 2011	November 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	November adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	9,570.5	11,499.2	-16.8%	-	4,705.2	6,666.0	-29.4%	-
Europe	15,214.8	15,366.1	-1.0%	-	17,914.2	24,163.4	-25.9%	-
America	6,977.2	7,983.9	-12.6%	-	8,042.9	8,399.0	-4.2%	-
Asia	22,320.6	24,066.0	-7.3%	-	26,630.2	35,461.0	-24.9%	-
Oceania	625.8	657.3	-4.8%	-	910.7	1,683.4	-45.9%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	8,255.4	8,868.6	-6.9%	-	78.1	128.7	-39.3%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	18.6	15.7	19.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	62,982.9	68,456.8	-8.0%	-	58,281.4	76,501.6	-23.8%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	440.2	433.3	1.6%	-	649.5	786.0	-17.4%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,052.8	1,305.9	57.2%	-	940.0	2,058.1	-54.3%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	139.2	197.1	-29.4%	-	684.2	894.6	-23.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,668.5	1,801.5	-7.4%	-	1,590.3	1,726.7	-7.9%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	15,963.5	17,281.0	-7.6%	-	13,329.3	17,424.9	-23.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,831.8	3,938.6	-2.7%	-	5,050.5	6,298.6	-19.8%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	919.2	1,260.9	-27.1%	-	2,233.1	2,907.2	-23.2%	-
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)	205.0	210.4	-2.6%	-	203.8	288.3	-29.3%	-
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	289.2	296.4	-2.4%	-	162.6	298.3	-45.5%	-
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	1,103.2	1,195.3	-7.7%	-	750.6	1,031.4	-27.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	578.5	658.4	-12.1%	-	1,578.2	2,034.8	-22.4%	-
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	42.4	48.8	-13.2%	-	624.7	714.6	-12.6%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	162.9	212.2	-23.2%	-	644.9	809.2	-20.3%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	17,330.2	18,119.0	-4.4%	-	247.1	669.6	-63.1%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,014.3	9,168.8	-23.5%	-	2,792.4	3,964.7	-29.6%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	4,985.5	5,663.4	-12.0%	-	14,392.8	19,211.3	-25.1%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,084.0	5,700.6	-10.8%	-	7,626.7	8,142.5	-6.3%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	351.4	333.8	5.3%	-	1,562.0	1,845.1	-15.3%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	373.1	444.9	-16.1%	-	810.8	1,327.8	-38.9%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	25.1	24.2	3.9%	-	7.8	9.7	-19.8%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	421.9	152.4	176.9%	-	62.4	47.6	31.0%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.1	9.9	-88.5%	-	2,337.5	4,010.3	-41.7%	-
Total		62,982.9	68,456.8	-8.0%	-	58,281.4	76,501.6	-23.8%	-