

SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2011 (prelim)	R 56,315,824,353	R 57,346,021,669	R -1,030,197,316
April 2011	R 51,666,261,924	R 54,112,643,261	R -2,446,381,337
R Increase/Decrease	R 4,649,562,429	R 3,233,378,408	
% Growth	9.0%	6.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to May 2011 (Prelim)	R 264,455,017,559	R 272,953,863,675	R -8,498,846,116
January to May 2010	R 216,818,385,242	R 230,285,109,669	R -13,466,724,427
R Increase/Decrease	R 47,636,632,317	R 42,668,754,006	
% Growth	22.0%	18.5%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

- Section 2: Vegetable products increased by R 660 million (40%).
- Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R 349 million (-3%).
- Section 14: Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R1 822 million (14%).
- Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1 162 million (15%).
- Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 102 million (2%).
- Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 532 million (13%).

IMPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R1 764 million (-12%).
- Section 7: Plastics and rubber and articles thereof increased by R 449 million (23%).
- Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 762 million (35%).
- Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 867 million (7%).
- Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 221 million (4%).
- Section 23: Original equipment components increased by R 811 million (28%).

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 - May 2011 / Jan - May 2010					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
World zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	39,310.1	33,727.0	16.6%	21,813.6	18,115.5	20.4%
Europe	72,239.4	61,450.5	17.6%	93,959.3	82,805.2	13.5%
America	29,480.2	23,239.6	26.9%	35,326.5	25,799.7	36.9%
Asia	94,731.7	73,470.2	28.9%	116,622.8	97,824.5	19.2%
Oceania	2,693.6	2,885.5	-6.6%	4,655.1	4,547.3	2.4%
Other Unclassified Goods	25,932.8	21,811.3	18.9%	576.5	1,193.0	-51.7%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	67.3	234.3	-71.3%			
Total	264,455.0	216,818.4	22.0%	272,953.9	230,285.1	18.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	2,125.6	2,204.1	-3.6%	2,427.2	1,997.3	21.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	9,382.7	7,458.7	25.8%	4,842.5	3,585.3	35.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	590.0	468.2	26.0%	3,315.7	2,323.7	42.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	6,633.9	7,062.2	-6.1%	6,123.3	5,654.5	8.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	63,977.0	46,030.2	39.0%	61,313.8	46,723.0	31.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	14,108.0	11,877.5	18.8%	24,524.6	22,676.8	8.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	4,415.1	3,445.3	28.1%	10,727.0	9,123.1	17.6%
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 silk worm gut)	842.8	584.5	44.2%	881.7	753.0	17.1%
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	988.8	1,298.5	-23.9%	1,053.4	978.4	7.7%
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	4,592.7	4,146.8	10.8%	3,891.0	3,815.8	2.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	2,108.3	1,913.4	10.2%	7,993.8	6,818.8	17.2%
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	139.0	126.1	10.2%	2,623.6	2,048.5	28.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	866.4	753.9	14.9%	2,889.7	2,807.7	2.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	66,219.2	54,584.8	21.3%	2,588.8	2,365.2	9.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	41,833.7	35,809.7	16.8%	12,331.0	10,731.0	14.9%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	21,330.9	17,459.3	22.2%	66,150.2	58,358.3	13.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	20,655.3	18,041.0	14.5%	31,087.7	24,221.0	28.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	1,199.7	1,095.0	9.6%	7,368.8	6,440.2	14.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,732.7	1,892.8	-8.5%	3,454.2	3,237.0	6.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	116.2	128.0	-9.2%	75.2	58.1	29.4%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	587.5	428.3	37.2%	225.4	801.3	-71.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	9.6	9.9	-3.2%	17,065.3	14,766.8	15.6%
Total		264,455.0	216,818.4	22.0%	272,953.9	230,285.1	18.5%

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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	World zone	May 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment	May 2011	April 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
Africa	7,826.0	7,900.6	-0.9%	-	4,700.2	4,531.4	3.7%	-	
Europe	15,758.0	14,205.6	10.9%	-	18,835.1	17,414.2	8.2%	-0.0	
America	6,760.5	6,057.4	11.6%	-	8,132.7	7,204.6	12.9%	-	
Asia	19,588.3	18,155.6	7.9%	-	24,552.8	24,078.6	2.0%	-0.0	
Oceania	534.6	638.8	-16.3%	-	961.7	776.0	23.9%	-	
Other Unclassified Goods	5,835.8	4,694.5	24.3%	-	163.5	107.9	51.5%	-	
Ships/Aircraft Stores	12.7	13.8	-8.0%	-				-	
Total	56,315.8	51,666.3	9.0%	-	57,346.0	54,112.6	6.0%	-0.0	

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	453.2	368.6	23.0%	-	524.7	475.8	10.3%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,329.8	1,670.0	39.5%	-	1,058.2	811.2	30.4%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	153.7	123.0	24.9%	-	681.8	292.3	133.3%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,532.5	1,249.2	22.7%	-	1,240.8	1,012.8	22.5%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	12,853.8	13,202.9	-2.6%	-	12,991.6	14,755.9	-12.0%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	2,853.0	2,746.0	3.9%	-	5,005.9	4,707.8	6.3%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,015.8	770.3	31.9%	-	2,432.3	1,983.2	22.6%	-
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)	167.3	146.7	14.0%	-	189.9	167.1	13.7%	-
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	154.7	151.3	2.2%	-	208.1	190.8	9.1%	-
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	879.5	990.0	-11.2%	-	771.3	710.6	8.5%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	507.9	474.4	7.1%	-	1,636.3	1,415.1	15.6%	-
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	37.1	24.1	53.5%	-	484.5	445.0	8.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	187.3	182.9	2.4%	-	617.2	594.6	3.8%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,592.2	12,770.0	14.3%	-	374.6	529.3	-29.2%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8,828.4	7,666.8	15.2%	-	2,918.1	2,155.8	35.4%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	4,321.5	4,219.9	2.4%	-	14,020.7	13,153.9	6.6%	-0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	4,760.4	4,228.6	12.6%	-	5,992.8	5,771.6	3.8%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	233.6	237.3	-1.6%	-	1,603.4	1,403.3	14.3%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	349.6	357.1	-2.1%	-	846.7	631.2	34.1%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	24.6	20.9	17.8%	-	10.4	8.4	23.5%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	79.7	62.0	28.5%	-	67.3	38.2	76.0%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.6	4.2	-86.9%	-	3,669.4	2,858.6	28.4%	-
Total		56,315.8	51,666.3	9.0%	-	57,346.0	54,112.6	6.0%	-0.0