



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
October 2011 (prelim)	R	61,189,970,418	R	70,769,472,385	R <b>-9,579,501,967</b>
September 2011	R	67,768,425,972	R	65,254,851,369	R <b>2,513,574,603</b>

R Increase/Decrease	R	-6,578,455,554	R	5,514,621,016
% Growth		<b>-9.7%</b>		8.5%

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to October 2011 (Prelim)	R	573,590,699,186	R	588,925,094,441	R <b>-15,334,395,255</b>
January to October 2010	R	476,340,617,924	R	489,774,966,030	R <b>-13,434,348,106</b>

R Increase/Decrease	R	97,250,081,262	R	99,150,128,411
% Growth		20.4%		20.2%

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R 107 million (-1%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R1 696 million (-41%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R4 834 million (-25%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 435 million (6%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 176 million (-3%).

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R1 726 million (14%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 996 million (33%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 713 million (4%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 744 million (11%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 583 million (15%).

**PRELIMINARY SA CUMULATIVE STATEMENT**

<p><b>METHODOLOGY</b> 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 - Oct 2011 / Jan - Oct 2010					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Oct 2011	Jan - Oct 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Oct 2011	Jan - Oct 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	87,427.7	73,524.7	18.9%	42,872.5	37,515.2	14.3%
Europe	150,154.1	132,230.0	13.6%	193,934.7	166,285.1	16.6%
America	65,633.3	55,481.6	18.3%	75,081.4	58,340.2	28.7%
Asia	202,712.0	157,642.3	28.6%	264,960.2	216,487.2	22.4%
Oceania	5,789.3	6,238.3	-7.2%	10,630.4	9,127.1	16.5%
Other Unclassified Goods	61,742.0	50,787.0	21.6%	1,445.8	2,020.2	-28.4%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	132.3	436.8	-69.7%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>573,590.7</b>	<b>476,340.6</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>588,925.1</b>	<b>489,775.0</b>	<b>20.2%</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Oct 2011	Jan - Oct 2010	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Oct 2011	Jan - Oct 2010	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	4,176.9	4,368.8	-4.4%	5,440.4	4,129.3	31.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	22,476.3	18,704.6	20.2%	10,526.8	7,640.5	37.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,375.8	1,012.5	35.9%	6,278.6	4,824.0	30.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	15,760.0	16,511.2	-4.5%	13,845.7	12,248.8	13.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	142,130.0	98,712.7	44.0%	127,527.9	97,258.6	31.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	30,072.3	25,504.5	17.9%	54,605.5	47,381.9	15.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	9,641.5	7,789.2	23.8%	23,240.7	20,246.0	14.8%
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)	1,770.1	1,222.7	44.8%	2,085.2	1,905.7	9.4%
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	2,151.8	2,359.3	-8.8%	2,122.6	1,913.9	10.9%
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	10,134.8	8,890.2	14.0%	8,384.6	8,003.1	4.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	4,220.3	3,642.2	15.9%	17,988.3	15,404.5	16.8%
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	292.3	280.1	4.4%	6,325.4	4,988.6	26.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1,899.4	1,739.9	9.2%	6,619.1	6,219.2	6.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	146,378.1	122,377.5	19.6%	6,281.5	4,955.8	26.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	78,418.7	75,641.3	3.7%	27,944.2	23,427.1	19.3%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	46,761.5	38,962.7	20.0%	143,147.6	124,233.4	15.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	47,574.3	40,027.8	18.9%	64,133.1	49,418.1	29.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,946.3	2,326.6	26.6%	15,521.9	13,372.4	16.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,726.4	4,072.2	-8.5%	8,719.8	7,964.9	9.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	219.4	232.6	-5.7%	179.3	102.2	75.5%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,449.5	1,944.6	-25.5%	560.9	1,248.8	-55.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	14.9	17.2	-13.3%	37,446.0	32,888.2	13.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>573,590.7</b>	<b>476,340.6</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>588,925.1</b>	<b>489,775.0</b>	<b>20.2%</b>

**PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT**

<p><b>METHODOLOGY</b>          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	October 2011 / September 2011							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	October 2011	September 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment	October 2011	September 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	10,174.1	10,613.2	-4.1%	-2.4	4,046.2	3,935.1	2.8%	-
Europe	14,612.0	17,332.0	-15.7%	-	22,234.0	21,295.3	4.4%	-0.0
America	7,477.8	8,011.9	-6.7%	-	8,235.6	7,785.6	5.8%	-
Asia	21,643.2	22,185.0	-2.4%	22.3	35,090.3	31,193.4	12.5%	-0.0
Oceania	668.1	597.9	11.7%	-	955.3	956.7	-0.1%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,600.4	9,016.2	-26.8%	-	208.1	88.8	134.4%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	14.4	12.3	17.2%	-0.0	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,190.0</b>	<b>67,768.4</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>70,769.5</b>	<b>65,254.9</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>-0.0</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		October 2011	September 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment	October 2011	September 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	445.2	354.3	25.7%	-	694.4	568.1	22.2%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,890.0	2,303.4	-17.9%	-	1,354.3	1,200.6	12.8%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	168.5	138.6	21.6%	-	533.8	823.7	-35.2%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,939.3	1,998.8	-3.0%	-	1,873.5	1,706.8	9.8%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,365.7	16,472.4	-0.6%	22.3	14,348.1	12,622.0	13.7%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	2,482.4	4,178.3	-40.6%	-4.7	6,442.1	6,472.7	-0.5%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,020.2	1,086.0	-6.1%	-	2,719.1	2,527.1	7.6%	-0.0
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)	193.4	199.6	-3.1%	-	289.5	260.6	11.1%	-
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	222.6	150.5	47.9%	-	269.9	200.5	34.6%	-
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	1,034.7	1,011.1	2.3%	-	966.0	969.4	-0.3%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	599.9	444.9	34.8%	-	2,330.0	2,159.0	7.9%	-
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	35.8	29.2	22.3%	-	850.8	825.1	3.1%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	218.8	195.9	11.7%	-	874.1	794.5	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	14,413.1	19,247.1	-25.1%	-	705.0	842.3	-16.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,813.0	7,377.5	5.9%	-	3,990.5	2,994.4	33.3%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,333.4	5,509.7	-3.2%	2.4	17,164.1	16,450.8	4.3%	-0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6,138.6	5,972.0	2.8%	-	7,740.7	6,996.3	10.6%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	296.9	590.7	-49.7%	-	1,808.2	1,730.5	4.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	445.3	414.9	7.3%	-	1,263.2	1,224.4	3.2%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	17.0	18.0	-5.6%	-	11.7	13.2	-11.3%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	115.4	74.1	55.7%	-	140.7	55.6	153.1%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.8	1.3	-42.3%	-	4,399.9	3,817.1	15.3%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>61,190.0</b>	<b>67,768.4</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>70,769.5</b>	<b>65,254.9</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>-0.0</b>