



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
April 2012 (prelim)	R	52,153,915,467	R	62,027,805,820	R -9,873,890,353
March 2012	R	61,313,393,083	R	66,819,864,646	R -5,506,471,563
R Increase/Decrease	R	-9,159,477,616	R	-4,792,058,826	
% Growth		-14.9%		-7.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to April 2012 (Prelim)	R	223,479,584,979	R	259,930,599,165	R -36,451,014,186
January to April 2011	R	208,139,193,206	R	215,607,842,006	R -7,468,648,800
R Increase/Decrease	R	15,340,391,773	R	44,322,757,159	
% Growth		7.4%		20.6%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R2 813 million (-16%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R3 059 million (-23%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 853 million (-11%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 753 million (-14%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 524 million (-10%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R4 387 million (-25%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 469 million (-8%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 866 million (6%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 33 million (0%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 15 million (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

PERIOD: World zone	April 2012 / March 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2012	March 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment	April 2012	March 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	8,782.7	10,568.4	-16.9%	-1.7	3,287.3	8,288.9	-60.3%	-0.0
Europe	11,832.0	13,929.6	-15.1%	1.7	19,507.4	21,008.4	-7.1%	-
America	6,087.6	6,595.7	-7.7%	-	8,082.4	8,384.2	-3.6%	-
Asia	18,725.4	23,029.8	-18.7%	-	30,134.3	27,795.8	8.4%	-
Oceania	755.0	611.8	23.4%	-	923.7	1,046.6	-11.7%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	5,961.8	6,562.5	-9.2%	-	92.7	296.0	-68.7%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	9.4	15.6	-39.4%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	52,153.9	61,313.4	-14.9%	-	62,027.8	66,819.9	-7.2%	-0.0

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2012	March 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment	April 2012	March 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	March adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	377.7	450.5	-16.2%	-	718.6	730.6	-1.6%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,738.4	2,020.8	-14.0%	-	1,045.1	1,191.9	-12.3%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	147.9	141.7	4.4%	-	575.8	411.5	39.9%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,496.7	1,725.0	-13.2%	-	1,433.4	1,766.6	-18.9%	-0.5
V (25-27)	Mineral products	14,840.7	17,654.1	-15.9%	-	12,991.0	17,378.3	-25.2%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,350.0	3,586.5	-6.6%	-	5,419.5	5,888.8	-8.0%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,125.8	1,244.8	-9.6%	-	2,590.9	2,647.9	-2.2%	-
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)	165.8	193.1	-14.1%	-	169.8	163.1	4.1%	-
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	102.6	313.7	-67.3%	-	227.3	227.6	-0.1%	-
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	778.6	912.7	-14.7%	-	750.5	811.8	-7.6%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	473.7	577.5	-18.0%	-	1,725.8	1,764.5	-2.2%	0.5
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	34.8	42.6	-18.2%	-	586.7	549.1	6.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	177.5	200.6	-11.5%	-	659.6	665.0	-0.8%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	10,239.4	13,298.1	-23.0%	-	592.9	982.8	-39.7%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	6,968.6	7,821.6	-10.9%	-	3,190.0	3,044.0	4.8%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	4,469.7	5,222.8	-14.4%	-	15,903.3	15,037.5	5.8%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	4,613.4	5,137.2	-10.2%	-	6,725.2	6,692.4	0.5%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	284.1	359.7	-21.0%	-	1,578.6	1,837.3	-14.1%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	329.3	361.9	-9.0%	-	912.6	788.9	15.7%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	18.0	26.0	-31.0%	-	11.9	12.3	-3.2%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	419.0	22.1	1795.6%	-	64.9	88.5	-26.7%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2.2	0.4	389.6%	-	4,154.3	4,139.2	0.4%	-
Total		52,153.9	61,313.4	-14.9%	-	62,027.8	66,819.9	-7.2%	-0.0

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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PERIOD: World zone	Jan - Apr 2012 / Jan - Apr 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Apr 2012	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Apr 2012	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	36,302.1	31,484.0	15.3%	19,788.7	17,113.5	15.6%
Europe	53,247.1	56,481.4	-5.7%	81,358.8	75,124.2	8.3%
America	25,446.1	22,719.7	12.0%	32,398.7	27,193.8	19.1%
Asia	79,468.8	75,143.4	5.8%	121,268.0	92,070.0	31.7%
Oceania	2,529.1	2,159.0	17.1%	4,307.0	3,693.5	16.6%
Other Unclassified Goods	26,431.3	20,097.1	31.5%	809.5	412.9	96.0%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	55.0	54.6	0.7%			
Total	223,479.6	208,139.2	7.4%	259,930.6	215,607.8	20.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Jan - Apr 2012	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Apr 2012	Jan - Apr 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1,672.3	1,672.3	0.0%	2,891.8	1,902.5	52.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	7,708.8	7,053.0	9.3%	4,825.9	3,784.3	27.5%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	519.2	436.3	19.0%	2,464.0	2,633.9	-6.4%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	5,916.2	5,101.4	16.0%	6,395.7	4,882.5	31.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	63,065.6	51,123.1	23.4%	60,515.5	48,322.3	25.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	12,622.3	11,255.0	12.1%	22,983.1	19,518.6	17.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	4,352.7	3,399.3	28.0%	10,472.1	8,294.7	26.3%
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)	722.7	675.5	7.0%	762.6	691.8	10.2%
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	858.9	834.1	3.0%	1,023.5	845.3	21.1%
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	3,563.3	3,713.2	-4.0%	3,302.3	3,119.7	5.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1,973.0	1,600.5	23.3%	7,877.9	6,357.4	23.9%
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	139.4	101.9	36.8%	2,819.2	2,139.1	31.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	696.0	679.2	2.5%	2,730.9	2,272.6	20.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	48,870.4	51,627.1	-5.3%	3,187.0	2,214.2	43.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	31,574.4	33,005.4	-4.3%	12,649.0	9,412.9	34.4%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	18,637.6	17,009.3	9.6%	61,665.6	52,129.5	18.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	17,306.2	15,894.9	8.9%	27,212.9	25,094.9	8.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	1,153.8	966.1	19.4%	6,508.0	5,765.4	12.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,312.8	1,383.1	-5.1%	3,478.1	2,607.6	33.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	83.4	91.7	-9.0%	47.2	64.9	-27.2%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	725.7	507.8	42.9%	333.0	158.1	110.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.9	9.0	-45.6%	15,785.2	13,395.8	17.8%
Total		223,479.6	208,139.2	7.4%	259,930.6	215,607.8	20.6%