



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
August 2012 (prelim)	R	61,416,847,753	R	73,622,065,679	R -12,205,217,926
July 2012	R	63,507,977,742	R	70,179,601,763	R -6,671,624,021
R Increase/Decrease	R	-2,091,129,989	R	3,442,463,916	
% Growth		-3.3%		4.9%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to August 2012 (Prelim)	R	472,665,801,110	R	542,598,278,697	R -69,932,477,587
January to August 2011	R	444,250,415,993	R	452,909,744,443	R -8,659,328,450
R Increase/Decrease	R	28,415,385,117	R	89,688,534,254	
% Growth		6.4%		19.8%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R2 907 million (-17%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R1 297 million (-28%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R 61 million (0%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 819 million (12%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R3 294 million (24%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 748 million (11%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 394 million (-8%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 648 million (-9%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 276 million (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 ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World zone	August 2012 / July 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2012	July 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment	August 2012	July 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	11,968.4	12,560.1	-4.7%	-	10,137.1	6,646.2	52.5%	-
Europe	14,073.2	14,598.1	-3.6%	0.4	22,389.3	20,961.3	6.8%	-
America	7,562.2	6,961.9	8.6%	-	8,022.0	8,740.1	-8.2%	-
Asia	20,677.0	21,926.4	-5.7%	-	31,993.3	32,452.7	-1.4%	-
Oceania	949.9	701.5	35.4%	-	963.8	1,309.0	-26.4%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,169.9	6,697.8	-7.9%	-	116.5	70.3	65.7%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	16.2	62.1	-73.9%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61,416.8	63,508.0	-3.3%	0.4	73,622.1	70,179.6	4.9%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2012	July 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment	August 2012	July 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	July adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	433.7	424.1	2.3%	-	580.2	499.5	16.2%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	3,237.6	3,233.0	0.1%	-	1,612.0	1,573.3	2.5%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	236.2	212.5	11.1%	-	599.4	695.3	-13.8%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,924.5	1,948.3	-1.2%	-	2,025.6	1,829.6	10.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	14,001.2	16,908.7	-17.2%	-	16,815.3	13,521.7	24.4%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,308.0	4,605.4	-28.2%	-	7,372.1	6,623.9	11.3%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,343.3	1,116.9	20.3%	-	2,994.5	2,725.3	9.9%	-
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)	180.0	188.5	-4.5%	-	264.7	265.4	-0.2%	-
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	226.3	266.9	-15.2%	-	258.1	244.6	5.5%	-
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	1,159.7	815.3	42.2%	-	1,079.0	870.3	24.0%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	394.2	322.0	22.4%	-	2,136.1	2,008.8	6.3%	-
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	45.1	45.3	-0.5%	-	953.8	882.9	8.0%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	234.2	247.1	-5.2%	-	757.8	786.5	-3.7%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,070.2	14,131.2	-0.4%	-	601.0	521.8	15.2%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,612.5	6,793.2	12.1%	0.4	3,454.3	3,445.6	0.3%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,912.7	5,558.6	6.4%	-	16,695.2	18,088.7	-7.7%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6,271.5	5,892.7	6.4%	-	6,955.5	7,603.9	-8.5%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	296.0	339.0	-12.7%	-	1,679.0	1,691.9	-0.8%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	369.8	396.6	-6.8%	-	1,387.8	1,144.8	21.2%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	17.5	17.1	2.2%	-	10.7	46.3	-76.9%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	140.9	45.2	211.4%	-	84.0	80.1	4.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.9	0.3	507.3%	-	5,305.8	5,029.5	5.5%	-
Total		61,416.8	63,508.0	-3.3%	0.4	73,622.1	70,179.6	4.9%	-

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 - Aug 2012 / Jan - Aug 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
World zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	82,850.8	66,724.1	24.2%	53,119.7	34,892.0	52.2%
Europe	111,353.8	118,163.9	-5.8%	164,928.4	150,406.9	9.7%
America	53,755.7	50,228.8	7.0%	65,703.7	59,064.3	11.2%
Asia	166,156.0	158,349.2	4.9%	248,482.9	198,679.2	25.1%
Oceania	5,676.4	4,556.0	24.6%	9,071.8	8,718.1	4.1%
Other Unclassified Goods	52,704.4	46,122.7	14.3%	1,291.7	1,149.3	12.4%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	168.7	105.7	59.6%			
Total	472,665.8	444,250.4	6.4%	542,598.3	452,909.7	19.8%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Aug 2012	Jan - Aug 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	3,506.6	3,381.5	3.7%	5,393.0	4,174.8	29.2%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	19,961.9	18,402.2	8.5%	10,034.3	7,972.0	25.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,366.1	1,068.8	27.8%	5,385.8	4,921.1	9.4%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	13,828.3	11,829.9	16.9%	13,197.6	10,274.9	28.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	126,876.8	108,570.4	16.9%	126,577.5	100,557.9	25.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	26,903.0	23,465.1	14.7%	47,991.1	41,699.7	15.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	9,146.8	7,537.9	21.3%	21,392.8	17,995.4	18.9%
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)	1,494.6	1,377.3	8.5%	1,702.1	1,534.4	10.9%
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	1,805.6	1,779.6	1.5%	1,962.3	1,652.5	18.7%
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	7,476.9	8,127.5	-8.0%	6,944.3	6,447.8	7.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	3,615.0	3,179.4	13.7%	15,282.9	13,496.6	13.2%
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	307.2	227.5	35.0%	5,876.7	4,649.3	26.4%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1,620.1	1,490.1	8.7%	5,665.0	4,949.0	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	105,651.6	112,717.9	-6.3%	5,468.0	4,734.5	15.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	61,176.3	63,294.4	-3.3%	25,969.5	20,960.5	23.9%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	40,630.0	35,837.8	13.4%	129,273.3	109,529.3	18.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	40,859.5	35,525.9	15.0%	56,916.6	49,398.7	15.2%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,352.4	2,058.8	14.3%	13,370.6	11,982.1	11.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,801.6	2,866.9	-2.3%	8,105.1	6,231.1	30.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	171.2	184.5	-7.2%	131.7	154.5	-14.8%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,104.5	1,314.3	-16.0%	635.5	365.0	74.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	9.7	12.9	-24.2%	35,322.7	29,228.7	20.8%
Total		472,665.8	444,250.4	6.4%	542,598.3	452,909.7	19.8%