



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

| | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| December 2012 (prelim) | R 59,788,842,950 | R 62,492,244,668 | R -2,703,401,718 |
| November 2012 | R 66,273,336,551 | R 74,208,215,111 | R -7,934,878,560 |
| R Increase/Decrease | R -6,484,493,601 | R -11,715,970,443 | |
| % Growth | -9.8% | -15.8% | |

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

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| January to December 2012 (Prelim) | R 717,935,614,785 | R 835,610,672,529 | R -117,675,057,744 |
| January to December 2011 | R 712,141,267,283 | R 729,026,894,244 | R -16,885,626,961 |
| R Increase/Decrease | R 5,794,347,502 | R 106,583,778,285 | |
| % Growth | 0.8% | 14.6% | |

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

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| Section 4: | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco decreased by R 774 million (-32%). |
| Section 5: | Mineral products decreased by R 544 million (-3%). |
| Section 6: | Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 536 million (-14%). |
| Section 15: | Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R2 019 million (-23%). |
| Section 16: | Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 944 million (-15%). |
| Section 17: | Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R1 078 million (-14%). |

IMPORTS

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| Section 2: | Vegetable products decreased by R 603 million (-32%). |
| Section 4: | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco decreased by R 581 million (-25%). |
| Section 6: | Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R1 523 million (-20%). |
| Section 7: | Plastics and rubber and articles thereof decreased by R 802 million (-28%). |
| Section 11: | Textile and textile articles decreased by R 757 million (-33%). |
| Section 15: | Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R1 159 million (-33%). |
| Section 16: | Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R3 329 million (-19%). |
| Section 20: | Miscellaneous manufactured articles decreased by R 520 million (-35%). |
| Section 23: | Original equipment components decreased by R1 781 million (-42%). |

PRELIMINARY SA CUMULATIVE STATEMENT

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| <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

| World zone | Jan - Dec 2012 / Jan - Dec 2011 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | EXPORTS | | | IMPORTS | | |
| | Jan - Dec 2012 | Jan - Dec 2011 | Percentage increase / decrease | Jan - Dec 2012 | Jan - Dec 2011 | Percentage increase / decrease |
| | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 |
| Africa | 128,067.8 | 106,344.3 | 20.4% | 82,785.7 | 57,776.2 | 43.3% |
| Europe | 166,074.7 | 185,378.2 | -10.4% | 252,882.2 | 237,196.1 | 6.6% |
| America | 84,690.0 | 80,048.8 | 5.8% | 99,607.8 | 92,314.5 | 7.9% |
| Asia | 254,271.2 | 253,535.7 | 0.3% | 385,560.8 | 327,337.8 | 17.8% |
| Oceania | 8,341.0 | 7,079.2 | 17.8% | 13,505.5 | 13,226.8 | 2.1% |
| Other Unclassified Goods | 75,417.5 | 78,521.2 | -4.0% | 1,268.5 | 1,175.5 | 7.9% |
| Ships/Aircraft Stores | 1,073.6 | 1,233.9 | -13.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 717,935.6 | 712,141.3 | 0.8% | 835,610.7 | 729,026.9 | 14.6% |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section (chapter) | Description | EXPORTS | | | IMPORTS | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Jan - Dec 2012 | Jan - Dec 2011 | Percentage increase / decrease | Jan - Dec 2012 | Jan - Dec 2011 | Percentage increase / decrease |
| | | Rm | Rm | - | Rm | Rm | - |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products | 5,308.9 | 5,015.0 | 5.9% | 10,378.5 | 9,967.5 | 4.1% |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products | 26,854.6 | 25,709.7 | 4.5% | 16,489.2 | 13,530.2 | 21.9% |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes | 2,198.2 | 1,710.7 | 28.5% | 8,788.2 | 7,855.3 | 11.9% |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes | 21,573.8 | 19,153.6 | 12.6% | 21,122.4 | 17,166.0 | 23.0% |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products | 184,543.8 | 177,125.6 | 4.2% | 189,930.2 | 155,903.2 | 21.8% |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemical or allied industries | 45,718.9 | 37,586.8 | 21.6% | 77,036.9 | 69,093.5 | 11.5% |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof | 13,736.5 | 11,684.5 | 17.6% | 32,128.8 | 28,367.6 | 13.3% |
| 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) | 2,329.1 | 2,180.7 | 6.8% | 2,865.2 | 2,568.9 | 11.5% |
| 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 | 2,699.8 | 2,774.2 | -2.7% | 2,900.8 | 2,582.1 | 12.3% |
| 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 | 10,862.3 | 12,406.9 | -12.5% | 11,327.1 | 10,162.4 | 11.5% |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles & textile articles | 5,999.0 | 5,469.1 | 9.7% | 23,998.6 | 21,585.2 | 11.2% |
| 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 | 514.3 | 381.0 | 35.0% | 9,101.9 | 7,663.7 | 18.8% |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware | 2,471.1 | 2,263.5 | 9.2% | 8,548.3 | 8,062.5 | 6.0% |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | 159,824.8 | 189,131.2 | -15.5% | 7,386.7 | 7,220.5 | 2.3% |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals & articles of base metal | 91,368.5 | 94,326.7 | -3.1% | 38,801.9 | 34,677.4 | 11.9% |
| XVI (84-85) | Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles | 62,741.8 | 56,325.9 | 11.4% | 200,029.2 | 178,911.6 | 11.8% |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment | 68,809.5 | 58,987.7 | 16.7% | 87,928.1 | 79,304.0 | 10.9% |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof | 3,722.6 | 3,532.8 | 5.4% | 20,692.4 | 19,082.9 | 8.4% |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 4,258.1 | 4,526.1 | -5.9% | 13,659.9 | 10,837.4 | 26.0% |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques | 414.0 | 155.1 | 166.9% | 208.0 | 196.1 | 6.1% |
| XXII | Other unclassified goods | 1,972.6 | 1,668.9 | 18.2% | 862.4 | 518.4 | 66.3% |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles | 13.4 | 25.5 | -47.3% | 51,425.9 | 43,770.7 | 17.5% |
| Total | | 717,935.6 | 712,141.3 | 0.8% | 835,610.7 | 729,026.9 | 14.6% |

PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT

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| <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 | December 2012 / November 2012 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | EXPORTS | | | | IMPORTS | | | |
| | December 2012 | November 2012 | Percentage increase / decrease | November adjustment | December 2012 | November 2012 | Percentage increase / decrease | November adjustment |
| | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 | Rm | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 | Rm |
| Africa | 11,042.7 | 13,735.6 | -19.6% | - | 6,985.5 | 6,219.3 | 12.3% | - |
| Europe | 13,203.0 | 14,633.0 | -9.8% | - | 17,301.6 | 22,499.4 | -23.1% | - |
| America | 8,014.9 | 7,602.2 | 5.4% | - | 7,597.7 | 8,021.2 | -5.3% | - |
| Asia | 20,685.5 | 22,053.1 | -6.2% | - | 29,498.3 | 35,848.0 | -17.7% | - |
| Oceania | 588.8 | 707.0 | -16.7% | - | 1,047.2 | 1,545.7 | -32.3% | - |
| Other Unclassified Goods | 6,147.8 | 7,435.5 | -17.3% | - | 62.0 | 74.7 | -16.9% | - |
| Ships/Aircraft Stores | 106.1 | 106.9 | -0.7% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 59,788.8 | 66,273.3 | -9.8% | - | 62,492.2 | 74,208.2 | -15.8% | - |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section (chapter) | Description | EXPORTS | | | | IMPORTS | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | December 2012 | November 2012 | Percentage increase / decrease | November adjustment | December 2012 | November 2012 | Percentage increase / decrease | November adjustment |
| | | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 | Rm | Rm | Rm | Jan-00 | Rm |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products | 486.8 | 476.6 | 2.1% | - | 662.4 | 868.5 | -23.7% | - |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products | 1,630.8 | 1,253.0 | 30.2% | - | 1,301.9 | 1,904.6 | -31.6% | - |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes | 235.2 | 246.6 | -4.6% | - | 937.3 | 917.7 | 2.1% | - |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes | 1,609.1 | 2,383.3 | -32.5% | - | 1,716.4 | 2,297.4 | -25.3% | - |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products | 15,106.3 | 15,650.7 | -3.5% | - | 16,060.7 | 15,449.5 | 4.0% | - |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemical or allied industries | 3,238.2 | 3,774.6 | -14.2% | - | 6,073.9 | 7,597.2 | -20.1% | - |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof | 1,117.7 | 1,295.6 | -13.7% | - | 2,106.5 | 2,908.2 | -27.6% | - |
| 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) | 238.9 | 231.0 | 3.4% | - | 214.9 | 316.7 | -32.1% | - |
| 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 | 182.9 | 239.0 | -23.5% | - | 140.8 | 284.6 | -50.5% | - |
| 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 | 852.2 | 1,018.7 | -16.3% | - | 888.2 | 1,103.8 | -19.5% | - |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles & textile articles | 562.9 | 753.4 | -25.3% | - | 1,554.4 | 2,310.9 | -32.7% | - |
| 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 | 56.6 | 66.5 | -14.9% | - | 582.9 | 826.4 | -29.5% | - |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware | 183.5 | 228.2 | -19.6% | - | 604.6 | 812.9 | -25.6% | - |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | 14,418.1 | 14,644.2 | -1.5% | - | 253.7 | 553.8 | -54.2% | - |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals & articles of base metal | 6,798.0 | 8,816.6 | -22.9% | - | 2,349.1 | 3,508.1 | -33.0% | - |
| XVI (84-85) | Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles | 5,554.5 | 6,499.0 | -14.5% | - | 14,547.5 | 17,876.3 | -18.6% | - |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment | 6,478.6 | 7,556.5 | -14.3% | - | 7,267.6 | 6,850.8 | 6.1% | - |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof | 427.9 | 407.4 | 5.0% | - | 1,644.0 | 1,927.4 | -14.7% | - |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 295.4 | 451.4 | -34.6% | - | 979.4 | 1,499.7 | -34.7% | - |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques | 22.4 | 27.9 | -19.8% | - | 28.3 | 19.5 | 44.8% | - |
| XXII | Other unclassified goods | 291.7 | 251.1 | 16.2% | - | 73.5 | 88.7 | -17.2% | - |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles | 1.0 | 2.1 | -49.3% | - | 2,504.2 | 4,285.6 | -41.6% | - |
| Total | | 59,788.8 | 66,273.3 | -9.8% | - | 62,492.2 | 74,208.2 | -15.8% | - |