



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
January 2012 (prelim)	R	54,003,269,263	R	67,506,493,448	R -13,503,224,185
December 2011	R	62,982,943,092	R	58,281,423,731	R 4,701,519,361
R Increase/Decrease	R	-8,979,673,829	R	9,225,069,717	
% Growth		-14.3%		15.8%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January 2012 (Prelim)	R	54,003,269,263	R	67,506,493,448	R -13,503,224,185
January 2011	R	44,739,857,371	R	49,681,590,713	R -4,941,733,342
R Increase/Decrease	R	9,263,411,892	R	17,824,902,735	
% Growth		20.7%		35.9%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco decreased by R 483 million (-29%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 227 million (1%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R4 835 million (-28%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 253 million (4%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 146 million (-23%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R2 208 million (-43%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 321 million (2%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 970 million (19%).
Section 7:	Live animals and animal products increased by R 672 million (30%).
Section 11:	Textile and textile articles increased by R 709 million (45%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R 479 million (194%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 672 million (24%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R2 838 million (20%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 47 million (-1%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R1 304 million (56%).

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>
---	--

WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January 2012 / December 2011								
	World zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		January 2012	December 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	January 2012	December 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm		
Africa	7,407.8	9,570.5	-22.6%	-0.3	3,720.3	4,705.2	-20.9%	-	
Europe	14,772.0	15,214.8	-2.9%	-3.3	21,056.6	17,914.2	17.5%	-	
America	5,931.3	6,977.2	-15.0%	-	8,514.5	8,042.9	5.9%	-	
Asia	19,884.4	22,320.6	-10.9%	-	32,898.3	26,630.2	23.5%	-	
Oceania	531.5	625.8	-15.1%	-	1,233.2	910.7	35.4%	-	
Other Unclassified Goods	5,463.7	8,255.4	-33.8%	-	83.7	78.1	7.1%	-	
Ships/Aircraft Stores	12.5	18.6	-32.8%	-0.0	-	-	-	-	
Total	54,003.3	62,982.9	-14.3%	-3.6	67,506.5	58,281.4	15.8%	-	

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		January 2012	December 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	January 2012	December 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	387.6	440.2	-12.0%	-	756.7	649.5	16.5%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,056.4	2,052.8	0.2%	-	1,265.3	940.0	34.6%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	107.9	139.2	-22.5%	-	700.4	684.2	2.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,185.6	1,668.5	-28.9%	0.2	1,521.1	1,590.3	-4.3%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,190.1	15,963.5	1.4%	-	13,650.0	13,329.3	2.4%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,053.3	3,831.8	5.8%	-0.0	6,020.2	5,050.5	19.2%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	863.1	919.2	-6.1%	-	2,905.5	2,233.1	30.1%	-
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)	164.7	205.0	-19.7%	-	234.9	203.8	15.2%	-
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	190.4	289.2	-34.2%	-	298.1	162.6	83.4%	-
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	955.1	1,103.2	-13.4%	-0.2	930.4	750.6	24.0%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	429.5	578.5	-25.8%	-	2,286.8	1,578.2	44.9%	-
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	20.4	42.4	-51.8%	-	945.5	624.7	51.3%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	146.1	162.9	-10.3%	-	783.9	644.9	21.6%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	12,494.9	17,330.2	-27.9%	-	726.4	247.1	194.0%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,266.8	7,014.3	3.6%	-	3,464.3	2,792.4	24.1%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	3,839.3	4,985.5	-23.0%	-	17,230.4	14,392.8	19.7%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	2,876.0	5,084.0	-43.4%	-	7,580.0	7,626.7	-0.6%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	238.9	351.4	-32.0%	-3.6	1,492.4	1,562.0	-4.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	278.1	373.1	-25.4%	-	998.4	810.8	23.1%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	16.0	25.1	-36.2%	-	12.4	7.8	59.3%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	241.1	421.9	-42.9%	-	61.8	62.4	-0.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.9	1.1	67.3%	-	3,641.5	2,337.5	55.8%	-
Total		54,003.3	62,982.9	-14.3%	-3.6	67,506.5	58,281.4	15.8%	-

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>
--	--

WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World zone	Jan 2012 / Jan 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan 2012	Jan 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan 2012	Jan 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	7,407.8	6,281.0	17.9%	3,720.3	3,382.9	10.0%
Europe	14,772.0	12,998.7	13.6%	21,056.6	17,817.2	18.2%
America	5,931.3	3,920.9	51.3%	8,514.5	6,029.4	41.2%
Asia	19,884.4	16,570.3	20.0%	32,898.3	21,471.5	53.2%
Oceania	531.5	500.6	6.2%	1,233.2	893.7	38.0%
Other Unclassified Goods	5,463.7	4,457.7	22.6%	83.7	86.9	-3.8%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	12.5	10.6	18.4%			
Total	54,003.3	44,739.9	20.7%	67,506.5	49,681.6	35.9%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan 2012	Jan 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan 2012	Jan 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	387.6	387.2	0.1%	756.7	440.4	71.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,056.4	1,518.1	35.5%	1,265.3	937.4	35.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	107.9	80.4	34.2%	700.4	598.5	17.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,185.6	978.9	21.1%	1,521.1	1,143.8	33.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,190.1	10,916.5	48.3%	13,650.0	9,464.1	44.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,053.3	2,640.9	53.5%	6,020.2	4,671.6	28.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	863.1	685.0	26.0%	2,905.5	2,038.5	42.5%
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)	164.7	139.1	18.4%	234.9	186.5	25.9%
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	190.4	244.8	-22.2%	298.1	226.4	31.7%
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	955.1	862.4	10.8%	930.4	797.4	16.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	429.5	312.0	37.6%	2,286.8	1,683.1	35.9%
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	20.4	17.1	19.5%	945.5	606.8	55.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	146.1	110.8	31.9%	783.9	570.5	37.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	12,494.9	11,250.9	11.1%	726.4	584.6	24.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,266.8	8,257.2	-12.0%	3,464.3	2,388.9	45.0%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	3,839.3	3,319.6	15.7%	17,230.4	12,826.1	34.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	2,876.0	2,429.2	18.4%	7,580.0	5,345.7	41.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	238.9	218.4	9.4%	1,492.4	1,198.9	24.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	278.1	276.8	0.5%	998.4	659.2	51.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	16.0	12.7	26.5%	12.4	19.1	-34.8%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	241.1	77.8	209.7%	61.8	29.2	111.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.9	4.2	-54.1%	3,641.5	3,264.9	11.5%
Total		54,003.3	44,739.9	20.7%	67,506.5	49,681.6	35.9%