



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
July 2012 (prelim)	R	63,507,977,742	R	70,179,601,763	R -6,671,624,021
June 2012	R	61,697,062,148	R	67,423,916,028	R -5,726,853,880
R Increase/Decrease	R	1,810,915,594	R	2,755,685,735	
% Growth		2.9%		4.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to July 2012 (Prelim)	R	411,743,365,879	R	469,000,396,364	R -57,257,030,485
January to July 2011	R	382,004,367,630	R	388,876,881,577	R -6,872,513,947
R Increase/Decrease	R	29,738,998,249	R	80,123,514,787	
% Growth		7.8%		20.6%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R1 823 million (12%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1 416 million (44%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R 402 million (-3%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 923 million (-12%).

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by R 527 million (50%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R3 284 million (-20%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1 435 million (28%).
Section 11:	Textile and textile articles increased by R 444 million (28%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 472 million (16%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R2 202 million (14%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 252 million (-3%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 661 million (15%).

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:	July 2012 / June 2012								
	World zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		July 2012	June 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	June adjustment	July 2012	June 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	June adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
Africa	12,560.1	11,028.4	13.9%	-0.0	6,646.2	7,213.7	-7.9%	-	
Europe	14,598.1	14,363.9	1.6%	-	20,961.3	19,682.9	6.5%	-	
America	6,961.9	6,898.0	0.9%	0.0	8,740.1	8,615.7	1.4%	-	
Asia	21,926.4	21,633.1	1.4%	-	32,452.7	30,856.2	5.2%	-	
Oceania	701.5	840.3	-16.5%	-	1,309.0	889.5	47.2%	-	
Other Unclassified Goods	6,697.8	6,916.0	-3.2%	-	70.3	166.0	-57.7%	-	
Ships/Aircraft Stores	62.1	17.3	258.1%	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	63,508.0	61,697.1	2.9%	-	70,179.6	67,423.9	4.1%	-	

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		July 2012	June 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	June adjustment	July 2012	June 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	June adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	424.1	480.7	-11.8%	-	499.5	677.5	-26.3%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	3,233.0	3,302.3	-2.1%	-	1,573.3	1,045.9	50.4%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	212.5	195.2	8.9%	-	695.3	1,000.2	-30.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,948.3	1,938.1	0.5%	-	1,829.6	1,457.3	25.5%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,908.7	15,086.2	12.1%	-	13,521.7	16,805.7	-19.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,605.4	3,189.6	44.4%	-	6,623.9	5,188.6	27.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,116.9	1,207.4	-7.5%	-	2,725.3	2,489.0	9.5%	-
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)	188.5	172.7	9.1%	-	265.4	181.3	46.3%	-
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	266.9	204.9	30.3%	-	244.6	192.4	27.2%	-
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	815.3	881.8	-7.5%	-	870.3	796.8	9.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	322.0	466.5	-31.0%	-	2,008.8	1,564.7	28.4%	-
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	45.3	38.0	19.3%	-	882.9	627.9	40.6%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	247.1	217.8	13.5%	-	786.5	650.3	20.9%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,131.2	14,532.9	-2.8%	-	521.8	662.8	-21.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	6,793.2	7,716.3	-12.0%	-	3,445.6	2,973.9	15.9%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,558.6	5,212.2	6.6%	-	18,088.7	15,886.3	13.9%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,892.7	6,098.3	-3.4%	-	7,603.9	7,856.1	-3.2%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	339.0	297.6	13.9%	-	1,691.9	1,859.2	-9.0%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	396.6	371.4	6.8%	-	1,144.8	1,051.7	8.9%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	17.1	26.4	-35.0%	-	46.3	17.5	164.7%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	45.2	59.8	-24.4%	-	80.1	69.8	14.7%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.3	1.0	-69.1%	-	5,029.5	4,369.0	15.1%	-
Total		63,508.0	61,697.1	2.9%	-	70,179.6	67,423.9	4.1%	-

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 - Jul 2012 / Jan - Jul 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Jul 2012	Jan - Jul 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Jul 2012	Jan - Jul 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	71,005.6	57,399.7	23.7%	42,982.0	29,744.0	44.5%
Europe	97,352.2	103,064.5	-5.5%	142,532.5	129,578.2	10.0%
America	46,178.9	42,896.3	7.7%	57,707.7	51,760.6	11.5%
Asia	145,790.6	135,102.5	7.9%	216,494.3	169,818.2	27.5%
Oceania	4,728.9	3,902.9	21.2%	8,108.7	7,044.8	15.1%
Other Unclassified Goods	46,534.7	39,544.6	17.7%	1,175.2	931.0	26.2%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	152.5	93.8	62.6%			
Total	411,743.4	382,004.4	7.8%	469,000.4	388,876.9	20.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Jan - Jul 2012	Jan - Jul 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Jul 2012	Jan - Jul 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	3,074.1	2,929.3	4.9%	4,812.3	3,551.6	35.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	16,737.4	15,432.6	8.5%	8,422.4	6,907.0	21.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,130.3	923.7	22.4%	4,786.4	4,275.9	11.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	11,908.8	10,020.9	18.8%	11,171.6	8,817.4	26.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	113,205.0	93,293.3	21.3%	109,762.1	86,838.6	26.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	23,593.8	19,940.3	18.3%	40,615.7	35,508.0	14.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	7,820.6	6,513.7	20.1%	18,399.5	15,529.6	18.5%
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)	1,314.8	1,227.7	7.1%	1,437.5	1,293.2	11.2%
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	1,579.2	1,517.3	4.1%	1,704.2	1,428.5	19.3%
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	6,333.7	6,168.7	2.7%	5,864.2	5,502.4	6.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	3,221.8	2,804.9	14.9%	13,147.6	11,512.0	14.2%
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	262.2	191.5	36.9%	4,924.4	3,831.0	28.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1,386.9	1,276.2	8.7%	4,906.7	4,204.0	16.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	91,581.7	97,642.7	-6.2%	4,867.2	3,992.4	21.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	53,567.7	55,764.8	-3.9%	22,513.3	17,982.6	25.2%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	34,757.7	30,590.9	13.6%	112,602.4	94,140.0	19.6%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	34,635.7	30,337.9	14.2%	49,966.8	42,903.5	16.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,057.8	1,777.8	15.7%	11,689.4	10,409.0	12.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,432.0	2,482.3	-2.0%	6,719.1	5,118.0	31.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	153.9	165.9	-7.2%	120.4	141.0	-14.6%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	980.4	989.4	-0.9%	551.4	289.2	90.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	7.8	12.5	-37.6%	30,015.9	24,702.0	21.5%
Total		411,743.4	382,004.4	7.8%	469,000.4	388,876.9	20.6%