

SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2012 (prelim)	R 61,313,393,083	R 66,819,864,646	R -5,506,471,563
February 2012	R 56,254,828,351	R 63,740,780,343	R -7,485,951,992
R Increase/Decrease	R 5,058,564,732	R 3,079,084,303	
% Growth	9.0%	4.8%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to March 2012 (Prelim)	R 171,769,526,256	R 198,095,398,356	R -26,325,872,100
January to March 2011	R 156,466,107,985	R 161,531,365,156	R -5,065,257,171
R Increase/Decrease	R 15,303,418,271	R 36,564,033,200	
% Growth	9.8%	22.6%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R3 488 million (25%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 736 million (26%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R 460 million (4%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 490 million (-6%).

IMPORTS

Section 3:	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products decreased by R 365 million (-47%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 679 million (4%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R1 554 million (12%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 485 million (8%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 282 million (7%).

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	March 2012 / February 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2012	February 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment	March 2012	February 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	10,568.4	9,630.1	9.7%	-	8,288.9	4,491.3	84.6%	-
Europe	13,929.6	14,468.4	-3.7%	-	21,008.4	19,760.8	6.3%	-
America	6,595.7	5,453.6	20.9%	-	8,384.2	7,620.3	10.0%	-
Asia	23,029.8	18,933.4	21.6%	-	27,795.8	30,430.5	-8.7%	1.5
Oceania	611.8	643.5	-4.9%	-	1,046.6	1,102.5	-5.1%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,562.5	7,108.2	-7.7%	-	296.0	335.4	-11.7%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	15.6	17.6	-11.6%	-				-
Total	61,313.4	56,254.8	9.0%	-	66,819.9	63,740.8	4.8%	1.5

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2012	February 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment	March 2012	February 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	450.5	460.1	-2.1%	-	730.6	685.6	6.6%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,020.8	1,900.9	6.3%	-	1,191.9	1,323.8	-10.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	141.7	124.1	14.2%	-	411.5	776.6	-47.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,725.0	1,520.7	13.4%	-	1,766.6	1,670.8	5.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	17,654.1	14,165.7	24.6%	-	17,378.3	16,699.5	4.1%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,586.5	2,851.0	25.8%	-	5,888.8	5,652.2	4.2%	1.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,244.8	1,138.1	9.4%	-	2,647.9	2,333.6	13.5%	-
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)	193.1	198.2	-2.6%	-	163.1	194.6	-16.2%	-
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	313.7	252.5	24.3%	-	227.6	268.8	-15.3%	-
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	912.7	966.6	-5.6%	-	811.8	808.9	0.4%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	577.5	493.8	16.9%	-	1,764.5	2,097.3	-15.9%	-
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	42.6	41.6	2.3%	-	549.1	737.5	-25.5%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	200.6	176.1	13.9%	-	665.0	621.0	7.1%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	13,298.1	12,838.0	3.6%	-	982.8	887.0	10.8%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,821.6	8,311.4	-5.9%	-	3,044.0	2,941.7	3.5%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,222.8	5,160.3	1.2%	-	15,037.5	13,483.7	11.5%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,137.2	4,964.8	3.5%	-	6,692.4	6,207.3	7.8%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	359.7	271.4	32.5%	-	1,837.3	1,592.7	15.4%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	361.9	344.4	5.1%	-	788.9	774.2	1.9%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	26.0	23.4	11.0%	-	12.3	10.5	17.8%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	22.1	51.4	-57.0%	-	88.5	116.2	-23.8%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.4	0.5	-10.5%	-	4,139.2	3,857.3	7.3%	-
Total		61,313.4	56,254.8	9.0%	-	66,819.9	63,740.8	4.8%	1.5

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: World zone	Jan - Mar 2012 / Jan - Mar 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Mar 2012	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Mar 2012	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	27,576.8	23,644.5	16.6%	16,500.8	12,581.4	31.2%
Europe	41,664.2	42,092.1	-1.0%	61,842.4	57,700.0	7.2%
America	19,262.7	16,669.6	15.6%	24,524.0	19,987.8	22.7%
Asia	60,968.3	57,087.8	6.8%	91,130.1	68,039.8	33.9%
Oceania	1,782.0	1,528.7	16.6%	3,383.0	2,917.5	16.0%
Other Unclassified Goods	20,469.9	15,402.4	32.9%	715.1	305.0	134.5%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	45.7	41.0	11.5%			
Total	171,769.5	156,466.1	9.8%	198,095.4	161,531.4	22.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Mar 2012	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Mar 2012	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1,295.9	1,304.4	-0.7%	2,173.4	1,426.8	52.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	5,973.7	5,384.1	10.9%	3,780.6	2,975.2	27.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	371.7	313.3	18.6%	1,889.2	2,349.1	-19.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	4,427.3	3,861.7	14.6%	4,963.9	3,869.7	28.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	48,433.0	37,620.2	28.7%	47,732.4	33,566.4	42.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	9,251.6	8,570.8	7.9%	17,562.7	14,804.7	18.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	3,235.0	2,629.3	23.0%	7,882.4	6,311.3	24.9%
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)	556.0	528.1	5.3%	592.7	524.6	13.0%
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	755.8	661.6	14.2%	796.0	654.5	21.6%
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	2,821.5	2,740.9	2.9%	2,551.4	2,408.9	5.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1,501.3	1,131.7	32.7%	6,149.9	4,940.7	24.5%
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	104.6	77.9	34.2%	2,232.5	1,694.0	31.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	521.6	496.9	5.0%	2,069.3	1,678.2	23.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	38,631.0	38,857.0	-0.6%	2,594.7	1,684.9	54.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	24,627.7	25,404.0	-3.1%	9,453.5	7,253.0	30.3%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	14,204.0	12,787.8	11.1%	45,754.2	38,968.0	17.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	12,821.8	11,828.0	8.4%	20,487.4	19,322.5	6.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	870.0	728.9	19.4%	4,926.3	4,361.6	12.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	983.3	1,027.3	-4.3%	2,564.2	1,976.0	29.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	65.4	73.4	-10.8%	35.2	56.5	-37.6%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	314.7	433.9	-27.5%	266.5	119.8	122.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2.8	4.9	-41.6%	11,636.7	10,584.9	9.9%
Total		171,769.5	156,466.1	9.8%	198,095.4	161,531.4	22.6%