



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
May 2012 (prelim)	R	62,791,117,707	R	71,719,177,503	<b>R -8,928,059,796</b>
April 2012	R	52,153,915,467	R	62,027,805,820	<b>R -9,873,890,353</b>
R Increase/Decrease	R	10,637,202,240	R	9,691,371,683	
% Growth		20.4%		15.6%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to May 2012 (Prelim)	R	285,698,656,545	R	331,500,284,133	<b>R -45,801,627,588</b>
January to May 2011	R	265,316,344,934	R	272,829,185,873	<b>R -7,512,840,939</b>
R Increase/Decrease	R	20,382,311,611	R	58,671,098,260	
% Growth		7.7%		21.5%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by R 865 million (50%).
Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco increased by R 651 million (43%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R2 583 million (17%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R3 808 million (37%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 630 million (9%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 976 million (22%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 670 million (15%).

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R5 909 million (45%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 427 million (8%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R1 188 million (7%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 606 million (9%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 676 million (16%).

**PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT**

<p><b>METHODOLOGY</b>          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	May 2012 / April 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2012	April 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment	May 2012	April 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	11,350.5	8,782.7	29.2%	-0.2	9,333.2	3,287.3	183.9%	-
Europe	15,503.4	11,832.0	31.0%	-0.0	20,513.0	19,507.4	5.2%	-
America	6,638.0	6,087.6	9.0%	0.1	8,060.4	8,082.4	-0.3%	-
Asia	22,062.2	18,725.4	17.8%	0.1	32,037.4	30,134.3	6.3%	-
Oceania	728.2	755.0	-3.5%	-	1,645.7	923.7	78.2%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	6,490.7	5,961.8	8.9%	-	129.4	92.7	39.5%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	18.1	9.4	92.1%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,791.1</b>	<b>52,153.9</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>71,719.2</b>	<b>62,027.8</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>-</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2012	April 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment	May 2012	April 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	April adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	496.6	377.7	31.5%	-	742.1	718.6	3.3%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,603.5	1,738.4	49.8%	-0.0	978.0	1,045.1	-6.4%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	206.0	147.9	39.3%	-	643.1	575.8	11.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,147.8	1,496.7	43.5%	-	1,535.0	1,433.4	7.1%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	17,423.6	14,840.7	17.4%	-	18,900.4	12,991.0	45.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,324.7	3,350.0	-0.8%	-	5,846.0	5,419.5	7.9%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,160.4	1,125.8	3.1%	-	2,714.2	2,590.9	4.8%	-
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)	225.4	165.8	35.9%	-	228.0	169.8	34.3%	-
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	237.3	102.6	131.2%	-	243.9	227.3	7.3%	-
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	1,075.8	778.6	38.2%	-	894.6	750.5	19.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	460.5	473.7	-2.8%	-	1,698.6	1,725.8	-1.6%	-
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	40.0	34.8	14.8%	-	594.5	586.7	1.3%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	226.9	177.5	27.8%	-	734.5	659.6	11.4%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,047.3	10,239.4	37.2%	-	496.2	592.9	-16.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,598.6	6,968.6	9.0%	-	3,471.5	3,190.0	8.8%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,445.6	4,469.7	21.8%	-	17,090.8	15,903.3	7.5%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	5,283.9	4,613.4	14.5%	-	7,330.7	6,725.2	9.0%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	266.5	284.1	-6.2%	-	1,628.2	1,578.6	3.1%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	351.7	329.3	6.8%	-	1,041.2	912.6	14.1%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	26.2	18.0	45.7%	-	9.0	11.9	-24.1%	-
XXII (98)	Other unclassified goods	141.5	419.0	-66.2%	-	68.4	64.9	5.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.5	2.2	-30.8%	-	4,830.2	4,154.3	16.3%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>62,791.1</b>	<b>52,153.9</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>71,719.2</b>	<b>62,027.8</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>-</b>

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PERIOD:  World zone	Jan - May 2012 / Jan - May 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - May 2012	Jan - May 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - May 2012	Jan - May 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	47,561.2	39,316.1	21.0%	29,121.5	21,813.6	33.5%
Europe	68,665.5	71,854.8	-4.4%	101,872.0	93,986.5	8.4%
America	32,067.4	29,776.9	7.7%	40,368.3	34,675.1	16.4%
Asia	101,234.2	95,235.8	6.3%	153,288.2	117,122.2	30.9%
Oceania	3,176.5	2,671.4	18.9%	5,911.3	4,655.2	27.0%
Other Unclassified Goods	32,920.8	26,395.8	24.7%	938.9	576.5	62.9%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	73.1	65.6	11.4%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>285,698.7</b>	<b>265,316.3</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>331,500.3</b>	<b>272,829.2</b>	<b>21.5%</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	2,168.8	2,125.6	2.0%	3,634.2	2,427.2	49.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	10,211.2	9,372.7	8.9%	5,803.8	4,842.5	19.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	724.8	589.9	22.9%	3,107.2	3,315.6	-6.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	8,047.4	6,605.5	21.8%	7,929.0	6,126.1	29.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	80,280.4	64,538.7	24.4%	79,427.6	61,808.1	28.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	15,831.3	14,069.8	12.5%	28,794.8	24,528.3	17.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	5,498.9	4,410.2	24.7%	13,186.3	10,728.0	22.9%
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)	948.0	841.6	12.6%	990.6	881.8	12.3%
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	1,100.1	995.1	10.6%	1,267.4	1,053.5	20.3%
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	4,639.0	4,570.2	1.5%	4,196.7	3,891.2	7.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	2,433.6	2,104.0	15.7%	9,577.2	7,993.7	19.8%
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	179.0	139.0	28.8%	3,413.9	2,624.3	30.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	922.6	862.9	6.9%	3,470.3	2,889.8	20.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	62,917.6	66,681.6	-5.6%	3,682.6	2,589.0	42.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	39,123.2	41,769.2	-6.3%	16,119.7	12,331.6	30.7%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	24,053.6	21,284.7	13.0%	78,625.0	66,153.6	18.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	22,552.5	20,697.2	9.0%	34,544.8	30,456.8	13.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	1,419.7	1,202.4	18.1%	8,135.4	7,369.6	10.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,663.3	1,732.7	-4.0%	4,520.2	3,454.6	30.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	110.5	116.5	-5.2%	56.3	75.3	-25.2%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	866.8	597.1	45.2%	401.4	226.9	76.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	6.4	9.6	-33.0%	20,615.8	17,061.8	20.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>285,698.7</b>	<b>265,316.3</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>331,500.3</b>	<b>272,829.2</b>	<b>21.5%</b>