



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
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November 2012 (prelim)	R	66,273,336,551	R	74,208,215,111	R -7,934,878,560
October 2012	R	61,112,450,651	R	82,300,660,728	R -21,188,210,077
R Increase/Decrease	R	5,160,885,900	R	-8,092,445,617	
% Growth		8.4%		-9.8%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to November 2012 (Prelim)	R	660,373,206,713	R	773,101,802,159	R -112,728,595,446
January to November 2011	R	651,482,824,802	R	669,925,884,937	R -18,443,060,135
R Increase/Decrease	R	8,890,381,911	R	103,175,917,222	
% Growth		1.4%		15.4%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by R 532 million (-30%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R 675 million (-4%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R3 040 million (26%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 808 million (10%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R1 322 million (21%).

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R1 850 million (-11%).
Section 11:	Textile and textile articles decreased by R 338 million (-13%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R2 517 million (-12%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R2 062 million (-23%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by R 701 million (-14%).

**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**

PERIOD:  World zone	November 2012 / October 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	November 2012	October 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	October adjustment	November 2012	October 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	October adjustment
	Rm	Rm	Jan-00	Rm	Rm	Rm	Jan-00	Rm
Africa	13,735.6	12,158.2	13.0%	189.8	6,219.3	6,663.2	-6.7%	-
Europe	14,633.0	14,084.5	3.9%	2.2	22,499.4	25,021.5	-10.1%	-
America	7,602.2	8,409.5	-9.6%	4.3	8,021.2	9,892.2	-18.9%	-
Asia	22,053.1	21,609.0	2.1%	0.0	35,848.0	39,804.3	-9.9%	-
Oceania	707.0	721.9	-2.1%	-	1,545.7	860.9	79.5%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	7,435.5	4,018.1	85.1%	-	74.7	58.6	27.5%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	106.9	111.2	-3.9%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,273.3</b>	<b>61,112.5</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>196.2</b>	<b>74,208.2</b>	<b>82,300.7</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>-</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		November 2012	October 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	October adjustment	November 2012	October 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	October adjustment
		Rm	Rm	Jan-00	Rm	Rm	Rm	Jan-00	Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	476.6	508.6	-6.3%	3.2	868.5	884.8	-1.8%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,253.0	1,785.4	-29.8%	0.6	1,904.6	1,666.7	14.3%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	246.6	166.2	48.3%	-	917.7	1,027.4	-10.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,383.3	2,237.3	6.5%	2.3	2,297.4	2,007.9	14.4%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	15,650.7	16,325.3	-4.1%	-	15,449.5	17,299.4	-10.7%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,774.6	3,800.1	-0.7%	5.0	7,597.2	7,640.0	-0.6%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,295.6	1,169.6	10.8%	0.3	2,908.2	3,190.8	-8.9%	-
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)	231.0	196.2	17.7%	0.0	316.7	342.4	-7.5%	-
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	239.0	183.2	30.4%	3.0	284.6	312.9	-9.1%	-
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	1,018.7	902.6	12.9%	0.2	1,103.8	1,340.6	-17.7%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	753.4	635.6	18.5%	0.9	2,310.9	2,649.1	-12.8%	-
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	66.5	49.1	35.4%	0.4	826.4	977.5	-15.5%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	228.2	258.3	-11.7%	0.5	812.9	843.3	-3.6%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,644.2	11,604.0	26.2%	2.1	553.8	443.3	24.9%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8,816.6	8,008.8	10.1%	8.4	3,508.1	3,712.9	-5.5%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	6,499.0	6,095.3	6.6%	83.5	17,876.3	20,393.3	-12.3%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	7,556.5	6,234.3	21.2%	67.0	6,850.8	8,913.2	-23.1%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	407.4	326.7	24.7%	11.7	1,927.4	1,947.6	-1.0%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	451.4	388.5	16.2%	1.8	1,499.7	1,627.2	-7.8%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	27.9	34.0	-17.9%	3.1	19.5	7.5	160.1%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	251.1	202.7	23.8%	2.4	88.7	86.5	2.5%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2.1	0.3	545.5%	-	4,285.6	4,986.2	-14.1%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>66,273.3</b>	<b>61,112.5</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>196.2</b>	<b>74,208.2</b>	<b>82,300.7</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>-</b>

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	Jan - Nov 2012	Jan - Nov 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Nov 2012	Jan - Nov 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm	Jan-00	Rm	Rm	Jan-00
Africa	118,888.5	98,446.9	20.8%	75,800.9	52,494.8	44.4%
Europe	153,090.0	170,575.7	-10.3%	235,573.1	219,072.1	7.5%
America	76,840.9	73,144.6	5.1%	92,019.7	84,210.7	9.3%
Asia	233,551.9	231,407.8	0.9%	356,043.0	300,707.7	18.4%
Oceania	7,764.5	6,455.3	20.3%	12,458.6	12,314.5	1.2%
Other Unclassified Goods	69,269.8	70,326.5	-1.5%	1,206.5	1,126.1	7.1%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	967.6	1,126.2	-14.1%	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>660,373.2</b>	<b>651,482.8</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>773,101.8</b>	<b>669,925.9</b>	<b>15.4%</b>

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		Rm	Rm	-	Rm	Rm	-
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	4,834.3	4,585.0	5.4%	9,592.6	8,654.4	10.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	25,238.0	23,672.5	6.6%	15,186.1	12,613.3	20.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,965.2	1,572.2	25.0%	7,864.1	7,170.2	9.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	19,975.8	17,509.6	14.1%	19,404.9	15,556.7	24.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	169,449.9	161,229.1	5.1%	173,993.9	143,234.8	21.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	42,570.6	33,777.0	26.0%	70,959.8	63,471.7	11.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	12,646.3	10,787.8	17.2%	30,018.3	26,135.1	14.9%
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)	2,103.2	1,978.6	6.3%	2,650.3	2,364.9	12.1%
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	2,520.5	2,483.1	1.5%	2,760.1	2,419.5	14.1%
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	10,016.0	11,355.8	-11.8%	10,438.5	9,409.2	10.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	5,436.2	4,900.7	10.9%	22,441.3	20,004.4	12.2%
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	459.7	340.2	35.1%	8,518.6	7,039.4	21.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	2,296.0	2,107.1	9.0%	7,944.0	7,418.0	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	145,442.3	171,841.8	-15.4%	7,133.0	6,963.5	2.4%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	84,725.6	87,526.6	-3.2%	36,450.5	31,882.2	14.3%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	58,148.4	52,131.5	11.5%	185,476.6	164,323.4	12.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	62,931.4	54,454.4	15.6%	80,654.6	71,618.9	12.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	3,367.2	3,275.7	2.8%	19,046.8	17,504.9	8.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,986.8	4,164.3	-4.3%	12,680.6	10,030.1	26.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	471.8	251.7	87.4%	179.8	188.3	-4.5%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,775.5	1,513.2	17.3%	788.9	486.4	62.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	12.4	24.8	-50.2%	48,918.6	41,436.7	18.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>660,373.2</b>	<b>651,482.8</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>773,101.8</b>	<b>669,925.9</b>	<b>15.4%</b>