



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
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October 2012 (prelim)	R	61,112,450,651	R	82,300,660,728	R -21,188,210,077
September 2012	R	56,701,435,454	R	70,496,902,961	R -13,795,467,507

R Increase/Decrease	R	4,411,015,197	R	11,803,757,767	
% Growth		7.8%		16.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to October 2012 (Prelim)	R	594,254,827,796	R	698,888,171,554	R -104,633,343,758
January to October 2011	R	583,213,423,557	R	592,578,852,198	R -9,365,428,641

R Increase/Decrease	R	11,041,404,239	R	106,309,319,356	
% Growth		1.9%		17.9%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R2.91bn (22%)
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R847m (29%)
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R1.93bn (-14%)
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1.10bn (16%)
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R1.07bn (21%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R854m (5%)
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1.20bn (19%)
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R4.31bn (27%)
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R1.05bn (13%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R666m (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

World zone	October 2012 / September 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	October 2012	September 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment	October 2012	September 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	12,158.2	11,888.1	2.3%	-	6,663.2	8,384.3	-20.5%	-
Europe	14,084.5	13,061.0	7.8%	-	25,021.5	21,392.4	17.0%	-
America	8,409.5	6,684.4	25.8%	-	9,892.2	7,709.6	28.3%	-
Asia	21,609.0	18,460.8	17.1%	-	39,804.3	31,905.7	24.8%	-
Oceania	721.9	649.5	11.1%	-	860.9	979.1	-12.1%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	4,018.1	5,945.5	-32.4%	-	58.6	125.8	-53.4%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	111.2	12.1	820.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61,112.5	56,701.4	7.8%	-	82,300.7	70,496.9	16.7%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		October 2012	September 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment	October 2012	September 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	September adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	508.6	358.4	41.9%	-	884.8	560.5	57.8%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,785.4	2,270.1	-21.4%	-	1,666.7	1,650.3	1.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	166.2	199.2	-16.6%	-	1,027.4	530.7	93.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,237.3	1,837.1	21.8%	-	2,007.9	1,897.5	5.8%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,325.3	13,417.9	21.7%	-	17,299.4	16,445.4	5.2%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,800.1	2,953.1	28.7%	-	7,640.0	6,437.5	18.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,169.6	1,081.7	8.1%	-	3,190.8	2,540.8	25.6%	-
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)	196.2	180.5	8.7%	-	342.4	292.2	17.2%	-
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	183.2	293.9	-37.7%	-	312.9	203.1	54.1%	-
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	902.6	852.8	5.8%	-	1,340.6	1,057.6	26.8%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	635.6	429.1	48.1%	-	2,649.1	2,200.7	20.4%	-
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	49.1	33.1	48.4%	-	977.5	840.5	16.3%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	258.3	197.8	30.6%	-	843.3	627.9	34.3%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	11,604.0	13,535.0	-14.3%	-	443.3	544.2	-18.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8,008.8	6,903.9	16.0%	-	3,712.9	3,213.2	15.6%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	6,095.3	5,028.6	21.2%	-	20,393.3	16,080.7	26.8%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6,234.3	6,408.8	-2.7%	-	8,913.2	7,861.2	13.4%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	326.7	287.3	13.7%	-	1,947.6	1,657.5	17.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	388.5	348.5	11.5%	-	1,627.2	1,445.4	12.6%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	34.0	23.4	45.2%	-	7.5	20.3	-63.0%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	202.7	60.8	233.4%	-	86.5	69.1	25.1%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.3	0.3	20.9%	-	4,986.2	4,320.5	15.4%	-
Total		61,112.5	56,701.4	7.8%	-	82,300.7	70,496.9	16.7%	-

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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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	105,194.5	87,118.7	20.7%	69,582.9	45,493.1	53.0%
Europe	138,554.2	155,434.2	-10.9%	213,084.4	194,650.8	9.5%
America	69,245.8	65,260.4	6.1%	83,997.4	75,552.7	11.2%
Asia	211,506.1	206,952.8	2.2%	320,175.9	265,225.2	20.7%
Oceania	7,059.2	5,796.9	21.8%	10,915.7	10,629.7	2.7%
Other Unclassified Goods	61,834.2	61,616.2	0.4%	1,131.8	1,027.3	10.2%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	860.8	1,034.1	-16.8%	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Total	594,254.8	583,213.4	1.9%	698,888.2	592,578.9	17.9%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	4,358.1	4,151.7	5.0%	8,724.5	7,864.0	10.9%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	23,986.4	22,368.8	7.2%	13,280.6	10,553.8	25.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,720.3	1,375.7	25.0%	6,946.3	6,274.3	10.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	17,596.4	15,715.4	12.0%	17,107.4	13,831.6	23.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	153,777.8	143,869.5	6.9%	158,545.0	125,811.7	26.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	38,860.3	30,073.2	29.2%	63,357.1	56,816.1	11.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	11,356.5	9,619.0	18.1%	27,108.9	23,227.2	16.7%
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)	1,872.2	1,770.0	5.8%	2,333.1	2,077.0	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	2,283.9	2,174.7	5.0%	2,475.6	2,121.7	16.7%
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	9,004.9	10,197.2	-11.7%	9,342.4	8,374.0	11.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	4,683.2	4,241.2	10.4%	20,127.4	17,971.3	12.0%
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	393.3	291.6	34.9%	7,690.5	6,324.4	21.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	2,071.4	1,898.0	9.1%	7,131.2	6,608.1	7.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	130,798.1	153,717.6	-14.9%	6,579.2	6,293.7	4.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	75,899.9	78,421.9	-3.2%	32,941.8	27,920.3	18.0%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	51,657.0	46,464.3	11.2%	167,597.6	144,888.7	15.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	55,453.8	48,659.4	14.0%	73,807.8	63,216.0	16.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,959.7	2,945.4	0.5%	17,115.4	15,640.8	9.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,537.6	3,719.4	-4.9%	11,184.2	8,704.5	28.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	444.9	227.6	95.5%	159.6	178.5	-10.6%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,528.9	1,296.9	17.9%	699.8	453.9	54.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	10.3	14.9	-30.9%	44,632.7	37,427.2	19.3%
Total		594,254.8	583,213.4	1.9%	698,888.2	592,578.9	17.9%