



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
September 2012 (prelim)	R	56,701,435,454	R	70,496,902,961	R -13,795,467,507
August 2012	R	61,416,847,753	R	73,622,065,679	R -12,205,217,926
R Increase/Decrease	R	-4,715,412,299	R	-3,125,162,718	
% Growth		-7.7%		-4.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to September 2012 (Prelim)	R	526,921,582,039	R	613,071,331,217	R -86,149,749,178
January to September 2011	R	512,400,728,768	R	518,155,622,056	R -5,754,893,288
R Increase/Decrease	R	14,520,853,271	R	94,915,709,161	
% Growth		2.8%		18.3%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by R 967 million (-30%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R 583 million (-4%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R 535 million (-4%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 709 million (-9%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 884 million (-15%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R 370 million (-2%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 935 million (-13%).
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof decreased by R 454 million (-15%);
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 614 million (-4%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 906 million (13%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by R 985 million (-19%).

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	September 2012 / August 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	September 2012	August 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	August adjustment	September 2012	August 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	August adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	11,888.1	11,968.4	-0.7%	-	8,384.3	10,137.1	-17.3%	-
Europe	13,061.0	14,073.2	-7.2%	-	21,392.4	22,389.3	-4.5%	-
America	6,684.4	7,562.2	-11.6%	-	7,709.6	8,022.0	-3.9%	-
Asia	18,460.8	20,677.0	-10.7%	-	31,905.7	31,993.3	-0.3%	-
Oceania	649.5	949.9	-31.6%	-	979.1	963.8	1.6%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	5,945.5	6,169.9	-3.6%	-	125.8	116.5	8.0%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	12.1	16.2	-25.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	56,701.4	61,416.8	-7.7%	-	70,496.9	73,622.1	-4.2%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		September 2012	August 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	August adjustment	September 2012	August 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	August adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	358.4	433.7	-17.4%	-	560.5	580.2	-3.4%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,270.1	3,237.6	-29.9%	-	1,650.3	1,612.0	2.4%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	199.2	236.2	-15.6%	-	530.7	599.4	-11.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,837.1	1,924.5	-4.5%	-	1,897.5	2,025.6	-6.3%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	13,417.9	14,001.2	-4.2%	-	16,445.4	16,815.3	-2.2%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	2,953.1	3,308.0	-10.7%	-	6,437.5	7,372.1	-12.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,081.7	1,343.3	-19.5%	-	2,540.8	2,994.5	-15.2%	-
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)	180.5	180.0	0.3%	-	292.2	264.7	10.4%	-
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	293.9	226.3	29.9%	-	203.1	258.1	-21.3%	-
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	852.8	1,159.7	-26.5%	-	1,057.6	1,079.0	-2.0%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	429.1	394.2	8.9%	-	2,200.7	2,136.1	3.0%	-
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	33.1	45.1	-26.6%	-	840.5	953.8	-11.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	197.8	234.2	-15.5%	-	627.9	757.8	-17.1%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	13,535.0	14,070.2	-3.8%	-	544.2	601.0	-9.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	6,903.9	7,612.5	-9.3%	-	3,213.2	3,454.3	-7.0%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,028.6	5,912.7	-15.0%	-	16,080.7	16,695.2	-3.7%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6,408.8	6,271.5	2.2%	-	7,861.2	6,955.5	13.0%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	287.3	296.0	-2.9%	-	1,657.5	1,679.0	-1.3%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	348.5	369.8	-5.8%	-	1,445.4	1,387.8	4.1%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	23.4	17.5	33.7%	-	20.3	10.7	89.6%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	60.8	140.9	-56.8%	-	69.1	84.0	-17.7%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.3	1.9	-86.4%	-	4,320.5	5,305.8	-18.6%	-
Total		56,701.4	61,416.8	-7.7%	-	70,496.9	73,622.1	-4.2%	-

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 - Sep 2012 / Jan - Sep 2011					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Sep 2012	Jan - Sep 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Sep 2012	Jan - Sep 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	92,992.3	77,253.6	20.4%	61,504.4	38,826.3	58.4%
Europe	121,832.5	135,542.1	-10.1%	186,307.9	171,700.7	8.5%
America	59,578.1	58,155.4	2.4%	73,418.4	66,845.8	9.8%
Asia	187,543.2	181,068.8	3.6%	280,368.3	229,870.0	22.0%
Oceania	6,182.4	5,121.2	20.7%	10,054.8	9,675.2	3.9%
Other Unclassified Goods	58,616.3	55,141.6	6.3%	1,417.4	1,237.7	14.5%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	176.8	117.9	49.9%			
Total	526,921.6	512,400.7	2.8%	613,071.3	518,155.6	18.3%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Sep 2012	Jan - Sep 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Sep 2012	Jan - Sep 2011	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	3,812.7	3,731.6	2.2%	5,953.7	4,745.9	25.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	22,131.5	20,586.3	7.5%	11,684.9	9,172.5	27.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1,559.1	1,207.3	29.1%	5,918.7	5,744.8	3.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	15,585.8	13,820.8	12.8%	15,095.4	11,972.2	26.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	139,382.2	125,764.4	10.8%	143,023.0	113,179.8	26.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	33,552.0	27,589.9	21.6%	54,437.1	48,163.4	13.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	10,018.3	8,621.3	16.2%	23,927.3	20,521.6	16.6%
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)	1,653.5	1,576.7	4.9%	1,993.3	1,795.7	11.0%
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	2,066.2	1,929.2	7.1%	2,165.5	1,852.7	16.9%
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	8,280.3	9,100.1	-9.0%	8,002.2	7,418.5	7.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	3,935.9	3,620.4	8.7%	17,483.7	15,658.3	11.7%
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	327.5	256.6	27.7%	6,715.4	5,474.6	22.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1,780.3	1,680.6	5.9%	6,292.8	5,745.0	9.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	118,545.6	131,965.0	-10.2%	6,010.3	5,576.4	7.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	66,957.4	70,605.7	-5.2%	29,187.2	23,953.8	21.8%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	44,280.0	41,428.1	6.9%	145,337.8	125,983.5	15.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	46,159.9	41,435.7	11.4%	64,779.1	56,392.4	14.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2,526.0	2,649.3	-4.7%	15,011.8	13,713.7	9.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,116.3	3,281.1	-5.0%	9,551.6	7,456.5	28.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	191.6	202.4	-5.4%	151.9	167.7	-9.4%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1,051.1	1,334.1	-21.2%	704.3	420.2	67.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	8.4	14.2	-41.0%	39,644.3	33,046.2	20.0%
Total		526,921.6	512,400.7	2.8%	613,071.3	518,155.6	18.3%