



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2013 (Prelim)	R 70 697 655 752	R 89 752 462 158	R -19 054 806 406
July 2013 (Revised)	R 76 507 363 181	R 89 886 815 888	R -13 379 452 707
R Increase/Decrease	R -5 809 707 429	R -134 353 730	
% Growth	-7.6%	-0.1%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January - August 2013 (Prelim)	R 529 307 569 806	R 636 617 519 067	R -107 309 949 261
January - August 2012 (Revised)	R 472 933 683 561	R 542 838 948 109	R -69 905 264 548
R Increase/Decrease	R 56 373 886 245	R 93 778 570 958	
% Growth	11.9%	17.3%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by R 576 million (-12%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R4 313 million (-23%).
Section 10:	Pulp of wood, waste and scrap of paper increased by R 637 million (70%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R1 161 million (-7%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 803 million (-8%).

#### IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by R 512 million (-25%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R3 051 million (19%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 684 million (-8%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 523 million (12%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 699 million (-7%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 527 million (-5%).

**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:	August / July 2013							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2013	July 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	July revision	August 2013	July 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	July revision
World zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	13 236.9	13 108.0	1.0%	-76.1	7 960.9	5 274.1	50.9%	1.6
Europe	17 156.9	17 857.5	-3.9%	-24.6	28 106.2	30 696.0	-8.4%	-0.4
America	8 415.3	8 344.0	0.9%	-1.2	9 644.7	8 715.7	10.7%	2.7
Asia	25 326.2	29 227.9	-13.3%	921.8	42 691.8	43 523.6	-1.9%	-9.3
Oceania	790.6	988.1	-20.0%	0.5	1 279.8	1 462.0	-12.5%	0.0
Other Unclassified Goods	5 670.2	6 883.7	-17.6%	-	69.0	215.4	-68.0%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	101.5	98.2	3.4%	-0.2	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 697.7</b>	<b>76 507.4</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>820.2</b>	<b>89 752.5</b>	<b>89 886.8</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-5.4</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2013	July 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	July revision	August 2013	July 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	July revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	581.0	599.7	-3.1%	0.3	652.7	690.7	-5.5%	-2.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	4 134.6	4 710.6	-12.2%	0.1	1 553.2	2 065.3	-24.8%	-0.5
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	194.8	151.3	28.7%	-0.1	659.8	864.2	-23.6%	0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2 860.0	2 465.8	16.0%	1.5	2 522.5	2 165.8	16.5%	0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products	14 533.8	18 847.2	-22.9%	891.6	18 985.3	15 934.1	19.1%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4 037.0	3 933.1	2.6%	-91.6	8 260.9	8 945.2	-7.6%	2.7
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1 207.6	1 353.4	-10.8%	-3.1	3 429.4	3 609.5	-5.0%	-0.7
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)	279.2	493.5	-43.4%	-	346.2	367.8	-5.9%	-1.0
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	321.4	289.8	10.9%	-0.1	275.9	269.9	2.2%	0.0
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	1 544.1	906.9	70.3%	-13.5	1 209.5	1 129.1	7.1%	-2.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	478.9	419.2	14.2%	0.0	2 678.3	2 685.5	-0.3%	-2.8
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	52.9	62.1	-14.8%	-	1 156.1	1 121.6	3.1%	0.7
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	251.7	260.1	-3.2%	0.5	985.4	1 006.1	-2.1%	-0.6
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	16 464.4	17 625.1	-6.6%	-	492.4	716.1	-31.2%	-1.7
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8 662.3	9 465.6	-8.5%	103.3	4 941.3	4 418.6	11.8%	1.3
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	6 524.0	6 763.9	-3.5%	-2.0	22 086.0	23 784.9	-7.1%	0.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	7 575.4	7 236.5	4.7%	-57.5	9 420.0	9 946.6	-5.3%	0.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	396.0	358.6	10.4%	6.1	2 530.5	2 278.4	11.1%	1.5
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	441.1	406.7	8.5%	-0.1	1 557.0	1 507.0	3.3%	-0.8
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	25.3	31.7	-20.2%	-	10.9	13.6	-20.3%	0.0
XXII	Other unclassified goods	128.2	123.1	4.1%	-15.1	71.8	75.7	-5.1%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	3.9	3.3	18.4%	-	5 927.5	6 291.0	-5.8%	-0.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>70 697.7</b>	<b>76 507.4</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>820.2</b>	<b>89 752.5</b>	<b>89 886.8</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-5.4</b>

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Africa	95 068.0	79 448.3	19.7%	60 018.4	52 940.0	13.4%
Europe	128 677.9	111 272.7	15.6%	201 360.4	165 023.2	22.0%
America	60 889.4	54 167.9	12.4%	68 047.7	65 809.8	3.4%
Asia	190 932.5	169 905.2	12.4%	295 754.7	249 006.9	18.8%
Oceania	6 046.9	5 690.5	6.3%	10 216.1	9 081.1	12.5%
Other Unclassified Goods	46 860.4	51 786.0	-9.5%	1 220.2	978.0	24.8%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	832.5	663.2	25.5%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>529 307.6</b>	<b>472 933.7</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>636 617.5</b>	<b>542 838.9</b>	<b>17.3%</b>

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products	27 179.4	19 932.0	36.4%	11 253.9	10 119.4	11.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	1 084.8	1 361.5	-20.3%	4 736.3	5 386.9	-12.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	17 239.1	13 460.4	28.1%	16 028.6	13 202.4	21.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	137 443.3	125 106.1	9.9%	142 396.1	127 016.7	12.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	29 072.8	28 316.5	2.7%	57 619.7	48 042.1	19.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	9 744.8	9 791.6	-0.5%	24 945.8	21 385.9	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)	2 320.2	1 486.9	56.0%	2 203.6	1 696.5	29.9%
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	1 940.7	1 801.6	7.7%	2 172.1	1 957.0	11.0%
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	8 180.1	7 232.2	13.1%	8 709.5	6 936.0	25.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	4 378.1	3 610.8	21.3%	18 784.5	15 207.8	23.5%
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XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	115 169.1	105 646.2	9.0%	4 366.6	5 446.3	-19.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	65 113.0	61 219.6	6.4%	32 858.1	25 955.1	26.6%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	44 304.3	39 810.8	11.3%	157 793.1	129 042.7	22.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	52 621.0	42 250.0	24.5%	64 727.8	56 972.7	13.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	2 564.8	2 290.6	12.0%	15 988.0	13 378.8	19.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2 924.3	2 777.2	5.3%	9 517.2	8 100.0	17.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	263.2	312.0	-15.6%	103.7	129.4	-19.9%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	1 181.3	1 119.5	5.5%	732.5	545.5	34.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	20.9	9.7	114.6%	42 781.3	35 384.6	20.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>529 307.6</b>	<b>472 933.7</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>636 617.5</b>	<b>542 838.9</b>	<b>17.3%</b>