



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE
April 2013 (prelim)	R	65 431 762 414	R	80 454 342 210	R -15 022 579 796
March 2013 (revised)	R	63 497 221 201	R	71 763 755 799	R -8 266 534 598
R Increase/Decrease	R	1 934 541 213	R	8 690 586 411	
% Growth		3.0%		12.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January - April 2013 (Prelim)	R	244 784 498 335	R	301 794 932 422	R -57 010 434 087
January - April 2012 (revised)	R	222 862 716 711	R	259 483 280 049	R -36 620 563 338
R Increase/Decrease	R	21 921 781 624	R	42 311 652 373	
% Growth		9.8%		16.3%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products increased by R 624 million (4%).
 Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 771 million (10%).

IMPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products increased by R3 526 million (22%).
 Section 7: Plastics and rubber and articles thereof increased by R 533 million (20%).
 Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 420 million (11%).
 Section 16: Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R3 473 million (21%).
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 674 million (-8%).
 Section 23: Original equipment components increased by R 523 million (10%).

PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT

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	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.
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WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World zone	April / March 2013							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2013	March 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	March revision	April 2013	March 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	March revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	12 059.5	10 895.8	10.7%	-80.6	7 535.9	7 758.5	-2.9%	-1.9
Europe	15 015.3	16 181.7	-7.2%	-36.0	24 895.7	24 250.4	2.7%	24.1
America	6 297.8	7 089.0	-11.2%	-167.4	7 869.6	8 707.0	-9.6%	1.2
Asia	24 916.6	22 422.0	11.1%	-204.7	38 378.6	29 627.3	29.5%	5.3
Oceania	762.0	864.9	-11.9%	15.4	1 443.3	1 351.6	6.8%	-2.3
Other Unclassified Goods	6 264.7	5 938.9	5.5%	-	331.1	69.0	380.2%	0.1
Ships/Aircraft Stores	116.0	105.1	10.4%	-0.4				-
Total	65 431.8	63 497.2	3.0%	-473.8	80 454.3	71 763.8	12.1%	26.6

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2013	March 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	March revision	April 2013	March 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	March revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	557.5	480.3	16.1%	-2.2	726.3	700.0	3.8%	0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2 856.9	2 867.3	-0.4%	-0.2	1 263.2	1 545.4	-18.3%	-0.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	131.7	141.9	-7.2%	-3.2	750.8	376.6	99.4%	-22.9
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2 074.5	1 950.0	6.4%	-11.2	1 797.5	1 815.6	-1.0%	1.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products	17 385.6	16 761.2	3.7%	-137.9	19 487.3	15 961.1	22.1%	-1.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3 613.9	3 602.1	0.3%	-182.0	7 032.8	6 851.1	2.7%	4.7
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1 261.4	1 104.3	14.2%	-10.9	3 266.3	2 732.9	19.5%	-0.1
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)	276.9	252.5	9.7%	-0.4	224.7	168.8	33.1%	-0.1
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	276.5	218.6	26.5%	-0.5	249.5	264.6	-5.7%	-
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	967.4	942.2	2.7%	-77.9	977.2	1 028.8	-5.0%	3.6
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	608.7	678.2	-10.2%	-0.6	2 245.8	2 069.6	8.5%	2.7
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	49.3	46.3	6.4%	-0.0	717.1	516.4	38.9%	0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	261.4	210.1	24.4%	-0.4	815.4	658.2	23.9%	-0.2
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	13 627.2	13 596.5	0.2%	1.1	561.2	524.7	7.0%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8 703.7	7 932.2	9.7%	59.7	4 261.5	3 841.3	10.9%	-5.8
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5 282.9	5 122.9	3.1%	-25.6	19 788.2	16 314.9	21.3%	35.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6 471.8	6 826.4	-5.2%	-71.2	7 640.1	8 314.1	-8.1%	1.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	343.6	278.6	23.3%	-7.6	1 832.1	1 995.8	-8.2%	8.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	363.4	348.4	4.3%	0.1	1 116.7	810.5	37.8%	2.8
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	60.8	23.5	159.1%	-0.1	12.7	12.7	-0.2%	0.0
XXII	Other unclassified goods	254.5	112.0	127.2%	-2.8	83.1	178.6	-53.5%	-0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	2.4	1.5	58.4%	-	5 604.8	5 082.0	10.3%	-2.3
Total		65 431.8	63 497.2	3.0%	-473.8	80 454.3	71 763.8	12.1%	26.6

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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	Jan - Apr 2013	Jan - Apr 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Apr 2013	Jan - Apr 2012	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	42 197.4	35 545.3	18.7%	31 383.4	19 786.1	58.6%
Europe	61 683.3	52 898.2	16.6%	94 881.6	81 352.3	16.6%
America	27 321.5	25 656.7	6.5%	32 304.8	32 337.3	-0.1%
Asia	86 902.7	80 756.3	7.6%	137 603.3	121 119.3	13.6%
Oceania	2 825.8	2 464.6	14.7%	4 923.6	4 263.0	15.5%
Other Unclassified Goods	23 402.1	25 234.6	-7.3%	698.3	625.3	11.7%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	451.8	306.9	47.2%			
Total	244 784.5	222 862.7	9.8%	301 794.9	259 483.3	16.3%

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	2 012.3	1 661.1	21.1%	2 624.1	3 121.2	-15.9%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	10 461.5	7 596.3	37.7%	5 402.3	4 723.5	14.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	397.7	517.4	-23.1%	2 034.8	2 446.5	-16.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	7 497.8	5 879.5	27.5%	7 590.4	6 380.4	19.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	66 116.7	62 872.6	5.2%	72 795.7	60 429.0	20.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	13 792.3	12 473.4	10.6%	26 864.6	22 953.3	17.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	4 569.0	4 328.8	5.5%	11 781.1	10 466.0	12.6%
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)	971.5	721.1	34.7%	971.5	760.9	27.7%
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	861.0	867.5	-0.7%	1 105.2	1 019.2	8.4%
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	3 784.7	3 556.1	6.4%	4 200.8	3 302.5	27.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	2 390.9	1 970.7	21.3%	9 176.9	7 856.0	16.8%
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	177.8	142.8	24.5%	3 235.1	2 816.7	14.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	884.0	692.2	27.7%	3 001.4	2 732.5	9.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	53 619.3	48 859.1	9.7%	2 303.5	3 186.1	-27.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	30 475.6	31 405.5	-3.0%	15 517.1	12 606.9	23.1%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	19 372.5	18 241.5	6.2%	72 208.2	61 373.1	17.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	24 201.0	18 118.2	33.6%	29 268.6	27 183.9	7.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	1 075.3	1 128.8	-4.7%	7 205.7	6 514.2	10.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 330.1	1 300.5	2.3%	4 201.8	3 476.6	20.9%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	157.3	39.4	299.3%	55.7	48.1	15.8%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	628.1	485.3	29.4%	441.7	296.5	49.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	8.0	4.9	63.2%	19 808.8	15 790.0	25.5%
Total		244 784.5	222 862.7	9.8%	301 794.9	259 483.3	16.3%