



## SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2013 (prelim)	R 62,316,100,815	R 71,836,331,725	R -9,520,230,910
January 2013	R 53,277,259,421	R 77,804,003,773	R -24,526,744,352
R Increase/Decrease	R 9,038,841,394	R -5,967,672,048	
% Growth	17.0%	-7.7%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January - February 2013 (Prelim)	R 115,552,830,816	R 149,666,142,595	R -34,113,311,779
January - February 2012	R 108,994,094,073	R 132,706,713,904	R -23,712,619,831
R Increase/Decrease	R 6,558,736,743	R 16,959,428,691	
% Growth	6.0%	12.8%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R 438 million (3%)
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 450 million (15%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R2 999 million (26%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R1 002 million (25%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R3 157 million (80%).

#### IMPORTS

Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco decreased by R 432 million ( -20%).
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R1 075 million (6%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R1 129 million ( -16%).
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof decreased by R 675 million ( -21%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R2 950 million ( -15%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R 849 million ( -12%).

**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:	February 2013 / January 2013								
	World zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2013	January 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	February 2013	January 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
Africa	10,507.3	9,016.7	16.5%	-	8,737.7	7,245.0	20.6%	-	
Europe	15,934.9	14,802.7	7.6%	-	21,315.2	24,498.8	-13.0%	-	
America	8,179.2	5,748.1	42.3%	-	7,614.5	8,212.7	-7.3%	-	
Asia	20,705.1	18,052.2	14.7%	-	32,804.2	36,785.9	-10.8%	-	
Oceania	672.1	543.8	23.6%	-	1,163.1	965.1	20.5%	-	
Other Unclassified Goods	6,195.7	5,002.8	23.8%	-	201.6	96.5	108.9%	-	
Ships/Aircraft Stores	121.8	111.0	9.7%	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,316.1</b>	<b>53,277.3</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,836.3</b>	<b>77,804.0</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-</b>	

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2013	January 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	February 2013	January 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	481.6	493.1	-2.3%	-	540.0	656.2	-17.7%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,527.5	2,235.1	13.1%	-	1,180.9	1,414.5	-16.5%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	74.2	50.2	47.7%	-	302.0	605.4	-50.1%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,816.2	1,707.8	6.3%	-	1,772.2	2,204.5	-19.6%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16,002.6	15,564.8	2.8%	-	18,960.5	17,885.3	6.0%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,476.3	3,026.9	14.8%	-	6,140.3	7,268.8	-15.5%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,209.9	1,009.5	19.8%	-	2,552.3	3,227.5	-20.9%	-
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)	221.3	221.7	-0.2%	-	279.2	298.7	-6.5%	-
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	214.2	150.6	42.2%	-	298.8	292.5	2.1%	-
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	872.3	1,038.7	-16.0%	-	962.8	1,233.6	-22.0%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	542.9	568.8	-4.5%	-	2,482.1	2,375.4	4.5%	-
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	48.8	33.6	45.1%	-	1,083.0	919.6	17.8%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	233.1	179.9	29.6%	-	721.0	806.6	-10.6%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	14,697.4	11,698.3	25.6%	-	672.6	545.7	23.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,026.0	6,689.8	5.0%	-	3,586.2	3,826.2	-6.3%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5,011.8	4,010.3	25.0%	-	16,635.0	19,584.0	-15.1%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	7,097.5	3,940.5	80.1%	-	6,240.4	7,089.7	-12.0%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	189.8	263.4	-28.0%	-	1,750.2	1,655.9	5.7%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	366.5	253.3	44.7%	-	1,048.3	1,219.5	-14.0%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	41.0	31.5	30.0%	-	13.0	17.3	-24.9%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	161.0	109.5	47.1%	-	101.9	77.8	31.0%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.1	0.0	10399.5%	-	4,513.8	4,599.3	-1.9%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>62,316.1</b>	<b>53,277.3</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,836.3</b>	<b>77,804.0</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-</b>

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	Jan - Feb 2013	Jan - Feb 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Feb 2013	Jan - Feb 2012	Percentage increase / decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	19,466.5	16,650.4	16.9%	15,983.3	8,621.3	85.4%
Europe	30,673.2	27,399.7	11.9%	45,837.6	42,071.7	9.0%
America	13,898.7	12,798.2	8.6%	15,819.0	16,063.5	-1.5%
Asia	38,891.8	38,230.4	1.7%	69,599.9	63,334.2	9.9%
Oceania	1,193.3	1,088.8	9.6%	2,128.3	2,293.4	-7.2%
Other Unclassified Goods	11,198.5	12,649.4	-11.5%	298.1	322.7	-7.6%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	230.9	177.3	30.2%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,552.8</b>	<b>108,994.1</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>149,666.1</b>	<b>132,706.7</b>	<b>12.8%</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		Jan - Feb 2013	Jan - Feb 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Feb 2013	Jan - Feb 2012	Percentage increase / decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	975.0	844.1	15.5%	1,197.7	1,671.6	-28.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	4,753.4	3,942.9	20.6%	2,595.4	2,488.4	4.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	124.5	228.8	-45.6%	907.5	1,476.3	-38.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	3,507.5	2,682.7	30.7%	3,975.8	3,195.3	24.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	31,595.7	29,765.0	6.2%	36,855.2	30,036.2	22.7%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	6,475.0	5,572.9	16.2%	13,410.5	12,035.2	11.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	2,214.5	1,996.1	10.9%	5,781.4	5,230.3	10.5%
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)	442.2	363.3	21.7%	578.1	429.1	34.7%
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	366.0	441.2	-17.1%	591.3	566.4	4.4%
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	1,901.7	1,866.9	1.9%	2,196.2	1,739.7	26.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1,109.7	918.5	20.8%	4,860.2	4,376.6	11.0%
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	82.3	61.7	33.3%	2,003.5	1,682.0	19.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	412.7	316.0	30.6%	1,528.1	1,405.7	8.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	26,395.7	25,323.1	4.2%	1,218.2	1,619.3	-24.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	13,831.7	16,718.9	-17.3%	7,416.1	6,470.4	14.6%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	9,009.3	8,768.4	2.7%	36,213.7	31,890.2	13.6%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	10,939.1	7,825.1	39.8%	13,328.5	13,802.5	-3.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	453.2	491.3	-7.8%	3,406.5	3,136.9	8.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	619.8	612.1	1.3%	2,269.9	1,775.0	27.9%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	72.4	18.9	282.2%	30.2	23.2	30.2%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	267.5	233.9	14.4%	180.1	161.6	11.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.1	2.3	79.1%	9,122.1	7,494.9	21.7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>115,552.8</b>	<b>108,994.1</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>149,666.1</b>	<b>132,706.7</b>	<b>12.8%</b>