



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January 2013 (prelim)	R 53,277,259,421	R 77,804,003,773	R -24,526,744,352
December 2012	R 59,788,842,950	R 62,492,244,668	R -2,703,401,718
R Increase/Decrease	R -6,511,583,529	R 15,311,759,105	
% Growth	-10.9%	24.5%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January 2013 (Prelim)	R 53,277,259,421	R 77,804,003,773	R -24,526,744,352
January 2012	R 53,161,517,172	R 68,812,101,877	R -15,650,584,705
R Increase/Decrease	R 115,742,249	R 8,991,901,896	
% Growth	0.2%	13.1%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by R 604 million (37%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R2 720 million (-19%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R1 544 million (-28%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R2 538 million (-39%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R1 825 million (11%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1 195 million (20%).
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof increased by R1 121 million (53%).
Section 11:	Textile and textile articles increased by R 821 million (53%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1 477 million (63%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R5 036 million (35%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R2 095 million (84%).

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

PERIOD: World zone	January 2013 / December 2012							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	January 2013	December 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	January 2013	December 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	9,016.7	11,042.7	-18.3%	-	7,245.0	6,985.5	3.7%	-
Europe	14,802.7	13,203.0	12.1%	-	24,498.8	17,301.6	41.6%	-
America	5,748.1	8,014.9	-28.3%	-	8,212.7	7,597.7	8.1%	-
Asia	18,052.2	20,685.5	-12.7%	-	36,785.9	29,498.3	24.7%	-
Oceania	543.8	588.8	-7.6%	-	965.1	1,047.2	-7.8%	-
Other Unclassified Goods	5,002.8	6,147.8	-18.6%	-	96.5	62.0	55.6%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	111.0	106.1	4.6%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	53,277.3	59,788.8	-10.9%	-	77,804.0	62,492.2	24.5%	-

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		January 2013	December 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment	January 2013	December 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	December adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	493.1	486.8	1.3%	-	656.2	662.4	-0.9%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2,235.1	1,630.8	37.1%	-	1,414.5	1,301.9	8.6%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	50.2	235.2	-78.6%	-	605.4	937.3	-35.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,707.8	1,609.1	6.1%	-	2,204.5	1,716.4	28.4%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	15,564.8	15,106.3	3.0%	-	17,885.3	16,060.7	11.4%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,026.9	3,238.2	-6.5%	-	7,268.8	6,073.9	19.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1,009.5	1,117.7	-9.7%	-	3,227.5	2,106.5	53.2%	-
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)	221.7	238.9	-7.2%	-	298.7	214.9	39.0%	-
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	150.6	182.9	-17.6%	-	292.5	140.8	107.7%	-
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	1,038.7	852.2	21.9%	-	1,233.6	888.2	38.9%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	568.8	562.9	1.0%	-	2,375.4	1,554.4	52.8%	-
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	33.6	56.6	-40.6%	-	919.6	582.9	57.8%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	179.9	183.5	-1.9%	-	806.6	604.6	33.4%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	11,698.3	14,418.1	-18.9%	-	545.7	253.7	115.1%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	6,689.8	6,798.0	-1.6%	-	3,826.2	2,349.1	62.9%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	4,010.3	5,554.5	-27.8%	-	19,584.0	14,547.5	34.6%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	3,940.5	6,478.6	-39.2%	-	7,089.7	7,267.6	-2.4%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	263.4	427.9	-38.4%	-	1,655.9	1,644.0	0.7%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	253.3	295.4	-14.3%	-	1,219.5	979.4	24.5%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	31.5	22.4	40.8%	-	17.3	28.3	-38.7%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	109.5	291.7	-62.5%	-	77.8	73.5	5.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.0	1.0	-96.3%	-	4,599.3	2,504.2	83.7%	-
Total		53,277.3	59,788.8	-10.9%	-	77,804.0	62,492.2	24.5%	-

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III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	50.2	105.6	-52.4%	605.4	700.2	-13.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,707.8	1,179.8	44.8%	2,204.5	1,525.8	44.5%
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