



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
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March 2013 (prelim)	R 63 971 010 807	R 71 737 196 612	R -7 766 185 805
February 2013 (revised)	R 62 160 285 734	R 71 926 809 732	R -9 766 523 998

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 810 725 073	R -189 613 120
% Growth	2.9%	-0.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January - March 2013 (Prelim)	R 179 482 535 263	R 221 320 824 154	R -41 838 288 891
January - March 2012 (revised)	R 169 950 443 205	R 197 515 740 065	R -27 565 296 860

R Increase/Decrease	R 9 532 092 058	R 23 805 084 089
% Growth	5.6%	12.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products increased by R 993 million (6%).
 Section 14: Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R1 102 million (-7%).
 Section 15: Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 851 million (12%).

IMPORTS

- Section 5: Mineral products decreased by R3 491 million (-18%).
 Section 6: Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1 043 million (18%).
 Section 12: Footwear, headgear, and articles made therewith decreased by R 565 million (-52%).
 Section 17: Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R2 080 million (33%).
 Section 23: Original equipment components increased by R 571 million (13%).

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	March / February 2013							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2013	February 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	February revision	March 2013	February 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	February revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	10 976.4	10 308.3	6.5%	-199.1	7 760.4	8 936.3	-13.2%	198.6
Europe	16 217.7	15 885.0	2.1%	-49.9	24 226.4	21 249.7	14.0%	-65.6
America	7 256.4	8 226.5	-11.8%	47.3	8 705.7	7 570.1	15.0%	-44.4
Asia	22 626.7	20 747.5	9.1%	42.4	29 622.0	32 806.3	-9.7%	2.1
Oceania	849.5	675.7	25.7%	3.6	1 353.9	1 162.8	16.4%	-0.3
Other Unclassified Goods	5 938.9	6 195.7	-4.1%	-	68.9	201.7	-65.8%	0.1
Ships/Aircraft Stores	105.5	121.7	-13.3%	-0.1				-
Total	63 971.0	62 160.3	2.9%	-155.8	71 737.2	71 926.8	-0.3%	90.5

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2013	February 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	February revision	March 2013	February 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	February revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	482.5	481.4	0.2%	-0.3	700.0	540.1	29.6%	0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	2 867.6	2 522.5	13.7%	-5.0	1 545.7	1 180.3	31.0%	-0.5
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	145.1	73.8	96.6%	-0.4	399.5	301.8	32.4%	-0.2
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1 961.2	1 782.5	10.0%	-33.7	1 814.2	1 772.2	2.4%	-0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16 899.1	15 905.7	6.2%	-96.9	15 962.5	19 453.7	-17.9%	493.2
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3 784.2	3 574.9	5.9%	98.5	6 846.4	5 803.5	18.0%	-336.7
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1 115.2	1 200.0	-7.1%	-9.9	2 733.0	2 553.6	7.0%	1.3
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)	252.9	221.2	14.3%	-0.1	168.9	279.1	-39.5%	-0.0
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	219.1	214.2	2.3%	-0.0	264.6	298.7	-11.4%	-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	1 020.0	845.4	20.7%	-27.0	1 025.2	961.4	6.6%	-1.4
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	678.8	543.5	24.9%	0.6	2 066.9	2 483.5	-16.8%	1.4
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	46.3	48.8	-5.2%	-0.0	516.3	1 081.1	-52.2%	-1.9
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	210.5	232.9	-9.6%	-0.2	658.4	720.8	-8.7%	-0.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	13 595.4	14 697.4	-7.5%	0.0	524.6	672.9	-22.0%	0.2
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7 872.6	7 021.6	12.1%	-4.5	3 847.0	3 585.0	7.3%	-1.2
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5 148.5	4 973.1	3.5%	-38.8	16 279.9	16 592.7	-1.9%	-42.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	6 897.6	7 062.2	-2.3%	-35.4	8 313.0	6 232.9	33.4%	-7.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	286.2	189.6	50.9%	-0.1	1 987.6	1 732.6	14.7%	-17.6
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	348.3	365.9	-4.8%	-0.6	807.7	1 052.2	-23.2%	4.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	23.6	40.9	-42.5%	-0.1	12.7	13.1	-3.5%	0.1
XXII	Other unclassified goods	114.8	159.0	-27.8%	-1.9	178.6	101.9	75.3%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	1.5	4.1	-62.6%	-	5 084.4	4 513.7	12.6%	-0.2
Total		63 971.0	62 160.3	2.9%	-155.8	71 737.2	71 926.8	-0.3%	90.5

WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	Jan - Mar 2013 / Jan - Mar 2012					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	Jan - Mar 2013	Jan - Mar 2012	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Mar 2013	Jan - Mar 2012	Percentage increase / decrease
World zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	30 231.0	26 928.6	12.3%	23 848.4	16 499.9	44.5%
Europe	46 881.5	41 219.7	13.7%	69 963.8	61 836.5	13.1%
America	21 200.1	19 679.4	7.7%	24 438.5	24 246.3	0.8%
Asia	61 649.8	60 868.4	1.3%	99 221.2	91 027.3	9.0%
Oceania	2 046.6	1 709.5	19.7%	3 481.8	3 339.4	4.3%
Other Unclassified Goods	17 137.3	19 293.9	-11.2%	367.0	566.4	-35.2%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	336.2	250.9	34.0%			
Total	179 482.5	169 950.4	5.6%	221 320.8	197 515.7	12.1%

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1 457.0	1 286.7	13.2%	1 897.8	2 402.9	-21.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	7 615.9	5 861.6	29.9%	4 140.5	3 677.8	12.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	269.2	369.5	-27.1%	1 306.9	1 887.7	-30.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	5 434.8	4 398.7	23.6%	5 790.0	4 951.6	16.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	48 514.1	46 997.8	3.2%	53 310.9	47 437.2	12.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	10 359.4	9 153.2	13.2%	19 828.5	17 539.2	13.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	3 320.9	3 224.6	3.0%	8 515.5	7 874.4	8.1%
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)	695.0	555.8	25.0%	746.9	592.5	26.1%
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	585.1	765.4	-23.6%	855.7	792.4	8.0%
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	2 894.8	2 782.7	4.0%	3 220.0	2 550.7	26.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1 789.1	1 496.2	19.6%	6 929.3	6 130.3	13.0%
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	128.6	105.0	22.4%	2 517.9	2 230.8	12.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	623.0	514.7	21.0%	2 186.2	2 074.4	5.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	39 991.1	38 619.8	3.6%	1 742.2	2 593.8	-32.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	21 705.3	24 499.6	-11.4%	11 261.8	9 430.6	19.4%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	14 111.5	13 831.0	2.0%	52 386.6	45 477.9	15.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	17 804.0	13 267.8	34.2%	21 626.3	20 472.2	5.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	739.3	848.3	-12.8%	5 368.2	4 932.9	8.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	966.7	972.1	-0.6%	3 081.6	2 557.5	20.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	95.9	35.4	170.4%	43.0	36.1	18.9%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	376.5	361.7	4.1%	358.7	239.6	49.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	5.6	2.7	105.4%	14 206.3	11 633.0	22.1%
Total		179 482.5	169 950.4	5.6%	221 320.8	197 515.7	12.1%