



SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TRADE BALANCE	
May 2013 (prelim)	R	66 483 620 794	R	77 514 158 524	R	-11 030 537 730
April 2013 (revised)	R	66 404 052 889	R	82 311 947 669	R	-15 907 894 780
R Increase/Decrease	R	79 567 905	R	-4 797 789 145		
% Growth		0.1%		-5.8%		

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January - May 2013 (Prelim)	R	312 494 892 014	R	381 202 736 968	R	-68 707 844 954
January - May 2012 (revised)	R	284 909 332 166	R	331 123 315 493	R	-46 213 983 327
R Increase/Decrease	R	27 585 559 848	R	50 079 421 475		
% Growth		9.7%		15.1%		

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by R1 049 million (37%).
Section 4:	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco increased by R 162 million (8%).
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R1 447 million (-8%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R 386 million (11%).
Section 10:	Pulp of wood, waste and scrap of paper increased by R 134 million (14%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R1 081 million (-8%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R 562 million (-6%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R752 million (14%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 688 million (11%).

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R3 315 million (-16%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 894 million (-4%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 753 million (10%).

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	May / April 2013							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2013	April 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	April revision	May 2013	April 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	April revision
Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
Africa	12 666.9	11 980.6	5.7%	-78.9	8 014.9	7 552.2	6.1%	16.3
Europe	16 162.9	14 973.5	7.9%	-41.8	24 864.1	25 314.0	-1.8%	418.3
America	7 382.3	6 505.6	13.5%	207.8	8 321.5	8 019.8	3.8%	150.2
Asia	24 374.2	25 488.1	-4.4%	571.5	35 005.9	39 642.8	-11.7%	1 264.2
Oceania	727.7	761.4	-4.4%	-0.6	1 184.4	1 452.0	-18.4%	8.7
Other Unclassified Goods	5 084.2	6 579.0	-22.7%	314.2	123.3	331.1	-62.8%	-
Ships/Aircraft Stores	85.6	116.0	-26.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	66 483.6	66 404.1	0.1%	972.3	77 514.2	82 311.9	-5.8%	1 857.6

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2013	April 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	April revision	May 2013	April 2013	Percentage increase / decrease	April revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	549.3	555.2	-1.1%	-2.3	829.4	735.8	12.7%	9.5
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	3 901.7	2 852.6	36.8%	-4.3	1 067.7	1 272.1	-16.1%	8.9
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	163.9	130.6	25.5%	-1.1	482.0	749.3	-35.7%	-1.5
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	2 216.4	2 054.2	7.9%	-20.3	1 808.6	1 806.9	0.1%	9.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products	16 823.5	18 270.4	-7.9%	884.8	17 103.5	20 418.3	-16.2%	931.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3 984.9	3 599.3	10.7%	-14.6	6 869.8	7 124.8	-3.6%	92.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	1 330.5	1 252.8	6.2%	-8.5	3 253.4	3 299.1	-1.4%	32.8
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)	285.3	276.6	3.1%	-0.3	252.9	229.2	10.3%	4.5
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	239.5	274.8	-12.9%	-1.7	270.6	256.5	5.5%	7.0
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	1 090.5	956.7	14.0%	-10.8	1 086.8	997.4	9.0%	20.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	590.2	606.4	-2.7%	-2.4	2 131.2	2 290.1	-6.9%	44.3
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	47.9	49.1	-2.4%	-0.2	632.6	725.7	-12.8%	8.6
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	267.4	260.3	2.7%	-1.1	817.4	823.8	-0.8%	8.4
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	12 860.0	13 941.4	-7.8%	314.2	434.2	565.9	-23.3%	4.7
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	8 097.3	8 659.1	-6.5%	-44.5	3 978.5	4 334.3	-8.2%	72.8
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	5 996.6	5 245.0	14.3%	-37.9	19 297.3	20 191.2	-4.4%	402.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	7 085.4	6 397.0	10.8%	-74.7	8 496.1	7 743.4	9.7%	103.3
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	337.4	343.8	-1.9%	0.2	1 939.0	1 859.7	4.3%	27.6
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	388.2	362.9	7.0%	-0.5	1 099.7	1 141.2	-3.6%	24.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	41.9	61.1	-31.3%	0.2	8.6	14.1	-38.7%	1.4
XXII	Other unclassified goods	181.2	252.6	-28.3%	-2.0	82.1	83.6	-1.8%	0.5
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.7	2.4	95.2%	-	5 572.9	5 649.5	-1.4%	44.7
Total		66 483.6	66 404.1	0.1%	972.3	77 514.2	82 311.9	-5.8%	1 857.6

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Europe	77 018.9	67 995.8	13.3%	120 208.3	101 852.5	18.0%
America	36 208.1	32 654.5	10.9%	40 776.2	40 391.5	1.0%
Asia	111 609.3	102 558.9	8.8%	173 866.2	153 128.9	13.5%
Oceania	3 553.1	3 192.4	11.3%	6 116.2	5 910.5	3.5%
Other Unclassified Goods	28 800.4	31 707.9	-9.2%	821.6	720.5	14.0%
Ships/Aircraft Stores	537.4	412.3	30.3%			
Total	312 494.9	284 909.3	9.7%	381 202.7	331 123.3	15.1%

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products	14 358.9	10 189.2	40.9%	6 478.7	5 725.9	13.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	560.5	721.3	-22.3%	2 515.3	3 090.9	-18.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	9 693.7	7 749.4	25.1%	9 408.4	7 881.8	19.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products	84 189.4	79 586.8	5.8%	90 830.1	78 373.1	15.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	17 684.3	15 797.2	11.9%	33 826.8	28 811.5	17.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	5 891.0	5 465.2	7.8%	15 065.3	13 176.8	14.3%
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)	1 256.6	952.0	32.0%	1 228.7	987.9	24.4%
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	1 098.8	1 103.6	-0.4%	1 382.4	1 262.8	9.5%
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	4 864.3	4 627.5	5.1%	5 307.2	4 197.6	26.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	2 978.7	2 429.6	22.6%	11 352.1	9 555.6	18.8%
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	225.5	182.7	23.5%	3 874.9	3 410.4	13.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	1 150.2	917.9	25.3%	3 827.0	3 466.1	10.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	66 793.6	62 902.7	6.2%	2 742.3	3 681.9	-25.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	38 502.1	38 921.4	-1.1%	19 567.4	16 078.9	21.7%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	25 327.2	23 557.4	7.5%	91 909.6	78 382.7	17.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	31 207.4	23 847.4	30.9%	37 867.6	34 518.9	9.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	1 412.8	1 379.8	2.4%	9 172.7	8 144.1	12.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 717.8	1 651.4	4.0%	5 319.8	4 519.8	17.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	199.4	59.4	235.8%	65.7	57.1	15.1%
XXII	Other unclassified goods	810.6	699.5	15.9%	524.2	356.8	46.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	12.7	6.4	97.8%	25 473.5	20 634.7	23.4%
Total		312 494.9	284 909.3	9.7%	381 202.7	331 123.3	15.1%