

## South African Trade Statistics for May 2014 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 78,357,476,981	R 84,929,021,454	R -6,571,544,473
April 2014 (Revised)	R 77,908,636,742	R 90,301,770,446	R -12,393,133,704
R Increase/Decrease	R 448,840,239	R -5,372,748,992	
% Growth	0.6%	-5.9%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 396,308,723,081	R 443,443,229,912	R -47,134,506,831
January to May 2013 (Revised)	R 357,911,981,433	R 392,475,521,285	R -34,563,539,852
R Increase/Decrease	R 38,396,741,648	R 50,967,708,627	
% Growth	10.7%	13.0%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 618 million (18%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1,095 million (6%)
Section 10:	Wood Pulp & Paper increased by	R 436 million (35%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 2,109 million (-17%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 573 million (7%)
Section 17:	Vehicles Transport Equipment decreased by	R 1,232 million (-16%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 922 million (-10%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 318 million (52%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 1,789 million (-9%)
Section 17:	Vehicles Transport Equipment decreased by	R 2,170 million (-22%)

**International Trade (excluding BLNS)**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 67,529,844,430	R 83,093,412,159	R -15,563,567,729
April 2014 (Revised)	R 68,312,231,809	R 88,106,230,642	R -19,793,998,833
R Increase/Decrease	R -782,387,379	R -5,012,818,483	
% Growth	-1.1%	-5.7%	

**CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 344,303,054,496	R 433,075,026,418	R -88,771,971,922
January to May 2013 (Revised)	R 314,696,771,105	R 381,915,095,697	R -67,218,324,592
R Increase/Decrease	R 29,606,283,391	R 51,159,930,721	
% Growth	9.4%	13.4%	

**BLNS**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 10,827,632,551	R 1,835,609,295	R 8,992,023,256
April 2014 (Revised)	R 9,596,404,933	R 2,195,539,804	R 7,400,865,129
R Increase/Decrease	R 1,231,227,618	R -359,930,509	
% Growth	12.8%	-16.4%	

**CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2014 (Preliminary)	R 52,005,668,585	R 10,368,203,494	R 41,637,465,091
January to May 2013 (Revised)	R 43,215,210,328	R 10,560,425,588	R 32,654,784,740
R Increase/Decrease	R 8,790,458,257	R -192,222,094	
% Growth	20.3%	-1.8%	

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

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	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	25,220.6	22,509.2	12.0%	-207.8	11,487.0	11,590.9	-0.9%	-0.7
America	7,133.9	7,706.5	-7.4%	-49.0	8,731.4	8,324.3	4.9%	-28.5
Asia	24,008.4	25,081.1	-4.3%	853.6	39,774.4	42,677.4	-6.8%	-52.3
Europe	17,254.5	16,193.7	6.6%	-108.6	23,432.3	26,462.1	-11.4%	-65.2
Oceania	577.5	817.4	-29.4%	-1.0	1,230.6	1,193.3	3.1%	0.5
Other Unclassified	4,048.9	5,506.1	-26.5%	-0.0	273.3	53.7	409.0%	-
Ship/Aircraft	113.8	94.5	20.4%	-0.3	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,357.5</b>	<b>77,908.6</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>487.0</b>	<b>84,929.0</b>	<b>90,301.8</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-146.2</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	966.9	903.8	7.0%	-5.4	986.1	1,036.0	-4.8%	-12.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4,020.8	3,402.9	18.2%	-7.4	1,358.7	1,336.4	1.7%	-0.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	289.1	260.6	10.9%	-1.9	789.2	833.6	-5.3%	-39.4
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3,409.3	3,173.2	7.4%	-7.6	2,223.9	2,205.9	0.8%	-4.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	20,827.9	19,733.2	5.5%	815.1	22,457.3	22,751.3	-1.3%	-21.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4,917.5	4,640.9	6.0%	-60.7	8,008.5	8,930.4	-10.3%	-26.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1,994.9	1,849.0	7.9%	-13.6	3,404.9	3,591.4	-5.2%	-2.1
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	409.2	380.2	7.6%	-1.8	302.3	289.9	4.2%	1.9
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	432.8	468.3	-7.6%	-2.4	351.5	373.0	-5.7%	-0.6
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1,691.3	1,254.9	34.8%	-2.8	1,165.0	1,171.5	-0.6%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1,123.6	1,112.3	1.0%	-2.1	2,551.5	2,814.6	-9.3%	-0.0
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	205.1	206.2	-0.5%	-0.6	757.0	701.7	7.9%	-0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	395.2	389.6	1.4%	-1.6	926.4	827.6	11.9%	0.2
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	10,654.6	12,763.7	-16.5%	-7.0	934.6	616.3	51.7%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10,606.0	10,560.5	0.4%	-61.5	3,734.8	3,866.7	-3.4%	-20.9
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	8,549.6	7,976.1	7.2%	-106.5	18,350.4	20,139.5	-8.9%	-13.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	6,268.9	7,500.5	-16.4%	-38.5	7,539.6	9,709.8	-22.4%	-3.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	690.3	560.9	23.1%	-3.9	2,006.9	2,145.5	-6.5%	0.5
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	732.5	606.6	20.8%	-2.0	1,366.0	1,267.6	7.8%	-1.7
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	29.0	37.8	-23.2%	-0.3	11.1	20.9	-46.8%	0.2
XXII ()	Other unclassified goods.	140.9	126.4	11.4%	-0.6	167.3	89.0	87.9%	-0.3
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	2.0	1.2	71.5%	-	5,535.9	5,583.0	-0.8%	-2.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>78,357.5</b>	<b>77,908.6</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>487.0</b>	<b>84,929.0</b>	<b>90,301.8</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-146.2</b>

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	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	118,146.3	98,694.6	19.7%	59,463.0	50,769.8	17.1%
America	36,285.6	36,315.8	-0.1%	43,829.2	40,710.3	7.7%
Asia	125,153.3	113,445.9	10.3%	206,763.1	173,819.7	19.0%
Europe	89,864.2	76,584.4	17.3%	126,434.8	120,243.8	5.1%
Oceania	3,624.1	3,534.0	2.5%	5,865.6	6,109.2	-4.0%
Other Unclassified	22,667.4	28,800.4	-21.3%	1,087.5	822.7	32.2%
Ship/Aircraft	567.8	536.9	5.7%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>396,308.7</b>	<b>357,912.0</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>443,443.2</b>	<b>392,475.5</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

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		January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4,806.9	3,632.5	32.3%	4,594.4	4,893.6	-6.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	17,785.1	16,603.6	7.1%	7,760.1	6,793.0	14.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1,183.4	954.4	24.0%	3,486.5	2,522.2	38.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	16,011.0	13,675.8	17.1%	11,701.9	11,168.8	4.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	102,721.8	93,645.1	9.7%	114,302.3	91,577.9	24.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	23,583.7	21,071.7	11.9%	40,253.9	36,156.7	11.3%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	9,393.6	7,955.5	18.1%	16,862.2	15,172.2	11.1%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	1,939.2	1,369.5	41.6%	1,520.8	1,286.4	18.2%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	2,255.3	1,618.9	39.3%	1,901.2	1,652.7	15.0%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	7,619.8	5,811.2	31.1%	6,070.3	5,491.5	10.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5,398.7	4,919.0	9.8%	14,261.3	12,302.9	15.9%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	944.6	802.7	17.7%	4,400.9	3,969.4	10.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2,015.8	1,724.7	16.9%	4,389.0	3,868.0	13.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	63,901.5	68,808.7	-7.1%	4,590.4	3,696.4	24.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	54,620.3	42,054.1	29.9%	19,856.9	19,866.3	0.0%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	38,698.1	31,796.4	21.7%	99,542.8	92,906.3	7.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	36,335.8	35,711.1	1.7%	43,108.8	38,440.4	12.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2,937.1	1,969.5	49.1%	10,738.1	9,241.2	16.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3,186.6	2,679.1	18.9%	6,250.3	5,362.9	16.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	209.7	236.2	-11.2%	289.5	98.5	193.7%
XXII ()	Other unclassified goods.	741.3	859.3	-13.7%	766.4	562.7	36.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	19.5	12.9	51.5%	26,795.4	25,445.3	5.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>396,308.7</b>	<b>357,912.0</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>443,443.2</b>	<b>392,475.5</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

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Africa	14,393.0	12,912.8	11.5%	-106.3	9,651.4	9,395.4	2.7%	1.8
America	7,133.9	7,706.5	-7.4%	-49.0	8,731.4	8,324.3	4.9%	-28.5
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	682.0	655.1	4.1%	-4.0	805.3	802.6	0.3%	-10.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3,493.5	2,910.7	20.0%	-6.4	1,325.1	1,299.2	2.0%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	198.9	175.6	13.3%	-1.1	787.0	832.2	-5.4%	-39.4
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2,524.2	2,343.6	7.7%	-6.4	1,831.9	1,905.4	-3.9%	-3.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	18,840.5	17,910.0	5.2%	870.9	22,399.6	22,705.0	-1.3%	-21.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4,013.7	3,900.8	2.9%	-58.3	7,668.6	8,292.6	-7.5%	-26.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1,499.4	1,386.8	8.1%	-12.8	3,370.7	3,564.7	-5.4%	-2.1
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	375.7	350.0	7.3%	-1.8	275.7	254.4	8.4%	0.1
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	300.8	350.8	-14.3%	-1.4	278.2	313.3	-11.2%	-0.4
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1,468.9	1,042.1	41.0%	-1.3	1,115.5	1,132.1	-1.5%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	625.0	635.1	-1.6%	-1.2	2,297.5	2,544.8	-9.7%	0.0
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	58.7	63.0	-6.9%	-0.6	735.5	679.2	8.3%	-0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	262.1	266.2	-1.5%	-1.2	917.9	819.7	12.0%	0.2
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	10,183.5	12,733.6	-20.0%	-7.0	876.4	530.0	65.4%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9,863.5	9,816.1	0.5%	-57.6	3,617.1	3,734.4	-3.1%	-20.7
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	6,956.8	6,585.6	5.6%	-83.4	18,196.3	19,994.9	-9.0%	-13.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	4,971.4	6,223.3	-20.1%	-33.9	7,520.6	9,608.4	-21.7%	-3.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	573.9	430.7	33.3%	-2.1	2,005.2	2,142.3	-6.4%	0.5
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	470.9	373.2	26.2%	-1.2	1,358.9	1,261.0	7.8%	-1.6
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	28.6	37.2	-23.0%	-0.2	11.1	20.6	-46.3%	0.2
XXII ( )	Other unclassified goods.	135.9	121.4	12.0%	-0.6	163.3	86.5	88.9%	-0.3
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.9	1.1	71.9%	-	5,535.9	5,583.0	-0.8%	-2.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,529.8</b>	<b>68,312.2</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>588.5</b>	<b>83,093.4</b>	<b>88,106.2</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>-143.7</b>

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	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	66,140.7	55,479.3	19.2%	49,094.8	40,209.3	22.1%
America	36,285.6	36,315.8	-0.1%	43,829.2	40,710.3	7.7%
Asia	125,153.3	113,445.9	10.3%	206,763.1	173,819.7	19.0%
Europe	89,864.2	76,584.4	17.3%	126,434.8	120,243.8	5.1%
Oceania	3,624.1	3,534.0	2.5%	5,865.6	6,109.2	-4.0%
Other Unclassified	22,667.4	28,800.4	-21.3%	1,087.5	822.7	32.2%
Ship/Aircraft	567.8	536.9	5.7%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>344,303.1</b>	<b>314,696.8</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>433,075.0</b>	<b>381,915.1</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

**SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM**

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3,583.1	2,561.8	39.9%	3,648.4	3,455.7	5.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15,144.0	14,200.9	6.6%	7,596.2	6,483.5	17.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	785.2	558.8	40.5%	3,480.3	2,516.2	38.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	11,718.1	9,654.6	21.4%	10,098.8	9,416.2	7.2%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	93,515.6	85,877.2	8.9%	113,926.9	90,798.5	25.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	19,499.9	17,598.1	10.8%	37,838.9	33,792.2	12.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	7,171.9	5,907.2	21.4%	16,714.6	15,055.3	11.0%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	1,793.2	1,258.4	42.5%	1,418.7	1,219.9	16.3%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	1,687.0	1,102.1	53.1%	1,579.0	1,384.9	14.0%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	6,513.7	4,834.4	34.7%	5,888.4	5,313.4	10.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	3,196.7	2,987.1	7.0%	12,977.8	11,341.9	14.4%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	280.8	225.6	24.5%	4,311.7	3,871.5	11.4%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1,381.5	1,153.3	19.8%	4,348.4	3,827.6	13.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	60,076.9	66,528.0	-9.7%	3,324.9	2,778.8	19.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	51,283.4	38,884.1	31.9%	19,396.8	19,583.5	-1.0%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	31,616.0	26,003.1	21.6%	98,859.1	92,183.0	7.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	29,739.9	31,028.7	-4.2%	42,894.1	38,261.1	12.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2,300.8	1,530.7	50.3%	10,722.1	9,225.1	16.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2,081.7	1,725.5	20.6%	6,220.2	5,316.7	17.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	207.6	232.4	-10.7%	287.5	98.4	192.3%
XXII ()	Other unclassified goods.	713.5	831.9	-14.2%	746.8	546.4	36.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	12.6	12.7	-0.9%	26,795.4	25,445.3	5.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>344,303.1</b>	<b>314,696.8</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>433,075.0</b>	<b>381,915.1</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

## Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

<p style="text-align: center;"><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 the publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	May 2014 / April 2014 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
Africa	10,827.6	9,596.4	12.8%	-101.5	1,835.6	2,195.5	-16.4%	-2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,827.6</b>	<b>9,596.4</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>-101.5</b>	<b>1,835.6</b>	<b>2,195.5</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2014	April 2014	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	284.9	248.7	14.6%	-1.3	180.8	233.4	-22.6%	-2.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	527.2	492.1	7.1%	-1.1	33.7	37.2	-9.4%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	90.2	85.0	6.1%	-0.8	2.1	1.5	45.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	885.1	829.6	6.7%	-1.2	392.0	300.5	30.5%	-1.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1,987.4	1,823.3	9.0%	-55.7	57.7	46.3	24.7%	-0.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	903.8	740.0	22.1%	-2.4	340.0	637.8	-46.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	495.5	462.2	7.2%	-0.8	34.2	26.7	28.1%	-
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	33.6	30.1	11.4%	-0.0	26.6	35.5	-25.2%	1.8
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	132.1	117.5	12.4%	-1.0	73.3	59.7	22.8%	-0.2
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	222.4	212.8	4.5%	-1.4	49.5	39.4	25.7%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	498.7	477.2	4.5%	-0.9	253.9	269.8	-5.9%	-0.0
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	146.5	143.2	2.3%	-0.1	21.6	22.5	-4.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	133.1	123.4	7.9%	-0.5	8.4	7.9	7.1%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	471.1	30.1	1466.8%	-	58.2	86.3	-32.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	742.4	744.4	-0.3%	-3.9	117.7	132.4	-11.1%	-0.2
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	1,592.8	1,390.5	14.6%	-23.1	154.0	144.6	6.5%	0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1,297.5	1,277.2	1.6%	-4.6	19.0	101.4	-81.2%	-0.0
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	116.4	130.2	-10.6%	-1.9	1.7	3.2	-46.4%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	261.6	233.4	12.1%	-0.8	7.1	6.6	7.9%	-0.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.6	-34.0%	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-81.0%	-
XXII ( )	Other unclassified goods.	5.0	5.0	-1.0%	-	4.0	2.6	55.6%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	56.6%	-	0.0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,827.6</b>	<b>9,596.4</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>-101.5</b>	<b>1,835.6</b>	<b>2,195.5</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

## Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

<b>METHODOLOGY</b> CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR	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.
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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2014 / January to May 2013					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
Africa	52,005.7	43,215.2	20.3%	10,368.2	10,560.4	-1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,005.7</b>	<b>43,215.2</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>10,368.2</b>	<b>10,560.4</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2014	January to May 2013	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1,223.7	1,070.7	14.3%	946.0	1,437.8	-34.2%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2,641.0	2,402.6	9.9%	163.9	309.5	-47.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	398.2	395.5	0.7%	6.2	6.0	4.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4,292.9	4,021.2	6.8%	1,603.0	1,752.6	-8.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	9,206.2	7,767.9	18.5%	375.4	779.4	-51.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4,083.8	3,473.6	17.6%	2,414.9	2,364.6	2.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2,221.7	2,048.4	8.5%	147.6	117.0	26.2%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	145.9	111.1	31.3%	102.1	66.5	53.4%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	568.4	516.8	10.0%	322.2	267.8	20.3%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1,106.1	976.8	13.2%	181.9	178.1	2.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2,202.0	1,931.9	14.0%	1,283.5	961.0	33.6%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	663.8	577.0	15.0%	89.2	97.9	-8.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	634.3	571.4	11.0%	40.5	40.4	0.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	3,824.6	2,280.8	67.7%	1,265.5	917.6	37.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	3,336.9	3,170.0	5.3%	460.1	282.8	62.7%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	7,082.0	5,793.3	22.2%	683.7	723.3	-5.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	6,595.9	4,682.3	40.9%	214.7	179.3	19.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	636.4	438.8	45.0%	16.1	16.2	-0.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1,104.9	953.6	15.9%	30.2	46.1	-34.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	2.2	3.8	-43.0%	1.9	0.2	1038.3%
XXII ()	Other unclassified goods.	27.8	27.4	1.2%	19.5	16.3	19.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	6.9	0.2	3556.5%	0.0	0.0	26.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>52,005.7</b>	<b>43,215.2</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>10,368.2</b>	<b>10,560.4</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>