

SA Trade Statistics for December 2015 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 88 770 527 510	R 80 549 461 697	R 8 221 065 813
November 2015 (Revised)	R 93 572 841 546	R 92 889 891 297	R 682 950 249

R Increase/Decrease	R -4 802 314 036	R -12 340 429 600
% Growth	-5.1%	-13.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 1 039 053 145 850	R 1 087 686 676 286	R -48 633 530 436
January to December 2014 (Revised)	R 1 001 308 230 979	R 1 083 582 482 440	R -82 274 251 461

R Increase/Decrease	R 37 744 914 871	R 4 104 193 846
% Growth	3.8%	0.4%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 463 million	(50%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 921 million	(-5%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 1 338 million	(-14%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 3 595 million	(-28%)
Section 22:	Other Unclassified increased by	R 240 million	(28%)

IMPORTS

Section 11:	Textiles decreased by	R 1 163 million	(-30%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 194 million	(-22%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 3 897 million	(-16%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1 246 million	(14%)
Section 23:	Equipment Components decreased by	R 1 632 million	(-35%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 78 301 913 541	R 78 341 660 741	R -39 747 200
November 2015 (Revised)	R 81 257 057 307	R 89 762 796 900	R -8 505 739 593
R Increase/Decrease	R -2 955 143 766	R -11 421 136 159	
% Growth	-3.6%	-12.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 902 657 313 342	R 1 057 062 138 771	R -154 404 825 429
January to December 2014 (Revised)	R 869 773 954 052	R 1 055 591 702 813	R -185 817 748 761
R Increase/Decrease	R 32 883 359 290	R 1 470 435 958	
% Growth	3.8%	0.1%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 10 468 613 969	R 2 207 800 956	R 8 260 813 013
November 2015 (Revised)	R 12 315 784 239	R 3 127 094 397	R 9 188 689 842
R Increase/Decrease	R -1 847 170 270	R -919 293 441	
% Growth	-15.0%	-29.4%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2015 (Preliminary)	R 136 395 832 508	R 30 624 537 515	R 105 771 294 993
January to December 2014 (Revised)	R 131 534 276 927	R 27 990 779 627	R 103 543 497 300
R Increase/Decrease	R 4 861 555 581	R 2 633 757 888	
% Growth	3.7%	9.4%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	December 2015 / November 2015 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	23 552.4	26 907.3	-12.5%	-39.0	9 742.6	10 211.1	-4.6%	-0.3
AMERICA	8 520.1	10 170.8	-16.2%	-90.3	10 423.6	10 167.8	2.5%	0.5
ASIA	27 176.5	26 123.5	4.0%	-120.8	33 592.3	43 075.0	-22.0%	-2.6
EUROPE	20 456.2	19 623.6	4.2%	-184.1	25 727.7	28 419.4	-9.5%	6.6
OCEANIA	1 027.5	823.0	24.9%	-4.2	991.2	875.5	13.2%	-0.8
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 659.7	9 403.1	-18.5%	-647.1	72.1	141.1	-48.9%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	378.1	521.5	-27.5%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	88 770.5	93 572.8	-5.1%	-1 085.6	80 549.5	92 889.9	-13.3%	3.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 423.3	1 218.7	16.8%	-	1 150.4	1 239.5	-7.2%	-0.9
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 411.8	2 948.9	49.6%	-0.3	2 106.5	2 554.1	-17.5%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	308.2	242.1	27.3%	-	775.2	1 110.3	-30.2%	-0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 213.6	4 228.3	-0.3%	-16.5	2 830.5	2 963.1	-4.5%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	17 372.4	17 599.2	-1.3%	22.0	13 168.4	13 914.7	-5.4%	0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 962.6	6 179.2	-3.5%	0.1	8 968.6	9 540.9	-6.0%	7.4
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 786.4	1 976.9	-9.6%	-1.1	3 124.7	4 116.6	-24.1%	-0.0
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).	439.2	413.2	6.3%	0.0	328.6	433.7	-24.2%	0.3
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.	530.7	639.8	-17.1%	-0.0	288.5	519.4	-44.4%	-0.3
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.	2 137.5	1 939.1	10.2%	1.3	1 305.4	1 596.1	-18.2%	0.4
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 458.8	1 497.1	-2.6%	-	2 739.8	3 903.1	-29.8%	1.6
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.	236.4	306.0	-22.8%	-	831.8	1 096.9	-24.2%	-3.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	452.8	548.0	-17.4%	-0.3	854.2	1 074.3	-20.5%	-0.0
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	17 940.1	18 861.1	-4.9%	-647.1	413.4	531.4	-22.2%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 004.6	10 079.1	-0.7%	-413.0	4 166.3	5 360.1	-22.3%	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.	7 943.2	9 281.4	-14.4%	2.0	20 675.0	24 572.4	-15.9%	-3.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 429.6	13 024.8	-27.6%	-31.4	9 848.2	8 602.6	14.5%	0.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	832.3	791.5	5.2%	-1.2	2 470.4	2 826.8	-12.6%	1.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	732.4	866.3	-15.5%	-0.1	1 299.9	2 016.8	-35.5%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	52.1	63.8	-18.3%	-	43.6	93.3	-53.2%	0.1
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 102.4	862.3	27.9%	-	88.0	120.1	-26.7%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	6.1	-97.4%	-	3 071.9	4 703.4	-34.7%	-0.0
Total		88 770.5	93 572.8	-5.1%	-1 085.6	80 549.5	92 889.9	-13.3%	3.4

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	302 465.1	301 310.4	0.4%	118 046.4	145 684.0	-19.0%
AMERICA	100 923.2	92 935.6	8.6%	120 719.5	109 653.9	10.1%
ASIA	302 136.9	306 646.3	-1.5%	491 500.5	492 988.6	-0.3%
EUROPE	240 411.9	221 709.4	8.4%	340 790.1	319 173.8	6.8%
OCEANIA	12 474.4	10 675.0	16.9%	14 697.2	14 175.7	3.7%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	71 369.3	66 338.7	7.6%	1 933.0	1 906.5	1.4%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	9 272.4	1 692.9	447.7%	-	-	0.0%
Total	1 039 053.1	1 001 308.2	3.8%	1 087 686.7	1 083 582.5	0.4%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	13 372.6	12 096.7	10.5%	14 923.4	12 193.3	22.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	51 394.6	47 715.1	7.7%	23 981.3	19 985.2	20.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 251.4	3 058.4	6.3%	7 617.9	8 356.2	-8.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	44 466.2	43 061.1	3.3%	31 867.2	29 486.8	8.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	213 858.3	236 742.3	-9.7%	174 748.3	257 052.1	-32.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	67 039.7	62 898.9	6.6%	112 895.8	102 418.0	10.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	21 825.0	23 434.3	-6.9%	44 952.3	42 184.9	6.6%
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).	4 938.6	4 782.9	3.3%	4 588.9	4 157.9	10.4%
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.	6 409.1	5 598.1	14.5%	5 041.6	4 549.6	10.8%
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.	19 943.8	17 741.0	12.4%	16 461.6	15 501.3	6.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	14 884.3	13 610.8	9.4%	40 460.5	34 909.2	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.	2 847.8	2 678.1	6.3%	13 440.5	11 671.7	15.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	5 809.5	5 193.8	11.9%	12 719.0	11 356.2	12.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	189 190.7	168 744.3	12.1%	7 820.2	11 166.2	-30.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	124 438.5	130 072.0	-4.3%	60 207.4	49 922.4	20.6%
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.	100 420.0	99 022.8	1.4%	272 302.3	249 327.7	9.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	130 493.3	104 820.7	24.5%	113 249.9	102 864.4	10.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	8 583.9	7 781.0	10.3%	29 467.4	26 629.4	10.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	8 530.8	8 226.4	3.7%	19 535.5	17 460.0	11.9%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	855.3	513.6	66.5%	432.9	637.9	-32.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 479.3	3 482.4	86.1%	1 413.7	1 538.9	-8.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	20.3	33.4	-39.2%	79 559.1	70 213.0	13.3%
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	378.1	521.5	-27.5%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	78 301.9	81 257.1	-3.6%	-1 051.7	78 341.7	89 762.8	-12.7%	3.8

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 067.8	876.5	21.8%	-	952.4	1 025.9	-7.2%	-0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 750.0	2 327.6	61.1%	-0.3	2 069.2	2 509.9	-17.6%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	201.3	124.1	62.3%	-	774.6	1 109.0	-30.2%	-0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 846.7	2 916.2	-2.4%	-16.5	2 398.3	2 471.9	-3.0%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	15 518.7	15 974.4	-2.9%	56.3	13 122.6	13 850.7	-5.3%	0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 977.6	5 021.1	-0.9%	-0.1	8 262.7	8 628.4	-4.2%	7.4
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 332.7	1 332.6	0.0%	-1.1	3 104.2	4 074.8	-23.8%	-0.0
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).	377.3	346.2	9.0%	0.0	314.4	406.2	-22.6%	0.4
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.	406.8	471.3	-13.7%	-0.0	214.3	406.9	-47.3%	-0.3
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.	1 867.0	1 639.4	13.9%	1.5	1 262.2	1 502.3	-16.0%	0.4
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	991.8	865.6	14.6%	-	2 421.8	3 337.6	-27.4%	1.6
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.	77.0	71.4	7.8%	-	815.3	1 067.1	-23.6%	-3.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	330.5	365.8	-9.6%	-0.1	846.0	1 063.0	-20.4%	-0.0
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	17 922.2	18 832.5	-4.8%	-647.1	376.1	499.1	-24.6%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 414.2	9 203.0	2.3%	-413.0	4 093.7	5 290.8	-22.6%	-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.	6 574.2	7 397.7	-11.1%	1.4	20 570.1	24 264.1	-15.2%	-3.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	8 367.6	11 471.9	-27.1%	-31.4	9 791.1	8 534.0	14.7%	0.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	674.0	597.5	12.8%	-1.2	2 465.9	2 820.6	-12.6%	1.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	464.3	499.3	-7.0%	-0.1	1 287.4	1 988.4	-35.3%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	51.7	63.0	-18.0%	-	43.6	93.2	-53.2%	0.1
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 088.6	856.3	27.1%	-	84.0	115.5	-27.3%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	3.7	-96.5%	-	3 071.9	4 703.4	-34.7%	-0.0
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	9 876.4	8 873.7	11.3%	11 522.2	9 662.0	19.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	44 901.1	41 307.3	8.7%	23 546.0	19 519.3	20.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 144.9	2 009.8	6.7%	7 601.3	8 340.6	-8.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	31 641.6	31 591.0	0.2%	26 907.8	24 880.2	8.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	191 590.7	214 368.8	-10.6%	174 181.2	256 333.8	-32.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	55 115.0	51 919.6	6.2%	105 993.7	95 877.3	10.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	15 656.4	17 660.9	-11.4%	44 528.6	41 777.5	6.6%
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).	4 321.9	4 297.6	0.6%	4 195.1	3 809.2	10.1%
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.	4 689.7	4 035.0	16.2%	4 000.3	3 732.8	7.2%
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.	16 994.1	14 879.2	14.2%	15 974.4	14 983.5	6.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	8 798.5	7 864.1	11.9%	36 061.1	31 358.9	15.0%
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.	825.0	791.5	4.2%	13 196.5	11 456.9	15.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 881.3	3 478.6	11.6%	12 585.3	11 245.0	11.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	182 818.8	161 389.9	13.3%	5 284.9	8 132.9	-35.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	115 109.1	121 153.7	-5.0%	59 219.8	48 583.8	21.9%
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.	80 608.9	80 764.7	-0.2%	269 392.5	247 154.4	9.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	114 633.6	88 272.2	29.9%	112 836.7	102 461.0	10.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	6 789.0	6 107.0	11.2%	29 406.3	26 587.8	10.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 996.0	5 081.4	-1.7%	19 263.6	17 350.5	11.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	848.9	507.3	67.3%	432.1	635.6	-32.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 401.8	3 401.7	88.2%	1 373.6	1 495.8	-8.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	14.7	19.1	-22.9%	79 558.9	70 213.0	13.3%
Total		902 657.3	869 774.0	3.8%	1 057 062.1	1 055 591.7	0.1%

Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

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	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.
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	December 2015 / November 2015 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 468.6	12 315.8	-15.0%	-33.9	2 207.8	3 127.1	-29.4%	-0.4
Total	10 468.6	12 315.8	-15.0%	-33.9	2 207.8	3 127.1	-29.4%	-0.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	December 2015	November 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	355.5	342.1	3.9%	-	198.0	213.7	-7.3%	-0.7
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	661.9	621.3	6.5%	-	37.3	44.3	-15.8%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	106.9	118.1	-9.5%	-	0.6	1.3	-52.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 366.9	1 312.1	4.2%	-0.0	432.2	491.2	-12.0%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 853.7	1 624.8	14.1%	-34.2	45.8	64.0	-28.4%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	985.0	1 158.1	-14.9%	0.2	705.9	912.5	-22.6%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	453.7	644.4	-29.6%	-0.0	20.6	41.8	-50.8%	-
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).	61.8	67.0	-7.7%	0.0	14.1	27.5	-48.7%	-0.0
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.	123.9	168.6	-26.5%	-0.0	74.3	112.5	-34.0%	-0.0
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.	270.5	299.7	-9.8%	-0.3	43.2	93.8	-54.0%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	467.0	631.5	-26.1%	-	318.1	565.5	-43.8%	-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.	159.4	234.6	-32.1%	-	16.4	29.8	-44.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	122.3	182.2	-32.9%	-0.2	8.2	11.3	-27.8%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	17.9	28.6	-37.3%	-	37.3	32.4	15.2%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	590.3	876.0	-32.6%	0.0	72.6	69.3	4.8%	0.4
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.	1 369.1	1 883.7	-27.3%	0.5	104.9	308.3	-66.0%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 062.0	1 552.9	-31.6%	-0.0	57.1	68.6	-16.7%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	158.4	194.0	-18.4%	-	4.5	6.2	-27.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	268.2	367.0	-26.9%	-0.0	12.5	28.3	-55.9%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.7	-41.9%	-	0.1	0.1	-30.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	13.8	6.0	130.5%	-	4.0	4.6	-11.6%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	2.3	-98.9%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		10 468.6	12 315.8	-15.0%	-33.9	2 207.8	3 127.1	-29.4%	-0.4

Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

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

World Zone	January to December 2015 / January to December 2014					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	136 395.8	131 534.3	3.7%	30 624.5	27 990.8	9.4%
Total	136 395.8	131 534.3	3.7%	30 624.5	27 990.8	9.4%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2015	January to December 2014	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 496.2	3 223.0	8.5%	3 401.2	2 531.3	34.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 493.5	6 407.8	1.3%	435.2	465.9	-6.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 106.5	1 048.7	5.5%	16.6	15.6	6.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	12 824.6	11 470.1	11.8%	4 959.4	4 606.6	7.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 267.7	22 373.5	-0.5%	567.1	718.4	-21.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	11 924.7	10 979.3	8.6%	6 902.1	6 540.7	5.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 168.6	5 773.4	6.8%	423.7	407.4	4.0%
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).	616.6	485.3	27.1%	393.8	348.8	12.9%
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.	1 719.4	1 563.1	10.0%	1 041.2	816.8	27.5%
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.	2 949.7	2 861.8	3.1%	487.3	517.8	-5.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 085.7	5 746.7	5.9%	4 399.4	3 550.3	23.9%
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.	2 022.8	1 886.6	7.2%	244.0	214.8	13.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 928.2	1 715.2	12.4%	133.7	111.2	20.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	6 372.0	7 354.4	-13.4%	2 535.3	3 033.3	-16.4%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 329.5	8 918.3	4.6%	987.6	1 338.6	-26.2%
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.	19 811.0	18 258.1	8.5%	2 909.8	2 173.3	33.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	15 859.7	16 548.5	-4.2%	413.1	403.5	2.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 794.9	1 674.0	7.2%	61.1	41.6	46.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 534.7	3 145.0	12.4%	271.9	109.5	148.2%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	6.5	6.2	3.9%	0.8	2.3	-66.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	77.6	80.7	-3.9%	40.1	43.1	-7.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	5.6	14.3	-60.9%	0.2	0.0	592.0%
Total		136 395.8	131 534.3	3.7%	30 624.5	27 990.8	9.4%