

## SA Trade Statistics for August 2016 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 90 235 304 363	R 98 796 841 940	R -8 561 537 577
July 2016 (Revised)	R 95 525 638 243	R 90 486 377 176	R 5 039 261 067
R Increase/Decrease	R -5 290 333 880	R 8 310 464 764	
% Growth	-5.5%	9.2%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 740 699 210 291	R 733 292 094 457	R 7 407 115 834
January to August 2015 (Revised)	R 679 271 633 879	R 714 373 912 483	R -35 102 278 604
R Increase/Decrease	R 61 427 576 412	R 18 918 181 974	
% Growth	9.0%	2.6%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 313 million	(5%)
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 619 million	(4%)
Section 10:	Wood Pulp & Paper increased by	R 1 039 million	(66%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 5 567 million	(-30%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 544 million	(-6%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 1 408 million	(-10%)
Section 18:	Optical Photographic Products increased by	R 273 million	(36%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 834 million	(29%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 3 143 million	(24%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 1 018 million	(11%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 1 571 million	(205%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 044 million	(5%)

## International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 77 671 390 383	R 95 763 876 948	R -18 092 486 565
July 2016 (Revised)	R 84 253 856 468	R 87 873 314 259	R -3 619 457 791
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 582 466 085	R 7 890 562 689	
% Growth	-7.8%	9.0%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 649 275 464 127	R 711 382 540 800	R -62 107 076 673
January to August 2015 (Revised)	R 590 548 358 824	R 694 949 080 044	R -104 400 721 220
R Increase/Decrease	R 58 727 105 303	R 16 433 460 756	
% Growth	9.9%	2.4%	

## BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 12 563 913 980	R 3 032 964 992	R 9 530 948 988
July 2016 (Revised)	R 11 271 781 775	R 2 613 062 917	R 8 658 718 858
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 292 132 205	R 419 902 075	
% Growth	11.5%	16.1%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2016 (Preliminary)	R 91 423 746 164	R 21 909 553 657	R 69 514 192 507
January to August 2015 (Revised)	R 88 723 275 055	R 19 424 832 439	R 69 298 442 616
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 700 471 109	R 2 484 721 218	
% Growth	3.0%	12.8%	

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	August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	27 730.6	25 753.2	7.7%	-101.5	13 067.8	10 413.9	25.5%	-0.7
AMERICA	7 109.8	8 695.8	-18.2%	3.8	11 683.8	9 538.6	22.5%	8.0
ASIA	26 021.2	26 503.0	-1.8%	-20.5	42 526.0	38 805.5	9.6%	-10.5
EUROPE	23 699.8	23 381.3	1.4%	-82.8	30 359.9	30 058.1	1.0%	-16.8
OCEANIA	1 113.4	1 058.8	5.2%	-0.0	1 029.9	1 600.6	-35.7%	2.9
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	3 977.7	9 522.6	-58.2%	-	129.4	69.7	85.7%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	582.9	610.9	-4.6%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 235.3</b>	<b>95 525.6</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-201.2</b>	<b>98 796.8</b>	<b>90 486.4</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>-17.1</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 131.7	1 185.3	-4.5%	-4.9	1 290.8	1 307.0	-1.2%	-0.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 713.1	6 399.8	4.9%	-0.8	3 724.4	2 890.0	28.9%	15.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	402.2	414.7	-3.0%	-0.0	713.3	940.5	-24.2%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 150.0	4 060.8	2.2%	2.1	3 291.6	2 849.5	15.5%	-0.8
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	17 694.2	17 075.1	3.6%	-62.0	16 258.6	13 115.2	24.0%	-1.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 274.4	5 646.0	-6.6%	-5.5	10 332.9	9 315.2	10.9%	1.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 017.1	1 979.5	1.9%	-8.8	4 377.3	4 125.5	6.1%	-0.4
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).	374.3	352.2	6.3%	-0.0	357.7	363.5	-1.6%	-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.	615.2	529.5	16.2%	-0.0	449.4	427.5	5.1%	-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.	2 608.2	1 569.0	66.2%	-99.7	1 624.7	1 393.8	16.6%	0.7
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 242.5	1 012.5	22.7%	0.0	3 687.0	3 609.2	2.2%	0.1
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.	267.0	223.7	19.4%	-0.3	1 399.2	1 260.0	11.1%	0.2
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	533.8	503.3	6.0%	-1.7	1 157.1	1 123.5	3.0%	0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	13 084.7	18 651.5	-29.8%	-0.0	2 338.6	767.4	204.8%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 528.3	10 662.8	-1.3%	2.6	4 650.7	5 074.2	-8.3%	-1.1
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.	8 507.7	9 051.4	-6.0%	-8.8	22 088.2	21 044.2	5.0%	-27.2
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 497.0	13 904.7	-10.1%	-12.1	8 544.4	8 978.6	-4.8%	-1.7
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 031.5	759.0	35.9%	-1.0	2 647.3	2 538.9	4.3%	-1.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	740.8	719.7	2.9%	-0.0	1 801.5	1 687.2	6.8%	0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	58.9	54.9	7.4%	-	22.3	56.4	-60.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	762.7	769.9	-0.9%	-	116.1	81.7	42.2%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.2	-77.5%	-	7 923.7	7 537.6	5.1%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>90 235.3</b>	<b>95 525.6</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-201.2</b>	<b>98 796.8</b>	<b>90 486.4</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>-17.1</b>

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	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	203 949.7	197 171.6	3.4%	82 541.0	80 322.6	2.8%
AMERICA	68 712.9	65 709.1	4.6%	85 752.3	78 216.7	9.6%
ASIA	212 343.2	198 581.1	6.9%	313 691.7	321 605.8	-2.5%
EUROPE	182 098.7	157 570.3	15.6%	241 570.3	222 377.7	8.6%
OCEANIA	8 808.2	8 369.0	5.2%	8 759.9	10 453.6	-16.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	61 088.8	44 712.6	36.6%	976.9	1 397.5	-30.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	3 697.8	7 158.0	-48.3%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>740 699.2</b>	<b>679 271.6</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>733 292.1</b>	<b>714 373.9</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	9 815.4	8 525.3	15.1%	10 981.8	10 108.0	8.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	44 102.5	35 638.5	23.7%	23 626.9	14 406.9	64.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 570.2	2 191.9	17.3%	5 975.5	4 276.8	39.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	31 698.8	27 814.7	14.0%	22 058.6	20 052.1	10.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	133 419.9	142 047.3	-6.1%	99 082.0	122 832.7	-19.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	43 748.2	42 882.9	2.0%	75 307.6	72 585.8	3.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	15 474.8	14 116.1	9.6%	32 016.5	29 003.8	10.4%
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).	3 215.5	3 222.2	-0.2%	2 769.5	2 857.1	-3.1%
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.	4 599.2	4 194.7	9.6%	3 675.1	3 268.2	12.5%
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.	15 370.9	12 384.9	24.1%	11 648.9	10 224.6	13.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	10 174.9	9 088.1	12.0%	29 309.9	25 672.4	14.2%
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.	1 762.0	1 713.1	2.9%	9 937.4	8 553.3	16.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 111.3	3 753.5	9.5%	9 367.0	8 331.3	12.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	143 938.2	123 593.1	16.5%	8 575.8	5 459.6	57.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	89 846.7	84 402.2	6.5%	40 355.9	40 137.0	0.5%
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.	69 902.1	65 065.1	7.4%	180 495.9	174 662.3	3.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	98 813.0	84 495.4	16.9%	69 642.2	75 261.2	-7.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	6 168.8	5 249.8	17.5%	21 059.8	18 710.6	12.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 483.7	5 197.0	5.5%	12 788.2	11 826.5	8.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	687.7	456.1	50.8%	289.0	191.0	51.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 790.8	3 229.2	79.3%	1 073.6	917.4	17.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	4.5	10.6	-57.8%	63 254.9	55 035.3	14.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>740 699.2</b>	<b>679 271.6</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>733 292.1</b>	<b>714 373.9</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 021.5	5 787.0	4.1%	-0.2	3 632.3	2 803.9	29.5%	15.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	256.1	274.9	-6.8%	0.0	709.7	931.3	-23.8%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 922.6	2 965.3	-1.4%	2.4	2 809.3	2 355.0	19.3%	-0.8
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	15 758.9	15 097.6	4.4%	-53.1	16 213.7	13 061.7	24.1%	-0.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 258.9	4 662.6	-8.7%	-4.5	9 672.5	8 917.4	8.5%	1.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 514.8	1 481.2	2.3%	-8.7	4 338.3	4 090.1	6.1%	-0.4
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).	322.2	298.8	7.8%	-0.0	330.8	338.4	-2.3%	-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.	444.5	365.1	21.7%	-0.0	326.0	304.6	7.0%	-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.	2 343.6	1 330.5	76.1%	-99.7	1 587.7	1 378.3	15.2%	0.7
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	666.7	493.2	35.2%	0.0	3 220.3	3 186.2	1.1%	0.1
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.	73.1	63.7	14.8%	0.0	1 385.9	1 246.4	11.2%	0.2
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	336.4	321.9	4.5%	-1.7	1 145.2	1 108.6	3.3%	0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	12 509.4	18 618.2	-32.8%	-0.0	2 036.6	493.6	312.6%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 726.2	9 864.1	-1.4%	2.6	4 576.2	4 992.0	-8.3%	-1.4
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.	6 720.4	7 377.7	-8.9%	-8.9	21 822.0	20 750.9	5.2%	-26.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 867.1	12 495.0	-13.0%	-12.0	8 502.1	8 941.5	-4.9%	-1.6
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	859.9	607.0	41.7%	-1.0	2 639.9	2 532.8	4.2%	-1.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	435.2	423.3	2.8%	-0.0	1 761.9	1 655.3	6.4%	0.4
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	57.7	54.5	6.0%	-	22.2	56.1	-60.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	759.0	763.9	-0.6%	-	113.6	77.7	46.2%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.2	-78.3%	-	7 923.7	7 537.6	5.1%	-
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EUROPE	182 098.7	157 570.3	15.6%	241 570.3	222 377.7	8.6%
OCEANIA	8 808.2	8 369.0	5.2%	8 759.9	10 453.6	-16.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	61 088.8	44 712.6	36.6%	976.9	1 397.5	-30.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	3 697.8	7 158.0	-48.3%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>649 275.5</b>	<b>590 548.4</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>711 382.5</b>	<b>694 949.1</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	7 504.3	6 366.3	17.9%	8 829.0	7 669.1	15.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	39 139.2	31 512.8	24.2%	23 134.0	14 129.3	63.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 721.0	1 524.3	12.9%	5 941.9	4 265.5	39.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	23 213.5	20 101.8	15.5%	18 600.0	16 882.8	10.2%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	119 063.7	127 080.5	-6.3%	98 677.3	122 478.1	-19.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	36 141.9	35 364.3	2.2%	71 154.5	68 742.2	3.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	11 726.1	10 201.8	14.9%	31 724.4	28 720.3	10.5%
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).	2 820.3	2 842.7	-0.8%	2 574.2	2 572.9	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.	3 368.4	3 093.7	8.9%	2 767.7	2 615.6	5.8%
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.	13 481.4	10 541.0	27.9%	11 468.7	9 961.6	15.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 040.4	5 272.4	14.6%	26 037.8	23 095.9	12.7%
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.	547.8	521.2	5.1%	9 818.8	8 424.5	16.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 872.7	2 495.3	15.1%	9 277.6	8 242.4	12.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	138 775.3	118 517.9	17.1%	6 103.7	3 487.1	75.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	83 816.4	78 184.5	7.2%	39 748.0	39 418.4	0.8%
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.	56 562.8	52 161.2	8.4%	178 190.6	172 760.4	3.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	87 861.8	73 927.1	18.8%	69 209.8	75 042.2	-7.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	4 924.0	4 187.3	17.6%	21 012.1	18 676.1	12.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 259.4	3 007.7	8.4%	12 524.3	11 648.3	7.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	681.5	451.7	50.9%	288.4	190.6	51.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 749.1	3 182.4	80.7%	1 044.7	890.7	17.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	4.5	10.4	-56.9%	63 254.9	55 035.1	14.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>649 275.5</b>	<b>590 548.4</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>711 382.5</b>	<b>694 949.1</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

# Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

<p><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	August 2016 / July 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	12 563.9	11 271.8	11.5%	-12.1	3 033.0	2 613.1	16.1%	-1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 563.9</b>	<b>11 271.8</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>3 033.0</b>	<b>2 613.1</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	August 2016	July 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	314.6	277.1	13.5%	-0.8	296.6	193.2	53.5%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	691.7	612.9	12.9%	-0.6	92.1	86.0	7.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	146.0	139.9	4.4%	-0.0	3.6	9.2	-60.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 227.4	1 095.5	12.0%	-0.3	482.3	494.5	-2.5%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 935.3	1 977.5	-2.1%	-8.9	44.9	53.5	-16.0%	-0.8
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 015.5	983.4	3.3%	-1.0	660.4	397.8	66.0%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	502.3	498.3	0.8%	-0.1	39.0	35.4	10.2%	-
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).	52.1	53.4	-2.5%	-	26.9	25.1	7.3%	-
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.	170.7	164.4	3.8%	-	123.4	122.9	0.4%	-0.1
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.	264.5	238.5	10.9%	-0.0	37.0	15.5	139.2%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	575.7	519.4	10.9%	-	466.7	422.9	10.4%	-
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.	193.8	160.0	21.2%	-0.3	13.3	13.6	-1.8%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	197.4	181.4	8.8%	-	11.9	14.9	-20.4%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	575.3	33.2	1631.1%	-	302.1	273.8	10.3%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	802.1	798.7	0.4%	-0.0	74.5	82.2	-9.3%	0.3
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.	1 787.3	1 673.6	6.8%	0.0	266.2	293.3	-9.2%	-0.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 629.9	1 409.7	15.6%	-0.1	42.3	37.1	14.1%	-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.	171.7	152.0	12.9%	-	7.4	6.1	21.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	305.6	296.4	3.1%	-	39.6	32.0	23.9%	-0.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.2	0.4	201.8%	-	0.1	0.3	-53.9%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3.7	6.0	-39.3%	-	2.5	4.0	-36.7%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>12 563.9</b>	<b>11 271.8</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>3 033.0</b>	<b>2 613.1</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>-1.1</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

World Zone	January to August 2016 / January to August 2015					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	91 423.7	88 723.3	3.0%	21 909.6	19 424.8	12.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91 423.7</b>	<b>88 723.3</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>21 909.6</b>	<b>19 424.8</b>	<b>12.8%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(cha pter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2016	January to August 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 311.2	2 159.1	7.0%	2 152.8	2 438.9	-11.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 963.3	4 125.6	20.3%	492.9	277.6	77.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	849.3	667.6	27.2%	33.6	11.3	197.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	8 485.3	7 712.9	10.0%	3 458.6	3 169.3	9.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	14 356.1	14 966.8	-4.1%	404.7	354.6	14.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	7 606.3	7 518.6	1.2%	4 153.1	3 843.6	8.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 748.6	3 914.4	-4.2%	292.1	283.5	3.0%
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).	395.2	379.5	4.2%	195.3	284.3	-31.3%
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.	1 230.8	1 101.0	11.8%	907.4	652.5	39.1%
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.	1 889.5	1 843.9	2.5%	180.1	263.1	-31.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 134.5	3 815.6	8.4%	3 272.1	2 576.5	27.0%
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.	1 214.2	1 191.9	1.9%	118.6	128.8	-7.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 238.6	1 258.2	-1.6%	89.4	88.9	0.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	5 162.9	5 075.2	1.7%	2 472.1	1 972.5	25.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	6 030.2	6 217.7	-3.0%	607.8	718.7	-15.4%
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.	13 339.3	12 903.8	3.4%	2 305.3	1 901.9	21.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 951.2	10 568.3	3.6%	432.4	219.0	97.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 244.8	1 062.6	17.2%	47.7	34.5	38.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 224.4	2 189.4	1.6%	263.9	178.3	48.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	6.1	4.4	40.1%	0.6	0.4	34.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	41.7	46.8	-10.9%	28.9	26.6	8.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.2	-99.4%	-	0.2	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>91 423.7</b>	<b>88 723.3</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>21 909.6</b>	<b>19 424.8</b>	<b>12.8%</b>