

SA Trade Statistics for December 2016 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2016 (Preliminary)	R 93 026 277 127	R 80 989 793 938	R 12 036 483 189
November 2016 (Revised)	R 99 056 990 085	R 100 741 171 046	R -1 684 180 961
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 030 712 958	R -19 751 377 108	
% Growth	-6.1%	-19.6%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2016	R 1 095 935 627 724	R 1 098 856 285 824	R -2 920 658 100
January to December 2015	R 1 035 944 208 916	R 1 088 126 973 140	R -52 182 764 224
R Increase/Decrease	R 59 991 418 808	R 10 729 312 684	
% Growth	5.8%	1.0%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 067 million	(34%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 3 435 million	(15%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 1 001 million	(-6%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 1 417 million	(-16%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 4 704 million	(-35%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1 423 million	(10%)
Section 6:	Chemicals Products decreased by	R 2 092 million	(-20%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 510 million	(-29%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 6 006 million	(-24%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components decreased by	R 3 124 million	(-53%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2016 (Preliminary)	R 82 329 950 372	R 78 692 971 677	R 3 636 978 695
November 2016 (Revised)	R 85 900 740 259	R 97 195 363 932	R -11 294 623 673
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 570 789 887	R -18 502 392 255	
% Growth	-4.2%	-19.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2016 (Preliminary)	R 955 651 681 736	R 1 065 372 809 580	R -109 721 127 844
January to December 2015 (Revised)	R 899 604 866 653	R 1 057 508 902 934	R -157 904 036 281
R Increase/Decrease	R 56 046 815 083	R 7 863 906 646	
% Growth	6.2%	0.7%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2016 (Preliminary)	R 10 696 326 755	R 2 296 822 261	R 8 399 504 494
November 2016 (Revised)	R 13 156 249 826	R 3 545 807 114	R 9 610 442 712
R Increase/Decrease	R -2 459 923 071	R -1 248 984 853	
% Growth	-18.7%	-35.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2016 (Preliminary)	R 140 283 945 988	R 33 483 476 244	R 106 800 469 744
January to December 2015 (Revised)	R 136 339 342 263	R 30 618 070 206	R 105 721 272 057
R Increase/Decrease	R 3 944 603 725	R 2 865 406 038	
% Growth	2.9%	9.4%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	December 2016 / November 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	26 372.5	30 016.1	-12.1%	-40.8	9 504.4	11 092.8	-14.3%	-2.7
AMERICA	7 224.4	9 069.7	-20.3%	-63.4	9 060.5	11 528.9	-21.4%	5.3
ASIA	32 286.8	30 573.9	5.6%	-463.7	35 912.1	42 980.9	-16.4%	0.1
EUROPE	21 626.5	21 821.9	-0.9%	-12.3	24 588.0	34 062.7	-27.8%	-4.7
OCEANIA	810.7	1 174.2	-31.0%	-1.0	1 530.0	966.6	58.3%	13.2
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	4 234.1	5 841.1	-27.5%	-	394.8	109.3	261.3%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	471.3	560.0	-15.8%	0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	93 026.3	99 057.0	-6.1%	-581.0	80 989.8	100 741.2	-19.6%	11.3

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 479.4	1 341.3	10.3%	6.1	1 093.6	1 568.5	-30.3%	-0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 216.7	3 149.7	33.9%	-4.2	1 952.0	2 351.2	-17.0%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	365.4	361.6	1.0%	-	1 036.2	1 101.3	-5.9%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 911.4	4 535.0	-13.8%	1.3	2 747.3	4 051.6	-32.2%	-3.7
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	26 380.5	22 946.0	15.0%	-412.1	15 832.2	14 409.4	9.9%	5.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 834.0	6 280.3	-7.1%	1.0	8 208.8	10 300.5	-20.3%	-3.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 783.7	2 234.6	-20.2%	-0.9	3 131.9	4 467.5	-29.9%	-0.3
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).	420.0	398.8	5.3%	0.2	267.1	441.2	-39.5%	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.	560.3	663.5	-15.6%	-0.1	258.8	498.8	-48.1%	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.	1 747.4	1 821.3	-4.1%	-88.4	1 156.8	1 525.4	-24.2%	-0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 440.1	1 767.6	-18.5%	-0.8	2 313.2	3 723.9	-37.9%	1.3
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.	233.0	309.3	-24.7%	-	754.0	1 109.7	-32.1%	-0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	473.8	536.8	-11.7%	2.5	761.2	1 118.1	-31.9%	-1.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	15 104.3	16 105.6	-6.2%	-3.4	748.9	966.8	-22.5%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 791.8	11 679.2	-7.6%	-86.9	3 682.6	5 192.1	-29.1%	12.5
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.	7 467.8	8 884.7	-15.9%	5.2	18 832.6	24 838.3	-24.2%	-0.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	8 806.1	13 509.7	-34.8%	-0.7	11 750.0	11 718.0	0.3%	2.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	811.9	688.2	18.0%	1.0	2 360.6	3 032.2	-22.1%	-0.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	685.4	857.9	-20.1%	-0.9	1 176.3	2 134.2	-44.9%	0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	70.9	54.2	30.8%	-	30.9	210.0	-85.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	441.9	931.6	-52.6%	-	125.9	89.6	40.4%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.2	78.0%	-	2 768.8	5 892.7	-53.0%	-
Total		93 026.3	99 057.0	-6.1%	-581.0	80 989.8	100 741.2	-19.6%	11.3

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	316 564.7	302 213.0	4.7%	120 051.9	118 753.1	1.1%
AMERICA	103 259.7	100 842.8	2.4%	127 457.2	120 720.5	5.6%
ASIA	331 556.5	301 184.4	10.1%	476 807.2	491 388.1	-3.0%
EUROPE	271 169.2	238 620.4	13.6%	359 242.4	340 609.3	5.5%
OCEANIA	12 838.8	12 472.7	2.9%	13 444.1	14 723.4	-8.7%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	54 796.8	71 369.9	-23.2%	1 853.6	1 932.5	-4.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 749.9	9 240.9	-37.8%	-	-	0.0%
Total	1 095 935.6	1 035 944.2	5.8%	1 098 856.3	1 088 127.0	1.0%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	15 142.2	13 376.2	13.2%	16 039.4	14 917.4	7.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	60 347.2	51 399.1	17.4%	33 034.3	23 962.6	37.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	4 000.4	3 251.2	23.0%	10 034.8	7 615.3	31.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	49 037.1	44 469.7	10.3%	35 195.6	31 852.1	10.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	222 413.3	211 408.2	5.2%	152 799.0	175 452.3	-12.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	67 509.5	67 011.0	0.7%	114 234.5	112 887.6	1.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	23 879.2	21 819.8	9.4%	48 284.1	44 943.4	7.4%
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).	4 938.6	4 938.7	0.0%	4 337.4	4 577.8	-5.3%
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.	7 012.1	6 408.6	9.4%	5 345.8	5 040.3	6.1%
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.	22 481.2	19 890.6	13.0%	17 528.6	16 460.1	6.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	16 239.6	14 881.7	9.1%	43 026.5	40 385.9	6.5%
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.	2 878.5	2 847.4	1.1%	14 380.4	13 443.2	7.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	6 188.5	5 807.6	6.6%	13 600.8	12 731.7	6.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	182 518.5	188 960.8	-3.4%	11 727.6	7 818.4	50.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	133 475.9	124 489.8	7.2%	59 202.5	60 233.7	-1.7%
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.	102 848.9	100 331.2	2.5%	269 440.3	272 336.4	-1.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	147 821.5	130 195.8	13.5%	108 363.8	113 251.8	-4.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	9 282.2	8 580.7	8.2%	31 883.7	29 469.1	8.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	8 642.6	8 528.6	1.3%	20 231.0	19 546.0	3.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 183.5	854.9	38.4%	678.7	434.1	56.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	8 089.9	6 476.6	24.9%	1 495.7	1 413.9	5.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	5.1	15.9	-68.0%	87 991.6	79 353.9	10.9%
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AMERICA	7 224.4	9 069.7	-20.3%	-63.4	9 060.5	11 528.9	-21.4%	5.3
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	471.3	560.0	-15.8%	0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 135.8	1 015.4	11.9%	6.3	902.0	1 367.3	-34.0%	-0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 578.1	2 387.0	49.9%	-4.1	1 914.0	2 307.4	-17.1%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	265.8	238.1	11.6%	-	1 035.0	1 099.0	-5.8%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 571.2	2 987.3	-13.9%	0.4	2 310.7	3 514.2	-34.2%	-3.7
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	24 749.8	21 384.3	15.7%	-407.1	15 774.4	14 358.1	9.9%	5.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 867.4	5 108.1	-4.7%	1.7	7 440.0	9 329.0	-20.2%	-3.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 339.5	1 629.9	-17.8%	-0.9	3 107.9	4 416.9	-29.6%	-0.0
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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.	422.2	466.5	-9.5%	-	174.7	369.8	-52.7%	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.	1 479.6	1 497.9	-1.2%	-88.4	1 111.7	1 461.6	-23.9%	-0.1
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XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	333.2	339.2	-1.8%	2.9	753.6	1 107.1	-31.9%	-1.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	14 334.2	15 462.1	-7.3%	-3.4	716.1	690.1	3.8%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 195.0	10 755.1	-5.2%	-86.6	3 641.5	5 114.5	-28.8%	12.4
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XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	7 935.5	12 245.2	-35.2%	-0.7	11 731.1	11 692.0	0.3%	2.6
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	677.1	520.0	30.2%	1.0	2 355.3	3 026.0	-22.2%	-0.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	408.3	431.6	-5.4%	0.2	1 155.1	2 088.8	-44.7%	0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	70.6	53.6	31.8%	-	30.9	210.0	-85.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	435.1	924.7	-52.9%	-	119.8	87.0	37.6%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.2	78.0%	-	2 768.8	5 892.7	-53.0%	-
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		I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	11 493.3	9 880.2	16.3%	13 208.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	52 567.7	44 905.5	17.1%	32 299.8	23 527.4	37.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 675.9	2 144.7	24.8%	9 996.3	7 598.7	31.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	34 945.3	31 646.7	10.4%	29 766.4	26 894.2	10.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	201 608.3	189 179.4	6.6%	152 175.5	174 885.2	-13.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	55 674.8	55 086.3	1.1%	106 963.4	105 985.5	0.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	17 958.7	15 651.1	14.7%	47 824.9	44 519.7	7.4%
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).	4 309.1	4 322.0	-0.3%	4 003.7	4 184.0	-4.3%
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.	5 101.8	4 689.7	8.8%	3 962.6	3 999.2	-0.9%
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.	19 448.2	16 941.0	14.8%	17 171.4	15 972.7	7.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	9 748.8	8 796.2	10.8%	37 562.3	35 989.1	4.4%
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.	852.2	825.0	3.3%	14 185.0	13 199.5	7.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 239.1	3 880.0	9.3%	13 465.5	12 598.0	6.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	174 524.1	182 589.0	-4.4%	8 738.8	5 283.2	65.4%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	124 276.4	115 162.6	7.9%	58 327.3	59 246.0	-1.6%
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.	82 603.0	80 529.4	2.6%	266 161.2	269 426.7	-1.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	132 006.9	114 331.6	15.5%	107 809.2	112 838.7	-4.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	7 382.1	6 785.7	8.8%	31 811.1	29 408.0	8.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 030.5	4 994.1	0.7%	19 816.0	19 274.3	2.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 175.6	848.4	38.6%	677.9	433.3	56.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	8 024.9	6 401.6	25.4%	1 454.9	1 373.8	5.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	5.1	14.7	-65.5%	87 991.6	79 353.8	10.9%
Total		955 651.7	899 604.9	6.2%	1 065 372.8	1 057 508.9	0.7%

Preliminary BLNS 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 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	December 2016 / November 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 696.3	13 156.2	-18.7%	-7.0	2 296.8	3 545.8	-35.2%	-0.8
Total	10 696.3	13 156.2	-18.7%	-7.0	2 296.8	3 545.8	-35.2%	-0.8

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2016	November 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	343.6	325.9	5.4%	-0.2	191.6	201.1	-4.7%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	638.7	762.7	-16.3%	-0.2	38.0	43.8	-13.2%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	99.5	123.6	-19.4%	-	1.2	2.3	-47.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 340.2	1 547.8	-13.4%	0.8	436.6	537.3	-18.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 630.8	1 561.7	4.4%	-5.0	57.8	51.4	12.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	966.6	1 172.2	-17.5%	-0.7	768.8	971.6	-20.9%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	444.2	604.7	-26.5%	-0.0	24.0	50.6	-52.6%	-0.3
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).	51.5	59.4	-13.4%	-	11.3	37.0	-69.6%	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.	138.1	197.0	-29.9%	-0.1	84.0	129.0	-34.8%	-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.	267.9	323.4	-17.2%	0.0	45.0	63.8	-29.4%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	473.6	681.3	-30.5%	-	360.9	705.3	-48.8%	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.	165.1	226.8	-27.2%	-	17.0	20.9	-18.5%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	140.7	197.6	-28.8%	-0.5	7.6	11.0	-31.3%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	770.1	643.5	19.7%	-	32.8	276.7	-88.1%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	596.8	924.1	-35.4%	-0.3	41.0	77.6	-47.1%	0.1
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.	1 339.4	1 937.9	-30.9%	0.2	127.4	286.2	-55.5%	-0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	870.6	1 264.5	-31.2%	0.0	18.9	26.0	-27.2%	-0.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	134.8	168.2	-19.8%	-0.1	5.4	6.3	-14.6%	-0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	277.1	426.3	-35.0%	-1.1	21.2	45.3	-53.2%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.3	0.6	-51.8%	-	0.1	0.1	34.9%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6.8	6.9	-1.0%	-	6.1	2.6	133.8%	-
Total		10 696.3	13 156.2	-18.7%	-7.0	2 296.8	3 545.8	-35.2%	-0.8

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. 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 REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to December 2016 / January to December 2015					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	140 283.9	136 339.3	2.9%	33 483.5	30 618.1	9.4%
Total	140 283.9	136 339.3	2.9%	33 483.5	30 618.1	9.4%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2016	January to December 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 648.9	3 496.0	4.4%	2 831.1	3 399.5	-16.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	7 779.5	6 493.6	19.8%	734.5	435.1	68.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 324.5	1 106.5	19.7%	38.6	16.6	131.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	14 091.9	12 823.0	9.9%	5 429.3	4 957.9	9.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	20 805.0	22 228.8	-6.4%	623.6	567.1	10.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	11 834.7	11 924.7	-0.8%	7 271.1	6 902.1	5.3%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 920.5	6 168.6	-4.0%	459.2	423.7	8.4%
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).	629.5	616.8	2.1%	333.6	393.8	-15.3%
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.	1 910.3	1 718.9	11.1%	1 383.2	1 041.1	32.9%
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.	3 033.0	2 949.7	2.8%	357.2	487.3	-26.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 490.9	6 085.4	6.7%	5 464.2	4 396.8	24.3%
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.	2 026.3	2 022.5	0.2%	195.4	243.8	-19.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 949.3	1 927.6	1.1%	135.3	133.7	1.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	7 994.4	6 371.8	25.5%	2 988.8	2 535.3	17.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 199.5	9 327.2	-1.4%	875.3	987.6	-11.4%
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.	20 245.9	19 801.8	2.2%	3 279.1	2 909.8	12.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	15 814.6	15 864.2	-0.3%	554.6	413.1	34.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 900.0	1 795.0	5.8%	72.6	61.1	18.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 612.1	3 534.6	2.2%	415.0	271.7	52.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	8.0	6.5	23.0%	0.8	0.8	10.8%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	65.1	75.0	-13.2%	40.9	40.1	2.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	1.2	-99.1%	-	0.2	-100.0%
Total		140 283.9	136 339.3	2.9%	33 483.5	30 618.1	9.4%