

SA Trade Statistics for April 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 91 777 604 706	R 86 694 434 331	R 5 083 170 375
March 2017 (Revised)	R 101 064 062 914	R 89 780 570 004	R 11 283 492 910

R Increase/Decrease	R -9 286 458 208	R -3 086 135 673
% Growth	-9.2%	-3.4%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 360 271 134 602	R 350 380 618 420	R 9 890 516 182
January to April 2016 (Revised)	R 338 748 657 092	R 365 137 453 299	R -26 388 796 207

R Increase/Decrease	R 21 522 477 510	R -14 756 834 879
% Growth	6.4%	-4.0%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 2 254 million (10%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 1 232 million (-19%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 1 344 million (-8%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 1 591 million (-18%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 2 287 million (-18%)

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products decreased by	R 435 million (-22%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 363 million (-4%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 395 million (4%)
Section 18:	Optical Photographic Products decreased by	R 762 million (-26%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components decreased by	R 1 285 million (-17%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 82 661 098 763	R 83 848 360 357	R -1 187 261 594
March 2017 (Revised)	R 89 843 417 652	R 86 514 813 527	R 3 328 604 125
R Increase/Decrease	R -7 182 318 889	R -2 666 453 170	
% Growth	-8.0%	-3.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 321 673 261 285	R 338 885 487 794	R -17 212 226 509
January to April 2016 (Revised)	R 293 987 300 708	R 354 314 890 868	R -60 327 590 160
R Increase/Decrease	R 27 685 960 577	R -15 429 403 074	
% Growth	9.4%	-4.4%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 9 116 505 943	R 2 846 073 974	R 6 270 431 969
March 2017 (Revised)	R 11 220 645 262	R 3 265 756 477	R 7 954 888 785
R Increase/Decrease	R -2 104 139 319	R -419 682 503	
% Growth	-18.8%	-12.9%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2017 (Preliminary)	R 38 597 873 317	R 11 495 130 626	R 27 102 742 691
January to April 2016 (Revised)	R 44 761 356 384	R 10 822 562 431	R 33 938 793 953
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 163 483 067	R 672 568 195	
% Growth	-13.8%	6.2%	

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	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	22 303.9	26 966.7	-17.3%	-40.4	10 172.8	9 780.6	4.0%	-4.5
AMERICA	7 741.9	8 118.1	-4.6%	87.3	8 722.0	10 732.7	-18.7%	-1.2
ASIA	29 981.4	30 508.4	-1.7%	-186.5	38 804.1	35 786.6	8.4%	-11.9
EUROPE	23 662.1	26 854.1	-11.9%	-30.9	27 416.5	32 224.3	-14.9%	-1.1
OCEANIA	1 158.0	1 314.1	-11.9%	0.3	1 010.9	1 158.5	-12.7%	0.2
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 250.1	5 971.0	4.7%	-	568.0	97.9	480.4%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	680.3	1 331.7	-48.9%	0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	91 777.6	101 064.1	-9.2%	-170.1	86 694.4	89 780.6	-3.4%	-18.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 105.8	1 265.9	-12.7%	-0.5	1 507.9	1 816.7	-17.0%	0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 924.7	5 127.8	-23.5%	0.8	1 576.3	2 010.9	-21.6%	-1.5
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	275.2	280.5	-1.9%	-0.1	814.6	884.0	-7.9%	-0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 397.8	3 795.9	-10.5%	-3.0	2 695.5	2 810.1	-4.1%	-0.5
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	25 819.3	23 565.5	9.6%	0.8	14 125.9	14 320.3	-1.4%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 211.6	6 443.8	-19.1%	10.9	8 827.9	9 190.6	-3.9%	-0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 432.3	2 021.0	-29.1%	0.0	3 637.2	3 821.6	-4.8%	0.2
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).	378.5	345.8	9.5%	-0.7	258.9	249.5	3.8%	-0.2
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.	409.7	662.7	-38.2%	0.8	380.8	387.0	-1.6%	-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.	1 607.6	2 084.3	-22.9%	-19.0	1 042.2	1 229.2	-15.2%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 302.5	1 641.6	-20.7%	0.3	3 053.6	2 971.8	2.8%	-0.4
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.	224.7	264.5	-15.1%	0.0	910.1	829.2	9.8%	0.2
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	408.2	468.7	-12.9%	-0.0	966.3	899.9	7.4%	-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.	15 601.1	16 944.7	-7.9%	-0.0	1 231.0	1 010.7	21.8%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 426.5	11 256.1	1.5%	-76.9	4 929.6	4 677.8	5.4%	-4.3
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.	7 229.1	8 820.5	-18.0%	-46.3	20 244.8	20 438.5	-0.9%	-8.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 303.5	12 590.6	-18.2%	-36.8	10 475.7	10 080.9	3.9%	-0.8
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	554.6	913.8	-39.3%	-0.0	2 160.6	2 922.5	-26.1%	0.9
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	593.2	647.8	-8.4%	-0.6	1 337.6	1 166.2	14.7%	-3.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	49.6	464.0	-89.3%	-	31.5	169.9	-81.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	521.6	1 458.0	-64.2%	0.2	84.9	206.6	-58.9%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	0.6	5.5%	-	6 401.5	7 686.7	-16.7%	-0.3
Total		91 777.6	101 064.1	-9.2%	-170.1	86 694.4	89 780.6	-3.4%	-18.4

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	93 556.2	97 868.1	-4.4%	40 949.2	40 313.2	1.6%
AMERICA	29 642.6	33 152.6	-10.6%	37 726.1	43 052.3	-12.4%
ASIA	116 786.3	102 319.8	14.1%	152 229.4	155 803.6	-2.3%
EUROPE	90 865.5	81 507.8	11.5%	113 953.9	121 419.1	-6.1%
OCEANIA	4 165.0	4 190.3	-0.6%	4 676.5	3 849.8	21.5%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	21 729.7	18 228.3	19.2%	845.5	699.4	20.9%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	3 525.8	1 481.7	138.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	360 271.1	338 748.7	6.4%	350 380.6	365 137.5	-4.0%

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		January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 857.2	4 988.8	-2.6%	5 891.9	5 203.0	13.2%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	17 930.9	18 090.1	-0.9%	8 353.4	11 311.9	-26.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 047.5	1 012.5	3.5%	3 659.2	3 131.0	16.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	13 422.0	14 707.2	-8.7%	11 849.5	10 666.8	11.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	94 627.2	66 049.2	43.3%	56 945.0	45 592.1	24.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	22 318.8	21 454.7	4.0%	36 857.9	36 715.0	0.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 843.4	7 178.4	-4.7%	15 342.6	15 588.8	-1.6%
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).	1 402.9	1 595.0	-12.0%	1 204.8	1 366.7	-11.8%
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.	2 090.5	2 243.6	-6.8%	1 713.4	1 948.9	-12.1%
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.	7 204.9	7 279.2	-1.0%	4 865.1	5 760.7	-15.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5 311.5	5 261.9	0.9%	13 181.0	15 355.2	-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.	829.8	863.3	-3.9%	4 080.4	5 060.6	-19.4%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 607.5	2 052.5	-21.7%	3 938.1	4 710.0	-16.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	59 364.9	53 400.0	11.2%	4 149.9	3 719.3	11.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	44 327.6	45 107.6	-1.7%	19 718.8	21 139.5	-6.7%
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.	28 642.5	34 081.4	-16.0%	79 219.9	93 670.0	-15.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	39 514.5	45 136.0	-12.5%	35 384.6	35 161.5	0.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 583.5	2 625.5	-1.6%	9 717.8	10 300.7	-5.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 274.0	2 553.9	-11.0%	5 371.3	6 197.1	-13.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	629.0	433.1	45.2%	323.9	129.4	150.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 439.7	2 633.5	30.6%	526.6	662.7	-20.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.4	1.3	13.2%	28 085.5	31 746.5	-11.5%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 414.2	4 463.9	-23.5%	0.9	1 549.1	1 984.5	-21.9%	-1.5
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	172.7	156.8	10.1%	-0.1	813.2	879.0	-7.5%	-0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 323.8	2 645.7	-12.2%	-3.0	2 283.2	2 305.8	-1.0%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	24 329.8	22 094.0	10.1%	6.1	14 074.2	14 238.6	-1.2%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 385.4	5 514.9	-20.5%	11.0	8 208.6	8 621.2	-4.8%	-0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 046.9	1 552.7	-32.6%	0.1	3 607.9	3 781.8	-4.6%	0.2
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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.	272.9	504.6	-45.9%	-0.0	277.4	272.1	2.0%	-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.	1 404.4	1 832.0	-23.3%	-19.0	1 030.3	1 207.1	-14.6%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	792.5	1 024.1	-22.6%	0.5	2 683.8	2 506.0	7.1%	-0.5
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.	80.4	90.2	-10.9%	0.0	900.4	814.4	10.6%	0.2
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	278.5	316.4	-12.0%	-0.0	959.4	889.9	7.8%	-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.	15 571.9	16 329.7	-4.6%	-	803.5	411.1	95.5%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 822.8	10 528.4	2.8%	-76.3	4 859.5	4 610.8	5.4%	-4.0
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.	5 836.5	7 165.5	-18.5%	-44.5	20 002.4	20 149.8	-0.7%	-8.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 411.5	11 319.6	-16.9%	-36.2	10 406.0	10 050.6	3.5%	-0.8
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	440.4	776.9	-43.3%	-0.0	2 153.1	2 918.6	-26.2%	1.1
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	343.4	360.1	-4.7%	-0.3	1 306.4	1 124.7	16.2%	-3.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	49.0	463.8	-89.4%	-	31.5	169.8	-81.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	517.2	1 448.1	-64.3%	0.2	82.5	199.6	-58.7%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.6	-47.2%	-	6 401.5	7 686.7	-16.7%	-0.3
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	21 729.7	18 228.3	19.2%	845.5	699.4	20.9%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	3 525.8	1 481.7	138.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	321 673.3	293 987.3	9.4%	338 885.5	354 314.9	-4.4%

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II (6-14)	Vegetable	15 623.1	15 660.1	-0.2%	8 250.0	11 131.0	-25.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	640.9	668.4	-4.1%	3 651.4	3 119.6	17.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages,	9 122.4	10 707.1	-14.8%	10 173.8	9 024.4	12.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral	88 877.5	59 057.3	50.5%	56 710.1	45 388.5	24.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the	18 889.3	17 817.2	6.0%	34 432.7	34 511.0	-0.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles	5 206.8	5 378.9	-3.2%	15 205.3	15 447.6	-1.6%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles	1 264.4	1 398.7	-9.6%	1 145.6	1 278.3	-10.4%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal,	1 545.5	1 672.2	-7.6%	1 288.4	1 543.2	-16.5%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	6 211.2	6 356.1	-2.3%	4 778.3	5 663.5	-15.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and	3 328.2	3 250.6	2.4%	11 522.8	13 767.1	-16.3%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas,	269.0	270.8	-0.7%	4 038.5	4 994.1	-19.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster,	1 088.2	1 497.7	-27.3%	3 905.3	4 668.5	-16.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or	58 185.7	49 939.4	16.5%	2 333.8	2 424.2	-3.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals	41 762.2	42 259.5	-1.2%	19 448.4	20 861.8	-6.8%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical	22 972.1	27 550.6	-16.6%	78 191.1	92 494.1	-15.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft,	35 629.1	40 026.3	-11.0%	35 240.1	34 897.5	1.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	2 065.6	2 045.5	1.0%	9 696.6	10 279.2	-5.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous	1 272.3	1 535.1	-17.1%	5 219.1	6 064.8	-13.9%
XXI (97)	Works of art,	626.9	429.2	46.1%	323.8	129.2	150.6%
XXII (99)	Other	3 415.9	2 610.8	30.8%	509.1	646.1	-21.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification	1.1	1.3	-12.2%	28 085.5	31 746.5	-11.5%
Total		321 673.3	293 987.3	9.4%	338 885.5	354 314.9	-4.4%

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	April 2017 / March 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	9 116.5	11 220.6	-18.8%	-8.3	2 846.1	3 265.8	-12.9%	-1.4
Total	9 116.5	11 220.6	-18.8%	-8.3	2 846.1	3 265.8	-12.9%	-1.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2017	March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	287.9	321.7	-10.5%	-0.0	339.1	354.3	-4.3%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	510.5	664.0	-23.1%	-0.1	27.2	26.4	2.9%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	102.5	123.7	-17.1%	-0.0	1.4	5.0	-71.1%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 073.9	1 150.2	-6.6%	-0.0	412.3	504.3	-18.2%	-0.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 489.5	1 471.5	1.2%	-5.3	51.6	81.7	-36.8%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	826.2	928.9	-11.1%	-0.1	619.2	569.4	8.7%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	385.4	468.3	-17.7%	-0.1	29.3	39.8	-26.3%	-
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).	29.7	34.4	-13.7%	0.0	13.1	19.3	-32.4%	-
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.	136.8	158.1	-13.4%	0.8	103.4	114.9	-10.0%	-
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.	203.2	252.3	-19.5%	0.0	12.0	22.0	-45.7%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	510.0	617.5	-17.4%	-0.2	369.8	465.8	-20.6%	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.	144.4	174.3	-17.2%	-0.0	9.7	14.8	-34.5%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	129.7	152.3	-14.8%	-0.0	6.9	10.0	-30.6%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	29.2	615.0	-95.3%	-0.0	427.5	599.5	-28.7%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	603.7	727.7	-17.0%	-0.6	70.1	67.0	4.6%	-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.	1 392.6	1 655.0	-15.9%	-1.8	242.4	288.6	-16.0%	-0.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	892.0	1 271.0	-29.8%	-0.6	69.7	30.3	130.4%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	114.2	136.9	-16.6%	-0.0	7.5	3.8	95.0%	-0.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	249.8	287.7	-13.2%	-0.3	31.3	41.6	-24.7%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.6	0.2	153.9%	-	0.0	0.0	-96.6%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4.5	9.8	-54.8%	-	2.4	7.0	-66.3%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.0	271227.2%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		9 116.5	11 220.6	-18.8%	-8.3	2 846.1	3 265.8	-12.9%	-1.4

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. 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 April 2017 / January to April 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	38 597.9	44 761.4	-13.8%	11 495.1	10 822.6	6.2%
Total	38 597.9	44 761.4	-13.8%	11 495.1	10 822.6	6.2%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to April 2017	January to April 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 181.7	1 134.2	4.2%	1 156.1	968.2	19.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 307.8	2 430.0	-5.0%	103.4	180.9	-42.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	406.5	344.1	18.1%	7.8	11.5	-31.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 299.6	4 000.1	7.5%	1 675.7	1 642.4	2.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	5 749.6	6 991.9	-17.8%	234.9	203.6	15.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	3 429.6	3 637.5	-5.7%	2 425.2	2 203.9	10.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 636.6	1 799.5	-9.1%	137.4	141.2	-2.7%
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).	138.5	196.3	-29.5%	59.2	88.3	-33.0%
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.	545.0	571.3	-4.6%	425.0	405.7	4.8%
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.	993.7	923.2	7.6%	86.8	97.3	-10.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 983.3	2 011.3	-1.4%	1 658.2	1 588.1	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.	560.7	592.4	-5.3%	41.8	66.5	-37.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	519.2	554.7	-6.4%	32.8	41.6	-21.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 179.2	3 460.6	-65.9%	1 816.1	1 295.1	40.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	2 565.4	2 848.1	-9.9%	270.4	277.7	-2.6%
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.	5 670.4	6 530.8	-13.2%	1 028.8	1 175.9	-12.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	3 885.5	5 109.7	-24.0%	144.5	264.0	-45.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	517.8	580.0	-10.7%	21.2	21.5	-1.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 001.7	1 018.9	-1.7%	152.2	132.3	15.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	2.1	3.9	-47.8%	0.1	0.1	-41.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	23.8	22.8	4.4%	17.5	16.7	5.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	-	Infinity	-	-	0.0%
Total		38 597.9	44 761.4	-13.8%	11 495.1	10 822.6	6.2%