

SA Trade Statistics for August 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 103 376 714 733	R 97 436 136 510	R 5 940 578 223
July 2017 (Revised)	R 93 092 706 394	R 83 762 259 810	R 9 330 446 584

R Increase/Decrease	R 10 284 008 339	R 13 673 876 700
% Growth	11.0%	16.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 761 244 333 877	R 717 794 198 017	R 43 450 135 860
January to August 2016 (Revised)	R 719 377 234 366	R 733 045 619 031	R -13 668 384 665

R Increase/Decrease	R 41 867 099 511	R -15 251 421 014
% Growth	5.8%	-2.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 4 189 million (21%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 2 990 million (20%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 1 289 million (12%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 928 million (12%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 2 321 million (-17%)

IMPORTS

Section 4:	Prepared Foodstuffs increased by	R 916 million (36%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 5 616 million (65%)
Section 11:	Textiles increased by	R 878 million (27%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 2 169 million (11%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components increased by	R 2 076 million (29%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 91 549 338 669	R 93 442 489 732	R -1 893 151 063
July 2017 (Revised)	R 83 085 770 895	R 80 462 571 941	R 2 623 198 954
R Increase/Decrease	R 8 463 567 774	R 12 979 917 791	
% Growth	10.2%	16.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 675 947 593 595	R 693 030 879 369	R -17 083 285 774
January to August 2016 (Revised)	R 627 948 206 168	R 711 224 773 064	R -83 276 566 896
R Increase/Decrease	R 47 999 387 427	R -18 193 893 695	
% Growth	7.6%	-2.6%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 11 827 376 064	R 3 993 646 778	R 7 833 729 286
July 2017 (Revised)	R 10 006 935 499	R 3 299 687 869	R 6 707 247 630
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 820 440 565	R 693 958 909	
% Growth	18.2%	21.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2017 (Preliminary)	R 85 296 740 282	R 24 763 318 648	R 60 533 421 634
January to August 2016 (Revised)	R 91 429 028 198	R 21 820 845 967	R 69 608 182 231
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 132 287 916	R 2 942 472 681	
% Growth	-6.7%	13.5%	

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	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	27 818.8	25 191.0	10.4%	-13.0	10 897.0	7 796.5	39.8%	-1.0
AMERICA	10 007.0	8 682.8	15.3%	-15.8	9 953.3	9 567.2	4.0%	-12.6
ASIA	31 431.2	26 962.9	16.6%	25.7	43 661.1	36 731.7	18.9%	-11.5
EUROPE	25 624.2	25 110.7	2.0%	-12.0	31 331.4	28 699.0	9.2%	-321.5
OCEANIA	1 396.7	1 323.6	5.5%	13.4	1 459.2	928.9	57.1%	0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 676.5	5 445.0	22.6%	-	134.1	39.0	244.0%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	422.3	376.7	12.1%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	103 376.7	93 092.7	11.0%	-1.7	97 436.1	83 762.3	16.3%	-346.6

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 204.0	1 049.3	14.7%	-0.5	1 800.1	1 806.0	-0.3%	-0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	7 735.0	7 531.7	2.7%	-1.6	1 659.9	1 743.7	-4.8%	0.7
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	314.2	325.7	-3.5%	-0.6	742.6	867.3	-14.4%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 547.5	3 910.2	16.3%	-1.0	3 431.7	2 515.5	36.4%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 893.5	19 704.7	21.3%	34.2	14 281.8	8 665.9	64.8%	-3.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 652.2	5 804.1	14.6%	-5.8	10 349.9	10 027.3	3.2%	-3.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 049.3	1 952.7	4.9%	1.6	4 237.3	3 781.1	12.1%	-2.6
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).	395.6	322.3	22.7%	-0.3	348.2	303.2	14.8%	-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.	632.4	506.8	24.8%	-0.1	447.1	409.8	9.1%	-0.6
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1 935.3	1 394.5	38.8%	12.4	1 361.8	1 279.6	6.4%	-0.9
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 351.3	1 043.3	29.5%	-0.3	4 107.0	3 229.3	27.2%	-0.7
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.	273.7	220.1	24.3%	-0.0	1 378.5	1 088.2	26.7%	-0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	525.5	462.0	13.8%	0.1	1 125.9	1 036.3	8.6%	-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.	17 801.0	14 810.9	20.2%	-	1 278.8	973.3	31.4%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 969.0	10 679.6	12.1%	-20.9	5 144.8	4 272.1	20.4%	-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.	8 624.8	7 696.6	12.1%	-7.0	22 418.5	20 249.7	10.7%	-5.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 600.2	13 921.2	-16.7%	-10.4	9 405.1	10 116.5	-7.0%	-316.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	674.6	573.8	17.6%	-1.3	2 573.1	2 514.1	2.3%	-13.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	719.1	697.6	3.1%	-0.1	1 882.9	1 468.8	28.2%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	61.0	53.4	14.3%	-	60.5	68.6	-11.8%	3.1
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	417.5	431.8	-3.3%	-	96.1	117.7	-18.3%	0.5
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.4	-73.1%	-	9 304.5	7 228.2	28.7%	-3.1
Total		103 376.7	93 092.7	11.0%	-1.7	97 436.1	83 762.3	16.3%	-346.6

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	January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	202 653.3	204 367.6	-0.8%	77 102.1	82 474.0	-6.5%
AMERICA	67 708.5	68 450.9	-1.1%	78 549.7	85 729.5	-8.4%
ASIA	236 602.6	214 499.3	10.3%	317 114.5	313 668.8	1.1%
EUROPE	191 287.4	182 407.2	4.9%	234 305.2	241 436.7	-3.0%
OCEANIA	9 287.5	8 810.0	5.4%	9 289.1	8 760.3	6.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	47 928.2	37 144.4	29.0%	1 433.7	976.4	46.8%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 776.8	3 697.8	56.2%	-	-	0.0%
Total	761 244.3	719 377.2	5.8%	717 794.2	733 045.6	-2.1%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	9 614.0	9 813.6	-2.0%	13 091.8	10 895.6	20.2%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	46 555.6	44 082.4	5.6%	15 163.4	23 606.6	-35.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 434.4	2 564.6	-5.1%	6 513.8	5 961.0	9.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	30 186.3	31 686.3	-4.7%	22 834.2	22 050.3	3.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	183 368.7	136 852.5	34.0%	109 029.3	99 249.2	9.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	47 492.5	43 754.6	8.5%	76 256.2	75 342.3	1.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	15 119.2	15 476.2	-2.3%	31 304.1	32 072.4	-2.4%
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).	2 965.1	3 215.5	-7.8%	2 471.1	2 763.4	-10.6%
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.	4 609.9	4 584.9	0.5%	3 412.5	3 674.0	-7.1%
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.	14 235.2	14 845.0	-4.1%	9 935.6	11 640.6	-14.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	10 487.0	10 174.2	3.1%	27 222.9	29 221.2	-6.8%
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.	1 795.6	1 762.0	1.9%	8 698.5	9 935.8	-12.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 571.1	4 102.2	-12.9%	8 234.2	9 371.0	-12.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	127 445.0	119 984.6	6.2%	8 359.4	8 577.0	-2.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	92 235.9	89 730.6	2.8%	39 556.2	40 338.9	-1.9%
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.	61 390.8	69 861.2	-12.1%	164 814.0	180 521.7	-8.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	90 872.6	98 739.8	-8.0%	75 833.9	69 444.6	9.2%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	5 034.4	6 170.6	-18.4%	19 705.8	21 062.3	-6.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 135.1	5 493.8	-6.5%	12 118.6	12 762.2	-5.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	867.6	687.4	26.2%	541.7	289.0	87.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 825.5	5 790.9	0.6%	882.7	1 074.2	-17.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	2.8	4.5	-37.0%	61 814.2	63 192.3	-2.2%
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AMERICA	10 007.0	8 682.8	15.3%	-15.8	9 953.3	9 567.2	4.0%	-12.6
ASIA	31 431.2	26 962.9	16.6%	-25.7	43 661.1	36 731.7	18.9%	-11.5
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 676.5	5 445.0	22.6%	-	134.1	39.0	244.0%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	422.3	376.7	12.1%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	91 549.3	83 085.8	10.2%	-2.5	93 442.5	80 462.6	16.1%	-345.5

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	878.4	753.2	16.6%	-0.5	1 273.1	1 339.8	-5.0%	-0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	7 215.7	7 036.1	2.6%	-0.7	1 618.4	1 701.9	-4.9%	0.7
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	213.2	235.9	-9.6%	-0.6	732.0	856.9	-14.6%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 291.0	2 845.9	15.6%	-1.0	2 946.7	2 118.5	39.1%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 205.3	18 060.7	22.9%	28.1	14 210.5	8 605.1	65.1%	-2.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 576.8	4 875.1	14.4%	-5.8	9 578.3	9 485.5	1.0%	-3.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 529.8	1 518.6	0.7%	1.6	4 199.5	3 746.2	12.1%	-2.6
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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.	452.5	350.6	29.1%	-0.0	309.9	276.9	11.9%	-0.5
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.	1 663.9	1 174.7	41.6%	12.5	1 333.3	1 254.8	6.3%	-0.9
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	755.1	529.3	42.7%	-0.3	3 583.7	2 757.4	30.0%	-0.7
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.	90.7	66.9	35.6%	-0.0	1 361.8	1 075.2	26.7%	-0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	361.3	320.0	12.9%	0.1	1 115.5	1 027.1	8.6%	-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.	17 007.4	14 800.1	14.9%	-	457.5	376.5	21.5%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 187.8	9 914.5	12.8%	-20.9	5 056.5	4 197.6	20.5%	-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.	6 905.9	6 222.1	11.0%	-3.7	22 095.3	19 924.9	10.9%	-4.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 471.1	12 817.5	-18.3%	-10.4	9 383.8	10 089.6	-7.0%	-316.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	519.0	422.5	22.8%	-0.5	2 565.6	2 510.1	2.2%	-13.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	402.9	389.1	3.6%	-0.1	1 828.7	1 421.2	28.7%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	60.8	52.6	15.6%	-	60.5	67.0	-9.8%	3.1
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	412.2	423.7	-2.7%	-	92.8	112.9	-17.8%	0.5
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.4	-73.4%	-	9 304.5	7 228.2	28.7%	-3.1
Total		91 549.3	83 085.8	10.2%	-2.5	93 442.5	80 462.6	16.1%	-345.5

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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 776.8	3 697.8	56.2%	-	-	0.0%
Total	675 947.6	627 948.2	7.6%	693 030.9	711 224.8	-2.6%

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	42 133.3	39 120.3	7.7%	14 897.4	23 114.5	-35.5%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 616.4	1 715.6	-5.8%	6 479.7	5 928.1	9.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	21 287.0	23 181.5	-8.2%	19 445.1	18 591.5	4.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	171 264.3	122 517.5	39.8%	108 526.3	98 844.6	9.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	40 053.0	36 148.1	10.8%	71 684.9	71 189.2	0.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	11 559.5	11 728.7	-1.4%	31 019.2	31 780.4	-2.4%
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).	2 655.3	2 820.3	-5.9%	2 353.5	2 567.6	-8.3%
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.	3 422.5	3 354.2	2.0%	2 479.4	2 766.9	-10.4%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	12 317.6	12 956.5	-4.9%	9 765.1	11 460.4	-14.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 278.7	6 039.6	4.0%	23 679.3	25 949.4	-8.7%
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.	580.0	547.7	5.9%	8 599.8	9 817.2	-12.4%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 462.3	2 863.4	-14.0%	8 161.3	9 281.6	-12.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	123 143.2	114 821.7	7.2%	4 277.4	6 105.0	-29.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	84 855.3	83 695.2	1.4%	38 971.9	39 730.7	-1.9%
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.	49 301.8	56 520.5	-12.8%	162 439.8	178 218.7	-8.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	82 374.5	87 795.6	-6.2%	75 503.9	69 012.3	9.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 920.1	4 925.7	-20.4%	19 662.0	21 015.0	-6.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 898.9	3 258.7	-11.0%	11 776.1	12 498.9	-5.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	863.6	681.2	26.8%	540.0	288.4	87.2%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 777.4	5 749.2	0.5%	850.4	1 045.2	-18.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	2.3	4.5	-49.7%	61 814.2	63 192.3	-2.2%
Total		675 947.6	627 948.2	7.6%	693 030.9	711 224.8	-2.6%

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	August 2017 / July 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 827.4	10 006.9	18.2%	0.8	3 993.6	3 299.7	21.0%	-1.0
Total	11 827.4	10 006.9	18.2%	0.8	3 993.6	3 299.7	21.0%	-1.0

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2017	July 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	325.7	296.1	10.0%	-	527.0	466.2	13.1%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	519.3	495.6	4.8%	-1.0	41.5	41.9	-0.9%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	100.9	89.8	12.4%	-	10.6	10.4	1.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 256.6	1 064.3	18.1%	-0.0	485.0	397.0	22.2%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 688.2	1 643.9	2.7%	6.1	71.3	60.8	17.4%	-0.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 075.4	929.0	15.8%	-0.0	771.6	541.8	42.4%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	519.5	434.1	19.7%	-0.0	37.9	34.9	8.5%	-
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).	47.4	45.9	3.3%	-0.0	13.4	13.7	-2.0%	-
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.	179.8	156.3	15.1%	-0.1	137.2	132.9	3.2%	-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.	271.4	219.9	23.4%	-0.0	28.5	24.8	14.8%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	596.2	514.0	16.0%	-0.0	523.3	471.9	10.9%	-
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.	183.0	153.2	19.4%	-	16.8	13.0	29.1%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	164.2	142.0	15.6%	-0.0	10.3	9.3	11.5%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	793.6	10.8	7266.1%	-	821.3	596.8	37.6%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	781.2	765.1	2.1%	-0.0	88.3	74.5	18.4%	0.0
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	1 718.9	1 474.5	16.6%	-3.3	323.2	324.8	-0.5%	-0.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 129.1	1 103.7	2.3%	-0.0	21.3	26.9	-20.7%	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.	155.6	151.3	2.8%	-0.8	7.5	4.1	86.1%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	316.2	308.6	2.5%	-	54.1	47.6	13.7%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.2	0.8	-73.5%	-	0.0	1.5	-98.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.2	8.1	-35.7%	-	3.3	4.8	-30.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	Infinity	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		11 827.4	10 006.9	18.2%	0.8	3 993.6	3 299.7	21.0%	-1.0

Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

METHODOLOGY 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 2017 / January to August 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	85 296.7	91 429.0	-6.7%	24 763.3	21 820.8	13.5%
Total	85 296.7	91 429.0	-6.7%	24 763.3	21 820.8	13.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to August 2017	January to August 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 433.3	2 311.2	5.3%	2 987.6	2 068.5	44.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 422.3	4 962.1	-10.9%	266.0	492.1	-45.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	818.0	848.9	-3.6%	34.1	32.9	3.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	8 899.3	8 504.8	4.6%	3 389.2	3 458.8	-2.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	12 104.4	14 335.0	-15.6%	503.0	404.7	24.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	7 439.5	7 606.4	-2.2%	4 571.3	4 153.1	10.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 559.8	3 747.5	-5.0%	284.8	292.1	-2.5%
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).	309.8	395.2	-21.6%	117.6	195.7	-39.9%
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.	1 187.3	1 230.7	-3.5%	933.1	907.2	2.9%
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.	1 917.6	1 888.5	1.5%	170.6	180.2	-5.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 208.3	4 134.6	1.8%	3 543.6	3 271.8	8.3%
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.	1 215.6	1 214.3	0.1%	98.7	118.6	-16.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 108.8	1 238.8	-10.5%	72.9	89.4	-18.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	4 301.8	5 162.9	-16.7%	4 082.0	2 472.1	65.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	7 380.6	6 035.4	22.3%	584.3	608.2	-3.9%
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.	12 089.0	13 340.8	-9.4%	2 374.2	2 303.0	3.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	8 498.1	10 944.2	-22.4%	330.0	432.3	-23.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 114.3	1 244.9	-10.5%	43.8	47.3	-7.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 236.2	2 235.1	0.0%	342.4	263.3	30.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	4.0	6.1	-34.3%	1.7	0.6	204.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	48.1	41.6	15.5%	32.2	28.9	11.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	0.0	45368.4%	-	-	0.0%
Total		85 296.7	91 429.0	-6.7%	24 763.3	21 820.8	13.5%