

## SA Trade Statistics for February 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 87 787 525 779	R 82 571 389 988	R 5 216 135 791
January 2017 (Revised)	R 80 217 049 027	R 91 432 861 836	R -11 215 812 809

R Increase/Decrease	R 7 570 476 752	R -8 861 471 848
% Growth	9.4%	-9.7%

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 168 004 574 806	R 174 004 251 824	R -5 999 677 018
January to February 2016 (Revised)	R 156 984 197 050	R 180 600 265 687	R -23 616 068 637

R Increase/Decrease	R 11 020 377 756	R -6 596 013 863
% Growth	7.0%	-3.7%

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 1 561 million (-7%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 1 345 million (-10%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 996 million (10%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 408 million (25%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 4 753 million (79%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products decreased by	R 669 million (-25%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 998 million (-10%)
Section 7:	Plastics & Rubber decreased by	R 989 million (-22%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 805 million (-15%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 3 885 million (-18%)

## International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 78 488 156 967	R 79 686 721 378	R -1 198 564 411
January 2017 (Revised)	R 71 236 091 168	R 88 899 519 052	R -17 663 427 884
R Increase/Decrease	R 7 252 065 799	R -9 212 797 674	
% Growth	10.2%	-10.4%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 149 724 248 135	R 168 586 240 430	R -18 861 992 295
January to February 2016 (Revised)	R 135 955 552 428	R 174 879 237 349	R -38 923 684 921
R Increase/Decrease	R 13 768 695 707	R -6 292 996 919	
% Growth	10.1%	-3.6%	

## BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 9 299 368 812	R 2 884 668 610	R 6 414 700 202
January 2017 (Revised)	R 8 980 957 859	R 2 533 342 784	R 6 447 615 075
R Increase/Decrease	R 318 410 953	R 351 325 826	
% Growth	3.5%	13.9%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2017 (Preliminary)	R 18 280 326 671	R 5 418 011 394	R 12 862 315 277
January to February 2016 (Revised)	R 21 028 644 622	R 5 721 028 338	R 15 307 616 284
R Increase/Decrease	R -2 748 317 951	R -303 016 944	
% Growth	-13.1%	-5.3%	

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	February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	23 769.8	20 676.4	15.0%	-328.7	10 364.5	10 671.3	-2.9%	15.9
AMERICA	7 258.9	6 594.1	10.1%	23.0	9 246.6	9 022.5	2.5%	0.8
ASIA	29 148.1	27 502.6	6.0%	-57.5	35 607.8	42 085.1	-15.4%	91.4
EUROPE	21 677.3	18 664.6	16.1%	-7.1	25 597.7	28 718.5	-10.9%	-73.7
OCEANIA	975.5	715.7	36.3%	-1.3	1 657.5	853.1	94.3%	0.5
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	4 198.8	5 309.6	-20.9%	-	97.4	82.4	18.1%	-2.2
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	759.1	754.0	0.7%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 787.5</b>	<b>80 217.0</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>-371.6</b>	<b>82 571.4</b>	<b>91 432.9</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>32.6</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 401.0	1 171.8	19.6%	0.1	1 270.0	1 301.5	-2.4%	0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 675.4	4 203.7	11.2%	-0.0	2 048.8	2 717.8	-24.6%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	262.2	230.1	14.0%	-	982.8	977.7	0.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 352.5	2 877.6	16.5%	-1.4	3 043.5	3 298.4	-7.7%	-0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	21 895.6	23 456.6	-6.7%	-431.8	14 424.1	14 068.9	2.5%	100.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 525.3	5 131.5	7.7%	-16.1	8 919.6	9 918.0	-10.1%	-4.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 933.5	1 458.2	32.6%	9.7	3 448.1	4 436.9	-22.3%	1.3
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).	368.1	310.6	18.5%	-0.0	336.1	360.3	-6.7%	-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.	639.6	378.5	69.0%	-0.2	439.0	506.6	-13.3%	-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.	1 854.6	1 668.2	11.2%	-40.8	1 148.3	1 446.0	-20.6%	-0.9
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 332.9	1 034.9	28.8%	0.0	3 612.2	3 544.3	1.9%	-2.2
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.	204.1	136.4	49.7%	-0.0	1 177.5	1 163.6	1.2%	-0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	396.5	334.2	18.6%	-0.0	939.2	1 133.5	-17.1%	0.2
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	12 736.9	14 082.2	-9.6%	-	1 033.5	874.6	18.2%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 433.6	10 437.6	9.5%	140.9	4 657.0	5 462.2	-14.7%	-0.2
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	7 004.0	5 595.9	25.2%	-25.4	17 326.2	21 211.3	-18.3%	0.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 757.2	6 004.2	79.2%	-6.6	7 233.4	7 671.7	-5.7%	-60.9
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	683.0	428.5	59.4%	0.1	2 251.1	2 381.5	-5.5%	0.7
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	595.5	436.7	36.4%	-0.0	1 298.7	1 569.8	-17.3%	-0.6
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	68.0	47.4	43.4%	-	62.4	60.0	4.1%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	668.0	792.1	-15.7%	-	69.6	165.5	-57.9%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.1	9.9%	-	6 850.1	7 162.9	-4.4%	-0.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>87 787.5</b>	<b>80 217.0</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>-371.6</b>	<b>82 571.4</b>	<b>91 432.9</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>32.6</b>

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	44 446.2	45 736.2	-2.8%	21 035.8	20 109.2	4.6%
AMERICA	13 853.0	14 323.0	-3.3%	18 269.0	20 460.9	-10.7%
ASIA	56 650.7	47 351.3	19.6%	77 692.9	79 066.1	-1.7%
EUROPE	40 341.9	39 046.9	3.3%	54 316.1	58 907.4	-7.8%
OCEANIA	1 691.2	2 150.0	-21.3%	2 510.6	1 932.0	30.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 508.5	7 663.4	24.1%	179.8	124.7	44.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 513.1	713.5	112.1%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168 004.6</b>	<b>156 984.2</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>174 004.3</b>	<b>180 600.3</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 572.8	2 566.9	0.2%	2 571.5	2 224.2	15.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 879.0	8 642.6	2.7%	4 766.5	5 429.3	-12.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	492.3	520.1	-5.3%	1 960.5	1 256.8	56.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	6 230.1	6 969.7	-10.6%	6 341.9	4 980.6	27.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	45 352.1	31 147.7	45.6%	28 493.0	21 066.4	35.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	10 656.8	10 347.7	3.0%	18 837.6	18 177.5	3.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 391.7	3 328.2	1.9%	7 885.0	7 411.1	6.4%
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).	678.7	741.2	-8.4%	696.4	792.4	-12.1%
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.	1 018.1	1 094.2	-7.0%	945.6	1 028.0	-8.0%
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.	3 522.8	3 641.2	-3.3%	2 594.3	2 908.3	-10.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 367.8	2 321.3	2.0%	7 156.5	8 342.7	-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.	340.5	366.4	-7.1%	2 341.1	3 087.6	-24.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	730.8	831.7	-12.1%	2 072.7	2 449.0	-15.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	26 819.1	25 323.8	5.9%	1 908.1	1 655.2	15.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	21 871.3	21 305.6	2.7%	10 119.2	10 928.4	-7.4%
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.	12 599.9	15 905.5	-20.8%	38 537.5	46 469.0	-17.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	16 761.4	18 470.1	-9.3%	14 905.2	18 791.2	-20.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 111.5	1 238.4	-10.3%	4 632.6	4 952.6	-6.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 032.2	1 194.7	-13.6%	2 868.5	3 335.7	-14.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	115.4	98.2	17.5%	122.4	61.8	98.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 460.1	928.6	57.2%	235.1	247.9	-5.1%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 095.4	3 650.0	12.2%	-0.0	2 027.5	2 689.4	-24.6%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	167.1	144.3	15.8%	-	981.8	977.4	0.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 288.7	1 865.8	22.7%	-1.4	2 654.6	2 928.1	-9.3%	-0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	20 575.6	21 972.6	-6.4%	-152.4	14 371.9	14 019.5	2.5%	100.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 645.4	4 336.4	7.1%	-16.1	8 366.5	9 234.6	-9.4%	-4.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 506.3	1 102.2	36.7%	9.7	3 412.2	4 404.5	-22.5%	1.3
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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.	503.0	265.0	89.8%	-0.2	335.6	403.2	-16.8%	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.	1 594.5	1 389.9	14.7%	-40.8	1 124.7	1 416.6	-20.6%	-0.9
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	842.9	669.1	26.0%	0.0	3 190.1	3 143.8	1.5%	-2.2
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.	61.5	37.0	66.0%	-0.0	1 165.6	1 158.2	0.6%	-0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	268.9	224.6	19.7%	-0.0	930.6	1 126.2	-17.4%	0.2
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	12 725.6	13 558.6	-6.1%	-	528.9	590.2	-10.4%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 705.7	9 930.8	7.8%	140.9	4 592.5	5 391.3	-14.8%	-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.	5 606.2	4 370.6	28.3%	1.9	17 049.9	20 989.8	-18.8%	0.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 875.1	5 163.5	91.2%	-6.6	7 175.0	7 653.4	-6.3%	-60.9
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	325.5	242.8	34.0%	-0.0	1 252.1	1 537.1	-18.5%	-0.6
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	67.1	47.1	42.5%	-	62.4	60.0	4.0%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	662.0	788.7	-16.1%	-	65.5	161.5	-59.5%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.1	4.8%	-	6 850.1	7 162.9	-4.4%	-0.4
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 508.5	7 663.4	24.1%	179.8	124.7	44.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 513.1	713.5	112.1%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149 724.2</b>	<b>135 955.6</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>168 586.2</b>	<b>174 879.2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 999.8	2 030.4	-1.5%	2 108.9	1 838.7	14.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	7 745.4	7 471.3	3.7%	4 716.8	5 346.9	-11.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	311.4	354.0	-12.0%	1 959.1	1 249.9	56.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 154.5	5 001.8	-16.9%	5 582.7	4 072.9	37.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	42 548.1	27 784.7	53.1%	28 391.4	20 957.2	35.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 981.8	8 672.5	3.6%	17 601.1	16 962.5	3.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 608.5	2 482.5	5.1%	7 816.7	7 346.0	6.4%
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).	604.2	649.1	-6.9%	669.6	750.8	-10.8%
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.	768.0	837.4	-8.3%	738.9	839.0	-11.9%
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.	2 984.4	3 176.6	-6.0%	2 541.3	2 854.2	-11.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 512.0	1 464.4	3.2%	6 333.9	7 572.2	-16.4%
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.	98.5	110.8	-11.1%	2 323.8	3 043.5	-23.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	493.5	579.8	-14.9%	2 056.8	2 426.8	-15.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	26 284.2	23 415.5	12.3%	1 119.0	796.5	40.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	20 636.5	19 975.9	3.3%	9 983.8	10 805.3	-7.6%
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.	9 976.8	12 943.8	-22.9%	38 039.7	45 881.0	-17.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	15 038.6	16 244.1	-7.4%	14 828.5	18 619.0	-20.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	844.7	993.4	-15.0%	4 622.7	4 941.8	-6.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	568.3	753.8	-24.6%	2 789.1	3 270.8	-14.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	114.2	95.0	20.2%	122.3	61.7	98.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 450.7	918.3	58.0%	227.0	237.7	-4.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	0.6	-63.1%	14 013.0	15 004.6	-6.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>149 724.2</b>	<b>135 955.6</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>168 586.2</b>	<b>174 879.2</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>

# Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

<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	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	February 2017 / January 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	9 299.4	8 981.0	3.5%	-306.6	2 884.7	2 533.3	13.9%	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 299.4</b>	<b>8 981.0</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-306.6</b>	<b>2 884.7</b>	<b>2 533.3</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	February 2017	January 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	288.5	284.5	1.4%	-	291.3	171.3	70.0%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	579.9	553.7	4.7%	-0.0	21.3	28.4	-24.9%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	95.1	85.8	10.9%	-	1.1	0.3	247.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 063.7	1 011.8	5.1%	-	388.9	370.3	5.0%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 320.0	1 484.0	-11.1%	-279.4	52.2	49.4	5.5%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	879.9	795.1	10.7%	-0.0	553.1	683.4	-19.1%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	427.2	356.0	20.0%	0.0	35.9	32.4	10.7%	-
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).	36.0	38.4	-6.3%	-	11.1	15.7	-29.3%	-
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.	136.6	113.5	20.3%	-0.0	103.4	103.3	0.0%	-0.0
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	260.0	278.4	-6.6%	-	23.6	29.4	-19.8%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	490.0	365.8	33.9%	-	422.1	400.5	5.4%	-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.	142.7	99.4	43.6%	-	12.0	5.4	122.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	127.7	109.6	16.5%	-	8.6	7.2	19.7%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	11.3	523.7	-97.8%	-	504.7	284.4	77.4%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	728.0	506.8	43.6%	-	64.5	70.9	-9.0%	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.	1 397.8	1 225.4	14.1%	-27.2	276.3	221.5	24.8%	-0.2
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	882.1	840.7	4.9%	-	58.4	18.3	219.1%	-0.0
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	155.9	110.8	40.7%	0.1	5.5	4.5	22.0%	-0.1
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	270.0	193.9	39.3%	0.0	46.6	32.7	42.6%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.9	0.3	171.9%	-	0.0	0.0	87.9%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6.1	3.4	80.1%	-	4.1	4.0	4.3%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	155.4%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>9 299.4</b>	<b>8 981.0</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-306.6</b>	<b>2 884.7</b>	<b>2 533.3</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>-0.3</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 February 2017 / January to February 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	18 280.3	21 028.6	-13.1%	5 418.0	5 721.0	-5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 280.3</b>	<b>21 028.6</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>	<b>5 418.0</b>	<b>5 721.0</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to February 2017	January to February 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	573.0	536.5	6.8%	462.6	385.5	20.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	1 133.6	1 171.2	-3.2%	49.7	82.4	-39.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	180.9	166.1	8.9%	1.4	6.9	-80.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 075.6	1 967.9	5.5%	759.2	907.7	-16.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 804.0	3 363.0	-16.6%	101.6	109.2	-6.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 675.0	1 675.2	0.0%	1 236.5	1 214.9	1.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	783.2	845.8	-7.4%	68.3	65.1	4.8%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	74.4	92.1	-19.2%	26.8	41.7	-35.7%
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.	250.1	256.8	-2.6%	206.7	189.0	9.4%
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.	538.4	464.6	15.9%	53.0	54.1	-2.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	855.8	856.9	-0.1%	822.7	770.5	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.	242.0	255.6	-5.3%	17.3	44.1	-60.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	237.3	251.9	-5.8%	15.8	22.3	-28.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	535.0	1 908.3	-72.0%	789.1	858.7	-8.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 234.8	1 329.7	-7.1%	135.3	123.0	10.0%
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.	2 623.2	2 961.7	-11.4%	497.8	588.0	-15.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 722.8	2 226.0	-22.6%	76.7	172.2	-55.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	266.7	245.0	8.8%	9.9	10.8	-7.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	463.9	440.9	5.2%	79.3	64.8	22.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.2	3.2	-61.9%	0.0	0.0	-7.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	9.5	10.3	-8.1%	8.1	10.2	-20.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>18 280.3</b>	<b>21 028.6</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>	<b>5 418.0</b>	<b>5 721.0</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>