

SA Trade Statistics for March 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 101 234 185 254	R 89 798 991 051	R 11 435 194 203
February 2017 (Revised)	R 87 269 517 295	R 82 480 682 897	R 4 788 834 398
R Increase/Decrease	R 13 964 667 959	R 7 318 308 154	
% Growth	16.0%	8.9%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 268 684 551 856	R 263 708 804 971	R 4 975 746 885
January to March 2016 (Revised)	R 248 721 703 872	R 272 995 340 569	R -24 273 636 697
R Increase/Decrease	R 19 962 847 984	R -9 286 535 598	
% Growth	8.0%	-3.4%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1 743 million	(8%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 913 million	(17%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 4 208 million	(33%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 862 million	(27%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport equipment increased by	R 2 014 million	(19%)

IMPORTS

Section 11:	Textiles decreased by	R 640 million	(-18%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 3 122 million	(18%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport equipment increased by	R 2 925 million	(41%)
Section 18:	Optical Photographic Products increased by	R 670 million	(30%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components increased by	R 852 million	(12%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 90 005 276 648	R 86 531 828 006	R 3 473 448 642
February 2017 (Revised)	R 77 979 055 461	R 79 626 735 155	R -1 647 679 694
R Increase/Decrease	R 12 026 221 187	R 6 905 092 851	
% Growth	15.4%	8.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 239 189 180 215	R 255 057 100 447	R -15 867 920 232
January to March 2016 (Revised)	R 215 908 536 727	R 264 561 150 218	R -48 652 613 491
R Increase/Decrease	R 23 280 643 488	R -9 504 049 771	
% Growth	10.8%	-3.6%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 11 228 908 606	R 3 267 163 045	R 7 961 745 561
February 2017 (Revised)	R 9 290 461 834	R 2 853 947 742	R 6 436 514 092
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 938 446 772	R 413 215 303	
% Growth	20.9%	14.5%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2017 (Preliminary)	R 29 495 371 641	R 8 651 704 524	R 20 843 667 117
January to March 2016 (Revised)	R 32 813 167 145	R 8 434 190 351	R 24 378 976 794
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 317 795 504	R 217 514 173	
% Growth	-10.1%	2.6%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

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	March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	27 007.1	23 647.4	14.2%	-122.4	9 785.1	10 332.5	-5.3%	-32.0
AMERICA	8 030.8	7 175.7	11.9%	-83.2	10 733.9	9 246.7	16.1%	0.1
ASIA	30 694.9	28 818.6	6.5%	-329.5	35 798.5	35 546.3	0.7%	-61.5
EUROPE	26 885.0	21 693.9	23.9%	16.5	32 225.4	25 600.3	25.9%	2.6
OCEANIA	1 313.8	975.3	34.7%	-0.2	1 158.3	1 657.5	-30.1%	-
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 971.0	4 198.8	42.2%	-	97.9	97.4	0.5%	-0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 331.6	759.8	75.2%	0.8	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	101 234.2	87 269.5	16.0%	-518.0	89 799.0	82 480.7	8.9%	-90.7

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 266.5	1 315.1	-3.7%	-85.9	1 816.7	1 270.2	43.0%	0.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 127.0	4 675.0	9.7%	-0.4	2 012.4	2 048.7	-1.8%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	280.6	261.7	7.2%	-0.5	884.1	982.5	-10.0%	-0.3
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 798.9	3 352.3	13.3%	-0.2	2 810.6	3 043.4	-7.7%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 564.7	21 821.5	8.0%	-74.1	14 320.3	14 424.5	-0.7%	0.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 432.9	5 520.0	16.5%	-5.3	9 190.7	8 921.5	3.0%	1.9
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 021.0	1 934.1	4.5%	0.6	3 821.4	3 448.5	10.8%	0.4
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	346.4	368.1	-5.9%	-0.0	249.7	336.1	-25.7%	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.	662.0	639.6	3.5%	0.0	387.1	439.0	-11.8%	-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.	2 103.3	1 848.1	13.8%	-6.5	1 229.1	1 148.2	7.0%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 641.3	1 332.7	23.2%	-0.1	2 972.2	3 612.3	-17.7%	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.	264.5	204.1	29.6%	0.0	829.0	1 177.6	-29.6%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	468.7	396.4	18.2%	-0.1	899.9	938.3	-4.1%	-0.9
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 944.7	12 736.9	33.0%	-	1 010.7	1 033.6	-2.2%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 333.0	11 226.1	1.0%	-207.5	4 682.1	4 657.5	0.5%	0.5
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	8 866.8	7 004.5	26.6%	0.6	20 447.1	17 324.6	18.0%	-1.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 627.4	10 613.5	19.0%	-143.7	10 081.7	7 157.0	40.9%	-76.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	913.8	688.1	32.8%	5.1	2 921.6	2 251.3	29.8%	0.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	648.3	595.5	8.9%	-0.0	1 169.3	1 298.5	-9.9%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	464.0	68.0	582.6%	-	169.9	62.4	172.2%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 457.8	668.0	118.2%	-	206.6	69.6	196.7%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	0.1	377.3%	-	7 687.0	6 835.3	12.5%	-14.8
Total		101 234.2	87 269.5	16.0%	-518.0	89 799.0	82 480.7	8.9%	-90.7

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	71 320.2	71 480.7	-0.2%	30 784.4	29 918.7	2.9%
AMERICA	21 800.0	24 530.8	-11.1%	29 002.6	32 226.6	-10.0%
ASIA	86 995.5	74 922.7	16.1%	113 436.8	115 894.8	-2.1%
EUROPE	67 240.1	60 096.0	11.9%	86 542.2	91 521.5	-5.4%
OCEANIA	3 003.6	3 162.2	-5.0%	3 665.4	3 053.7	20.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	15 479.6	13 472.4	14.9%	277.4	380.1	-27.0%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 845.5	1 056.8	169.3%	-	-	0.0%
Total	268 684.6	248 721.7	8.0%	263 708.8	272 995.3	-3.4%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 753.1	3 859.0	-2.7%	4 384.3	3 693.2	18.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	14 005.5	13 485.4	3.9%	6 778.8	8 969.8	-24.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	772.3	716.7	7.8%	2 844.3	2 076.3	37.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10 028.9	10 784.6	-7.0%	9 150.7	7 919.0	15.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	68 806.6	48 257.8	42.6%	42 819.4	32 925.0	30.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	17 090.0	16 378.9	4.3%	28 030.4	27 468.8	2.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 413.2	5 247.6	3.2%	11 706.0	11 625.8	0.7%
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).	1 025.1	1 164.2	-11.9%	946.1	1 101.4	-14.1%
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.	1 680.0	1 599.0	5.1%	1 332.7	1 529.4	-12.9%
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.	5 616.5	5 700.9	-1.5%	3 822.8	4 457.9	-14.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 008.8	3 855.7	4.0%	10 128.7	11 881.3	-14.8%
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.	605.1	613.7	-1.4%	3 170.1	4 096.8	-22.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 199.4	1 364.9	-12.1%	2 971.7	3 563.7	-16.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	43 763.8	40 403.7	8.3%	2 918.9	2 626.6	11.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	32 994.0	33 374.9	-1.1%	14 794.7	16 018.2	-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.	21 467.3	24 945.8	-13.9%	58 985.8	69 660.3	-15.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	29 245.2	30 876.8	-5.3%	24 910.4	26 916.6	-7.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 030.4	1 978.2	2.6%	7 555.9	7 774.0	-2.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 681.3	1 842.1	-8.7%	4 037.5	4 773.7	-15.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	579.4	276.4	109.6%	292.4	94.8	208.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 917.9	1 994.9	46.3%	441.7	555.0	-20.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.8	0.6	33.1%	21 685.3	23 267.6	-6.8%
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 971.0	4 198.8	42.2%	-	97.9	97.4	0.5%	-0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 331.6	759.8	75.2%	0.8	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	90 005.3	77 979.1	15.4%	-509.1	86 531.8	79 626.7	8.7%	-60.0

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	944.7	1 026.6	-8.0%	-85.9	1 462.4	978.9	49.4%	0.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 463.0	4 095.1	9.0%	-0.4	1 985.9	2 027.4	-2.0%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	156.9	167.1	-6.1%	0.0	879.1	981.5	-10.4%	-0.3
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 648.7	2 288.7	15.7%	-0.1	2 305.9	2 654.5	-13.1%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 087.9	20 508.9	7.7%	-66.7	14 238.6	14 372.3	-0.9%	0.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 503.9	4 640.2	18.6%	-5.2	8 621.3	8 368.4	3.0%	1.9
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 552.6	1 507.0	3.0%	0.7	3 781.6	3 412.6	10.8%	0.4
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	312.0	332.1	-6.0%	-0.0	230.4	325.0	-29.1%	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.	504.7	503.0	0.3%	-0.0	272.2	335.6	-18.9%	-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.	1 850.9	1 588.4	16.5%	-6.1	1 207.1	1 124.7	7.3%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 023.6	842.7	21.5%	-0.1	2 506.5	3 190.2	-21.4%	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.	90.2	61.5	46.7%	0.0	814.2	1 165.6	-30.1%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	316.4	268.8	17.7%	-0.1	889.9	929.7	-4.3%	-0.9
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 329.7	12 725.6	28.3%	-	411.1	528.9	-22.3%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 604.6	10 498.2	1.0%	-207.4	4 614.8	4 592.4	0.5%	-0.1
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	360.4	325.5	10.7%	-0.0	1 127.7	1 251.8	-9.9%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	463.8	67.1	591.3%	-	169.8	62.4	172.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 447.9	662.0	118.7%	-	199.5	65.5	204.6%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	0.1	418.2%	-	7 687.0	6 835.3	12.5%	-14.8
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	12 208.1	11 682.2	4.5%	6 702.7	8 849.2	-24.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	468.3	475.1	-1.4%	2 838.0	2 068.6	37.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	6 803.2	7 785.6	-12.6%	7 886.8	6 678.2	18.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	64 538.4	43 286.8	49.1%	42 636.1	32 760.6	30.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	14 486.1	13 687.2	5.8%	26 224.5	25 731.2	1.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	4 161.8	3 955.5	5.2%	11 597.9	11 523.9	0.6%
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).	916.3	1 017.9	-10.0%	900.0	1 034.6	-13.0%
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.	1 272.7	1 189.9	7.0%	1 011.1	1 236.3	-18.2%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	4 826.1	5 004.5	-3.6%	3 747.9	4 377.9	-14.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 535.3	2 435.4	4.1%	8 840.3	10 699.1	-17.4%
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.	188.7	192.0	-1.8%	3 137.9	4 043.8	-22.4%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	809.8	966.8	-16.2%	2 945.9	3 531.8	-16.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	42 613.8	37 551.3	13.5%	1 530.2	1 352.7	13.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	31 031.0	31 296.9	-0.8%	14 594.1	15 818.2	-7.7%
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.	17 187.3	20 235.0	-15.1%	58 198.8	68 779.7	-15.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	26 250.9	27 159.1	-3.3%	24 834.6	26 697.1	-7.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 626.8	1 558.5	4.4%	7 542.0	7 757.7	-2.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	929.2	1 141.1	-18.6%	3 916.6	4 676.6	-16.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	577.9	272.9	111.8%	292.3	94.7	208.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 898.6	1 981.3	46.3%	426.6	541.1	-21.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.8	0.6	30.9%	21 685.3	23 267.6	-6.8%
Total		239 189.2	215 908.5	10.8%	255 057.1	264 561.2	-3.6%

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	March 2017 / February 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 228.9	9 290.5	20.9%	-8.9	3 267.2	2 853.9	14.5%	-30.7
Total	11 228.9	9 290.5	20.9%	-8.9	3 267.2	2 853.9	14.5%	-30.7

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	March 2017	February 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	321.8	288.5	11.5%	-0.0	354.3	291.3	21.6%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	664.0	579.9	14.5%	-	26.4	21.3	24.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	123.7	94.6	30.7%	-0.5	5.0	1.1	365.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 150.2	1 063.6	8.1%	-0.1	504.7	388.9	29.8%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 476.8	1 312.6	12.5%	-7.4	81.7	52.2	56.6%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	929.0	879.8	5.6%	-0.1	569.4	553.1	2.9%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	468.4	427.0	9.7%	-0.1	39.8	35.9	11.0%	-
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	34.4	36.0	-4.4%	-	19.3	11.1	74.2%	-
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.	157.3	136.6	15.2%	0.0	114.9	103.4	11.2%	-
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	252.3	259.7	-2.8%	-0.3	22.0	23.5	-6.5%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	617.7	490.0	26.1%	-0.0	465.7	422.1	10.3%	-
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.	174.3	142.7	22.2%	-0.0	14.8	12.0	23.7%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	152.3	127.7	19.3%	-	10.0	8.6	16.0%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	615.0	11.3	5324.9%	-	599.5	504.7	18.8%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	728.3	727.9	0.1%	-0.1	67.3	65.1	3.5%	0.6
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.	1 656.8	1 397.8	18.5%	-0.0	289.3	276.3	4.7%	-0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 271.6	881.9	44.2%	-0.2	30.3	27.2	11.2%	-31.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	136.9	155.9	-12.2%	-0.0	4.0	5.5	-26.7%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	288.0	270.0	6.6%	-0.0	41.6	46.6	-10.9%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.2	0.9	-73.3%	-	0.0	0.0	62.6%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	9.8	6.1	62.0%	-	7.0	4.1	70.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	-98.8%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		11 228.9	9 290.5	20.9%	-8.9	3 267.2	2 853.9	14.5%	-30.7

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 March 2017 / January to March 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2017	January to March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to March 2017	January to March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	29 495.4	32 813.2	-10.1%	8 651.7	8 434.2	2.6%
Total	29 495.4	32 813.2	-10.1%	8 651.7	8 434.2	2.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to March 2017	January to March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to March 2017	January to March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	894.8	826.1	8.3%	816.9	653.0	25.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	1 797.5	1 803.2	-0.3%	76.2	120.6	-36.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	304.1	241.5	25.9%	6.4	7.7	-17.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 225.7	2 999.0	7.6%	1 263.9	1 240.8	1.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	4 268.2	4 970.9	-14.1%	183.3	164.3	11.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	2 603.9	2 691.7	-3.3%	1 805.9	1 737.7	3.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 251.4	1 292.1	-3.1%	108.1	101.9	6.1%
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).	108.8	146.3	-25.6%	46.1	66.7	-30.9%
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.	407.3	409.2	-0.4%	321.6	293.1	9.7%
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.	790.4	696.3	13.5%	74.9	80.0	-6.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 473.5	1 420.3	3.7%	1 288.4	1 182.3	9.0%
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.	416.4	421.7	-1.3%	32.1	53.0	-39.3%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	389.6	398.0	-2.1%	25.8	31.9	-18.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 150.0	2 852.4	-59.7%	1 388.6	1 273.8	9.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 963.0	2 078.1	-5.5%	200.6	199.9	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.	4 280.0	4 710.8	-9.1%	787.0	880.6	-10.6%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	2 994.3	3 717.7	-19.5%	75.8	219.5	-65.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	403.6	419.7	-3.8%	13.9	16.3	-14.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	752.1	701.1	7.3%	120.9	97.1	24.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.4	3.5	-58.2%	0.1	0.1	-8.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	19.3	13.6	42.0%	15.1	13.9	8.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total		29 495.4	32 813.2	-10.1%	8 651.7	8 434.2	2.6%