

SA Trade Statistics for May 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 105 018 558 970	R 95 519 977 276	R 9 498 581 694
April 2017 (Revised)	R 91 032 777 059	R 86 061 636 708	R 4 971 140 351

R Increase/Decrease	R 13 985 781 911	R 9 458 340 568
% Growth	15.4%	11.0%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 464 776 848 197	R 445 252 105 019	R 19 524 743 178
January to May 2016 (Revised)	R 438 013 638 947	R 451 304 588 795	R -13 290 949 848

R Increase/Decrease	R 26 763 209 250	R -6 052 483 776
% Growth	6.1%	-1.3%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 816 million (46%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 1 435 million (28%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 1 638 million (14%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1 559 million (15%)
Section 20:	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles increased by	R 1 305 million (220%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 3 094 million (22%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 786 million (9%)
Section 11:	Textiles increased by	R 503 million (16%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 419 million (7%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components increased by	R 2 115 million (33%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 94 312 378 856	R 92 420 634 505	R 1 891 744 351
April 2017 (Revised)	R 81 918 735 095	R 83 215 883 320	R -1 297 148 225
R Increase/Decrease	R 12 393 643 761	R 9 204 751 185	
% Growth	15.1%	11.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 415 518 306 191	R 430 657 895 946	R -15 139 589 755
January to May 2016 (Revised)	R 382 536 162 901	R 437 776 088 901	R -55 239 926 000
R Increase/Decrease	R 32 982 143 290	R -7 118 192 955	
% Growth	8.6%	-1.6%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 10 706 180 114	R 3 099 342 771	R 7 606 837 343
April 2017 (Revised)	R 9 114 041 964	R 2 845 753 388	R 6 268 288 576
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 592 138 150	R 253 589 383	
% Growth	17.5%	8.9%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2017 (Preliminary)	R 49 258 542 006	R 14 594 209 073	R 34 664 332 933
January to May 2016 (Revised)	R 55 477 476 046	R 13 528 499 894	R 41 948 976 152
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 218 934 040	R 1 065 709 179	
% Growth	-11.2%	7.9%	

Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (including BLNS)

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.
--	---

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	May 2017 / April 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	27 758.5	22 224.5	24.9%	-79.4	9 906.7	10 173.5	-2.6%	0.7
AMERICA	10 220.5	7 743.1	32.0%	1.3	10 082.7	8 642.5	16.7%	-79.5
ASIA	32 068.4	29 311.8	9.4%	-669.6	43 623.4	38 797.6	12.4%	-6.5
EUROPE	25 578.4	23 664.5	8.1%	2.4	30 533.2	26 869.0	13.6%	-547.5
OCEANIA	1 172.8	1 158.1	1.3%	0.1	1 204.3	1 010.9	19.1%	-0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 330.2	6 250.1	17.3%	-	169.8	568.0	-70.1%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	889.7	680.8	30.7%	0.5	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	105 018.6	91 032.8	15.4%	-744.8	95 520.0	86 061.6	11.0%	-632.8

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 352.5	1 105.8	22.3%	0.0	1 888.7	1 507.1	25.3%	-0.9
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 738.0	3 921.7	46.3%	-3.0	1 498.5	1 576.6	-5.0%	0.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	377.0	275.2	37.0%	-	509.8	814.6	-37.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 688.1	3 398.0	38.0%	0.2	2 567.7	2 697.3	-4.8%	1.8
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	25 040.3	25 054.8	-0.1%	-764.5	17 220.0	14 126.5	21.9%	0.7
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 646.4	5 211.6	27.5%	-0.0	9 595.6	8 809.9	8.9%	-18.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 223.7	1 432.1	55.3%	-0.2	4 020.1	3 635.4	10.6%	-1.8
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).	471.8	378.5	24.6%	-	306.7	258.8	18.5%	-0.1
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	654.6	409.6	59.8%	-0.1	424.1	380.7	11.4%	-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.	2 031.4	1 607.2	26.4%	-0.4	1 268.5	1 042.4	21.7%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 435.6	1 302.5	10.2%	0.0	3 554.7	3 052.0	16.5%	-1.6
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.	255.5	224.7	13.7%	0.0	1 045.3	909.5	14.9%	-0.6
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	492.2	407.9	20.7%	-0.3	1 060.3	966.4	9.7%	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.	16 832.3	15 601.1	7.9%	0.0	1 035.6	1 231.1	-15.9%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	13 097.3	11 459.7	14.3%	33.3	5 233.5	4 935.5	6.0%	5.9
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.	8 316.7	7 220.2	15.2%	-8.9	21 663.2	20 243.9	7.0%	-0.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 861.6	10 302.4	15.1%	-1.1	9 759.2	9 862.5	-1.0%	-613.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	594.0	555.2	7.0%	0.6	2 523.5	2 162.1	16.7%	1.5
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 898.0	592.8	220.2%	-0.4	1 705.9	1 335.7	27.7%	-2.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	62.9	49.6	26.8%	0.0	60.4	31.5	91.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	948.5	521.6	81.8%	-0.0	66.4	84.9	-21.8%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.6	-50.4%	-	8 512.1	6 397.3	33.1%	-4.1
Total		105 018.6	91 032.8	15.4%	-744.8	95 520.0	86 061.6	11.0%	-632.8

Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (including BLNS)

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.
---	---

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2017 / January to May 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	121 060.5	122 927.4	-1.5%	50 856.6	49 921.9	1.9%
AMERICA	39 866.5	42 546.4	-6.3%	47 730.1	53 415.0	-10.6%
ASIA	148 577.2	132 915.2	11.8%	195 829.4	191 872.3	2.1%
EUROPE	116 459.0	109 360.2	6.5%	143 940.3	150 417.8	-4.3%
OCEANIA	5 337.7	5 352.7	-0.3%	5 880.5	4 939.9	19.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	29 059.8	22 923.0	26.8%	1 015.2	737.7	37.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	4 416.0	1 988.7	122.1%	-	-	0.0%
Total	464 776.8	438 013.6	6.1%	445 252.1	451 304.6	-1.3%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	6 207.8	6 293.6	-1.4%	7 780.0	6 746.4	15.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	23 662.7	23 951.4	-1.2%	9 853.0	13 818.2	-28.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 424.5	1 348.8	5.6%	4 169.0	3 731.2	11.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	18 111.3	19 084.9	-5.1%	14 414.3	13 251.3	8.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	119 153.5	84 180.0	41.5%	74 172.6	56 577.8	31.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	28 947.8	27 029.6	7.1%	46 434.8	45 866.1	1.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	9 066.7	9 220.7	-1.7%	19 356.7	19 540.7	-0.9%
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).	1 874.7	2 053.5	-8.7%	1 511.4	1 684.9	-10.3%
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.	2 744.9	2 754.3	-0.3%	2 137.4	2 366.6	-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.	9 237.1	9 170.7	0.7%	6 134.1	7 188.5	-14.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 745.6	6 657.2	1.3%	16 733.6	18 623.0	-10.1%
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.	1 085.3	1 083.1	0.2%	5 124.5	6 023.9	-14.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 099.4	2 570.6	-18.3%	4 996.8	5 935.7	-15.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	76 197.2	72 808.1	4.7%	5 185.6	4 431.7	17.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	57 466.2	57 152.4	0.5%	24 957.8	25 978.2	-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.	36 948.6	43 022.2	-14.1%	100 873.9	114 873.8	-12.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	51 372.2	58 986.2	-12.9%	44 530.7	43 512.5	2.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 178.3	3 532.7	-10.0%	12 242.6	13 094.4	-6.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 171.5	3 313.8	25.9%	7 072.8	7 721.5	-8.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	691.8	502.9	37.6%	384.2	196.8	95.2%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4 388.1	3 295.6	33.1%	593.0	786.0	-24.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.7	1.3	36.8%	36 593.3	39 355.4	-7.0%
Total		464 776.8	438 013.6	6.1%	445 252.1	451 304.6	-1.3%

Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (excluding BLNS)

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.
--	---

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	May 2017 / April 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	17 052.3	13 110.4	30.1%	-76.9	6 807.4	7 327.8	-7.1%	1.1
AMERICA	10 220.5	7 743.1	32.0%	1.3	10 082.7	8 642.5	16.7%	-79.5
ASIA	32 068.4	29 311.8	9.4%	-669.6	43 623.4	38 797.6	12.4%	-6.5
EUROPE	25 578.4	23 664.5	8.1%	2.4	30 533.2	26 869.0	13.6%	-547.5
OCEANIA	1 172.8	1 158.1	1.3%	0.1	1 204.3	1 010.9	19.1%	-0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 330.2	6 250.1	17.3%	-	169.8	568.0	-70.1%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	889.7	680.8	30.7%	0.5	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	94 312.4	81 918.7	15.1%	-742.4	92 420.6	83 215.9	11.1%	-632.5

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 023.2	817.8	25.1%	0.0	1 484.7	1 167.9	27.1%	-0.9
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 129.5	3 411.1	50.4%	-3.1	1 454.5	1 549.4	-6.1%	0.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	265.2	172.7	53.5%	-	508.0	813.2	-37.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 550.0	2 324.0	52.8%	0.2	2 130.6	2 285.3	-6.8%	2.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 439.1	23 567.8	-0.5%	-762.1	17 144.9	14 074.9	21.8%	0.7
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 663.5	4 385.4	29.1%	-0.0	9 055.4	8 190.6	10.6%	-18.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 725.9	1 046.7	64.9%	-0.2	3 983.0	3 606.0	10.5%	-1.8
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).	430.8	348.8	23.5%	-	293.0	245.8	19.2%	-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.	498.3	272.8	82.7%	-0.1	306.0	277.3	10.4%	-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.	1 810.0	1 404.1	28.9%	-0.3	1 252.5	1 030.4	21.6%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	829.0	792.5	4.6%	0.0	3 120.2	2 682.2	16.3%	-1.6
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.	79.4	80.4	-1.2%	0.0	1 031.3	899.8	14.6%	-0.6
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	348.7	278.2	25.4%	-0.3	1 051.2	959.5	9.6%	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.	16 812.5	15 571.9	8.0%	0.0	531.3	803.7	-33.9%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 359.8	10 856.1	13.9%	33.3	5 164.7	4 865.4	6.2%	5.9
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.	6 652.8	5 827.6	14.2%	-8.9	21 375.8	20 001.4	6.9%	-0.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 637.9	9 410.4	13.0%	-1.1	9 719.0	9 792.9	-0.8%	-613.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	464.4	441.0	5.3%	0.6	2 516.8	2 154.6	16.8%	1.5
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 586.3	342.9	362.6%	-0.4	1 662.3	1 304.4	27.4%	-2.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	62.3	49.0	27.1%	0.0	60.3	31.5	91.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	943.7	517.1	82.5%	-0.0	63.0	82.5	-23.6%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.3	-81.5%	-	8 512.1	6 397.3	33.1%	-4.1
Total		94 312.4	81 918.7	15.1%	-742.4	92 420.6	83 215.9	11.1%	-632.5

Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (excluding BLNS)

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.
---	---

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2017 / January to May 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	71 802.0	67 450.0	6.5%	36 262.4	36 393.4	-0.4%
AMERICA	39 866.5	42 546.4	-6.3%	47 730.1	53 415.0	-10.6%
ASIA	148 577.2	132 915.2	11.8%	195 829.4	191 872.3	2.1%
EUROPE	116 459.0	109 360.2	6.5%	143 940.3	150 417.8	-4.3%
OCEANIA	5 337.7	5 352.7	-0.3%	5 880.5	4 939.9	19.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	29 059.8	22 923.0	26.8%	1 015.2	737.7	37.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	4 416.0	1 988.7	122.1%	-	-	0.0%
Total	415 518.3	382 536.2	8.6%	430 657.9	437 776.1	-1.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 696.8	4 863.6	-3.4%	6 219.9	5 467.3	13.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	20 746.5	20 932.0	-0.9%	9 705.6	13 570.0	-28.5%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	906.2	893.0	1.5%	4 159.5	3 713.1	12.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	12 674.4	14 013.4	-9.6%	12 301.9	11 217.0	9.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	111 844.8	75 517.4	48.1%	73 862.6	56 330.1	31.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	24 536.4	22 441.1	9.3%	43 469.4	43 062.6	0.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 932.3	6 952.2	-0.3%	19 182.3	19 362.8	-0.9%
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).	1 695.2	1 807.8	-6.2%	1 438.5	1 572.7	-8.5%
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.	2 043.7	2 018.0	1.3%	1 594.3	1 833.0	-13.0%
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.	8 022.0	8 031.5	-0.1%	6 031.1	7 077.9	-14.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 155.6	4 089.9	1.6%	14 640.9	16 661.3	-12.1%
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.	348.4	339.7	2.6%	5 068.7	5 944.3	-14.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 436.7	1 868.2	-23.1%	4 954.9	5 884.6	-15.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	74 998.3	69 293.0	8.2%	2 865.2	2 868.3	-0.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	54 163.3	53 513.0	1.2%	24 618.5	25 615.8	-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.	29 614.6	34 821.6	-15.0%	99 557.6	113 427.1	-12.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	46 264.0	52 592.3	-12.0%	44 346.0	43 221.4	2.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 530.9	2 786.5	-9.2%	12 214.7	13 068.9	-6.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 858.1	1 994.7	43.3%	6 877.0	7 559.3	-9.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	689.2	498.7	38.2%	384.1	196.7	95.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4 359.6	3 267.3	33.4%	572.2	766.4	-25.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.2	1.3	-8.0%	36 593.3	39 355.4	-7.0%
Total		415 518.3	382 536.2	8.6%	430 657.9	437 776.1	-1.6%

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>
---	--

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	May 2017 / April 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 706.2	9 114.0	17.5%	-2.5	3 099.3	2 845.8	8.9%	-0.3
Total	10 706.2	9 114.0	17.5%	-2.5	3 099.3	2 845.8	8.9%	-0.3

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2017	April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	329.4	287.9	14.4%	-	404.0	339.1	19.1%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	608.5	510.5	19.2%	0.0	44.0	27.2	61.5%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	111.8	102.5	9.1%	-	1.7	1.4	19.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 138.1	1 073.9	6.0%	-	437.1	412.0	6.1%	-0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 601.2	1 487.1	7.7%	-2.4	75.1	51.6	45.5%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	982.9	826.2	19.0%	0.0	540.2	619.2	-12.8%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	497.8	385.4	29.2%	0.0	37.1	29.3	26.6%	-0.0
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).	40.9	29.7	38.0%	-	13.7	13.1	5.0%	-
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.	156.3	136.8	14.3%	-0.1	118.1	103.4	14.3%	-
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.	221.4	203.1	9.0%	-0.1	16.0	12.0	33.9%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	606.6	510.0	19.0%	0.0	434.5	369.8	17.5%	-
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.	176.1	144.4	22.0%	0.0	14.0	9.7	44.7%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	143.4	129.7	10.6%	-0.0	9.1	6.9	31.5%	-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.	19.7	29.2	-32.4%	-	504.3	427.5	18.0%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	737.5	603.7	22.2%	0.0	68.8	70.1	-2.0%	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.	1 663.9	1 392.6	19.5%	-0.0	287.4	242.5	18.5%	0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 223.7	892.0	37.2%	0.0	40.2	69.6	-42.2%	-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.	129.6	114.2	13.4%	-	6.7	7.5	-10.8%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	311.7	249.9	24.7%	0.0	43.7	31.3	39.5%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.6	0.6	-1.8%	-	0.1	0.0	5478.6%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4.8	4.5	7.6%	-	3.4	2.4	42.3%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.3	0.3	-19.2%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		10 706.2	9 114.0	17.5%	-2.5	3 099.3	2 845.8	8.9%	-0.3

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>
--	--

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	January to May 2017 / January to May 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	49 258.5	55 477.5	-11.2%	14 594.2	13 528.5	7.9%
Total	49 258.5	55 477.5	-11.2%	14 594.2	13 528.5	7.9%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2017	January to May 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 511.1	1 430.0	5.7%	1 560.1	1 279.1	22.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 916.2	3 019.4	-3.4%	147.3	248.2	-40.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	518.3	455.7	13.7%	9.6	18.1	-47.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 436.8	5 071.4	7.2%	2 112.5	2 034.3	3.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	7 308.6	8 662.6	-15.6%	310.0	247.7	25.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 411.4	4 588.4	-3.9%	2 965.4	2 803.5	5.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 134.4	2 268.5	-5.9%	174.5	177.9	-1.9%
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).	179.4	245.7	-27.0%	72.9	112.2	-35.0%
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.	701.2	736.3	-4.8%	543.1	533.6	1.8%
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.	1 215.1	1 139.2	6.7%	103.0	110.6	-6.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 589.9	2 567.3	0.9%	2 092.6	1 961.7	6.7%
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.	736.8	743.4	-0.9%	55.8	79.5	-29.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	662.7	702.5	-5.7%	41.9	51.0	-17.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 198.9	3 515.1	-65.9%	2 320.5	1 563.4	48.4%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	3 303.0	3 639.3	-9.2%	339.3	362.4	-6.4%
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.	7 334.0	8 200.6	-10.6%	1 316.3	1 446.7	-9.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	5 108.2	6 393.9	-20.1%	184.6	291.1	-36.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	647.4	746.3	-13.2%	27.9	25.4	9.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 313.4	1 319.1	-0.4%	195.8	162.2	20.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	2.6	4.2	-37.0%	0.2	0.2	0.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	28.5	28.3	0.7%	20.9	19.5	7.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total		49 258.5	55 477.5	-11.2%	14 594.2	13 528.5	7.9%