

SA Trade Statistics for September 2017 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 101 761 216 941	R 97 759 138 214	R 4 002 078 727
August 2017 (Revised)	R 103 373 039 284	R 97 397 554 014	R 5 975 485 270
R Increase/Decrease	R -1 611 822 343	R 361 584 200	
% Growth	-1.6%	0.4%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 862 605 346 045	R 815 485 277 633	R 47 120 068 412
January to September 2016 (Revised)	R 818 593 912 601	R 825 254 843 334	R -6 660 930 733
R Increase/Decrease	R 44 011 433 444	R -9 769 565 701	
% Growth	5.4%	-1.2%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products decreased by	R 1 214 million (-16%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1 700 million (7%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 1 030 million (-15%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 480 million (-12%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1 662 million (14%)

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 782 million (107%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 717 million (5%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 979 million (-4%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 755 million (-8%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components decreased by	R 1 105 million (-12%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 90 108 485 031	R 94 418 280 657	R -4 309 795 626
August 2017 (Revised)	R 91 546 234 637	R 93 404 632 976	R -1 858 398 339
R Increase/Decrease	R -1 437 749 606	R 1 013 647 681	
% Growth	-1.6%	1.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 765 690 070 703	R 787 382 265 274	R -21 692 194 571
January to September 2016 (Revised)	R 714 610 020 078	R 800 595 218 193	R -85 985 198 115
R Increase/Decrease	R 51 080 050 625	R -13 212 952 919	
% Growth	7.1%	-1.7%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 11 652 731 910	R 3 340 857 557	R 8 311 874 353
August 2017 (Revised)	R 11 826 804 647	R 3 992 921 038	R 7 833 883 609
R Increase/Decrease	R -174 072 737	R -652 063 481	
% Growth	-1.5%	-16.3%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2017 (Preliminary)	R 96 915 275 342	R 28 103 012 359	R 68 812 262 983
January to September 2016 (Revised)	R 103 983 892 523	R 24 659 625 141	R 79 324 267 382
R Increase/Decrease	R -7 068 617 181	R 3 443 387 218	
% Growth	-6.8%	14.0%	

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	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	26 793.9	27 735.3	-3.4%	-83.5	10 511.3	10 894.1	-3.5%	-2.9
AMERICA	10 038.4	9 972.8	0.7%	-34.2	10 551.5	9 920.7	6.4%	-32.6
ASIA	35 537.3	31 460.4	13.0%	29.2	43 189.4	43 660.6	-1.1%	-0.5
EUROPE	22 982.8	25 709.8	-10.6%	85.6	31 863.6	31 328.8	1.7%	-2.7
OCEANIA	1 392.8	1 395.9	-0.2%	-0.7	1 393.8	1 459.3	-4.5%	0.1
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	4 624.2	6 676.5	-30.7%	-	249.6	134.1	86.1%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	391.9	422.3	-7.2%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	101 761.2	103 373.0	-1.6%	-3.7	97 759.1	97 397.6	0.4%	-38.6

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 060.0	1 204.2	-12.0%	0.2	1 792.9	1 800.0	-0.4%	-0.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 516.0	7 729.7	-15.7%	-5.3	3 442.1	1 659.8	107.4%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	256.4	314.2	-18.4%	-	1 043.8	742.6	40.6%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 578.8	4 545.8	0.7%	-1.7	3 804.1	3 429.8	10.9%	-2.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	25 621.3	23 921.7	7.1%	28.2	14 997.8	14 280.9	5.0%	-0.9
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 618.6	6 648.9	-15.5%	-3.3	10 894.7	10 351.2	5.3%	1.2
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 050.5	2 047.8	0.1%	-1.6	4 396.5	4 234.0	3.8%	-3.4
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).	374.4	395.6	-5.4%	-0.0	386.3	348.4	10.9%	0.2
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	697.9	631.7	10.5%	-0.7	399.1	447.1	-10.7%	-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.	1 886.5	1 935.3	-2.5%	0.0	1 379.1	1 361.7	1.3%	-0.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 506.3	1 351.3	11.5%	-0.0	3 723.0	4 107.3	-9.4%	0.3
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.	264.8	273.7	-3.2%	-	1 292.7	1 378.7	-6.2%	0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	546.8	520.8	5.0%	-4.8	1 199.0	1 125.7	6.5%	-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.	16 775.1	17 801.0	-5.8%	-	1 049.6	1 278.8	-17.9%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 487.3	11 967.7	-12.4%	-1.3	5 205.9	5 143.6	1.2%	-1.2
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.	8 115.2	8 620.4	-5.9%	-4.4	21 437.8	22 416.6	-4.4%	-1.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 251.3	11 589.7	14.3%	-10.5	8 649.1	9 404.6	-8.0%	-0.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	718.9	674.6	6.6%	0.0	2 506.6	2 572.4	-2.6%	-0.7
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	742.8	720.5	3.1%	1.5	1 851.4	1 884.3	-1.8%	1.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	55.3	61.0	-9.4%	-	12.7	60.5	-79.0%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	636.2	417.5	52.4%	-	126.1	96.1	31.2%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.9	0.1	852.8%	-	8 168.5	9 273.5	-11.9%	-31.0
Total		101 761.2	103 373.0	-1.6%	-3.7	97 759.1	97 397.6	0.4%	-38.6

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	January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	229 259.3	232 579.2	-1.4%	87 609.3	91 383.9	-4.1%
AMERICA	77 694.1	78 588.7	-1.1%	89 046.9	96 548.3	-7.8%
ASIA	271 884.5	244 263.8	11.3%	360 297.2	354 822.9	1.5%
EUROPE	214 366.9	208 178.8	3.0%	266 165.7	271 351.4	-1.9%
OCEANIA	10 679.6	9 970.0	7.1%	10 682.8	9 910.0	7.8%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	52 552.4	40 745.1	29.0%	1 683.4	1 238.5	35.9%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	6 168.5	4 268.2	44.5%	-	-	0.0%
Total	862 605.3	818 593.9	5.4%	815 485.3	825 254.8	-1.2%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	10 675.2	11 075.8	-3.6%	14 881.5	12 141.6	22.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	53 065.9	49 914.0	6.3%	18 605.4	26 581.9	-30.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 690.7	2 929.5	-8.2%	7 557.6	6 832.6	10.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	34 759.5	36 254.7	-4.1%	26 635.0	25 111.6	6.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	208 657.1	156 609.6	33.2%	124 026.1	110 703.1	12.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	53 088.2	49 786.0	6.6%	87 149.2	85 358.8	2.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	17 167.8	17 745.0	-3.3%	35 710.3	36 290.0	-1.6%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	3 339.5	3 661.0	-8.8%	2 857.6	3 185.0	-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.	5 307.0	5 109.3	3.9%	3 812.4	4 098.1	-7.0%
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.	16 124.1	17 122.8	-5.8%	11 312.3	13 223.9	-14.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	11 991.9	11 558.7	3.7%	30 931.5	33 063.5	-6.4%
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.	2 060.3	2 041.4	0.9%	9 991.3	11 302.5	-11.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 113.1	4 640.9	-11.4%	9 433.3	10 584.4	-10.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	144 220.1	137 902.0	4.6%	9 408.9	9 365.1	0.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	102 724.3	100 596.4	2.1%	44 761.1	45 476.5	-1.6%
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.	69 489.1	78 286.1	-11.2%	186 253.7	202 561.7	-8.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	104 110.2	112 821.7	-7.7%	84 481.2	77 628.8	8.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	5 753.3	6 986.4	-17.6%	22 210.0	23 808.3	-6.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 879.5	6 290.5	-6.5%	13 971.1	14 907.2	-6.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	922.8	996.3	-7.4%	554.4	406.9	36.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 461.8	6 261.1	3.2%	1 007.4	1 181.7	-14.7%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 041.6	7 210.4	-16.2%	-5.3	3 408.9	1 618.3	110.6%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	170.3	213.2	-20.1%	-	1 041.1	732.0	42.2%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 321.7	3 289.1	1.0%	-1.8	3 366.0	2 944.7	14.3%	-2.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 987.6	22 231.5	7.9%	26.2	14 936.0	14 210.2	5.1%	-0.2
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 584.8	5 573.5	-17.7%	-3.3	10 156.9	9 579.6	6.0%	1.2
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 528.5	1 528.3	0.0%	-1.6	4 360.5	4 196.1	3.9%	-3.4
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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.	509.8	451.8	12.8%	-0.7	283.5	309.9	-8.5%	-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.	1 633.2	1 663.9	-1.8%	0.0	1 351.6	1 333.2	1.4%	-0.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	912.0	755.1	20.8%	-0.0	3 153.6	3 584.0	-12.0%	0.3
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.	74.1	90.7	-18.3%	-	1 278.1	1 361.9	-6.1%	0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	379.6	356.6	6.5%	-4.7	1 189.0	1 115.4	6.6%	-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.	15 839.5	17 007.4	-6.9%	-	613.3	457.5	34.1%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 708.8	11 186.5	-13.2%	-1.3	5 121.6	5 055.3	1.3%	-1.2
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.	6 478.8	6 902.0	-6.1%	-4.0	21 142.8	22 093.6	-4.3%	-1.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 165.6	10 462.9	16.3%	-8.3	8 620.0	9 383.3	-8.1%	-0.5
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	442.6	404.4	9.5%	1.5	1 841.9	1 830.2	0.6%	1.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	54.8	60.8	-9.8%	-	12.6	60.5	-79.2%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	630.3	412.2	52.9%	-	120.7	92.8	30.0%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.9	0.1	866.0%	-	8 168.5	9 273.5	-11.9%	-31.0
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	6 168.5	4 268.2	44.5%	-	-	0.0%
Total	765 690.1	714 610.0	7.1%	787 382.3	800 595.2	-1.7%

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	48 169.3	44 281.7	8.8%	18 306.2	26 002.8	-29.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 786.6	1 946.5	-8.2%	7 520.8	6 799.2	10.6%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	24 603.0	26 407.6	-6.8%	22 807.8	21 167.0	7.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	194 950.8	140 533.6	38.7%	123 461.9	110 257.1	12.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	44 615.0	41 206.9	8.3%	81 840.1	80 623.8	1.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	13 086.1	13 430.8	-2.6%	35 389.5	35 953.5	-1.6%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	2 983.5	3 206.8	-7.0%	2 719.0	2 953.6	-7.9%
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.	3 931.6	3 716.2	5.8%	2 763.8	3 070.8	-10.0%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	13 953.2	14 946.8	-6.6%	11 114.2	13 010.2	-14.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	7 189.3	6 811.3	5.6%	26 817.9	29 240.8	-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.	654.0	626.8	4.3%	9 878.0	11 160.6	-11.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 837.2	3 222.1	-11.9%	9 350.4	10 482.0	-10.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	138 982.8	132 098.5	5.2%	4 890.8	6 716.8	-27.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	94 565.2	93 751.0	0.9%	44 092.1	44 800.4	-1.6%
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.	55 763.8	63 128.1	-11.7%	183 585.3	199 988.0	-8.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	94 528.8	100 394.9	-5.8%	84 122.0	77 139.1	9.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	4 509.3	5 559.5	-18.9%	22 158.3	23 754.7	-6.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 343.2	3 717.3	-10.1%	13 619.2	14 596.6	-6.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	918.4	989.6	-7.2%	552.5	406.2	36.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 407.7	6 215.4	3.1%	969.7	1 151.5	-15.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.2	4.5	-29.9%	69 934.0	71 441.7	-2.1%
Total		765 690.1	714 610.0	7.1%	787 382.3	800 595.2	-1.7%

Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

<p>METHODOLOGY COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES. ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS</p>	<p>Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month to and from South Africa. cursory checks of the figures are made prior to the publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	September 2017 / August 2017 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 652.7	11 826.8	-1.5%	-0.6	3 340.9	3 992.9	-16.3%	-0.7
Total	11 652.7	11 826.8	-1.5%	-0.6	3 340.9	3 992.9	-16.3%	-0.7

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	September 2017	August 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	333.7	325.7	2.5%	-	405.5	527.0	-23.1%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	474.3	519.3	-8.7%	-	33.3	41.5	-19.8%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	86.1	100.9	-14.7%	-	2.7	10.6	-74.9%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 257.1	1 256.7	0.0%	0.1	438.1	485.0	-9.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 633.7	1 690.2	-3.3%	2.0	61.8	70.7	-12.5%	-0.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 033.7	1 075.4	-3.9%	-	737.8	771.6	-4.4%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	521.9	519.5	0.5%	0.0	36.1	37.9	-4.8%	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).	46.2	47.4	-2.4%	-	20.9	13.4	55.9%	-
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.	188.1	179.8	4.6%	-0.0	115.6	137.2	-15.7%	-
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.	253.3	271.4	-6.7%	-	27.5	28.5	-3.6%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	594.3	596.2	-0.3%	-	569.3	523.3	8.8%	-
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.	190.7	183.0	4.2%	-	14.6	16.8	-13.0%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	167.2	164.2	1.8%	-0.0	10.0	10.3	-3.3%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	935.6	793.6	17.9%	-	436.3	821.3	-46.9%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	778.5	781.2	-0.3%	0.0	84.3	88.3	-4.5%	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.	1 636.4	1 718.4	-4.8%	-0.4	295.0	323.0	-8.7%	-0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 085.7	1 126.8	-3.6%	-2.3	29.1	21.3	36.5%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	129.8	155.6	-16.6%	-	7.9	7.5	4.6%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	300.1	316.2	-5.1%	-	9.5	54.1	-82.5%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.2	107.4%	-	0.1	0.0	651.6%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6.0	5.2	14.5%	-	5.5	3.3	64.2%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.0	-100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		11 652.7	11 826.8	-1.5%	-0.6	3 340.9	3 992.9	-16.3%	-0.7

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 September 2017 / January to September 2016					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	96 915.3	103 983.9	-6.8%	28 103.0	24 659.6	14.0%
Total	96 915.3	103 983.9	-6.8%	28 103.0	24 659.6	14.0%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2017	January to September 2016	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 767.0	2 661.5	4.0%	3 392.6	2 262.8	49.9%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 896.6	5 632.4	-13.1%	299.3	579.1	-48.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	904.1	983.1	-8.0%	36.8	33.4	10.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10 156.4	9 847.2	3.1%	3 827.2	3 944.6	-3.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	13 706.3	16 076.1	-14.7%	564.2	446.1	26.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 473.2	8 579.1	-1.2%	5 309.1	4 735.0	12.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	4 081.7	4 314.3	-5.4%	320.9	336.5	-4.6%
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).	356.1	454.2	-21.6%	138.6	231.4	-40.1%
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.	1 375.4	1 393.1	-1.3%	1 048.7	1 027.3	2.1%
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.	2 170.9	2 176.0	-0.2%	198.1	213.7	-7.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 802.7	4 747.5	1.2%	4 113.5	3 822.7	7.6%
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.	1 406.3	1 414.6	-0.6%	113.3	141.9	-20.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 275.9	1 418.7	-10.1%	82.9	102.4	-19.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	5 237.4	5 803.5	-9.8%	4 518.1	2 648.3	70.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	8 159.1	6 845.4	19.2%	669.0	676.1	-1.0%
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.	13 725.3	15 158.0	-9.5%	2 668.4	2 573.7	3.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 581.4	12 426.8	-22.9%	359.2	489.7	-26.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 244.1	1 427.0	-12.8%	51.7	53.6	-3.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 536.3	2 573.2	-1.4%	351.9	310.5	13.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	4.5	6.7	-33.5%	1.9	0.7	184.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	54.1	45.7	18.3%	37.7	30.2	24.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.6	0.0	5673.3%	-	-	0.0%
Total		96 915.3	103 983.9	-6.8%	28 103.0	24 659.6	14.0%