

## SA Trade Statistics for April 2018 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 88 497 767 836	R 87 357 226 256	R 1 140 541 580
March 2018 (Revised)	R 98 101 621 504	R 88 799 028 180	R 9 302 593 324

R Increase/Decrease	R -9 603 853 668	R -1 441 801 924	
% Growth	-9.8%	-1.6%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 357 084 482 179	R 374 733 308 925	R -17 648 826 746
January to April 2017 (Revised)	R 358 126 503 102	R 349 609 952 055	R 8 516 551 047

R Increase/Decrease	R -1 042 020 923	R 25 123 356 870	
% Growth	-0.3%	7.2%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 1 288 million (-5%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 966 million (-15%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 1 262 million (-7%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 382 million (-11%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 2 158 million (-19%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1 455 million (9%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 368 million (-4%)
Section 11:	Textiles decreased by	R 609 million (-17%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 833 million (-17%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 353 million (-4%)

## International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 78 256 945 244	R 84 455 993 244	R -6 199 048 000
March 2018 (Revised)	R 87 306 267 040	R 85 512 206 307	R 1 794 060 733
R Increase/Decrease	R -9 049 321 796	R -1 056 213 063	
% Growth	-10.4%	-1.2%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 316 507 281 227	R 362 256 931 175	R -45 749 649 948
January to April 2017 (Revised)	R 319 628 149 495	R 338 242 176 509	R -18 614 027 014
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 120 868 268	R 24 014 754 666	
% Growth	-1.0%	7.1%	

## BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 10 240 822 592	R 2 901 233 012	R 7 339 589 580
March 2018 (Revised)	R 10 795 354 464	R 3 286 821 873	R 7 508 532 591
R Increase/Decrease	R -554 531 872	R -385 588 861	
% Growth	-5.1%	-11.7%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2018 (Preliminary)	R 40 577 200 952	R 12 476 377 750	R 28 100 823 202
January to April 2017 (Revised)	R 38 498 353 607	R 11 367 775 546	R 27 130 578 061
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 078 847 345	R 1 108 602 204	
% Growth	5.4%	9.8%	

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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	24 171.2	26 173.9	-7.7%	-31.7	11 422.1	9 326.7	22.5%	-7.6
AMERICA	7 358.9	8 784.2	-16.2%	-181.2	8 855.4	9 081.2	-2.5%	6.7
ASIA	28 215.3	31 241.3	-9.7%	44.2	38 406.5	40 337.8	-4.8%	-12.6
EUROPE	21 375.9	22 919.2	-6.7%	-16.9	27 493.1	27 894.8	-1.4%	-0.2
OCEANIA	841.8	900.1	-6.5%	0.1	1 037.0	1 994.8	-48.0%	0.1
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 183.4	7 384.5	-16.3%	-	143.1	163.8	-12.6%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	351.5	698.3	-49.7%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>88 497.8</b>	<b>98 101.6</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>-185.4</b>	<b>87 357.2</b>	<b>88 799.0</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-13.6</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 215.9	1 213.3	0.2%	-0.8	1 640.4	1 812.4	-9.5%	0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 276.2	4 565.8	-6.3%	4.2	1 272.8	1 530.1	-16.8%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	320.1	286.9	11.6%	-0.2	407.2	686.9	-40.7%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 495.2	4 117.6	-15.1%	-0.5	2 785.0	2 757.3	1.0%	-0.2
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 220.6	23 508.2	-5.5%	83.2	16 796.5	15 341.8	9.5%	-5.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 421.3	6 387.1	-15.1%	-6.3	9 517.9	9 886.3	-3.7%	-0.9
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 696.7	2 055.4	-17.5%	-8.3	4 235.7	4 075.0	3.9%	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).	334.7	338.0	-1.0%	-0.0	214.2	241.3	-11.2%	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.	529.8	543.6	-2.5%	-0.5	369.4	380.8	-3.0%	-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.	1 514.5	1 285.6	17.8%	-0.2	2 480.6	2 429.7	2.1%	-3.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 464.1	1 639.4	-10.7%	-0.0	2 929.2	3 537.8	-17.2%	-2.1
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.	249.6	251.4	-0.7%	0.2	707.3	950.3	-25.6%	-0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	475.0	542.9	-12.5%	-1.7	1 005.4	1 041.3	-3.4%	-0.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 002.9	17 265.3	-7.3%	0.6	1 025.0	754.3	35.9%	-0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 987.6	12 369.5	-11.2%	-250.8	4 013.7	4 846.7	-17.2%	2.2
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.	7 455.2	8 267.9	-9.8%	-1.9	19 595.6	19 752.6	-0.8%	1.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 209.6	11 367.2	-19.0%	-2.4	7 517.1	7 870.1	-4.5%	1.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	543.1	639.8	-15.1%	-0.0	2 335.6	2 623.6	-11.0%	-1.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	627.6	778.8	-19.4%	-0.0	1 176.4	1 263.0	-6.9%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	68.3	86.2	-20.8%	-	198.2	26.5	648.8%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	389.6	588.5	-33.8%	-0.0	108.5	75.0	44.7%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	3.1	-98.6%	-	7 025.5	6 916.2	1.6%	-5.9
<b>Total</b>		<b>88 497.8</b>	<b>98 101.6</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>-185.4</b>	<b>87 357.2</b>	<b>88 799.0</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-13.6</b>

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World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	97 464.2	92 600.1	5.3%	44 111.7	40 817.9	8.1%
AMERICA	30 369.3	29 653.7	2.4%	34 925.2	37 645.2	-7.2%
ASIA	113 329.5	117 593.1	-3.6%	171 852.3	152 196.0	12.9%
EUROPE	83 104.4	90 625.8	-8.3%	116 834.3	113 429.6	3.0%
OCEANIA	3 627.6	4 165.0	-12.9%	6 088.5	4 675.7	30.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	26 875.3	19 962.3	34.6%	921.3	845.5	9.0%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 314.2	3 526.4	-34.4%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>357 084.5</b>	<b>358 126.5</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>374 733.3</b>	<b>349 610.0</b>	<b>7.2%</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 945.5	4 855.3	1.9%	6 884.3	5 891.2	16.9%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	16 933.9	17 921.4	-5.5%	6 897.3	8 349.4	-17.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 035.4	1 046.9	-1.1%	2 667.4	3 659.2	-27.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	14 680.3	13 415.1	9.4%	11 074.1	11 846.6	-6.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	88 455.2	94 232.1	-6.1%	70 483.2	56 953.8	23.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	23 269.1	22 300.4	4.3%	40 576.6	36 848.6	10.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	7 246.0	6 842.9	5.9%	17 874.9	15 360.0	16.4%
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).	1 311.4	1 402.8	-6.5%	1 131.0	1 199.9	-5.7%
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.	2 216.2	2 090.3	6.0%	1 728.2	1 713.3	0.9%
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.	6 397.9	7 203.4	-11.2%	10 515.8	4 864.4	116.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5 521.6	5 309.6	4.0%	13 924.9	13 145.8	5.9%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	859.2	829.7	3.6%	4 160.8	4 078.9	2.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 864.6	1 607.1	16.0%	4 453.3	3 935.9	13.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	61 375.3	57 597.6	6.6%	5 072.8	4 020.2	26.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	45 859.4	44 402.3	3.3%	18 756.7	19 718.5	-4.9%
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.	29 316.8	28 638.8	2.4%	82 663.0	79 249.4	4.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	38 740.7	39 503.4	-1.9%	30 936.0	34 772.2	-11.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 295.1	2 584.2	-11.2%	9 871.0	9 717.1	1.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 485.0	2 273.3	9.3%	5 496.4	5 359.0	2.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	350.3	629.0	-44.3%	322.6	323.9	-0.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 922.3	3 439.7	-44.1%	378.5	529.8	-28.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.3	1.4	131.5%	28 864.6	28 072.7	2.8%
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	924.5	905.9	2.0%	-0.7	1 276.5	1 313.3	-2.8%	0.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 762.5	4 012.3	-6.2%	4.3	1 235.4	1 505.6	-17.9%	0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	221.6	160.4	38.1%	-0.2	405.4	685.6	-40.9%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 482.6	2 919.5	-15.0%	-0.4	2 325.9	2 319.0	0.3%	-0.2
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	20 694.3	21 923.9	-5.6%	63.4	16 728.0	15 284.8	9.4%	-5.7
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 518.4	5 477.5	-17.5%	-5.8	9 098.2	9 260.8	-1.8%	1.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 279.1	1 575.3	-18.8%	-7.1	4 200.8	4 035.1	4.1%	1.8
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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.	386.3	383.3	0.8%	-0.3	263.3	263.8	-0.2%	-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.	1 285.8	1 056.7	21.7%	-0.2	2 466.4	2 413.4	2.2%	-3.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	907.8	1 080.8	-16.0%	-0.0	2 476.6	3 020.8	-18.0%	-2.1
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XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	322.4	388.0	-16.9%	-1.7	998.4	1 032.4	-3.3%	-0.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	15 426.9	16 904.8	-8.7%	0.6	530.0	422.9	25.3%	-0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 249.4	11 617.3	-11.8%	-250.0	3 907.1	4 676.0	-16.4%	2.1
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.	6 004.9	6 636.3	-9.5%	-1.7	19 356.1	19 416.6	-0.3%	3.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	8 197.6	10 226.9	-19.8%	-2.3	7 470.1	7 818.9	-4.5%	1.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	405.0	478.8	-15.4%	-0.0	2 331.4	2 618.1	-11.0%	-1.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	350.6	509.0	-31.1%	-0.0	1 165.8	1 246.0	-6.4%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	67.6	86.0	-21.4%	-	198.1	26.4	649.0%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	383.5	582.8	-34.2%	-0.0	106.7	72.4	47.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	3.1	-98.7%	-	7 025.5	6 916.2	1.6%	-5.9
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OCEANIA	3 627.6	4 165.0	-12.9%	6 088.5	4 675.7	30.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	26 875.3	19 962.3	34.6%	921.3	845.5	9.0%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 314.2	3 526.4	-34.4%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>316 507.3</b>	<b>319 628.1</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>362 256.9</b>	<b>338 242.2</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 764.5	3 673.1	2.5%	5 277.4	4 734.9	11.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	14 863.9	15 614.1	-4.8%	6 778.6	8 246.1	-17.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	630.4	640.4	-1.6%	2 661.2	3 651.4	-27.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10 253.5	9 122.2	12.4%	9 475.8	10 171.2	-6.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	82 213.7	88 570.3	-7.2%	70 234.1	56 718.9	23.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	19 617.6	18 872.8	3.9%	38 362.8	34 423.4	11.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 519.8	5 206.4	6.0%	17 723.5	15 222.6	16.4%
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).	1 142.4	1 264.3	-9.6%	1 070.6	1 140.8	-6.1%
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.	1 650.0	1 545.4	6.8%	1 275.5	1 288.9	-1.0%
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.	5 401.4	6 209.8	-13.0%	10 446.4	4 777.4	118.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	3 519.3	3 326.4	5.8%	12 065.9	11 487.6	5.0%
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.	282.6	269.0	5.1%	4 113.7	4 037.1	1.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 313.5	1 088.0	20.7%	4 419.3	3 903.1	13.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	59 891.9	56 418.4	6.2%	2 901.1	2 335.0	24.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	43 069.4	41 837.2	2.9%	18 264.9	19 447.0	-6.1%
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.	23 290.6	22 969.3	1.4%	81 571.2	78 217.5	4.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	34 618.0	35 619.1	-2.8%	30 762.1	34 627.8	-11.2%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 731.4	2 066.3	-16.2%	9 854.3	9 695.8	1.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 481.2	1 271.8	16.5%	5 449.9	5 206.8	4.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	348.9	626.9	-44.3%	322.5	323.8	-0.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 899.5	3 415.9	-44.4%	361.6	512.3	-29.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.3	1.1	198.0%	28 864.6	28 072.7	2.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>316 507.3</b>	<b>319 628.1</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>362 256.9</b>	<b>338 242.2</b>	<b>7.1%</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. Currency 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	April 2018 / March 2018 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2018	March 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2018	March 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 240.8	10 795.4	-5.1%	16.9	2 901.2	3 286.8	-11.7%	-4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 240.8</b>	<b>10 795.4</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2 901.2</b>	<b>3 286.8</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-4.8</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2018	March 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2018	March 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	291.5	307.4	-5.2%	-0.1	363.9	499.1	-27.1%	0.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	513.7	553.4	-7.2%	-0.1	37.4	24.5	52.4%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	98.5	126.5	-22.1%	-	1.8	1.3	40.3%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 012.6	1 198.1	-15.5%	-0.2	459.0	438.3	4.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 526.3	1 584.4	-3.7%	19.9	68.5	57.1	20.0%	0.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	902.9	909.6	-0.7%	-0.5	419.7	625.5	-32.9%	-2.4
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	417.6	480.2	-13.0%	-1.2	34.9	40.0	-12.7%	-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).	40.9	47.1	-13.3%	0.0	17.2	15.3	12.5%	-
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.	143.6	160.4	-10.5%	-0.2	106.2	117.0	-9.3%	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.	228.8	228.9	-0.1%	0.0	14.2	16.3	-13.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	556.3	558.7	-0.4%	-0.0	452.6	517.0	-12.5%	-
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.	157.2	164.7	-4.6%	0.2	14.1	12.2	15.6%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	152.7	154.9	-1.4%	-0.0	7.0	8.9	-21.0%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	576.0	360.5	59.8%	-	495.0	331.4	49.4%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	738.2	752.2	-1.9%	-0.8	106.6	170.7	-37.5%	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.	1 450.3	1 631.6	-11.1%	-0.1	239.5	336.0	-28.7%	-1.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 011.9	1 140.4	-11.3%	-0.0	47.0	51.2	-8.2%	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.	138.2	160.9	-14.2%	-0.0	4.1	5.4	-24.1%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	277.0	269.7	2.7%	-0.0	10.7	17.0	-37.2%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.7	0.2	254.6%	-	0.0	0.0	183.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6.1	5.7	8.0%	-	1.9	2.6	-29.2%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 240.8</b>	<b>10 795.4</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2 901.2</b>	<b>3 286.8</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-4.8</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

PERIOD:	January to April 2018 / January to April 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	40 577.2	38 498.4	5.4%	12 476.4	11 367.8	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 577.2</b>	<b>38 498.4</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>12 476.4</b>	<b>11 367.8</b>	<b>9.8%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2018	January to April 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 180.9	1 182.2	-0.1%	1 606.9	1 156.3	39.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 070.0	2 307.2	-10.3%	118.7	103.4	14.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	405.0	406.5	-0.4%	6.3	7.8	-19.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 426.8	4 292.9	3.1%	1 598.3	1 675.4	-4.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	6 241.5	5 661.8	10.2%	249.1	234.9	6.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	3 651.5	3 427.6	6.5%	2 213.7	2 425.2	-8.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 726.2	1 636.6	5.5%	151.4	137.4	10.3%
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).	169.0	138.5	22.0%	60.3	59.2	2.0%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	566.2	544.9	3.9%	452.7	424.4	6.7%
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.	996.5	993.6	0.3%	69.4	87.1	-20.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 002.2	1 983.3	1.0%	1 859.0	1 658.2	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.	576.5	560.7	2.8%	47.1	41.8	12.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	551.1	519.1	6.2%	34.0	32.8	3.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 483.4	1 179.2	25.8%	2 171.7	1 685.2	28.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	2 790.0	2 565.2	8.8%	491.8	271.5	81.1%
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.	6 026.2	5 669.4	6.3%	1 091.8	1 031.9	5.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	4 122.7	3 884.3	6.1%	173.9	144.4	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.	563.7	517.8	8.9%	16.7	21.2	-21.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 003.8	1 001.5	0.2%	46.6	152.2	-69.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.4	2.1	-29.9%	0.1	0.1	-5.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	22.8	23.8	-4.2%	16.8	17.5	-3.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.3	-98.9%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>40 577.2</b>	<b>38 498.4</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>12 476.4</b>	<b>11 367.8</b>	<b>9.8%</b>