

## SA Trade Statistics for December 2018 (including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 102 749 824 539	R 85 582 418 590	R 17 167 405 949
November 2018 (Revised)	R 118 670 300 954	R 115 384 635 695	R 3 285 665 259

R Increase/Decrease	R -15 920 476 415	R -29 802 217 105	
% Growth	-13.4%	-25.8%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 1 246 937 828 051	R 1 235 648 814 818	R 11 289 013 233
January to December 2017 (Revised)	R 1 183 578 684 677	R 1 106 893 855 769	R 76 684 828 908

R Increase/Decrease	R 63 359 143 374	R 128 754 959 049	
% Growth	5.4%	11.6%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 3 563 million (-12%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 4 018 million (-19%)
Section 15:	Base metals decreased by	R 1 728 million (-13%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 2 232 million (-22%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments decreased by	R 1 344 million (-9%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 3 503 million (-16%)
Section 6:	Chemical products decreased by	R 3 182 million (-24%)
Section 15:	Base metals decreased by	R 2 142 million (-38%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 8 121 million (-31%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by	R 3 466 million (-44%)

## International Trade (excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 91 461 527 078	R 82 489 313 497	R 8 972 213 581
November 2018 (Revised)	R 104 514 758 675	R 111 101 648 684	R -6 586 890 009

R Increase/Decrease	R -13 053 231 597	R -28 612 335 187	
% Growth	-12.5%	-25.8%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 1 110 145 610 427	R 1 194 093 334 273	R -83 947 723 846
January to December 2017 (Revised)	R 1 049 823 429 245	R 1 067 848 595 966	R -18 025 166 721

R Increase/Decrease	R 60 322 181 182	R 126 244 738 307	
% Growth	5.7%	11.8%	

## BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 11 288 297 461	R 3 093 105 093	R 8 195 192 368
November 2018 (Revised)	R 14 155 542 279	R 4 282 987 011	R 9 872 555 268
R Increase/Decrease	R -2 867 244 818	R -1 189 881 918	
% Growth	-20.3%	-27.8%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2018 (Preliminary)	R 136 792 217 624	R 41 555 480 545	R 95 236 737 079
January to December 2017 (Revised)	R 133 755 255 432	R 39 045 259 803	R 94 709 995 629
R Increase/Decrease	R 3 036 962 192	R 2 510 220 742	
% Growth	2.3%	6.4%	

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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	December 2018 / November 2018 Revision							
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	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	27 166.8	32 729.9	-17.0%	-75.4	11 770.9	16 809.1	-30.0%	-6.6
AMERICA	9 767.8	10 353.8	-5.7%	13.4	8 912.1	11 308.2	-21.2%	9.7
ASIA	33 546.9	38 171.3	-12.1%	-68.6	38 149.1	49 839.7	-23.5%	28.9
EUROPE	27 657.0	28 433.4	-2.7%	-42.8	25 223.7	34 595.2	-27.1%	1.5
OCEANIA	906.0	1 487.0	-39.1%	-0.8	1 378.8	2 502.1	-44.9%	1.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	3 401.3	7 180.3	-52.6%	-	147.9	330.4	-55.2%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	304.0	314.6	-3.4%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>102 749.8</b>	<b>118 670.3</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>	<b>-174.3</b>	<b>85 582.4</b>	<b>115 384.6</b>	<b>-25.8%</b>	<b>34.5</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 298.9	1 315.1	-1.2%	-0.7	1 380.0	1 840.5	-25.0%	-0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 844.8	3 716.0	3.5%	0.0	1 329.1	1 886.4	-29.5%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	254.8	291.7	-12.6%	-0.0	453.6	845.9	-46.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 482.9	5 198.2	-13.8%	-1.2	3 011.2	3 857.2	-21.9%	-1.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	25 881.4	29 444.7	-12.1%	-81.6	17 866.8	21 369.9	-16.4%	-5.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	7 101.8	7 357.9	-3.5%	0.6	9 894.0	13 075.7	-24.3%	11.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 895.7	2 407.7	-21.3%	-1.6	3 666.5	5 112.1	-28.3%	0.1
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).	329.3	388.2	-15.2%	0.0	240.0	477.2	-49.7%	-0.4
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.	674.6	861.4	-21.7%	6.5	297.9	534.6	-44.3%	0.4
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1 740.6	2 356.9	-26.1%	-72.6	2 947.7	3 569.0	-17.4%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 499.2	2 046.5	-26.7%	0.2	2 652.6	4 324.5	-38.7%	-5.3
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.	263.1	347.2	-24.2%	-0.1	773.3	1 158.2	-33.2%	-0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	479.4	633.0	-24.3%	-0.4	915.7	1 517.7	-39.7%	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.	17 419.8	21 437.5	-18.7%	-0.0	1 428.0	971.5	47.0%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 005.4	13 733.8	-12.6%	-8.4	3 490.9	5 633.4	-38.0%	2.9
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.	7 714.3	9 946.1	-22.4%	-8.1	18 344.5	26 465.4	-30.7%	26.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 809.7	15 153.9	-8.9%	-7.2	8 461.5	9 522.2	-11.1%	5.7
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	629.2	732.2	-14.1%	-0.0	2 605.0	3 049.6	-14.6%	0.4
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	657.4	847.6	-22.4%	0.2	1 221.8	2 075.7	-41.1%	-0.4
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	52.7	137.1	-61.5%	-	31.3	28.4	10.0%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	713.8	317.4	124.9%	-	73.2	105.1	-30.4%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.0	0.1	996.3%	-	4 497.8	7 964.3	-43.5%	-0.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>102 749.8</b>	<b>118 670.3</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>	<b>-174.3</b>	<b>85 582.4</b>	<b>115 384.6</b>	<b>-25.8%</b>	<b>34.5</b>

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:  World Zone	January to December 2018 / January to December 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	332 654.6	312 540.7	6.4%	156 095.7	115 811.7	34.8%
AMERICA	107 149.7	108 635.3	-1.4%	118 939.6	117 643.3	1.1%
ASIA	392 810.4	384 860.0	2.1%	558 483.7	495 350.7	12.7%
EUROPE	317 832.4	282 580.5	12.5%	377 088.1	359 485.1	4.9%
OCEANIA	13 294.8	14 011.9	-5.1%	20 176.3	15 794.0	27.7%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	78 424.8	72 831.8	7.7%	4 865.3	2 809.0	73.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	4 771.1	8 118.6	-41.2%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 246 937.8</b>	<b>1 183 578.7</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>1 235 648.8</b>	<b>1 106 893.9</b>	<b>11.6%</b>

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		January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	15 236.5	14 573.0	4.6%	20 779.7	19 689.7	5.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	67 726.6	63 941.2	5.9%	23 001.2	23 407.5	-1.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 230.7	3 591.3	-10.0%	8 770.8	10 159.2	-13.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	53 181.2	49 156.4	8.2%	37 423.9	36 601.2	2.2%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	293 511.3	296 628.8	-1.1%	233 036.9	167 638.0	39.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	78 092.1	72 776.4	7.3%	134 444.0	120 589.9	11.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	25 291.7	23 745.3	6.5%	54 537.1	48 722.5	11.9%
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).	4 172.5	4 659.0	-10.4%	4 097.9	4 044.2	1.3%
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.	7 798.9	7 201.4	8.3%	5 290.1	5 064.4	4.5%
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.	22 673.5	21 945.6	3.3%	34 988.7	19 549.2	79.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	18 422.3	17 401.0	5.9%	44 538.9	41 502.3	7.3%
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.	3 005.0	3 051.7	-1.5%	13 922.7	13 069.2	6.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	6 396.8	5 705.0	12.1%	14 617.6	12 694.6	15.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	219 639.0	196 246.3	11.9%	19 991.8	13 532.0	47.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	150 742.2	140 465.3	7.3%	60 006.5	58 449.0	2.7%
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.	101 033.5	95 576.2	5.7%	266 558.2	259 548.0	2.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	153 506.1	140 783.4	9.0%	106 902.7	110 928.4	-3.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	7 757.3	7 985.8	-2.9%	31 740.2	30 312.9	4.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	8 447.6	8 273.0	2.1%	20 599.3	19 428.2	6.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 024.3	1 166.0	-12.2%	781.5	674.2	15.9%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 040.4	8 684.6	-30.4%	1 179.4	1 363.1	-13.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	8.3	22.0	-62.4%	98 439.6	89 926.1	9.5%
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	961.1	957.2	0.4%	-0.7	1 089.5	1 510.7	-27.9%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 223.2	3 034.9	6.2%	-0.0	1 276.6	1 834.5	-30.4%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	138.8	140.3	-1.1%	-	453.3	844.6	-46.3%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 087.3	3 523.5	-12.4%	-1.2	2 478.2	3 207.0	-22.7%	-1.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 824.3	27 267.8	-12.6%	-60.8	17 827.1	21 281.2	-16.2%	-5.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 127.3	6 063.3	1.1%	1.2	9 106.7	12 169.4	-25.2%	11.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 449.1	1 793.4	-19.2%	-1.6	3 634.1	5 050.5	-28.0%	0.1
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).	279.6	324.1	-13.7%	0.0	235.0	465.4	-49.5%	-0.4
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.	534.4	661.5	-19.2%	6.5	195.5	375.8	-48.0%	0.4
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	1 433.5	2 001.5	-28.4%	-72.7	2 917.6	3 524.6	-17.2%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 027.3	1 344.4	-23.6%	0.3	2 303.0	3 600.8	-36.0%	-5.3
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.	103.8	121.6	-14.6%	-0.0	766.7	1 139.2	-32.7%	-0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	336.5	446.2	-24.6%	-0.5	909.2	1 505.5	-39.6%	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.	16 595.4	20 833.7	-20.3%	-	913.7	439.1	108.1%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 388.5	12 773.5	-10.8%	-7.5	3 398.0	5 474.4	-37.9%	1.9
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.	6 352.4	7 949.2	-20.1%	-7.9	18 143.8	26 036.6	-30.3%	26.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 943.5	13 846.7	-6.5%	-7.2	8 435.8	9 445.9	-10.7%	5.7
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	510.0	558.6	-8.7%	-0.0	2 595.3	3 037.1	-14.5%	0.4
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	384.6	425.9	-9.7%	0.3	1 216.2	2 064.5	-41.1%	-0.4
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	51.8	136.0	-61.9%	-	31.3	28.3	10.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	708.1	311.4	127.4%	-	65.0	102.0	-36.2%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.0	0.1	1018.7%	-	4 497.8	7 964.3	-43.5%	-0.0
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ASIA	392 810.4	384 860.0	2.1%	558 483.7	495 350.7	12.7%
EUROPE	317 832.4	282 580.5	12.5%	377 088.1	359 485.1	4.9%
OCEANIA	13 294.8	14 011.9	-5.1%	20 176.3	15 794.0	27.7%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	78 424.8	72 831.8	7.7%	4 865.3	2 809.0	73.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	4 771.1	8 118.6	-41.2%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 110 145.6</b>	<b>1 049 823.4</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>1 194 093.3</b>	<b>1 067 848.6</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	11 544.0	10 722.4	7.7%	16 232.3	15 350.6	5.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	61 053.6	57 373.2	6.4%	22 466.3	22 976.4	-2.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 843.8	2 332.2	-20.9%	8 752.5	10 113.3	-13.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	37 984.8	34 649.2	9.6%	31 545.5	31 245.4	1.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	271 381.8	277 674.3	-2.3%	232 281.4	166 892.2	39.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	65 769.1	60 807.2	8.2%	127 006.6	112 728.1	12.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	19 535.5	18 016.4	8.4%	54 021.6	48 281.3	11.9%
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).	3 642.2	4 120.8	-11.6%	3 946.7	3 864.4	2.1%
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.	5 913.2	5 300.0	11.6%	3 776.9	3 669.7	2.9%
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.	19 231.4	18 931.6	1.6%	34 668.9	19 241.8	80.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	11 843.6	10 741.0	10.3%	38 549.7	35 627.9	8.2%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	1 036.1	962.3	7.7%	13 770.0	12 899.5	6.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 536.5	3 926.3	15.5%	14 503.4	12 581.9	15.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	213 335.6	189 190.8	12.8%	13 119.0	7 201.1	82.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	141 460.1	129 838.2	9.0%	58 457.6	57 489.1	1.7%
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.	81 469.5	76 567.5	6.4%	262 482.9	256 052.1	2.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	140 751.8	127 916.5	10.0%	106 040.0	110 427.9	-4.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	6 018.5	6 310.9	-4.6%	31 662.6	30 251.2	4.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 802.4	4 645.6	3.4%	20 454.3	19 044.7	7.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 018.4	1 158.6	-12.1%	777.8	672.2	15.7%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 965.6	8 617.1	-30.8%	1 137.8	1 311.7	-13.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	8.1	21.4	-62.3%	98 439.6	89 926.1	9.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 110 145.6</b>	<b>1 049 823.4</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>1 194 093.3</b>	<b>1 067 848.6</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

# Preliminary BELN Monthly Statement

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

World Zone	December 2018 / November 2018 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 288.3	14 155.5	-20.3%	-22.5	3 093.1	4 283.0	-27.8%	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 288.3</b>	<b>14 155.5</b>	<b>-20.3%</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>3 093.1</b>	<b>4 283.0</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>	<b>0.8</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	December 2018	November 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	337.9	357.9	-5.6%	-0.0	290.5	329.8	-11.9%	-0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	621.6	681.1	-8.7%	0.1	52.6	51.9	1.3%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	116.0	151.3	-23.4%	-0.0	0.4	1.3	-71.2%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 395.6	1 674.7	-16.7%	-0.0	533.0	650.2	-18.0%	-0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 057.1	2 177.0	-5.5%	-20.7	39.7	88.7	-55.3%	0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	974.4	1 294.6	-24.7%	-0.6	787.3	906.3	-13.1%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	446.7	614.3	-27.3%	0.0	32.4	61.6	-47.4%	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).	49.8	64.2	-22.4%	-0.0	4.9	11.7	-57.9%	-
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.	140.2	199.9	-29.9%	-0.0	102.4	158.8	-35.5%	-
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.	307.1	355.4	-13.6%	0.1	30.1	44.3	-32.2%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	471.9	702.2	-32.8%	-0.0	349.6	723.7	-51.7%	-0.0
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	159.3	225.6	-29.4%	-0.1	6.6	18.9	-65.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	142.9	186.8	-23.5%	0.0	6.6	12.2	-46.1%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	824.5	603.8	36.6%	-0.0	514.3	532.4	-3.4%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	616.8	960.3	-35.8%	-0.9	92.9	159.0	-41.6%	1.1
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.	1 361.9	1 996.9	-31.8%	-0.1	200.7	428.8	-53.2%	-0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	866.1	1 307.3	-33.7%	0.0	25.7	76.3	-66.3%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	119.2	173.6	-31.3%	0.0	9.6	12.5	-23.0%	-0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	272.8	421.8	-35.3%	-0.2	5.6	11.2	-49.7%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.9	1.1	-15.3%	-	0.0	0.1	-88.2%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.7	5.9	-4.0%	-	8.1	3.1	162.3%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.0	-100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11 288.3</b>	<b>14 155.5</b>	<b>-20.3%</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>3 093.1</b>	<b>4 283.0</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>	<b>0.8</b>

# Preliminary BELN 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 December 2018 / January to December 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	136 792.2	133 755.3	2.3%	41 555.5	39 045.3	6.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>136 792.2</b>	<b>133 755.3</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>41 555.5</b>	<b>39 045.3</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to December 2018	January to December 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 692.6	3 850.7	-4.1%	4 547.4	4 339.1	4.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 673.0	6 568.0	1.6%	534.9	431.2	24.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 386.9	1 259.2	10.1%	18.2	45.9	-60.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	15 196.4	14 507.2	4.8%	5 878.5	5 355.8	9.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 129.5	18 954.5	16.8%	755.5	745.9	1.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	12 322.9	11 969.2	3.0%	7 437.4	7 861.8	-5.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 756.2	5 728.9	0.5%	515.5	441.2	16.8%
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).	530.3	538.2	-1.5%	151.2	179.8	-15.9%
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.	1 885.7	1 901.4	-0.8%	1 513.1	1 394.7	8.5%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	3 442.1	3 014.0	14.2%	319.8	307.4	4.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 578.7	6 660.0	-1.2%	5 989.2	5 874.5	2.0%
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.	1 968.8	2 089.4	-5.8%	152.7	169.7	-10.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 860.4	1 778.7	4.6%	114.2	112.7	1.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	6 303.5	7 055.5	-10.7%	6 872.9	6 330.9	8.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 282.2	10 627.1	-12.7%	1 548.9	959.9	61.4%
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.	19 564.0	19 008.7	2.9%	4 075.3	3 495.8	16.6%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 754.2	12 866.9	-0.9%	862.7	500.5	72.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 738.8	1 674.9	3.8%	77.6	61.7	25.7%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 645.1	3 627.4	0.5%	145.1	383.5	-62.2%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	5.8	7.4	-21.0%	3.7	2.0	86.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	74.9	67.5	10.9%	41.6	51.4	-19.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	0.6	-64.2%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>136 792.2</b>	<b>133 755.3</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>41 555.5</b>	<b>39 045.3</b>	<b>6.4%</b>