

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

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 90 593 841 632	R 90 162 464 133	R 431 377 499
January 2018 (Revised)	R 80 855 311 466	R 107 977 799 610	R -27 122 488 144
R Increase/Decrease	R 9 738 530 166	R -17 815 335 477	
% Growth	12.0%	-16.5%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 171 449 153 098	R 198 140 263 743	R -26 691 110 645
January to February 2017 (Revised)	R 166 281 481 206	R 173 875 118 797	R -7 593 637 591
R Increase/Decrease	R 5 167 671 892	R 24 265 144 946	
% Growth	3.1%	14.0%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 4:	Prepared Foodstuff increased by	R 589 million (18%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 1 844 million (14%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 122 million (-9%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 493 million (25%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 6 716 million (117%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 3 209 million (-16%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products decreased by	R 1 359 million (-12%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 1 339 million (-24%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 6 053 million (-25%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 1 438 million (-17%)

## International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 80 091 724 967	R 86 779 648 336	R -6 687 923 369
January 2018 (Revised)	R 71 782 565 391	R 105 071 440 633	R -33 288 875 242
R Increase/Decrease	R 8 309 159 576	R -18 291 792 297	
% Growth	11.6%	-17.4%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 151 874 290 358	R 191 851 088 969	R -39 976 798 611
January to February 2017 (Revised)	R 148 039 730 846	R 168 491 722 094	R -20 451 991 248
R Increase/Decrease	R 3 834 559 512	R 23 359 366 875	
% Growth	2.6%	13.9%	

## BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 10 502 116 665	R 3 382 815 797	R 7 119 300 868
January 2018 (Revised)	R 9 072 746 075	R 2 906 358 977	R 6 166 387 098
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 429 370 590	R 476 456 820	
% Growth	15.8%	16.4%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to February 2018 (Preliminary)	R 19 574 862 740	R 6 289 174 774	R 13 285 687 966
January to February 2017 (Revised)	R 18 241 750 360	R 5 383 396 703	R 12 858 353 657
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 333 112 380	R 905 778 071	
% Growth	7.3%	16.8%	

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	25 177.8	22 070.2	14.1%	-31.0	10 104.0	12 796.7	-21.0%	-1.3
AMERICA	7 167.9	7 118.5	0.7%	45.7	7 696.1	9 301.3	-17.3%	-0.0
ASIA	27 511.3	26 551.6	3.6%	-31.0	41 814.6	51 296.7	-18.5%	3.9
EUROPE	21 847.2	17 040.2	28.2%	-0.0	28 797.8	32 662.0	-11.8%	-195.1
OCEANIA	1 255.9	631.9	98.8%	-7.5	1 363.2	1 693.5	-19.5%	-0.2
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 003.2	6 809.1	2.9%	371.4	386.8	227.6	69.9%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	630.6	633.8	-0.5%	-0.3	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 593.8</b>	<b>80 855.3</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>347.4</b>	<b>90 162.5</b>	<b>107 977.8</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>	<b>-192.7</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
		I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 231.5	1 284.0	-4.1%	-0.3	1 647.9	1 784.9
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 846.1	4 246.8	-9.4%	-0.1	2 205.3	1 890.8	16.6%	-7.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	200.5	227.6	-11.9%	-0.0	640.0	933.3	-31.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 849.1	3 260.0	18.1%	-8.1	2 482.0	3 052.2	-18.7%	1.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	21 191.4	21 703.8	-2.4%	23.2	17 340.8	20 550.1	-15.6%	0.3
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 726.6	5 740.7	-0.2%	70.6	9 905.7	11 264.7	-12.1%	-0.4
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 917.7	1 577.9	21.5%	3.9	4 303.0	5 264.7	-18.3%	-1.5
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	326.9	311.8	4.8%	-0.1	333.1	342.4	-2.7%	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.	701.4	446.1	57.2%	0.1	518.5	459.9	12.7%	0.3
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.	1 733.9	1 906.9	-9.1%	-35.7	2 463.2	3 142.8	-21.6%	-0.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 334.2	1 084.1	23.1%	-0.0	3 823.7	3 638.4	5.1%	0.2
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.	208.6	149.5	39.5%	-	1 282.0	1 226.5	4.5%	0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	480.9	367.0	31.0%	0.2	1 098.1	1 308.7	-16.1%	0.6
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	15 228.0	13 384.0	13.8%	371.4	1 202.5	2 085.1	-42.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 775.4	11 897.7	-9.4%	-73.3	4 279.1	5 618.0	-23.8%	-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.	7 548.7	6 055.5	24.7%	-3.3	18 628.8	24 681.8	-24.5%	2.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 444.3	5 728.1	117.3%	-2.5	7 057.8	8 495.7	-16.9%	-187.4
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	615.9	496.4	24.1%	-0.0	2 383.8	2 531.9	-5.8%	0.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	617.7	461.0	34.0%	-0.0	1 454.1	1 603.4	-9.3%	-0.8
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	146.2	49.7	194.2%	1.6	62.7	35.3	77.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	468.9	476.5	-1.6%	-	90.8	103.9	-12.6%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.2	-78.4%	-	6 959.8	7 963.4	-12.6%	0.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>90 593.8</b>	<b>80 855.3</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>347.4</b>	<b>90 162.5</b>	<b>107 977.8</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>	<b>-192.7</b>

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	47 248.0	44 064.6	7.2%	22 900.7	20 991.2	9.1%
AMERICA	14 286.3	13 777.5	3.7%	16 997.3	18 265.7	-6.9%
ASIA	54 063.0	56 766.8	-4.8%	93 111.3	77 613.7	20.0%
EUROPE	38 887.4	40 350.5	-3.6%	61 459.8	54 317.9	13.1%
OCEANIA	1 887.8	1 692.5	11.5%	3 056.7	2 507.1	21.9%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	13 812.3	8 115.8	70.2%	614.4	179.5	242.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 264.4	1 513.8	-16.5%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>171 449.2</b>	<b>166 281.5</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>198 140.3</b>	<b>173 875.1</b>	<b>14.0%</b>

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 515.5	2 485.8	1.2%	3 432.8	2 568.2	33.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 092.9	8 876.9	-8.8%	4 096.1	4 763.8	-14.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	428.1	491.6	-12.9%	1 573.3	1 960.6	-19.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 109.1	6 228.0	14.1%	5 534.2	6 339.4	-12.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	42 895.2	45 487.8	-5.7%	37 890.8	28 502.2	32.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	11 467.3	10 649.8	7.7%	21 170.4	18 837.9	12.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 495.6	3 390.1	3.1%	9 567.7	7 881.1	21.4%
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).	638.7	678.6	-5.9%	675.5	692.2	-2.4%
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.	1 147.5	1 018.0	12.7%	978.3	945.8	3.4%
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.	3 640.8	3 514.4	3.6%	5 605.9	2 592.8	116.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 418.3	2 365.7	2.2%	7 462.1	7 150.1	4.4%
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.	358.1	340.5	5.2%	2 508.5	2 341.1	7.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	847.9	730.6	16.1%	2 406.7	2 070.7	16.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	28 612.0	25 426.3	12.5%	3 287.6	1 908.1	72.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	22 673.1	21 662.2	4.7%	9 897.1	10 110.6	-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.	13 604.2	12 591.9	8.0%	43 310.6	38 533.0	12.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	18 172.4	16 619.3	9.3%	15 553.5	14 827.1	4.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 112.3	1 115.3	-0.3%	4 915.7	4 634.2	6.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 078.7	1 033.0	4.4%	3 057.5	2 862.5	6.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	195.9	115.4	69.8%	97.9	122.5	-20.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	945.4	1 460.1	-35.3%	194.7	234.0	-16.8%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 342.7	3 747.2	-10.8%	-0.1	2 179.3	1 859.8	17.2%	-7.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	110.2	138.2	-20.3%	-0.0	638.4	931.7	-31.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 736.6	2 155.9	26.9%	-7.6	2 109.7	2 723.6	-22.5%	1.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	19 632.9	20 106.4	-2.4%	29.4	17 273.7	20 493.6	-15.7%	0.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 793.3	4 833.4	-0.8%	70.9	9 255.7	10 746.1	-13.9%	-0.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 465.1	1 202.1	21.9%	3.9	4 262.6	5 228.4	-18.5%	-1.5
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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.	549.3	332.4	65.3%	0.0	397.3	351.4	13.0%	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.	1 472.4	1 629.7	-9.7%	-35.4	2 444.7	3 122.3	-21.7%	-0.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	825.0	705.9	16.9%	-0.0	3 316.0	3 256.6	1.8%	0.2
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.	60.3	43.2	39.4%	-	1 269.0	1 218.7	4.1%	0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	343.8	260.6	31.9%	0.1	1 088.6	1 300.0	-16.3%	0.6
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	14 722.6	13 342.5	10.3%	371.4	583.9	1 358.4	-57.0%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 014.4	11 359.1	-11.8%	-72.9	4 151.1	5 531.8	-25.0%	-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.	5 989.0	4 670.7	28.2%	-3.0	18 320.6	24 473.2	-25.1%	2.6
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XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	474.2	373.5	27.0%	-0.0	2 380.8	2 527.6	-5.8%	0.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	357.8	263.8	35.7%	-0.0	1 442.8	1 595.7	-9.6%	-0.8
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	145.9	49.5	194.9%	1.6	62.6	35.3	77.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	462.6	470.6	-1.7%	-	86.6	95.8	-9.6%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.2	-78.4%	-	6 959.8	7 963.4	-12.6%	0.0
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	13 812.3	8 115.8	70.2%	614.4	179.5	242.2%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 264.4	1 513.8	-16.5%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>151 874.3</b>	<b>148 039.7</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>191 851.1</b>	<b>168 491.7</b>	<b>13.9%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 933.3	1 913.2	1.1%	2 688.9	2 105.6	27.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	7 089.9	7 743.6	-8.4%	4 039.1	4 714.1	-14.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	248.3	311.2	-20.2%	1 570.1	1 959.2	-19.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 892.5	4 152.5	17.8%	4 833.2	5 580.3	-13.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	39 739.3	42 717.1	-7.0%	37 767.3	28 400.6	33.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 626.7	8 975.5	7.3%	20 001.9	17 601.4	13.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 667.2	2 607.2	2.3%	9 491.0	7 812.9	21.5%
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).	557.7	604.2	-7.7%	647.7	665.5	-2.7%
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.	881.7	768.0	14.8%	748.7	739.2	1.3%
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.	3 102.0	2 976.3	4.2%	5 566.9	2 539.9	119.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 531.0	1 509.9	1.4%	6 572.6	6 327.5	3.9%
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.	103.5	98.5	5.1%	2 487.7	2 323.8	7.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	604.4	493.4	22.5%	2 388.6	2 054.8	16.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	28 065.1	24 891.3	12.8%	1 942.4	1 119.0	73.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	21 373.5	20 428.3	4.6%	9 682.9	9 977.2	-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.	10 659.8	9 970.2	6.9%	42 793.8	38 035.2	12.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	16 200.4	14 897.0	8.7%	15 477.8	14 782.6	4.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	847.7	848.6	-0.1%	4 908.4	4 624.3	6.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	621.6	568.8	9.3%	3 038.5	2 783.1	9.2%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	195.4	114.2	71.1%	97.9	122.5	-20.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	933.2	1 450.7	-35.7%	182.4	225.9	-19.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	0.2	-8.7%	14 923.2	13 997.1	6.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>151 874.3</b>	<b>148 039.7</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>191 851.1</b>	<b>168 491.7</b>	<b>13.9%</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. 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	February 2018 / January 2018 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	February 2018	January 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2018	January 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 502.1	9 072.7	15.8%	-8.0	3 382.8	2 906.4	16.4%	-0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 502.1</b>	<b>9 072.7</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>3 382.8</b>	<b>2 906.4</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2018	January 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2018	January 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	280.3	301.9	-7.1%	-0.0	431.9	312.1	38.4%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	503.4	499.6	0.8%	-0.0	26.0	31.0	-16.1%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	90.3	89.4	1.0%	-0.0	1.6	1.6	-1.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 112.5	1 104.0	0.8%	-0.6	372.4	328.6	13.3%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 558.5	1 597.4	-2.4%	-6.2	67.1	56.4	19.0%	-0.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	933.3	907.3	2.9%	-0.4	649.9	518.6	25.3%	-0.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	452.6	375.9	20.4%	0.0	40.3	36.4	10.8%	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).	41.5	39.4	5.4%	-	12.8	15.0	-14.1%	-
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	152.0	113.8	33.6%	0.1	121.2	108.4	11.7%	-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.	261.5	277.3	-5.7%	-0.4	18.5	20.5	-9.7%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	509.1	378.1	34.6%	-0.0	507.7	381.8	33.0%	-
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.	148.3	106.3	39.6%	-	13.0	7.8	66.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	137.1	106.4	28.8%	0.1	9.5	8.6	9.5%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	505.4	41.5	1118.1%	-	618.6	726.6	-14.9%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	761.0	538.6	41.3%	-0.4	128.0	86.2	48.5%	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.	1 559.7	1 384.8	12.6%	-0.2	308.2	208.6	47.7%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 087.1	884.9	22.9%	-0.0	37.6	38.0	-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.	141.7	122.9	15.3%	-0.0	3.0	4.3	-30.6%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	259.9	197.2	31.8%	-0.0	11.3	7.7	46.4%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.3	0.2	34.7%	-	0.0	0.0	3335.0%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6.4	5.9	8.7%	-	4.2	8.2	-48.4%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 502.1</b>	<b>9 072.7</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>3 382.8</b>	<b>2 906.4</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>-0.2</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

World Zone	January to February 2018 / January to February 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	19 574.9	18 241.8	7.3%	6 289.2	5 383.4	16.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 574.9</b>	<b>18 241.8</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>6 289.2</b>	<b>5 383.4</b>	<b>16.8%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to February 2018	January to February 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	582.2	572.6	1.7%	744.0	462.6	60.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	1 003.0	1 133.3	-11.5%	57.0	49.7	14.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	179.7	180.4	-0.4%	3.1	1.4	128.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 216.6	2 075.5	6.8%	700.9	759.0	-7.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	3 155.9	2 770.7	13.9%	123.6	101.6	21.6%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 840.6	1 674.4	9.9%	1 168.6	1 236.5	-5.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	828.5	782.9	5.8%	76.7	68.2	12.4%
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).	81.0	74.4	8.8%	27.8	26.8	3.9%
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.	265.8	250.0	6.3%	229.6	206.6	11.1%
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.	538.8	538.2	0.1%	39.0	52.9	-26.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	887.3	855.8	3.7%	889.5	822.7	8.1%
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.	254.6	242.0	5.2%	20.8	17.3	20.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	243.5	237.2	2.6%	18.1	15.8	14.1%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	546.9	535.0	2.2%	1 345.2	789.1	70.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 299.6	1 233.9	5.3%	214.3	133.5	60.5%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	2 944.5	2 621.7	12.3%	516.8	497.7	3.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 972.0	1 722.3	14.5%	75.6	44.5	69.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	264.6	266.7	-0.8%	7.3	9.9	-26.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	457.1	464.2	-1.5%	19.0	79.3	-76.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.5	1.2	-58.6%	0.0	0.0	-26.8%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	12.3	9.5	29.8%	12.4	8.1	52.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.0	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19 574.9</b>	<b>18 241.8</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>6 289.2</b>	<b>5 383.4</b>	<b>16.8%</b>