

SA Trade Statistics for March 2018 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 98 287 063 534	R 88 812 618 841	R 9 474 444 693
February 2018 (Revised)	R 90 013 348 897	R 90 616 628 143	R -603 279 246

R Increase/Decrease	R 8 273 714 637	R -1 804 009 302
% Growth	9.2%	-2.0%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 268 766 138 191	R 287 398 634 132	R -18 632 495 941
January to March 2017 (Revised)	R 267 761 311 023	R 263 544 216 380	R 4 217 094 643

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 004 827 168	R 23 854 417 752
% Growth	0.4%	9.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 2 432 million	(12%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 2 188 million	(15%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 1 976 million	(19%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 724 million	(10%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by	R 1 069 million	(-9%)

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products decreased by	R 674 million	(-31%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 2 457 million	(-14%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 566 million	(13%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 121 million	(6%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 813 million	(12%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 87 508 565 148	R 85 521 034 138	R 1 987 531 010
February 2018 (Revised)	R 79 537 110 692	R 87 234 234 256	R -7 697 123 564
R Increase/Decrease	R 7 971 454 456	R -1 713 200 118	
% Growth	10.0%	-2.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 238 442 931 458	R 277 818 418 155	R -39 375 486 697
January to March 2017 (Revised)	R 238 359 018 669	R 255 020 559 050	R -16 661 540 381
R Increase/Decrease	R 83 912 789	R 22 797 859 105	
% Growth	0.0%	8.9%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 10 778 498 386	R 3 291 584 703	R 7 486 913 683
February 2018 (Revised)	R 10 476 238 205	R 3 382 393 887	R 7 093 844 318
R Increase/Decrease	R 302 260 181	R -90 809 184	
% Growth	2.9%	-2.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2018 (Preliminary)	R 30 323 206 733	R 9 580 215 977	R 20 742 990 756
January to March 2017 (Revised)	R 29 402 292 354	R 8 523 657 330	R 20 878 635 024
R Increase/Decrease	R 920 914 379	R 1 056 558 647	
% Growth	3.1%	12.4%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	March 2018 / February 2018 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	26 205.566	25 083.6	4.5%	-94.2	9 334.33	10 566.6	-11.7%	462.6
AMERICA	8 965	7 116.3	26.0%	-51.6	9 074	7 689.0	18.0%	-7.1
ASIA	31 197	27 302.9	14.3%	-208.5	40 350	41 812.9	-3.5%	-1.7
EUROPE	22 936	21 767.1	5.4%	-80.1	27 895	28 798.1	-3.1%	0.3
OCEANIA	900	1 261.2	-28.6%	5.3	1 995	1 363.2	46.3%	0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 385	6 851.7	7.8%	-151.5	164	386.8	-57.7%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	698	630.6	10.7%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	98 287.1	90 013.3	9.2%	-580.5	88 812.6	90 616.6	-2.0%	454.2

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 214.0	1 232.3	-1.5%	0.8	1 812.1	1 647.2	10.0%	-0.7
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 561.6	3 846.9	18.6%	0.8	1 530.2	2 204.1	-30.6%	-1.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	287.1	200.5	43.2%	0.0	686.9	640.0	7.3%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 118.2	3 808.6	8.1%	-40.5	2 757.5	2 482.0	11.1%	-0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 425.0	20 992.8	11.6%	-198.5	15 347.4	17 804.9	-13.8%	464.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 393.4	5 722.1	11.7%	-4.4	9 887.2	9 906.5	-0.2%	0.8
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 063.7	1 917.5	7.6%	-0.2	4 074.1	4 299.4	-5.2%	-3.5
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).	338.0	326.9	3.4%	0.0	241.3	333.1	-27.6%	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.	544.1	701.0	-22.4%	-0.4	380.8	518.2	-26.5%	-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.	1 285.9	1 690.5	-23.9%	-43.4	2 432.9	2 462.2	-1.2%	-1.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 639.5	1 333.9	22.9%	-0.3	3 539.9	3 821.1	-7.4%	-2.7
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	251.2	208.6	20.4%	0.0	950.3	1 282.0	-25.9%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	544.6	479.2	13.6%	-1.6	1 041.7	1 097.9	-5.1%	-0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	17 264.7	15 076.5	14.5%	-151.5	754.3	1 208.5	-37.6%	5.9
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 620.3	10 644.3	18.6%	-131.1	4 844.5	4 278.1	13.2%	-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.	8 269.8	7 545.7	9.6%	-3.1	19 750.9	18 629.7	6.0%	0.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 369.6	12 438.6	-8.6%	-5.7	7 869.0	7 055.5	11.5%	-2.3
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	639.8	615.9	3.9%	-0.0	2 624.5	2 379.5	10.3%	-4.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	778.8	617.7	26.1%	-0.0	1 263.5	1 453.6	-13.1%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	86.2	146.2	-41.0%	-0.0	26.5	62.7	-57.8%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	588.5	467.7	25.8%	-1.3	75.0	90.8	-17.4%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.1	0.0	8505.8%	-	6 922.1	6 959.8	-0.5%	-
Total		98 287.1	90 013.3	9.2%	-580.5	88 812.6	90 616.6	-2.0%	454.2

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	73 347.8	70 585.9	3.9%	32 697.6	30 646.2	6.7%
AMERICA	23 200.2	21 907.8	5.9%	26 063.3	29 004.0	-10.1%
ASIA	85 036.0	87 856.1	-3.2%	133 457.3	113 393.0	17.7%
EUROPE	61 741.8	67 255.2	-8.2%	89 350.8	86 558.6	3.2%
OCEANIA	2 785.7	3 006.4	-7.3%	5 051.4	3 665.1	37.8%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	20 692.0	14 304.2	44.7%	778.2	277.4	180.5%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 962.7	2 845.6	-31.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	268 766.1	267 761.3	0.4%	287 398.6	263 544.2	9.1%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 730.4	3 749.6	-0.5%	5 244.2	4 384.1	19.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	12 655.5	14 001.3	-9.6%	5 624.0	6 774.7	-17.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	715.2	771.8	-7.3%	2 260.2	2 844.6	-20.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	11 186.5	10 025.4	11.6%	8 290.1	9 148.7	-9.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	66 121.5	69 245.4	-4.5%	53 702.3	42 827.9	25.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	17 855.6	17 101.1	4.4%	31 058.6	28 035.1	10.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 559.2	5 410.6	2.7%	13 639.0	11 724.0	16.3%
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).	976.7	1 024.4	-4.7%	916.6	941.6	-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.	1 687.7	1 680.8	0.4%	1 358.9	1 333.2	1.9%
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.	4 883.3	5 597.0	-12.8%	8 038.4	3 822.1	110.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 057.5	4 007.1	1.3%	10 998.8	10 097.2	8.9%
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.	609.4	605.0	0.7%	3 453.6	3 169.8	9.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 391.2	1 199.3	16.0%	3 448.3	2 968.6	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.	45 371.8	42 588.5	6.5%	4 047.8	2 790.5	45.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	35 140.4	32 925.0	6.7%	14 740.6	14 786.1	-0.3%
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.	21 862.5	21 416.5	2.1%	63 061.2	58 986.7	6.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	29 534.5	29 204.6	1.1%	23 420.2	24 907.5	-6.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 752.0	2 029.1	-13.7%	7 536.4	7 555.4	-0.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 857.5	1 680.7	10.5%	4 320.1	4 025.5	7.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	282.1	579.4	-51.3%	124.4	292.4	-57.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 532.6	2 918.1	-47.5%	269.8	445.0	-39.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.3	0.8	300.7%	21 845.3	21 683.6	0.7%
Total		268 766.1	267 761.3	0.4%	287 398.6	263 544.2	9.1%

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	15 427.1	14 607.4	5.6%	-68.3	6 042.7	7 184.2	-15.9%	463.0
AMERICA	8 965.4	7 116.3	26.0%	-51.6	9 074.5	7 689.0	18.0%	-7.1
ASIA	31 197.1	27 302.9	14.3%	-208.5	40 350.3	41 812.9	-3.5%	-1.7
EUROPE	22 936.1	21 767.1	5.4%	-80.1	27 895.0	28 798.1	-3.1%	0.3
OCEANIA	900.0	1 261.2	-28.6%	5.3	1 994.7	1 363.2	46.3%	0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 384.5	6 851.7	7.8%	-151.5	163.8	386.8	-57.7%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	698.3	630.6	10.7%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	87 508.6	79 537.1	10.0%	-554.6	85 521.0	87 234.2	-2.0%	454.6

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	906.6	952.0	-4.8%	0.8	1 313.2	1 215.3	8.1%	-0.7
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 008.1	3 343.5	19.9%	0.8	1 505.6	2 178.2	-30.9%	-1.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	160.7	110.2	45.8%	0.0	685.6	638.4	7.4%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 919.9	2 696.6	8.3%	-40.0	2 319.2	2 109.6	9.9%	-0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	21 860.5	19 456.3	12.4%	-176.6	15 290.5	17 737.7	-13.8%	464.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 483.3	4 789.1	14.5%	-4.2	9 259.3	9 256.6	0.0%	0.8
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 582.3	1 464.9	8.0%	-0.2	4 033.2	4 259.1	-5.3%	-3.5
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).	290.9	285.3	1.9%	0.0	225.9	320.3	-29.5%	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.	383.5	548.9	-30.1%	-0.4	263.8	397.0	-33.6%	-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.	1 057.0	1 428.9	-26.0%	-43.4	2 416.6	2 443.7	-1.1%	-1.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 080.8	824.8	31.0%	-0.3	3 022.9	3 313.3	-8.8%	-2.7
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	86.7	60.3	43.8%	0.0	938.1	1 269.0	-26.1%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	389.7	342.2	13.9%	-1.6	1 032.8	1 088.5	-5.1%	-0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 904.2	14 571.1	16.0%	-151.5	422.9	589.8	-28.3%	5.9
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 867.3	9 883.4	20.1%	-131.0	4 674.0	4 149.8	12.6%	-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.	6 638.1	5 986.1	10.9%	-2.9	19 413.1	18 322.0	6.0%	1.4
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 229.2	11 353.1	-9.9%	-4.2	7 817.8	7 017.9	11.4%	-2.3
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	478.8	474.2	1.0%	-0.0	2 619.1	2 376.5	10.2%	-4.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	509.1	357.8	42.3%	-0.0	1 246.6	1 442.3	-13.6%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	86.0	145.9	-41.1%	-0.0	26.4	62.6	-57.8%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	582.8	462.6	26.0%	-	72.4	86.6	-16.4%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.1	0.0	8505.8%	-	6 922.1	6 959.8	-0.5%	-
Total		87 508.6	79 537.1	10.0%	-554.6	85 521.0	87 234.2	-2.0%	454.6

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AFRICA	43 024.6	41 183.6	4.5%	23 117.3	22 122.5	4.5%
AMERICA	23 200.2	21 907.8	5.9%	26 063.3	29 004.0	-10.1%
ASIA	85 036.0	87 856.1	-3.2%	133 457.3	113 393.0	17.7%
EUROPE	61 741.8	67 255.2	-8.2%	89 350.8	86 558.6	3.2%
OCEANIA	2 785.7	3 006.4	-7.3%	5 051.4	3 665.1	37.8%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	20 692.0	14 304.2	44.7%	778.2	277.4	180.5%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 962.7	2 845.6	-31.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	238 442.9	238 359.0	0.0%	277 818.4	255 020.6	8.9%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 840.7	2 855.3	-0.5%	4 001.3	3 567.2	12.2%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	11 099.0	12 204.1	-9.1%	5 542.6	6 698.6	-17.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	409.0	467.7	-12.5%	2 255.8	2 838.3	-20.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 772.1	6 800.6	14.3%	7 150.8	7 885.4	-9.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	61 423.8	65 058.7	-5.6%	53 521.8	42 644.6	25.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	15 105.2	14 499.2	4.2%	29 262.2	26 229.2	11.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	4 249.4	4 159.4	2.2%	13 521.4	11 615.9	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).	848.6	915.6	-7.3%	873.5	895.5	-2.5%
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.	1 264.8	1 272.7	-0.6%	1 012.3	1 011.7	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.	4 115.6	4 806.5	-14.4%	7 983.1	3 747.1	113.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 611.5	2 533.8	3.1%	9 592.3	8 808.8	8.9%
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.	190.3	188.6	0.9%	3 420.6	3 137.6	9.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	992.8	809.8	22.6%	3 421.3	2 942.7	16.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	44 464.4	41 438.4	7.3%	2 371.2	1 531.1	54.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	33 087.9	30 963.4	6.9%	14 355.6	14 585.1	-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.	17 286.3	17 141.2	0.8%	62 207.1	58 197.1	6.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	26 423.7	26 212.1	0.8%	23 293.4	24 832.7	-6.2%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 326.5	1 625.5	-18.4%	7 523.6	7 541.6	-0.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 130.6	928.9	21.7%	4 284.1	3 904.6	9.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	281.3	577.9	-51.3%	124.4	292.3	-57.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 516.0	2 898.8	-47.7%	254.8	429.8	-40.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.3	0.8	307.4%	21 845.3	21 683.6	0.7%
Total		238 442.9	238 359.0	0.0%	277 818.4	255 020.6	8.9%

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

PERIOD: World Zone	March 2018 / February 2018 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 778.5	10 476.2	2.9%	-25.9	3 291.6	3 382.4	-2.7%	-0.4
Total	10 778.5	10 476.2	2.9%	-25.9	3 291.6	3 382.4	-2.7%	-0.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	March 2018	February 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	307.5	280.3	9.7%	-	498.9	431.9	15.5%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	553.5	503.4	10.0%	-0.0	24.6	25.9	-4.9%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	126.5	90.3	40.0%	-	1.3	1.6	-16.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 198.3	1 112.0	7.8%	-0.5	438.3	372.4	17.7%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 564.5	1 536.5	1.8%	-21.9	57.0	67.1	-15.1%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	910.1	933.0	-2.5%	-0.3	627.8	649.9	-3.4%	-0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	481.4	452.6	6.4%	-0.0	40.9	40.3	1.4%	-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).	47.1	41.5	13%	-	15.3	12.8	19.3%	-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.	160.6	152.0	5.6%	-	117.0	121.1	-3.4%	-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.	228.9	261.5	-12.5%	-0.0	16.3	18.5	-11.9%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	558.7	509.1	9.7%	-0.0	517.0	507.7	1.8%	-
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.	164.5	148.3	10.9%	-0.0	12.2	13.0	-6.2%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	154.9	137.1	13.0%	-	8.9	9.4	-5.3%	-0.0
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	360.5	505.4	-28.7%	-	331.4	618.6	-46.4%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	753.0	760.9	-1.0%	-0.1	170.5	128.3	32.9%	0.3
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.	1 631.7	1 559.5	4.6%	-0.1	337.8	307.7	9.8%	-0.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 140.4	1 085.5	5.1%	-1.6	51.2	37.6	36.2%	-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.	160.9	141.7	13.6%	-	5.4	3.0	82.0%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	269.8	259.9	3.8%	-0.0	17.0	11.3	50.6%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.2	0.3	-28.5%	-	0.0	0.0	-54.1%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.7	5.1	11.1%	-1.3	2.6	4.2	-37.7%	-
Total		10 778.5	10 476.2	2.9%	-25.9	3 291.6	3 382.4	-2.7%	-0.4

Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

<p>METHODOLOGY CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p>	<p>Export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month from and to South Africa. Cursory checks of the figures are made prior to publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	January to March 2018 / January to March 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	30 323.2	29 402.3	3.1%	9 580.2	8 523.7	12.4%
Total	30 323.2	29 402.3	3.1%	9 580.2	8 523.7	12.4%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2018	January to March 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	889.6	894.3	-0.5%	1 242.9	816.9	52.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	1 556.5	1 797.3	-13.4%	81.4	76.1	7.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	306.2	304.1	0.7%	4.4	6.4	-30.4%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 414.4	3 224.8	5.9%	1 139.2	1 263.4	-9.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	4 697.7	4 186.7	12.2%	180.5	183.3	-1.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	2 750.3	2 601.9	5.7%	1 796.4	1 805.9	-0.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 309.8	1 251.2	4.7%	117.6	108.0	8.8%
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).	128.1	108.8	17.8%	43.1	46.1	-6.5%
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.	422.9	408.1	3.6%	346.6	321.5	7.8%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	767.7	790.5	-2.9%	55.3	75.0	-26.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 445.9	1 473.3	-1.9%	1 406.5	1 288.4	9.2%
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.	419.1	416.3	0.7%	33.0	32.1	2.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	398.4	389.5	2.3%	26.9	25.8	4.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	907.4	1 150.0	-21.1%	1 676.6	1 259.4	33.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	2 052.5	1 961.6	4.6%	385.1	201.0	91.6%
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.	4 576.1	4 275.3	7.0%	854.1	789.5	8.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	3 110.7	2 992.4	4.0%	126.8	74.8	69.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	425.5	403.6	5.4%	12.7	13.7	-7.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	726.9	751.9	-3.3%	35.9	120.9	-70.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.7	1.4	-51.2%	0.0	0.1	-48.7%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	16.6	19.3	-13.8%	15.0	15.1	-1.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.0	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total		30 323.2	29 402.3	3.1%	9 580.2	8 523.7	12.4%