

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

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 102 609 540 345	R 99 091 610 343	R 3 517 930 002
April 2018 (Revised)	R 88 454 604 937	R 87 287 648 967	R 1 166 955 970

R Increase/Decrease	R 14 154 935 408	R 11 803 961 376
% Growth	16.0%	13.5%

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 459 582 536 044	R 473 760 191 050	R -14 177 655 006
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 461 518 229 649	R 445 112 760 574	R 16 405 469 075

R Increase/Decrease	R -1 935 693 605	R 28 647 430 476
% Growth	-0.4%	6.4%

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

##### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 2 390 million (56%)
Section 4:	Prepared Foodstuff increased by	R 1 124 million (32%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 2 342 million (11%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 1 507 million (28%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 2 671 million (29%)

##### IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 713 million (135%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 1 007 million (25%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1 857 million (9%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1 938 million (26%)
Section 23:	Original Equipments Components increased by	R 1 066 million (15%)

## International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 91 434 447 129	R 96 083 689 811	R -4 649 242 682
April 2018 (Revised)	R 78 225 756 160	R 84 386 005 471	R -6 160 249 311
R Increase/Decrease	R 13 208 690 969	R 11 697 684 340	
% Growth	16.9%	13.9%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 407 848 656 787	R 458 275 886 228	R -50 427 229 441
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 412 358 359 780	R 430 652 340 500	R -18 293 980 720
R Increase/Decrease	R -4 509 702 993	R 27 623 545 728	
% Growth	-1.1%	6.4%	

## BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 11 175 093 216	R 3 007 920 532	R 8 167 172 684
April 2018 (Revised)	R 10 228 848 777	R 2 901 643 496	R 7 327 205 281
R Increase/Decrease	R 946 244 439	R 106 277 036	
% Growth	9.3%	3.7%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 51 733 879 257	R 15 484 304 822	R 36 249 574 435
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 49 159 869 869	R 14 460 420 074	R 34 699 449 795
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 574 009 388	R 1 023 884 748	
% Growth	5.2%	7.1%	

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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	May 2018 / April 2018 Revision							
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	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	27 670	24 140	14.6%	-31.1	12 066	11 423	5.6%	0.6
AMERICA	8 774	7 345	19.5%	-14.0	9 594	8 820	8.8%	-35.1
ASIA	32 620	28 269	15.4%	53.4	43 207	38 403	12.5%	-3.8
EUROPE	27 057	21 325	26.9%	-50.9	31 306	27 462	14.0%	-31.2
OCEANIA	733	842	-12.9%	-0.2	1 965	1 037	89.5%	-
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 389	6 183	-12.8%	-0.0	953	143	566.3%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	365	351	4.1%	-0.4	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>102 610</b>	<b>88 455</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>99 092</b>	<b>87 288</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>-69.6</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 312.7	1 215.6	8.0%	-0.3	1 771.1	1 639.6	8.0%	-0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 666.3	4 276.5	55.9%	0.3	2 986.1	1 272.9	134.6%	0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	340.0	320.1	6.2%	-	576.5	407.5	41.5%	0.3
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 619.5	3 495.6	32.2%	0.4	3 036.0	2 784.4	9.0%	-0.6
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	24 571.3	22 228.9	10.5%	8.4	16 833.1	16 816.9	0.1%	20.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 917.1	5 409.7	27.9%	-11.5	10 223.6	9 516.9	7.4%	-1.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 384.4	1 688.6	41.2%	-8.1	4 431.1	4 231.4	4.7%	-4.3
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).	440.2	334.7	31.5%	-0.0	284.1	214.1	32.7%	-0.1
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.	744.7	529.6	40.6%	-0.2	471.1	369.3	27.6%	-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.	1 826.3	1 497.0	22.0%	-17.6	2 993.9	2 480.5	20.7%	-0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 470.9	1 464.1	0.5%	-0.0	3 515.9	2 929.1	20.0%	-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.	244.6	249.6	-2.0%	0.0	902.0	707.2	27.5%	-0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	486.9	474.9	2.5%	-0.2	1 166.0	1 003.7	16.2%	-1.7
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 436.1	16 002.9	2.7%	-	1 618.3	1 013.5	59.7%	-11.5
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 876.2	10 980.5	8.2%	-7.1	5 021.1	4 014.3	25.1%	0.6
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.	8 506.5	7 454.9	14.1%	-0.3	21 452.2	19 595.6	9.5%	0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 874.3	9 203.1	29.0%	-6.4	9 384.1	7 445.8	26.0%	-71.4
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	759.9	543.1	39.9%	0.0	2 473.0	2 335.6	5.9%	0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	688.7	627.5	9.8%	-0.1	1 713.1	1 176.0	45.7%	-0.4
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	123.4	68.3	80.6%	-	56.0	198.2	-71.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	319.2	389.3	-18.0%	-0.4	90.8	108.4	-16.2%	-0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.0	162.4%	-	8 092.4	7 026.6	15.2%	1.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>102 609.5</b>	<b>88 454.6</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>99 091.6</b>	<b>87 287.6</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>-69.6</b>

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2018 / January to May 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	125 081.6	118 931.6	5.2%	56 177.6	50 727.3	10.7%
AMERICA	39 136.7	39 879.2	-1.9%	44 488.1	47 712.6	-6.8%
ASIA	145 942.2	149 397.6	-2.3%	215 051.8	195 803.3	9.8%
EUROPE	110 118.9	115 490.7	-4.7%	148 115.2	143 974.9	2.9%
OCEANIA	4 359.6	5 336.1	-18.3%	8 052.8	5 879.4	37.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	32 264.5	28 066.2	15.0%	1 874.7	1 015.3	84.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 679.1	4 416.8	-39.3%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>459 582.5</b>	<b>461 518.2</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>473 760.2</b>	<b>445 112.8</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	6 257.9	6 205.6	0.8%	8 654.6	7 776.0	11.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	23 600.3	23 663.4	-0.3%	9 882.9	9 849.3	0.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 375.4	1 424.2	-3.4%	3 244.2	4 164.1	-22.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	19 299.7	17 507.7	10.2%	14 107.4	14 409.1	-2.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	112 953.9	118 834.5	-4.9%	87 336.8	74 166.4	17.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	30 174.2	28 935.5	4.3%	50 805.4	46 444.9	9.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	9 622.2	9 055.4	6.3%	22 302.1	19 373.8	15.1%
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).	1 751.6	1 859.4	-5.8%	1 414.9	1 504.9	-6.0%
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.	2 960.7	2 744.9	7.9%	2 199.2	2 137.2	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.	8 205.2	9 234.0	-11.1%	13 509.8	6 132.8	120.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 992.6	6 745.3	3.7%	17 439.2	16 694.9	4.5%
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.	1 103.8	1 085.0	1.7%	5 062.7	5 123.3	-1.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 349.4	2 099.2	11.9%	5 617.8	4 997.0	12.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	77 811.4	75 202.7	3.5%	6 679.6	5 048.2	32.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	57 737.5	57 446.5	0.5%	23 774.5	24 959.1	-4.7%
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.	37 827.2	36 875.6	2.6%	104 123.3	100 940.2	3.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	50 612.4	51 356.0	-1.4%	40 248.2	44 529.3	-9.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 055.2	3 177.8	-3.9%	12 344.7	12 242.8	0.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 173.7	2 983.3	6.4%	7 207.3	7 067.7	2.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	473.7	691.8	-31.5%	378.6	384.2	-1.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 241.0	4 388.9	-48.9%	469.2	596.2	-21.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.4	1.7	97.2%	36 958.1	36 571.2	1.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>459 582.5</b>	<b>461 518.2</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>473 760.2</b>	<b>445 112.8</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

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<b>Total</b>	<b>91 434</b>	<b>78 226</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>-31.2</b>	<b>96 084</b>	<b>84 386</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>-70.0</b>

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 120.0	3 763.0	62.6%	0.4	2 945.2	1 235.5	138.4%	0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	214.6	221.6	-3.1%	-	574.6	405.7	41.6%	0.3
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 410.8	2 483.0	37.4%	0.4	2 604.4	2 325.4	12.0%	-0.6
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	22 817.3	20 709.4	10.2%	15.1	16 767.1	16 748.4	0.1%	20.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 824.7	4 506.7	29.2%	-11.7	9 740.6	9 097.2	7.1%	-1.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 932.5	1 271.1	52.0%	-8.1	4 392.6	4 196.5	4.7%	-4.4
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).	395.9	293.8	34.7%	-0.0	272.2	196.9	38.3%	-0.1
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.	583.5	386.0	51.1%	-0.3	333.9	263.2	26.9%	-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.	1 585.6	1 268.2	25.0%	-17.5	2 977.8	2 466.3	20.7%	-0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	880.2	907.8	-3.0%	-0.0	3 060.1	2 476.5	23.6%	-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.	85.7	92.4	-7.2%	0.0	889.6	693.1	28.3%	-0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	335.0	322.2	4.0%	-0.2	1 155.7	996.7	16.0%	-1.7
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 122.1	15 426.9	4.5%	-	1 181.1	518.5	127.8%	-11.5
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 077.3	10 242.3	8.2%	-7.1	4 927.3	3 907.4	26.1%	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.	6 901.9	6 004.8	14.9%	-0.1	21 095.9	19 356.2	9.0%	0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	10 719.0	8 196.2	30.8%	-1.4	9 349.7	7 398.7	26.4%	-71.4
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	600.6	405.0	48.3%	0.0	2 466.2	2 331.5	5.8%	0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	388.7	350.5	10.9%	-0.1	1 699.7	1 165.4	45.9%	-0.4
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	123.0	67.6	82.1%	-	56.0	198.1	-71.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	313.4	383.1	-18.2%	-0.4	88.9	106.6	-16.6%	-0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.0	74.8%	-	8 092.4	7 026.6	15.2%	1.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>91 434.4</b>	<b>78 225.8</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>-31.2</b>	<b>96 083.7</b>	<b>84 386.0</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>-70.0</b>

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<b>Total</b>	<b>407 848.7</b>	<b>412 358.4</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>458 275.9</b>	<b>430 652.3</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 767.0	4 694.9	1.5%	6 689.1	6 214.1	7.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	20 984.2	20 747.8	1.1%	9 723.5	9 702.0	0.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	845.0	905.8	-6.7%	3 236.0	4 154.5	-22.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	13 664.4	12 077.5	13.1%	12 077.5	12 296.6	-1.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	104 970.5	111 600.4	-5.9%	87 021.7	73 856.4	17.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	25 430.1	24 525.0	3.7%	48 108.7	43 479.5	10.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	7 444.1	6 921.2	7.6%	22 112.1	19 199.3	15.2%
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).	1 538.3	1 680.0	-8.4%	1 342.7	1 432.0	-6.2%
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.	2 233.2	2 043.7	9.3%	1 609.3	1 594.8	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.	6 969.2	8 019.1	-13.1%	13 424.2	6 029.7	122.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 399.7	4 155.4	5.9%	15 124.5	14 602.2	3.6%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	368.3	348.2	5.8%	5 003.1	5 067.4	-1.3%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 646.4	1 436.6	14.6%	5 573.6	4 955.1	12.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	76 014.0	74 003.8	2.7%	4 070.8	2 866.4	42.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	54 148.5	54 145.2	0.0%	23 188.4	24 618.5	-5.8%
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.	30 196.2	29 550.6	2.2%	102 675.3	99 621.5	3.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	45 339.6	46 248.9	-2.0%	40 040.0	44 344.9	-9.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 332.1	2 530.7	-7.8%	12 321.2	12 214.9	0.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 869.9	1 672.7	11.8%	7 147.3	6 871.9	4.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	471.9	689.2	-31.5%	378.5	384.1	-1.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 212.5	4 360.4	-49.3%	450.5	575.3	-21.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.4	1.2	189.3%	36 958.1	36 571.2	1.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>407 848.7</b>	<b>412 358.4</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>458 275.9</b>	<b>430 652.3</b>	<b>6.4%</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

PERIOD:		May 2018 / April 2018 Revision							
World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS				
	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	11 175.1	10 228.8	9.3%	-12.0	3 007.9	2 901.6	3.7%	0.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 175.1</b>	<b>10 228.8</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>3 007.9</b>	<b>2 901.6</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>0.4</b>	

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	309.9	291.5	6.3%	-	358.6	363.9	-1.5%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	546.3	513.5	6.4%	-0.1	41.0	37.4	9.6%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	125.4	98.5	27.3%	-	1.9	1.8	5.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 208.7	1 012.6	19.4%	0.0	431.5	459.0	-6.0%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 754.0	1 519.5	15.4%	-6.7	66.0	68.5	-3.6%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 092.5	903.0	21.0%	0.1	483.0	419.7	15.1%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	451.9	417.6	8.2%	0.0	38.6	34.9	10.4%	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).	44.4	40.9	8.5%	0.0	11.8	17.2	-31.3%	-
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.	161.3	143.6	12.3%	0.0	137.2	106.2	29.2%	-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.	240.7	228.7	5.2%	-0.0	16.1	14.2	13.7%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	590.7	556.3	6.2%	-	455.7	452.6	0.7%	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.	158.9	157.2	1.1%	-	12.5	14.1	-11.7%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	151.9	152.7	-0.5%	0.0	10.2	7.0	45.7%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	314.0	576.0	-45.5%	-	437.2	495.0	-11.7%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	799.0	738.2	8.2%	0.0	93.8	107.0	-12.3%	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.	1 604.6	1 450.1	10.7%	-0.2	356.3	239.5	48.8%	-0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 155.4	1 006.9	14.7%	-5.0	34.4	47.0	-26.9%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	159.4	138.2	15.3%	-	6.8	4.1	63.9%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	300.0	277.0	8.3%	-	13.4	10.7	25.8%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.7	-51.6%	-	0.0	0.0	-22.8%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.8	6.1	-5.1%	-	1.9	1.9	3.1%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	1139.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11 175.1</b>	<b>10 228.8</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>3 007.9</b>	<b>2 901.6</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>0.4</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 May 2018 / January to May 2017					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	51 733.9	49 159.9	5.2%	15 484.3	14 460.4	7.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51 733.9</b>	<b>49 159.9</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>15 484.3</b>	<b>14 460.4</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 490.8	1 510.7	-1.3%	1 965.5	1 561.9	25.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 616.1	2 915.6	-10.3%	159.4	147.3	8.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	530.4	518.3	2.3%	8.2	9.6	-14.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 635.3	5 430.2	3.8%	2 029.8	2 112.5	-3.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	7 983.3	7 234.0	10.4%	315.2	310.0	1.7%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 744.0	4 410.4	7.6%	2 696.7	2 965.4	-9.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 178.1	2 134.2	2.1%	190.0	174.5	8.9%
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).	213.3	179.4	18.9%	72.2	72.9	-1.0%
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.	727.5	701.2	3.8%	589.8	542.5	8.7%
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.	1 236.1	1 214.8	1.7%	85.6	103.1	-17.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 592.9	2 589.9	0.1%	2 314.8	2 092.7	10.6%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	735.5	736.8	-0.2%	59.6	55.8	6.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	703.0	662.6	6.1%	44.2	41.9	5.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 797.4	1 198.9	49.9%	2 608.8	2 181.8	19.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	3 589.0	3 301.3	8.7%	586.1	340.6	72.1%
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.	7 631.0	7 325.0	4.2%	1 448.0	1 318.7	9.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	5 272.9	5 107.1	3.2%	208.2	184.4	12.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	723.0	647.2	11.7%	23.5	27.9	-16.0%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 303.8	1 310.6	-0.5%	60.0	195.8	-69.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.8	2.6	-32.2%	0.1	0.2	-34.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	28.6	28.5	0.0%	18.7	20.9	-10.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.6	-91.7%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>51 733.9</b>	<b>49 159.9</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>15 484.3</b>	<b>14 460.4</b>	<b>7.1%</b>