

STATEMENT

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SARS releases the preliminary trade statistics for April 2023

Pretoria, 31 May 2023 – South Africa recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R3.5 billion in April 2023. This surplus is attributable to exports of R163.8 billion and imports of R160.3 billion, inclusive of trade with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN).

The year-to-date (01 January to 30 April 2023) preliminary trade balance deficit of R3.5 billion is a deterioration from the R78 billion trade balance surplus for the comparable period in 2022. On a year-on-year basis, export flows for April 2023 were R163.8 billion, which were 7.4% higher compared to R152.6 billion for April 2022. Import flows were 17.8% higher having increased from R136.1 billion in April 2022 to R160.3 billion in the current period.

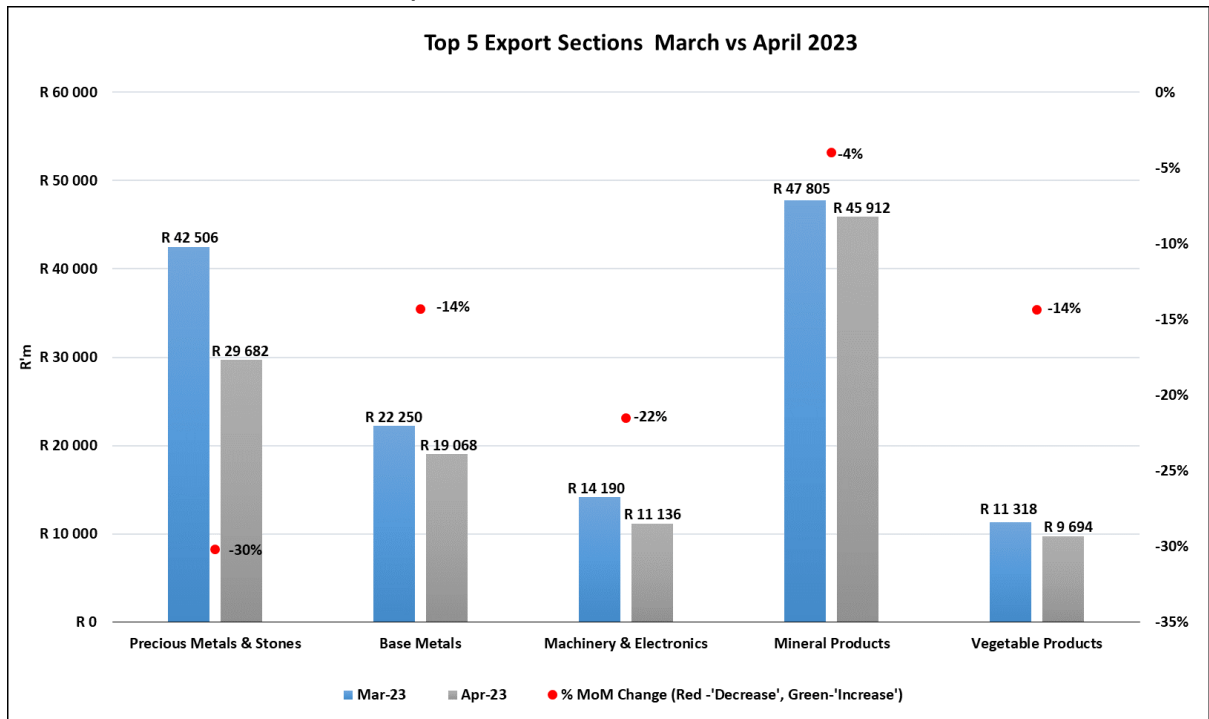
On a month-to-month basis, exports decreased by R27.9 billion (14.5%) from R191.7 billion to R163.8 billion between March and April 2023, whereas imports decreased by R25.1 billion (13.5%) from R185.4 billion to R160.3 billion over the same period. Export flows decreased in April, driven by gold and platinum. Value of imports decreased on the back of a decrease in importation of crude oil and petroleum oil products.

Due to ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC), the preliminary trade balance surplus of R6.9bn announced for March 2023 was revised downwards by R0.6 billion, with the final number at R6.3 billion.

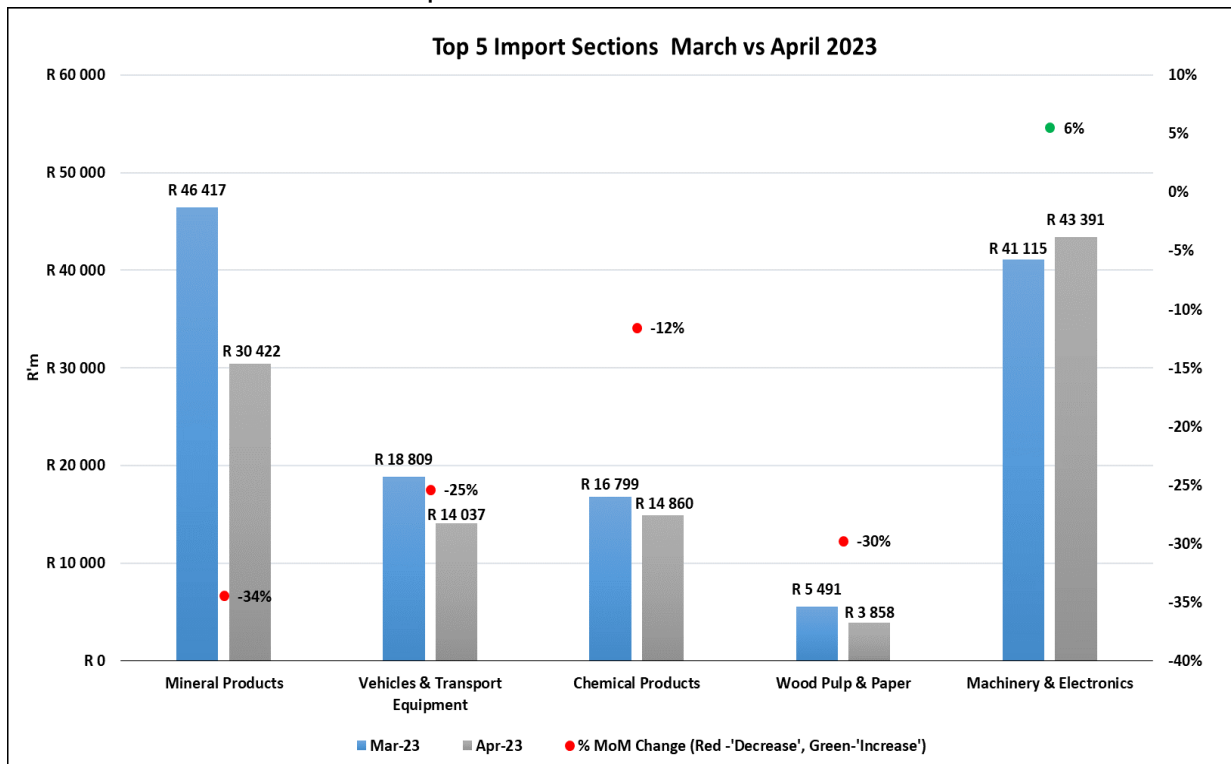
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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from March (revised) to April (preliminary) 2023 are given below:

| World Zones (R' m) | The main month-on-month movements (R' m) | | | | |
|--------------------|--|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Trade Type | March 2023 | April 2023 | Variance | % M-o-M |
| Africa | Exports | 46 695 | 40 424 | -6 271 | ↓ -13.4% |
| | Imports | 21 402 | 14 217 | -7 186 | ↓ -33.6% |
| | Trade Balance | 25 293 | 26 207 | - | - |
| America | Exports | 17 678 | 16 342 | -1 335 | ↓ -7.6% |
| | Imports | 19 309 | 19 763 | 454 | ↑ 2.3% |
| | Trade Balance | -1 632 | -3 421 | - | - |
| Asia | Exports | 60 559 | 53 266 | -7 292 | ↓ -12.0% |
| | Imports | 91 505 | 82 302 | -9 202 | ↓ -10.1% |
| | Trade Balance | -30 946 | -29 036 | - | - |
| Europe | Exports | 48 734 | 40 965 | -7 769 | ↓ -15.9% |
| | Imports | 50 382 | 41 633 | -8 748 | ↓ -17.4% |
| | Trade Balance | -1 647 | -668 | - | - |
| Oceania | Exports | 2 064 | 2 116 | 52 | ↑ 2.5% |
| | Imports | 2 157 | 1 921 | -237 | ↓ -11.0% |
| | Trade Balance | -93 | 196 | - | - |
| Other Unclassified | Exports | 14 855 | 10 227 | -4 628 | ↓ -31.2% |
| | Imports | 627 | 442 | -185 | ↓ -29.5% |
| | Trade Balance | 14 228 | 9 785 | - | - |
| Ship/Aircraft | Exports | 1 097 | 477 | -620 | ↓ -56.5% |
| | Imports | - | - | - | - |
| | Trade Balance | 1 097 | 477 | - | - |

Excluding trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

The trade data excluding BELN for April 2023 recorded a preliminary trade balance deficit of R5.6 billion, with export flows at R149.9 billion and import flows at R155.5 billion.

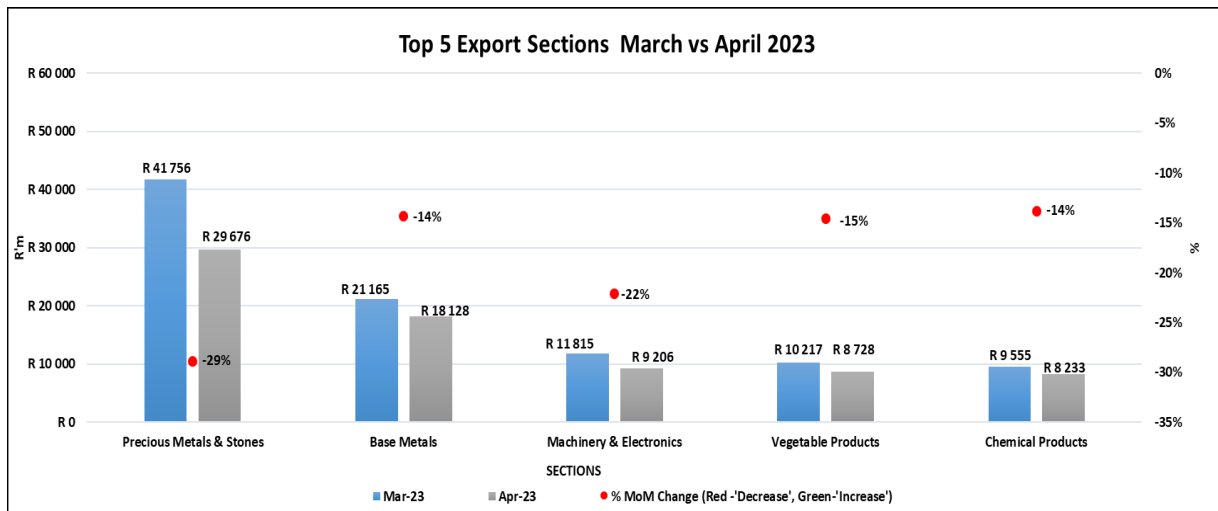
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The preliminary cumulative trade balance deficit for 2023 was R41.6 billion compared to R41.8 billion trade balance surplus during 2022.

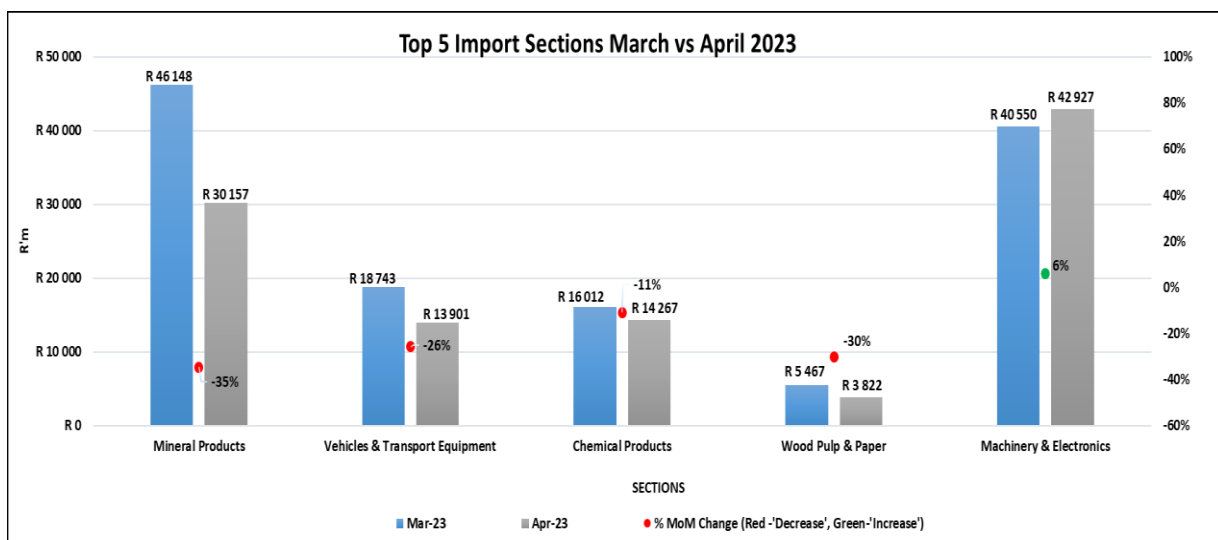
Between March and April 2023, exports decreased by R24.3 billion (13.9%) whilst imports decreased by R24.6 billion (13.7%) over the same period.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



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|-------------|--|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| | Trade Type | March 2023 | April 2023 | Variance | % M-o-M |
| Africa | Exports | 29 192 | 26 502 | -2 691 | -9.2% |
| | Imports | 16 099 | 9 428 | -6 672 | -41.4% |
| | Trade Balance | 13 093 | 17 074 | - | - |

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1. SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

| Harmonised Sections | | Cumulative Trade | | Monthly Trade | | Exports | | | | Imports | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Roman Section | Description | Trade Balance | Ratio ⁵⁾ | Trade Balance | Ratio | Month % of total | Cumulative 2022 ³⁾ | Cumulative 2023 ³⁾ | Month Total 2023 | Month % of total | Cumulative 2022 ³⁾ | Cumulative 2023 ³⁾ | Month Total 2023 |
| I, Ch 1-5 | Animals/Animal Products | (1 240 084 228) | 0.84 | (47 082 162) | 0.97 | 1.07 | 5 715 555 140 | 6 547 419 610 | 1 758 193 124 | 1.13 | 7 161 813 912 | 7 787 503 838 | 1 805 275 286 |
| II, Ch 6-14 | Vegetable Products | 26 181 494 535 | 3.21 | 6 239 111 580 | 2.81 | 5.92 | 32 704 880 559 | 38 016 154 663 | 9 693 774 608 | 2.16 | 10 690 377 258 | 11 834 660 128 | 3 454 663 028 |
| III, Ch 15 | Fats and Oils | (1 630 908 969) | 0.57 | (702 615 961) | 0.47 | 0.38 | 3 150 168 208 | 2 199 111 110 | 630 445 276 | 0.83 | 7 013 219 881 | 3 830 020 079 | 1 333 061 237 |
| IV, Ch 16-24 | Prepared Foods | 4 588 381 445 | 1.25 | 1 826 576 385 | 1.43 | 3.73 | 18 717 196 803 | 22 805 688 138 | 6 108 128 614 | 2.67 | 13 498 819 332 | 18 217 306 693 | 4 281 552 229 |
| V, Ch 25-27 | Mineral Products | 39 617 821 335 | 1.29 | 15 489 707 001 | 1.51 | 28.03 | 167 647 433 561 | 178 008 355 710 | 45 912 029 229 | 18.98 | 110 837 964 401 | 138 390 534 375 | 30 422 322 228 |
| VI, Ch 28-38 | Chemical Products | (24 589 669 092) | 0.61 | (5 331 943 573) | 0.64 | 5.82 | 37 070 964 246 | 38 537 692 908 | 9 528 381 088 | 9.27 | 60 153 709 583 | 63 127 362 000 | 14 860 324 661 |
| VII, Ch 39-40 | Plastics and Rubber | (11 879 987 891) | 0.49 | (3 563 420 409) | 0.43 | 1.62 | 9 974 800 102 | 11 407 740 802 | 2 652 963 139 | 3.88 | 22 458 393 704 | 23 287 728 693 | 6 216 383 548 |
| VIII, Ch 41-43 | Hides, Skins and Leather | (73 218 433) | 0.95 | 51 852 637 | 1.15 | 0.24 | 1 296 194 167 | 1 370 731 947 | 390 655 181 | 0.21 | 1 206 330 106 | 1 443 950 380 | 338 802 544 |
| IX, Ch 44-46 | Wood and articles thereof | 811 117 158 | 1.34 | 239 090 150 | 1.44 | 0.48 | 2 922 820 719 | 3 170 461 472 | 788 192 841 | 0.34 | 2 431 220 011 | 2 359 344 314 | 549 102 691 |
| X, Ch 47-49 | Pulp and Paper Products | (6 058 239 459) | 0.66 | (1 636 719 788) | 0.58 | 1.36 | 7 442 246 145 | 11 540 543 036 | 2 221 013 110 | 2.41 | 18 702 132 390 | 17 598 782 495 | 3 857 732 898 |
| XI, Ch 50-63 | Textiles and Clothing | (11 803 947 453) | 0.40 | (2 365 614 052) | 0.45 | 1.18 | 6 437 563 503 | 8 007 992 744 | 1 939 499 769 | 2.69 | 19 000 484 131 | 19 811 940 197 | 4 305 113 821 |
| XII, Ch 64-67 | Footwear and Accessories | (4 295 013 403) | 0.23 | (837 219 286) | 0.30 | 0.22 | 1 024 735 317 | 1 269 486 379 | 358 681 237 | 0.75 | 5 105 071 016 | 5 564 499 782 | 1 195 900 523 |
| XIII, Ch 68-70 | Stone, Plaster, etc | (3 084 306 064) | 0.45 | (752 839 244) | 0.46 | 0.40 | 2 128 271 816 | 2 489 922 208 | 650 574 895 | 0.88 | 5 198 177 279 | 5 574 228 272 | 1 403 414 139 |
| XIV, Ch 71 | Precious Stones | 116 057 194 309 | 13.19 | 27 618 310 600 | 14.38 | 18.12 | 144 558 537 406 | 125 579 592 325 | 29 682 169 004 | 1.29 | 8 424 066 067 | 9 522 398 016 | 2 063 858 404 |
| XV, Ch 72-83 | Base Metals | 43 511 475 155 | 2.34 | 10 360 909 720 | 2.19 | 11.64 | 63 269 794 793 | 75 962 317 970 | 19 067 861 647 | 5.43 | 31 464 172 849 | 32 450 842 815 | 8 706 951 927 |
| XVI, Ch 84-85 | Machinery and Appliances | (107 339 628 156) | 0.30 | (32 254 693 899) | 0.26 | 6.80 | 41 976 338 083 | 45 887 975 725 | 11 136 225 349 | 27.07 | 112 503 913 297 | 153 227 603 881 | 43 390 919 248 |
| XVII, Ch 86-89 | Transport Equipment | 2 104 676 665 | 1.03 | 5 159 114 044 | 1.37 | 11.72 | 59 004 949 040 | 64 350 454 947 | 19 196 582 006 | 8.76 | 39 969 239 639 | 62 245 778 282 | 14 037 467 962 |
| XVIII, Ch 90-92 | Precision Products, etc | (10 372 949 920) | 0.25 | (2 740 527 586) | 0.24 | 0.54 | 3 147 325 792 | 3 431 888 514 | 878 149 375 | 2.26 | 11 964 786 233 | 13 804 838 434 | 3 618 676 961 |
| XX, Ch 94-96 | Misc Manufactured Articles | (3 550 750 230) | 0.45 | (829 108 065) | 0.49 | 0.48 | 2 630 761 472 | 2 940 404 538 | 786 107 923 | 1.01 | 6 475 049 773 | 6 491 154 768 | 1 615 215 988 |
| XXI, Ch 97 | Works of Art/Antiques | (4 311 354) | 0.99 | 73 836 896 | 2.90 | 0.07 | 292 220 916 | 442 086 103 | 112 612 667 | 0.02 | 156 865 986 | 446 397 457 | 38 775 771 |
| XXII, Ch 99 | Other Unclassified ¹⁾ | 629 855 223 | 2.28 | 188 753 231 | 2.38 | 0.20 | 1 803 563 035 | 1 121 672 712 | 325 621 395 | 0.09 | 644 337 044 | 491 817 489 | 136 868 164 |
| XXIII, Ch 98 | Special Provisions ²⁾ | (51 089 435 023) | 0.00 | (12 645 197 816) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4 271 480 | 1 583 956 | 244 575 | 7.89 | 39 853 400 365 | 51 091 018 979 | 12 645 442 391 |
| Total | Total SA Rand | (3 510 433 850) | 0.99 | 3 540 280 403 | 1.02 | 100.00 | 612 920 592 303 | 645 089 277 517 | 163 818 106 052 | 100.00 | 534 913 544 257 | 648 599 711 367 | 160 277 825 649 |

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| | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio ⁵⁾ (Exports/Imports) | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio Exports/Imports | Month % of total | Cumulative 2022 ³⁾ (R'm) | Cumulative 2023 ³⁾ (R'm) | Month Total 2023 (R'm) | Month % of total | Cumulative 2022 ³⁾ (R'm) | Cumulative 2023 ³⁾ (R'm) | Month Total 2023 (R'm) |
| AFRICA | 101 221 458 031 | 2.63 | 26 207 349 824 | 2.84 | 24.68 | 145 468 156 530 | 163 187 081 051 | 40 423 948 661 | 8.87 | 58 156 359 019 | 61 965 623 020 | 14 216 598 837 |
| AMERICA | (8 274 915 316) | 0.88 | (3 420 928 016) | 0.83 | 9.98 | 61 890 963 824 | 63 116 470 088 | 16 342 089 117 | 12.33 | 58 997 249 633 | 71 391 385 404 | 19 763 017 133 |
| ASIA | (122 334 804 649) | 0.63 | (29 035 830 520) | 0.65 | 32.52 | 196 523 398 355 | 208 529 798 766 | 53 266 424 859 | 51.35 | 272 535 624 550 | 330 864 603 415 | 82 302 255 379 |
| EUROPE | (13 165 607 499) | 0.92 | (668 362 296) | 0.98 | 25.01 | 174 398 557 544 | 160 007 511 266 | 40 965 133 662 | 25.98 | 133 959 756 125 | 173 173 118 765 | 41 633 495 958 |
| OCEANIA | (1 251 973 227) | 0.83 | 195 659 056 | 1.10 | 1.29 | 5 094 319 527 | 6 272 456 076 | 2 116 169 483 | 1.20 | 8 299 932 526 | 7 524 429 303 | 1 920 510 427 |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 37 096 387 090 | 11.08 | 9 785 236 324 | 23.14 | 6.24 | 26 018 406 490 | 40 776 938 550 | 10 227 184 239 | 0.28 | 2 964 622 404 | 3 680 551 460 | 441 947 915 |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 3 199 021 720 | - | 477 156 031 | - | 0.29 | 3 526 790 033 | 3 199 021 720 | 477 156 031 | | | | |
| Total | (3 510 433 850) | 0.99 | 3 540 280 403 | 1.02 | 100.00 | 612 920 592 303 | 645 089 277 517 | 163 818 106 052 | 100.00 | 534 913 544 257 | 648 599 711 367 | 160 277 825 649 |

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| I, Ch 1-5 | Animals/Animal Products | (850 694 080) | 0.86 | 35 556 863 | 1.03 | 0.96 | 4 443 776 475 | 5 291 057 849 | 1 436 903 123 | 0.90 | 5 505 691 345 | 6 141 751 929 | 1 401 346 260 |
| II, Ch 6-14 | Vegetable Products | 22 430 931 547 | 2.95 | 5 357 266 849 | 2.59 | 5.82 | 29 099 556 096 | 33 952 368 423 | 8 727 631 083 | 2.17 | 10 508 486 651 | 11 521 436 876 | 3 370 364 234 |
| III, Ch 15 | Fats and Oils | (2 272 333 867) | 0.41 | (879 800 446) | 0.34 | 0.30 | 2 307 305 926 | 1 554 442 973 | 452 557 020 | 0.86 | 7 005 291 557 | 3 826 776 840 | 1 332 357 466 |
| IV, Ch 16-24 | Prepared Foods | 341 502 841 | 1.02 | 772 220 763 | 1.21 | 2.99 | 12 627 178 881 | 16 045 453 936 | 4 474 485 424 | 2.38 | 11 322 786 849 | 15 703 951 095 | 3 702 264 661 |
| V, Ch 25-27 | Mineral Products | 29 749 552 203 | 1.22 | 13 125 151 575 | 1.44 | 28.87 | 158 874 996 076 | 167 172 308 089 | 43 282 151 889 | 19.39 | 110 413 404 941 | 137 422 755 886 | 30 157 000 314 |
| VI, Ch 28-38 | Chemical Products | (26 702 068 903) | 0.55 | (6 033 554 950) | 0.58 | 5.49 | 32 066 919 632 | 33 124 873 598 | 8 233 105 041 | 9.18 | 57 267 783 248 | 59 826 942 501 | 14 266 659 991 |
| VII, Ch 39-40 | Plastics and Rubber | (14 181 184 391) | 0.38 | (4 132 534 422) | 0.33 | 1.35 | 7 536 336 692 | 8 844 691 009 | 2 024 447 332 | 3.96 | 22 259 446 245 | 23 025 875 400 | 6 156 981 754 |
| VIII, Ch 41-43 | Hides, Skins and Leather | (229 334 638) | 0.84 | 16 128 266 | 1.05 | 0.23 | 1 131 931 630 | 1 185 390 236 | 347 405 899 | 0.21 | 1 171 566 947 | 1 414 724 874 | 331 277 633 |
| IX, Ch 44-46 | Wood and articles thereof | 930 309 764 | 1.60 | 279 166 174 | 1.81 | 0.42 | 2 182 415 208 | 2 475 056 375 | 622 749 967 | 0.22 | 1 670 330 144 | 1 544 746 611 | 343 583 793 |
| X, Ch 47-49 | Pulp and Paper Products | (7 345 090 377) | 0.58 | (1 881 490 611) | 0.51 | 1.29 | 6 315 717 218 | 10 112 033 200 | 1 940 683 844 | 2.46 | 18 596 333 794 | 17 457 123 577 | 3 822 174 455 |
| XI, Ch 50-63 | Textiles and Clothing | (12 113 680 768) | 0.30 | (2 562 491 081) | 0.32 | 0.81 | 3 729 610 947 | 5 128 774 202 | 1 207 422 026 | 2.42 | 16 574 549 879 | 17 242 454 970 | 3 769 913 107 |
| XII, Ch 64-67 | Footwear and Accessories | (4 965 649 245) | 0.10 | (1 000 078 631) | 0.15 | 0.12 | 371 375 785 | 528 186 333 | 180 035 961 | 0.76 | 5 059 918 378 | 5 493 835 578 | 1 180 114 592 |
| XIII, Ch 68-70 | Stone, Plaster, etc | (3 724 289 249) | 0.33 | (916 887 003) | 0.34 | 0.32 | 1 492 537 265 | 1 806 798 388 | 476 400 352 | 0.90 | 5 157 007 550 | 5 531 087 637 | 1 393 287 355 |
| XIV, Ch 71 | Precious Stones | 120 060 292 207 | 28.25 | 28 921 566 499 | 39.32 | 19.80 | 142 291 916 390 | 124 466 023 802 | 29 676 221 405 | 0.49 | 4 123 156 923 | 4 405 731 595 | 754 654 906 |
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| Total | Total SA Rand | (41 591 910 928) | 0.93 | (5 592 901 240) | 0.96 | 100.00 | 558 611 690 397 | 586 510 614 785 | 149 895 922 956 | 100.00 | 516 846 202 883 | 628 102 525 713 | 155 488 824 196 |

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| Total | (41 591 910 928) | 0.93 | (5 592 901 240) | 0.96 | 100.00 | 558 611 690 397 | 586 510 614 785 | 149 895 922 956 | 100.00 | 516 846 202 883 | 628 102 525 713 | 155 488 824 196 |

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Trade statistics with the BELN countries for April 2023 recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R9.1 billion.

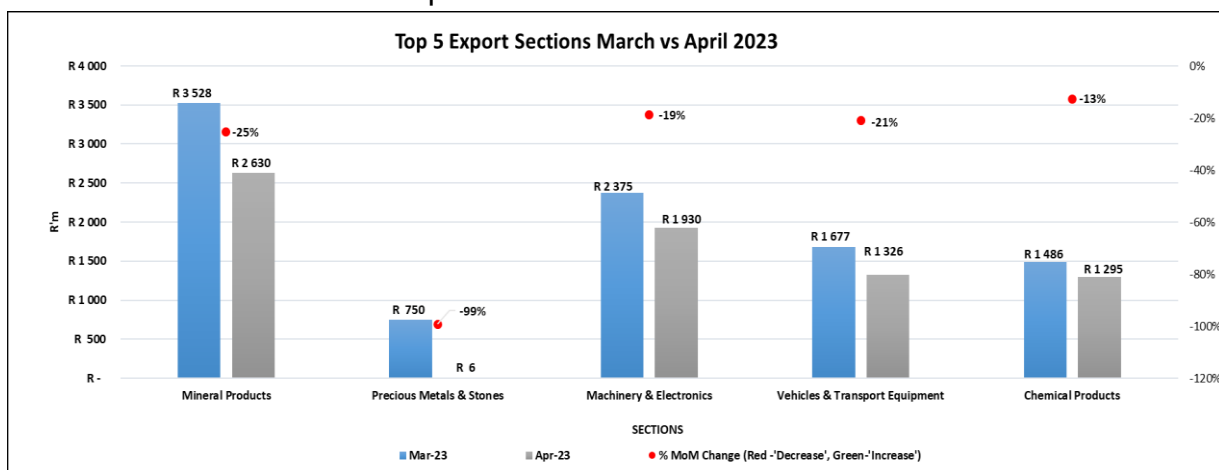
Summary

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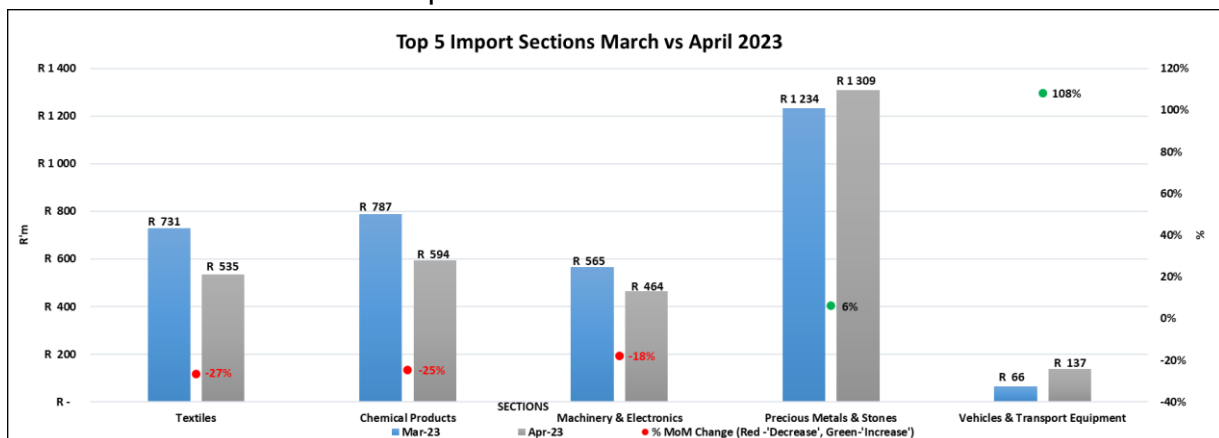
The preliminary cumulative trade balance surplus for 2023 was R38.1 billion compared to R36.2 billion in 2022.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



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