

SA Trade Statistics for April 2016 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 92 220 035 525	R 91 789 494 119	R 430 541 406
March 2016 (Revised)	R 95 241 027 418	R 93 206 609 680	R 2 034 417 738
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 020 991 893	R -1 417 115 561	
% Growth	-3.2%	-1.5%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 347 466 115 841	R 366 131 438 882	R -18 665 323 041
January to April 2015 (Revised)	R 321 667 440 343	R 353 681 762 194	R -32 014 321 851
R Increase/Decrease	R 25 798 675 498	R 12 449 676 688	
% Growth	8.0%	3.5%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 527 million	(-3%)
Section 6:	Chemicals Products decreased by	R 738 million	(-13%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 1 743 million	(-10%)
Section 15:	Base Metals decreased by	R 722 million	(-6%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1 692 million	(13%)

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products decreased by	R 1 204 million	(-34%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 334 million	(-3%)
Section 7:	Plastics & Rubber decreased by	R 260 million	(-6%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 810 million	(3%)
Section 18:	Optical Photographic Products decreased by	R 292 million	(-10%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 80 277 497 520	R 89 402 032 352	R -9 124 534 832
March 2016 (Revised)	R 83 436 450 590	R 90 493 854 969	R -7 057 404 379
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 158 953 070	R -1 091 822 617	
% Growth	-3.8%	-1.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 302 681 825 979	R 355 310 118 598	R -52 628 292 619
January to April 2015 (Revised)	R 279 004 942 688	R 344 067 055 319	R -65 062 112 631
R Increase/Decrease	R 23 676 883 291	R 11 243 063 279	
% Growth	8.5%	3.3%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 11 942 538 005	R 2 387 461 767	R 9 555 076 238
March 2016 (Revised)	R 11 804 576 828	R 2 712 754 711	R 9 091 822 117
R Increase/Decrease	R 137 961 177	R -325 292 944	
% Growth	1.2%	-12.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to April 2016 (Preliminary)	R 44 784 289 862	R 10 821 320 284	R 33 962 969 578
January to April 2015 (Revised)	R 42 662 497 655	R 9 614 706 875	R 33 047 790 780
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 121 792 207	R 1 206 613 409	
% Growth	5.0%	12.5%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	April 2016 / March 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	25 999.9	25 845.7	0.6%	-37.0	9 883.6	9 813.6	0.7%	-5.8
AMERICA	8 649.9	10 308.2	-16.1%	-10.2	10 824.6	11 766.7	-8.0%	0.3
ASIA	26 132.1	27 427.5	-4.7%	-132.8	40 072.2	37 633.0	6.5%	-15.2
EUROPE	21 672.6	21 268.3	1.9%	-711.6	29 893.3	32 615.8	-8.3%	-2.8
OCEANIA	1 025.0	1 012.2	1.3%	-0.9	795.9	1 122.1	-29.1%	12.1
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	8 315.7	9 035.8	-8.0%	-	319.9	255.4	25.2%	0.1
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	424.9	343.3	23.8%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	92 220.0	95 241.0	-3.2%	-892.7	91 789.5	93 206.6	-1.5%	-11.3

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 130.0	1 292.0	-12.5%	-34.3	1 508.3	1 470.6	2.6%	0.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 606.0	4 843.1	-4.9%	3.6	2 336.9	3 540.7	-34.0%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	295.9	197.0	50.2%	-0.1	1 054.8	822.8	28.2%	-15.6
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 922.2	3 838.5	2.2%	-2.4	2 747.8	2 938.8	-6.5%	-2.2
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	16 481.5	17 008.5	-3.1%	-694.8	12 312.2	12 646.3	-2.6%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 046.3	5 784.2	-12.8%	-14.4	9 245.9	9 289.9	-0.5%	-0.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 928.1	1 920.9	0.4%	-0.1	3 959.2	4 218.7	-6.2%	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).	430.4	423.2	1.7%	0.4	266.0	310.7	-14.4%	-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.	646.4	505.1	28.0%	-0.1	420.0	503.0	-16.5%	-0.2
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.	1 714.7	2 067.5	-17.1%	-140.2	1 302.6	1 549.6	-15.9%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 406.1	1 534.0	-8.3%	0.0	3 484.1	3 544.8	-1.7%	-0.7
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.	249.5	247.6	0.8%	0.0	963.4	1 009.4	-4.6%	-0.9
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	708.5	780.4	-9.2%	-0.3	1 150.4	1 113.3	3.3%	0.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 564.2	18 307.3	-9.5%	-	1 092.4	971.4	12.5%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 359.0	12 080.5	-6.0%	-17.9	5 117.9	5 092.2	0.5%	-0.8
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.	9 138.4	9 036.2	1.1%	18.0	24 003.7	23 193.9	3.5%	-5.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	14 435.4	12 743.7	13.3%	-9.9	8 245.7	8 120.2	1.5%	-0.3
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	648.2	739.3	-12.3%	-0.0	2 526.7	2 818.5	-10.4%	1.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	713.1	647.6	10.1%	0.0	1 424.1	1 444.2	-1.4%	12.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	156.7	178.2	-12.1%	-	34.5	33.1	4.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	638.7	1 066.3	-40.1%	-0.1	107.2	307.0	-65.1%	0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.7	0.0	3818.4%	-0.0	8 485.6	8 267.5	2.6%	-0.0
Total		92 220.0	95 241.0	-3.2%	-892.7	91 789.5	93 206.6	-1.5%	-11.3

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	97 630.2	94 114.2	3.7%	39 807.9	42 903.7	-7.2%
AMERICA	33 283.9	31 828.0	4.6%	43 157.4	38 127.6	13.2%
ASIA	100 505.5	93 382.2	7.6%	156 898.9	158 258.4	-0.9%
EUROPE	82 021.0	74 125.7	10.7%	121 717.9	108 319.4	12.4%
OCEANIA	4 187.1	3 731.6	12.2%	3 849.3	5 375.6	-28.4%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	28 356.7	22 405.0	26.6%	700.0	697.0	0.4%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 481.7	2 080.7	-28.8%	-	-	0.0%
Total	347 466.1	321 667.4	8.0%	366 131.4	353 681.8	3.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 989.3	4 186.9	19.2%	5 205.8	4 803.5	8.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	18 088.9	14 057.3	28.7%	11 305.0	7 279.4	55.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 013.0	943.3	7.4%	3 143.6	1 906.3	64.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	14 756.0	12 749.9	15.7%	10 671.7	10 179.9	4.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	64 252.6	68 862.3	-6.7%	46 132.1	63 521.0	-27.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	20 880.3	21 277.6	-1.9%	36 699.3	33 961.9	8.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	7 172.8	6 915.0	3.7%	15 571.1	14 327.1	8.7%
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).	1 594.8	1 664.3	-4.2%	1 371.2	1 353.9	1.3%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	2 245.7	2 146.7	4.6%	1 951.7	1 691.9	15.4%
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.	7 422.3	5 909.0	25.6%	5 770.6	4 936.6	16.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5 262.0	4 492.7	17.1%	15 393.5	12 790.2	20.4%
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.	863.9	827.1	4.5%	5 059.2	4 122.2	22.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 619.5	1 664.4	57.4%	4 710.9	4 120.6	14.3%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	63 537.9	59 552.3	6.7%	3 718.9	2 845.5	30.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	44 746.1	40 793.5	9.7%	21 130.1	20 337.6	3.9%
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.	34 084.4	30 219.7	12.8%	93 649.2	85 159.9	10.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	45 687.0	38 846.8	17.6%	35 587.3	38 730.0	-8.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 626.3	2 769.3	-5.2%	10 298.3	9 116.7	13.0%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 555.4	2 367.9	7.9%	6 204.3	5 156.6	20.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	433.2	172.3	151.4%	129.3	75.5	71.3%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 633.6	1 241.4	112.1%	662.2	538.8	22.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.3	7.8	-82.9%	31 766.3	26 726.7	18.9%
Total		347 466.1	321 667.4	8.0%	366 131.4	353 681.8	3.5%

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AMERICA	8 649.9	10 308.2	-16.1%	-10.2	10 824.6	11 766.7	-8.0%	0.3
ASIA	26 132.1	27 427.5	-4.7%	-132.8	40 072.2	37 633.0	6.5%	-15.2
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	424.9	343.3	23.8%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	80 277.5	83 436.5	-3.8%	-860.6	89 402.0	90 493.9	-1.2%	-7.4

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 979.2	4 211.1	-5.5%	3.6	2 276.6	3 502.6	-35.0%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	193.3	121.6	59.0%	-0.1	1 051.1	822.0	27.9%	-15.6
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 942.2	2 807.0	4.8%	-2.4	2 346.2	2 605.6	-10.0%	-2.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	14 447.7	15 381.4	-6.1%	-664.6	12 272.9	12 591.2	-2.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 100.4	4 767.6	-14.0%	-13.6	8 779.6	8 767.1	0.1%	-0.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 420.6	1 474.6	-3.7%	-0.1	3 919.8	4 182.0	-6.3%	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).	380.4	369.0	3.1%	0.4	244.5	286.0	-14.5%	-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.	484.1	352.5	37.4%	-0.1	307.3	398.8	-22.9%	-0.2
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.	1 487.9	1 835.5	-18.9%	-140.2	1 285.4	1 523.7	-15.6%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	815.0	970.6	-16.0%	0.0	3 078.1	3 133.0	-1.8%	-0.7
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.	78.8	81.5	-3.3%	0.0	949.9	1 000.5	-5.1%	-0.9
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	551.8	634.2	-13.0%	-0.3	1 140.7	1 103.6	3.4%	0.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	15 956.0	17 363.1	-8.1%	-	1 071.1	556.2	92.6%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	10 588.0	11 332.2	-6.6%	-17.9	5 040.6	5 015.4	0.5%	-0.8
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.	7 317.0	7 287.4	0.4%	17.9	23 707.4	22 901.3	3.5%	-1.4
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 043.4	11 252.0	15.9%	-8.8	8 201.1	8 072.9	1.6%	-0.3
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	487.9	564.5	-13.6%	-0.0	2 521.5	2 813.0	-10.4%	1.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	395.3	387.5	2.0%	-0.0	1 388.9	1 411.9	-1.6%	12.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	156.3	177.9	-12.2%	-	34.4	33.0	4.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	629.5	1 063.0	-40.8%	-0.1	104.5	303.3	-65.6%	0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.7	0.0	3818.4%	-0.0	8 485.6	8 267.5	2.6%	-0.0
Total		80 277.5	83 436.5	-3.8%	-860.6	89 402.0	90 493.9	-1.2%	-7.4

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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 481.7	2 080.7	-28.8%	-	-	0.0%
Total	302 681.8	279 004.9	8.5%	355 310.1	344 067.1	3.3%

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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15 658.8	12 018.3	30.3%	11 124.1	7 149.4	55.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	668.9	651.6	2.7%	3 132.2	1 901.4	64.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10 775.9	8 916.4	20.9%	9 029.3	8 646.6	4.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	57 225.0	61 801.4	-7.4%	45 928.4	63 343.7	-27.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	17 242.7	17 649.2	-2.3%	34 495.4	31 970.4	7.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 373.0	5 015.3	7.1%	15 429.8	14 187.1	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).	1 398.5	1 473.2	-5.1%	1 283.4	1 213.8	5.7%
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.	1 674.0	1 636.5	2.3%	1 545.9	1 404.8	10.0%
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.	6 498.9	4 957.6	31.1%	5 673.4	4 828.3	17.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	3 250.7	2 636.0	23.3%	13 805.5	11 565.4	19.4%
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.	271.4	250.8	8.2%	4 992.7	4 086.3	22.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 064.3	1 146.2	80.1%	4 669.3	4 081.2	14.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	60 077.3	56 974.0	5.4%	2 423.9	1 637.2	48.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	41 896.9	37 800.9	10.8%	20 853.0	19 996.6	4.3%
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.	27 550.1	24 198.9	13.8%	92 472.0	84 287.1	9.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	40 577.1	33 716.5	20.3%	35 323.3	38 590.0	-8.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 046.0	2 265.1	-9.7%	10 276.7	9 102.0	12.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 536.5	1 370.8	12.1%	6 072.0	5 088.9	19.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	429.2	170.7	151.4%	129.2	75.4	71.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 610.8	1 218.8	114.2%	645.5	525.1	22.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.3	7.7	-82.6%	31 766.3	26 726.7	18.9%
Total		302 681.8	279 004.9	8.5%	355 310.1	344 067.1	3.3%

Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

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	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	April 2016 / March 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 942.5	11 804.6	1.2%	-32.1	2 387.5	2 712.8	-12.0%	-3.9
Total	11 942.5	11 804.6	1.2%	-32.1	2 387.5	2 712.8	-12.0%	-3.9

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2016	March 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	308.1	289.6	6.4%	-	313.6	267.5	17.3%	0.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	626.8	632.0	-0.8%	-	60.3	38.1	58.2%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	102.5	75.4	36.0%	-	3.7	0.8	361.8%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	980.0	1 031.5	-5.0%	0.0	401.6	333.1	20.5%	-0.2
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 033.8	1 627.1	25.0%	-30.2	39.3	55.2	-28.7%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	945.9	1 016.6	-7.0%	-0.9	466.3	522.7	-10.8%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	507.5	446.3	13.7%	0.0	39.3	36.8	7.0%	-
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).	50.0	54.2	-7.8%	-	21.5	24.7	-12.9%	-
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.	162.2	152.7	6.3%	-	112.7	104.1	8.2%	-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.	226.8	231.9	-2.2%	-0.1	17.2	25.9	-33.6%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	591.1	563.4	4.9%	-	406.0	411.8	-1.4%	-
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.	170.7	166.1	2.8%	-	13.5	8.9	52.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	156.7	146.2	7.2%	-0.0	9.7	9.6	0.7%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	608.2	944.1	-35.6%	-	21.2	415.2	-94.9%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	770.9	748.4	3.0%	-0.0	77.3	76.8	0.7%	-
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.	1 821.4	1 748.8	4.2%	0.1	296.4	292.7	1.3%	-4.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 392.0	1 491.7	-6.7%	-1.1	44.6	47.3	-5.8%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	160.2	174.9	-8.4%	0.0	5.2	5.5	-4.4%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	317.8	260.2	22.2%	0.0	35.1	32.3	8.8%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.5	0.3	59.9%	-	0.1	0.0	13.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	9.2	3.3	177.2%	-	2.7	3.7	-27.0%	-0.0
Total		11 942.5	11 804.6	1.2%	-32.1	2 387.5	2 712.8	-12.0%	-3.9

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

PERIOD:	January to April 2016 / January to April 2015					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	44 784.3	42 662.5	5.0%	10 821.3	9 614.7	12.5%
Total	44 784.3	42 662.5	5.0%	10 821.3	9 614.7	12.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(cha pter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to April 2016	January to April 2015	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 134.6	1 057.7	7.3%	966.9	1 143.9	-15.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 430.1	2 039.0	19.2%	180.9	130.0	39.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	344.1	291.7	18.0%	11.5	4.9	135.2%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 980.1	3 833.5	3.8%	1 642.4	1 533.3	7.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	7 027.6	7 060.9	-0.5%	203.7	177.3	14.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	3 637.6	3 628.4	0.3%	2 203.9	1 991.5	10.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 799.8	1 899.7	-5.3%	141.2	140.0	0.9%
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).	196.2	191.1	2.7%	87.8	140.1	-37.3%
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.	571.7	510.2	12.0%	405.8	287.1	41.3%
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.	923.4	951.4	-2.9%	97.2	108.3	-10.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 011.3	1 856.8	8.3%	1 588.0	1 224.8	29.6%
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.	592.5	576.3	2.8%	66.5	35.8	85.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	555.2	518.2	7.1%	41.6	39.4	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.	3 460.6	2 578.3	34.2%	1 295.1	1 208.3	7.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	2 849.2	2 992.6	-4.8%	277.1	341.0	-18.7%
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.	6 534.4	6 020.8	8.5%	1 177.2	872.7	34.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	5 110.0	5 130.3	-0.4%	264.0	140.1	88.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	580.3	504.2	15.1%	21.5	14.7	46.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 018.9	997.1	2.2%	132.3	67.7	95.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	3.9	1.6	145.4%	0.1	0.1	26.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	22.8	22.5	1.0%	16.7	13.7	21.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.1	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total		44 784.3	42 662.5	5.0%	10 821.3	9 614.7	12.5%