

SA Trade Statistics for June 2016

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Pretoria, 29 July 2016 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for June 2016 recording a trade balance surplus of R12.53 billion. The cumulative trade balance surplus (01 January to 30 June 2016) of R12.52 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2015 of R22.95 billion. These figures include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS).

Including trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS)

The R12.53 billion trade balance surplus for June 2016 is due to exports of R105.22 billion and imports of R92.69 billion. Exports for the year-to-date of R556.41 billion are 11.3% more than the exports of R499.79 billion recorded in January to June 2015. Imports for the year-to-date of R543.90 billion are 4.0% more than the imports recorded in January to June 2015 of R522.74 billion.

May 2016's trade balance surplus was revised downwards by R0.36 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R18.73 billion to a revised surplus of R18.37 billion as a result of ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC's). Exports increased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R0.72 billion (0.7%) and imports increased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R6.56 billion (7.6%).

On a year-on-year basis, the June 2016's R12.53 billion trade balance surplus is an improvement from the surplus recorded in June 2015 of R4.64 billion. Exports of R105.22 billion are 17.2% more than the exports recorded in June 2015 of R89.82 billion. Imports of R92.69 billion are 8.8% more than the imports recorded in June 2015 of R85.17 billion.

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Trade highlights by category

The month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BLNS:	
Vegetable Products	+ R1 174	+ 20.0%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 359	+ 4.0%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 742	- 3.0%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 485	- 3.5%
Mineral Products	- R 390	- 2.2%

The month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:		
Mineral Products	+ R2 190	+ 20.0%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R1 291	+ 6.1%
Original Equipment Components	+ R 779	+ 10.2%
Vegetable Products	+ R 691	+ 27.6%
Chemical Products	+ R 660	+ 7.2%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from May 2016 (Revised) to June 2016 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R28 076 million – this is an increase of R3 013 million from May 2016.

Imports: R9 126 million – this is a decrease of R 481 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R18 950 million – this is a 22.6% increase in comparison to the R15 456 million surplus recorded in May 2016.

America:

Exports: R10 350 million – this is an increase of R 955 million from May 2016.

Imports: R11 111 million – this is an increase of R 744 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R 761 million – this is a 21.7% decrease in comparison to the R972 million deficit recorded in May 2016.

Asia:

Exports: R28 822 million – this is a decrease of R1 715 million from May 2016.

Imports: R40 476 million – this is an increase of R4 427 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R11 654 million – this is a 111.4% increase in comparison to the R5 512 million deficit recorded in May 2016.

Europe:

Exports: R26 930 million – this is a decrease of R 914 million from May 2016.

Imports: R30 738 million – this is an increase of R1 753 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R3 808 million – this is a 234.0% increase in comparison to the R1 140 million deficit recorded in May 2016.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 286 million – this is an increase of R 125 million from May 2016.

Imports: R1 202 million – this is an increase of R 112 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R 84 million – this is an 18.0% increase in comparison to the R 71 million surplus recorded in May 2016.

Excluding trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS)

The trade data excluding BLNS for June 2016 recorded a trade balance surplus of R3.10 billion.

Summary

The R3.10 billion surplus for June 2016 is as a result of exports of R93.06 billion and imports of R89.96 billion. Exports decreased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R0.73 billion (0.8%) and imports increased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R6.53 billion (7.8%).

The cumulative deficit for 2016 is R38.85 billion compared to R74.33 billion in 2015.

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The month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Precious Metals & Stones	- R1 726	- 7.0%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 718	- 5.7%
Mineral Products	- R 510	- 3.1%
Vegetable Products	+ R1 125	+ 21.3%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 351	+ 4.8%

The month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Mineral Products	+ R2 175	+ 20.0%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R1 266	+ 6.0%
Chemical Products	+ R 968	+ 11.3%
Original Equipment Components	+ R 779	+ 10.2%
Vegetable Products	+ R 692	+ 28.4%

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The world zone results for Africa excluding BLNS from May 2016 (Revised) to June 2016 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R15 913 million – this is an increase of R1 564 million from May 2016.

Imports: R6 394 million – this is a decrease of R 506 million from May 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R9 519 million – this is a 27.8% increase in comparison to the R7 449 million surplus recorded in May 2016.

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SA Trade Release Table (including BLNS)

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(433 385 155)	0.74	(887 311 291)	0.89	1.1%	1 205 113 632	6 330 221 189	7 499 858 955	1.8%	1 638 498 787	7 460 964 700	8 387 170 246
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	3 842 688 654	2.20	13 980 157 083	1.82	6.7%	7 039 475 351	24 077 496 377	30 994 048 390	3.4%	3 196 786 697	10 606 454 055	17 013 891 307
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(171 969 460)	0.70	(2 566 851 493)	0.41	0.4%	405 755 038	1 527 951 408	1 755 105 820	0.6%	577 724 498	3 022 533 180	4 321 957 313
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 743 098 103	1.65	7 574 643 248	1.48	4.2%	4 405 815 311	20 081 801 290	23 496 833 213	2.9%	2 662 717 208	14 696 874 025	15 922 189 965
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	4 557 201 176	1.35	30 332 293 271	1.44	16.8%	17 691 207 318	105 518 259 506	99 942 264 501	14.2%	13 134 006 142	92 050 076 596	69 609 971 230
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(3 970 029 232)	0.60	(22 830 499 218)	0.59	5.6%	5 841 839 444	32 390 406 695	32 833 162 537	10.6%	9 811 868 676	51 226 596 735	55 663 661 755
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(1 748 385 880)	0.56	(12 033 256 213)	0.49	2.1%	2 261 867 140	10 783 576 564	11 480 418 582	4.3%	4 010 253 020	21 123 050 812	23 513 674 795
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	75 711 809	1.21	439 465 736	1.21	0.4%	435 589 606	2 445 879 887	2 489 384 751	0.4%	359 877 797	2 055 283 394	2 049 919 015
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	267 995 566	1.62	655 205 981	1.23	0.7%	699 983 897	3 168 128 371	3 455 902 636	0.5%	431 988 331	2 437 745 856	2 800 696 655
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	614 146 769	1.43	2 604 246 942	1.30	2.0%	2 058 702 271	8 775 603 687	11 238 042 532	1.6%	1 444 555 502	7 348 726 055	8 633 795 590
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 078 828 014)	0.38	(14 090 211 900)	0.36	1.2%	1 267 769 002	6 944 623 344	7 925 042 323	3.6%	3 346 597 016	18 484 690 658	22 015 254 223
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 067 037 310)	0.15	(6 006 365 572)	0.17	0.2%	188 235 695	1 207 470 534	1 271 549 102	1.4%	1 255 273 005	5 863 338 967	7 277 914 674
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(525 418 522)	0.54	(3 863 677 734)	0.45	0.6%	627 930 035	2 742 345 775	3 222 339 329	1.2%	1 153 348 557	6 079 215 025	7 086 017 063
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	22 925 666 212	23.09	106 732 211 057	20.51	22.8%	23 963 724 892	92 004 515 244	112 202 040 176	1.1%	1 038 058 680	3 988 622 804	5 469 829 119
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	7 221 582 265	2.56	37 983 074 334	2.24	11.3%	11 859 953 495	62 314 835 101	68 584 054 835	5.0%	4 638 371 230	30 180 022 380	30 600 980 501
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(13 182 988 902)	0.41	(85 000 117 726)	0.38	8.8%	9 309 021 652	46 927 526 872	52 344 683 696	24.3%	22 492 010 554	128 517 621 653	137 344 801 422
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 721 293 923	1.55	20 309 484 272	1.39	12.7%	13 365 333 546	62 048 015 580	72 441 300 375	9.3%	8 644 039 623	54 927 889 677	52 131 816 103
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 939 244 704)	0.30	(11 495 958 111)	0.28	0.8%	844 645 389	4 028 216 755	4 378 618 760	3.0%	2 783 890 093	13 742 535 185	15 874 576 871
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(853 108 517)	0.46	(5 281 764 857)	0.43	0.7%	715 040 098	3 761 865 267	4 023 274 582	1.7%	1 568 148 615	8 104 923 907	9 305 039 439
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	57 501 382	5.27	363 852 016	2.73	0.1%	70 966 377	357 557 550	574 133 415	0.0%	13 464 995	134 978 458	210 281 399
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	873 185 477	10.72	3 382 870 646	4.86	0.9%	963 049 145	2 343 453 871	4 258 165 233	0.1%	89 863 668	724 875 941	875 294 587
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 399 175 292)	0.00	(47 785 397 432)	0.00	0.0%	3 006 869	10 088 049	4 285 270	9.1%	8 402 182 161	39 958 515 152	47 789 682 702
Total	Total SA Rand	12 530 500 348	1.14	12 516 093 039	1.02	100%	105 224 025 203	499 789 838 916	556 414 509 013	100%	92 693 524 855	522 735 535 215	543 898 415 974

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AFRICA	18 949 898 149	3.08	91 804 215 464	2.56	26.7%	28 076 475 115	144 848 230 883	150 593 190 982	9.8%	9 126 576 966	59 693 527 921	58 788 975 518	
AMERICA	(761 028 519)	0.93	(11 623 772 583)	0.82	9.8%	10 349 959 629	48 619 791 493	52 893 089 784	12.0%	11 110 988 148	57 284 026 997	64 516 862 367	
ASIA	(11 653 538 050)	0.71	(72 685 924 220)	0.69	27.4%	28 822 085 050	146 380 250 662	159 862 981 426	43.7%	40 475 623 100	235 462 945 624	232 548 905 646	
EUROPE	(3 808 234 996)	0.88	(44 786 464 061)	0.75	25.6%	26 930 084 405	114 740 966 181	136 337 504 370	33.2%	30 738 319 401	161 158 396 113	181 123 968 431	
OCEANIA	83 912 416	1.07	491 560 115	1.08	1.2%	1 286 373 478	5 879 149 974	6 633 451 159	1.3%	1 202 461 062	8 040 129 363	6 141 891 044	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 203 919 574	233.68	46 810 735 254	61.18	8.8%	9 243 475 752	33 422 206 228	47 588 548 222	0.0%	39 556 178	1 096 509 197	777 812 968	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	515 571 774	0.5%	2 505 743 070	0.5%	0.5%	515 571 774	5 899 243 495	2 505 743 070	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Total	12 530 500 348	1.14	12 516 093 039	1.02	100%	105 224 025 203	499 789 838 916	556 414 509 013	100%	92 693 524 855	522 735 535 215	543 898 415 974	

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(338 113 494)	0.73	(944 854 072)	0.86	1.0%	915 979 511	4 721 405 123	5 780 483 871	1.4%	1 254 093 005	5 672 025 735	6 725 337 943
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	3 269 684 099	2.04	10 636 035 515	1.64	6.9%	6 400 072 213	21 023 949 913	27 335 110 214	3.5%	3 130 388 114	10 408 846 593	16 699 074 699
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(277 545 017)	0.52	(3 109 317 119)	0.28	0.3%	298 149 498	1 072 135 873	1 191 753 218	0.6%	575 694 515	3 014 031 085	4 301 070 337
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 078 508 181	1.49	3 894 156 853	1.29	3.5%	3 293 556 198	14 430 930 156	17 334 366 567	2.5%	2 215 048 017	12 331 349 284	13 440 209 714
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	2 818 476 032	1.22	20 162 389 160	1.29	17.1%	15 893 823 947	94 350 187 144	89 466 016 157	14.5%	13 075 347 915	91 770 670 233	69 303 626 997
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 698 218 103)	0.51	(25 343 606 020)	0.52	5.2%	4 822 055 504	26 873 697 683	27 225 039 235	10.6%	9 520 273 607	48 288 054 462	52 568 645 255
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 188 228 468)	0.45	(14 564 067 430)	0.37	1.9%	1 782 320 907	7 900 225 090	8 731 905 182	4.4%	3 970 549 375	20 910 912 725	23 295 972 612
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	63 168 818	1.19	293 238 426	1.15	0.4%	391 585 581	2 170 008 497	2 199 664 329	0.4%	328 416 763	1 831 187 551	1 906 425 903
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	236 132 494	1.78	420 453 271	1.20	0.6%	540 757 698	2 375 274 508	2 559 977 072	0.3%	304 625 204	1 977 501 478	2 139 523 801
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	384 159 851	1.27	1 345 359 605	1.16	1.9%	1 811 700 878	7 410 115 976	9 851 518 636	1.6%	1 427 541 027	7 167 474 544	8 506 159 031
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 135 681 540)	0.27	(14 752 228 148)	0.25	0.8%	790 486 423	4 182 322 836	4 880 426 662	3.3%	2 926 167 963	16 632 261 037	19 632 654 810
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 171 920 140)	0.06	(6 775 033 541)	0.06	0.1%	71 151 823	369 434 781	411 131 615	1.4%	1 243 071 963	5 801 059 516	7 186 165 156
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(671 205 347)	0.41	(4 660 803 845)	0.34	0.5%	470 618 187	1 828 485 780	2 362 643 739	1.3%	1 141 823 534	6 016 138 554	7 023 447 584
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	22 219 252 830	32.51	104 074 054 866	30.12	24.6%	22 924 470 463	87 801 399 499	107 647 660 669	0.8%	705 217 633	2 543 299 850	3 573 605 803
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 518 008 075	2.43	34 004 276 230	2.13	11.9%	11 067 715 070	57 730 531 190	64 154 456 141	5.1%	4 549 706 995	29 641 683 108	30 150 179 911
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(14 564 119 970)	0.34	(93 136 939 520)	0.31	8.2%	7 630 637 273	37 480 788 313	42 462 054 258	24.7%	22 194 757 243	127 158 147 503	135 598 993 778
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	3 265 182 892	1.38	12 750 093 400	1.25	12.7%	11 847 766 416	54 240 099 118	64 529 327 285	9.5%	8 582 583 524	54 739 841 399	51 779 233 885
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 105 242 563)	0.24	(12 382 914 740)	0.22	0.7%	669 904 761	3 254 392 585	3 457 475 309	3.1%	2 775 147 324	13 716 630 212	15 840 390 049
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Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for June 2016 recorded a trade balance surplus of R9.43 billion.

Summary

The R9.43 billion surplus for June 2016 is as a result of exports of R12.16 billion and imports of R2.73 billion.

Exports increased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R1.45 billion (13.5%) and imports increased from May 2016 to June 2016 by R0.02 billion (0.9%).

The cumulative surplus for 2016 is R51.37 billion compared to R51.39 billion in 2015.

Trade Highlights by Category

The month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 985	+ 1806.6%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 233	+ 18.1%
Mineral Products	+ R 121	+ 7.2%
Chemical Products	+ R 69	+ 7.2%
Textiles	- R 79	- 14.2%

The month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Live Animals	+ R 75	+ 24.1%
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 65	+ 24.0%
Prepared Foodstuff	+ R 56	+ 14.2%
Textiles	+ R 46	+ 12.4%
Chemical Products	- R 308	- 51.4%

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