

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for March 2021

Pretoria, 30 April 2021 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for March 2021 recording a trade balance surplus of R52.77 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 31 March 2021) trade surplus of R96.63 billion is an improvement from the R31.67 billion surplus for the comparable period in 2020. Exports increased by 45.6% year-on-year whilst imports increased by 22.7% over the same period.

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

The R52.77 billion trade surplus for March 2021 is attributable to exports of R168.29 billion and imports of R115.52 billion. Exports increased by R37.77 billion (28.9%) between February and March 2021 and imports increased by R16.23 billion (16.3%) over the same period.

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 31 March 2021) increased by 25.9% to R409.13 billion from R324.91 billion over the same period during 2020. Imports for the year-to-date of R312.49 billion were 6.6% more than the R293.24 billion imports recorded during the same period in 2020. The cumulative trade surplus for 2021 is R96.63 billion.

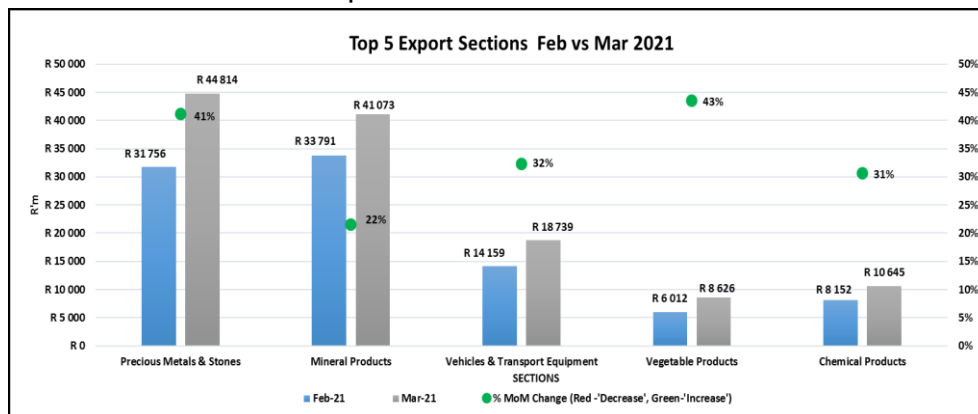
On a year-on-year basis, the R52.77 billion trade balance surplus for March 2021 was an improvement from the R21.41 billion trade balance surplus recorded in March 2020. Exports of R168.29 billion were 45.6% more than the R115.58 billion exports recorded in March 2020. Imports of R115.52 billion were 22.7% more than the R94.17 billion imports recorded in March 2020.

February 2021 trade balance surplus was revised upwards by R2.26 billion due to the ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC). The revision was from the preliminary surplus of R28.96 billion to the revised surplus of R31.22 billion.

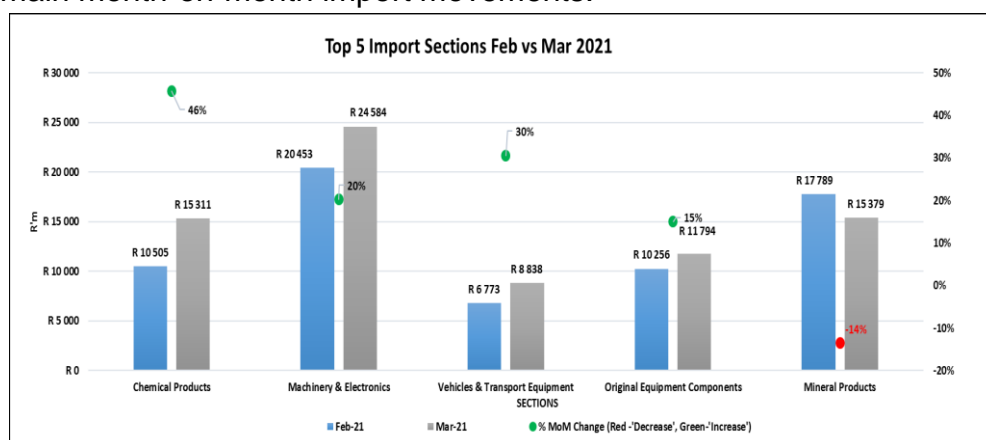
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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from February (revised) to March 2021 are given below:

World Zones (R' m)	The main month-on-month movements (R' m)				
	Trade Type	February 2021	March 2021	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	27 275	33 039	5 764	21.1%
	Imports	10 446	9 049	-1 397	-13.4%
	Trade Balance	16 828	23 990	7 161	
America	Exports	13 193	20 364	7 171	54.4%
	Imports	8 197	11 626	3 429	41.8%
	Trade Balance	4 996	8 738	3 742	
Asia	Exports	42 835	50 491	7 656	17.9%
	Imports	49 478	55 713	6 235	12.6%
	Trade Balance	-6 643	-5 222	1 421	
Europe	Exports	34 580	52 432	17 851	51.6%
	Imports	29 778	36 628	6 850	23.0%
	Trade Balance	4 802	15 804	11 002	
Oceania	Exports	1 068	1 598	530	49.6%
	Imports	965	2 386	1 420	147.1%
	Trade Balance	103	-787	-890	
Other Unclassified	Exports	11 131	9 929	-1 201	-10.8%
	Imports	427	115	-312	-73.0%
	Trade Balance	10 703	9 814	-889	
Ship/Aircraft	Exports	435	432	-2	-0.5%
	Imports	-	-	-	
	Trade Balance	435	432	-2	

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

The trade data excluding BELN for March 2021 recorded a trade balance surplus of R42.87 billion.

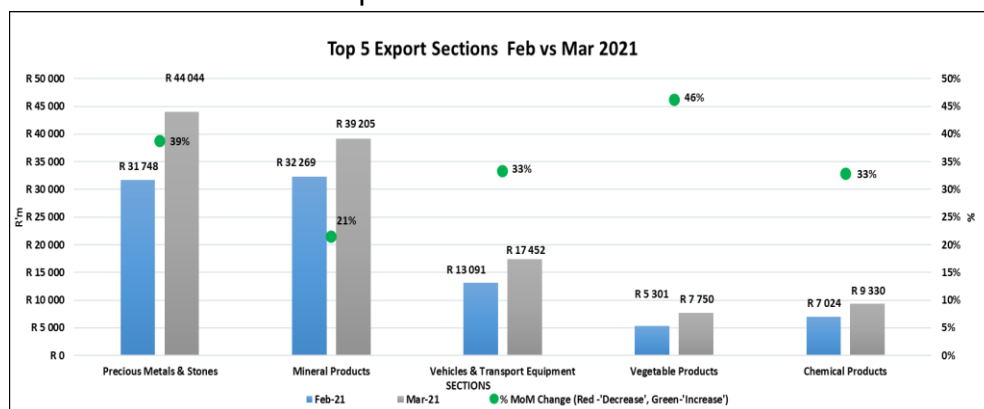
Summary

The R42.87 billion surplus for March 2021 was as a result of exports of R154.19 billion and imports of R111.33 billion. Exports increased by R34.99 billion (29.4%) between February and March 2021 and imports increased by R15.59 billion (16.3%) over the same period.

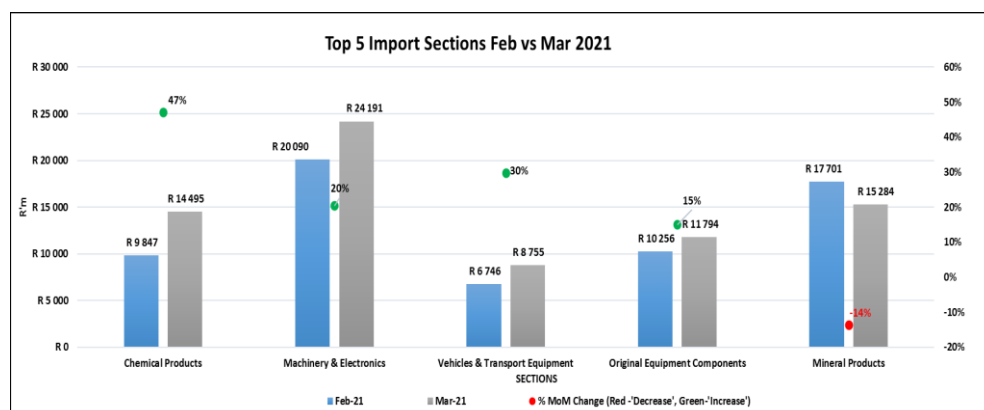
The cumulative trade balance surplus for 2021 was R72.45 billion compared to R9.00 billion trade balance surplus during 2020.

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Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa, excluding BELN, between February (Revised) and March 2021 are given below.

Excl BELN

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	Trade Type	February 2021	March 2021	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	15 958	18 945	2 987	 18.7%
	Imports	6 891	4 858	-2 033	 -29.5%
	Trade Balance	9 068	14 087	5 020	

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SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Cumulative Trade		Monthly Trade		Exports				Imports			
Roman Section	Description	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio ³⁾ (Exports/Imports)	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio Exports/Imports	Month % of total	Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month Total 2021 (R'm)	Month % of total	Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month Total 2021 (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(95 020 211)	0.98	(193 882 578)	0.89	0.97	3 937 857 834	4 245 829 076	1 627 885 205	1.58	4 692 197 002	4 340 849 287	1 821 767 783
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	13 214 375 705	2.84	5 488 533 775	2.75	5.13	18 110 923 772	20 389 352 517	8 625 913 467	2.72	6 361 442 365	7 174 976 812	3 137 379 692
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(1 342 927 827)	0.45	(589 889 332)	0.43	0.26	810 775 732	1 079 238 358	438 082 550	0.89	2 880 208 954	2 422 166 185	1 027 971 882
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	3 072 259 187	1.31	2 012 906 127	1.56	3.31	12 171 363 842	13 132 561 151	5 577 770 259	3.09	9 506 366 252	10 060 301 964	3 564 864 132
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	59 725 713 695	2.28	25 693 937 087	2.67	24.41	79 493 554 115	106 344 864 064	41 073 192 702	13.31	53 834 388 622	46 619 150 369	15 379 255 615
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(11 661 184 724)	0.69	(4 665 635 664)	0.70	6.33	20 598 943 612	26 105 926 128	10 645 485 890	13.25	31 622 662 011	37 767 110 852	15 311 121 554
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(7 688 787 221)	0.46	(2 858 170 252)	0.49	1.62	6 230 343 382	6 666 114 466	2 732 058 674	4.84	11 858 599 231	14 354 901 687	5 590 228 926
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	32 748 332	1.04	15 963 552	1.06	0.16	789 561 966	809 972 803	268 640 912	0.22	799 156 871	777 224 471	252 677 360
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	340 431 032	1.22	329 169 708	1.61	0.52	1 829 304 794	1 911 517 304	867 498 450	0.47	1 387 850 003	1 571 086 272	538 328 742
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(4 466 058 835)	0.52	(1 627 249 482)	0.54	1.14	6 104 478 066	4 903 838 797	1 911 078 545	3.06	8 294 169 502	9 369 897 632	3 538 328 027
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(7 657 818 441)	0.40	(2 436 129 196)	0.47	1.27	4 745 952 737	5 039 090 670	2 133 205 554	3.96	11 859 693 201	12 696 909 111	4 569 334 750
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(2 949 135 939)	0.20	(894 568 538)	0.27	0.19	644 704 735	744 707 606	324 122 371	1.05	3 331 863 618	3 693 843 545	1 218 690 909
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(2 200 461 401)	0.44	(711 064 290)	0.50	0.42	1 565 594 286	1 707 649 218	711 961 432	1.23	3 076 496 328	3 908 110 619	1 423 025 722
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	100 629 896 998	26.31	43 655 264 346	38.68	26.63	69 502 862 872	104 605 667 078	44 813 756 721	1.00	4 428 261 659	3 975 770 080	1 158 492 375
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	18 421 840 527	1.98	7 812 911 853	2.12	8.78	31 893 094 765	37 249 200 000	14 776 063 378	6.03	14 662 803 471	18 827 359 473	6 963 151 525
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(39 097 030 345)	0.42	(13 405 843 943)	0.45	6.64	23 542 114 912	28 409 634 686	11 177 718 409	21.28	59 669 535 024	67 506 665 031	24 583 562 352
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	17 606 225 130	1.75	9 901 359 927	2.12	11.14	37 518 539 773	41 098 607 795	18 739 394 326	7.65	24 220 153 751	23 492 382 665	8 838 034 399
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(5 744 263 624)	0.28	(2 247 770 765)	0.26	0.47	2 553 432 898	2 189 099 417	788 120 551	2.63	8 038 531 931	7 933 363 041	3 035 891 316
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(2 843 898 366)	0.38	(904 606 562)	0.44	0.42	1 639 245 746	1 720 928 668	707 833 940	1.40	4 020 036 313	4 564 827 034	1 612 440 502
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(22 476 157)	0.90	65 370 888	5.06	0.05	310 342 638	211 455 577	81 479 843	0.01	104 945 353	233 931 734	16 108 955
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	212 938 095	1.64	121 885 616	1.85	0.16	913 766 944	547 805 394	264 529 470	0.12	512 875 744	334 867 299	142 643 854
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(30 854 609 560)	0.00	(11 793 850 608)	0.00	0.00	1 565 763	13 741 501	17 400	10.21	28 079 006 027	30 868 351 061	11 793 868 008
Total	Total SA Rand	96 632 756 050	1.31	52 768 641 669	1.46	100.00	324 908 325 184	409 126 802 274	168 285 810 049	100.00	293 241 243 233	312 494 046 224	115 517 168 380

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AFRICA		55 624 373 367	3.00	23 989 540 858	3.65	19.63	79 657 118 559	83 406 463 118	33 038 559 601	7.83	39 831 853 684	27 782 089 751	9 049 018 743
AMERICA		15 495 402 322	1.51	8 738 487 636	1.75	12.10	28 770 610 175	45 715 825 745	20 364 387 762	10.06	28 882 189 472	30 220 423 423	11 625 900 126
ASIA		(20 501 624 951)	0.87	(5 222 161 262)	0.91	30.00	97 604 543 163	132 256 605 007	50 490 934 003	48.23	125 934 952 428	152 758 229 958	55 713 095 265
EUROPE		19 487 693 882	1.20	15 803 871 163	1.43	31.16	87 401 280 944	116 055 509 821	52 431 860 283	31.71	93 964 034 952	96 567 815 939	36 627 989 120
OCEANIA		(1 203 205 842)	0.73	(787 313 766)	0.67	0.95	2 991 425 597	3 261 100 044	1 598 375 697	2.07	3 881 452 469	4 464 305 886	2 385 689 463
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED		26 389 462 887	38.64	9 813 972 567	85.99	5.90	25 773 493 986	27 090 644 154	9 929 448 230	0.10	746 760 228	701 181 267	115 475 663
SHIP/AIRCRAFT		1 340 654 385	-	432 244 473	-	0.26	2 709 852 760	1 340 654 385	432 244 473				
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(64 991 330)	0.98	(147 498 349)	0.90	0.83	3 035 948 509	3 356 799 064	1 287 154 843	1.29	3 627 086 203	3 421 790 394	1 434 653 192
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	11 099 150 764	2.58	4 680 774 277	2.53	5.03	15 921 415 405	18 124 765 249	7 749 859 663	2.76	6 218 507 905	7 025 614 485	3 069 085 386
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(1 815 530 950)	0.25	(793 128 040)	0.23	0.15	427 360 584	603 086 838	232 960 394	0.92	2 878 945 770	2 418 617 788	1 026 088 434
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	515 159 035	1.06	1 040 319 768	1.35	2.61	8 113 614 776	9 053 226 625	4 029 528 476	2.69	7 832 719 203	8 538 067 590	2 989 208 708
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	55 057 544 820	2.19	23 920 781 283	2.57	25.43	73 288 471 366	101 439 077 471	39 204 917 542	13.73	53 614 934 061	46 381 532 651	15 284 136 259
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(13 086 539 841)	0.63	(5 164 104 287)	0.64	6.05	17 274 373 583	22 629 496 495	9 330 422 189	13.02	29 639 694 204	35 716 036 336	14 494 526 476
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(9 055 472 939)	0.36	(3 390 419 840)	0.39	1.38	4 795 323 358	5 122 761 521	2 128 824 661	4.96	11 701 758 247	14 178 234 460	5 519 244 501
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(89 255 027)	0.88	(30 797 555)	0.87	0.14	675 131 450	661 838 037	211 770 649	0.22	779 256 481	751 093 064	242 568 204
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	325 052 733	1.30	318 401 924	1.91	0.43	1 391 879 000	1 407 687 780	667 357 328	0.31	999 296 922	1 082 635 047	348 955 404
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(5 126 564 228)	0.45	(1 876 628 578)	0.47	1.06	5 314 874 622	4 182 998 619	1 640 405 954	3.16	8 239 130 573	9 309 562 847	3 517 034 532
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(7 781 856 486)	0.29	(2 512 197 504)	0.36	0.91	3 167 783 894	3 195 768 035	1 406 784 003	3.52	10 172 774 016	10 977 624 521	3 918 981 507
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(3 394 047 800)	0.07	(1 077 309 116)	0.11	0.08	219 424 372	274 920 572	128 109 783	1.08	3 303 024 528	3 668 968 372	1 205 418 899
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(2 661 775 787)	0.31	(894 426 526)	0.37	0.34	1 121 787 701	1 221 175 021	519 152 239	1.27	3 053 529 704	3 882 950 808	1 413 578 765
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	101 579 193 757	58.18	43 579 446 152	94.90	28.56	68 982 433 524	103 355 546 167	44 043 532 752	0.42	2 501 144 070	1 776 352 410	464 086 600
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	16 057 579 621	1.86	6 873 928 209	2.00	8.92	29 813 004 938	34 682 752 747	13 746 467 931	6.17	14 292 705 836	18 625 173 126	6 872 539 722
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(43 208 991 607)	0.35	(15 083 615 858)	0.38	5.91	18 896 064 248	23 197 971 917	9 107 383 753	21.73	58 543 176 435	66 406 963 524	24 190 999 611
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	14 707 161 678	1.64	8 697 761 306	1.99	11.32	34 549 602 958	37 829 722 394	17 452 415 322	7.86	24 050 103 674	23 122 560 716	8 754 654 016
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(6 267 198 891)	0.21	(2 435 358 350)	0.20	0.38	2 112 645 922	1 639 388 219	592 511 315	2.72	8 015 405 579	7 906 587 110	3 027 869 665
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(3 654 172 405)	0.19	(1 229 628 879)	0.23	0.24	830 063 722	884 802 817	372 727 797	1.44	3 987 473 816	4 538 975 222	1 602 356 676
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade statistics with the BELN countries for March 2021 recorded a trade balance surplus of R9.90 billion.

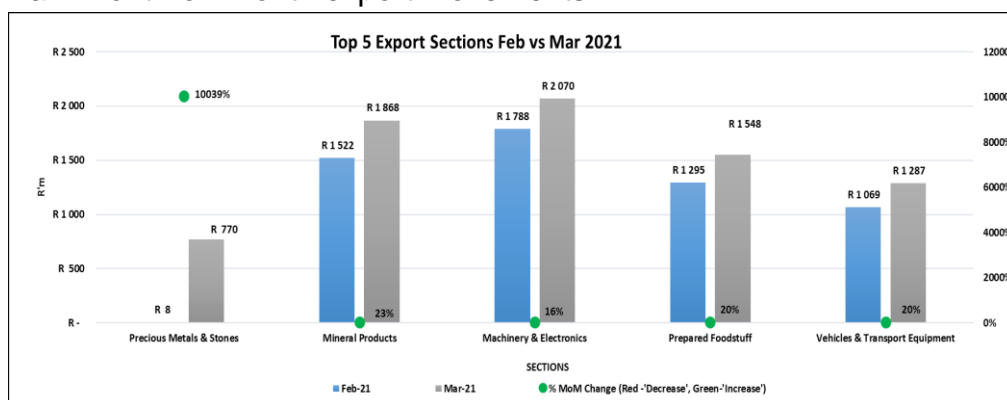
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The R9.90 billion trade balance surplus for March 2021 was as a result of exports of R14.09 billion and imports of R4.19 billion. Exports increased by R2.78 billion (24.5%) between February and March 2021 and imports increased by R0.64 billion (17.9%) over the same period.

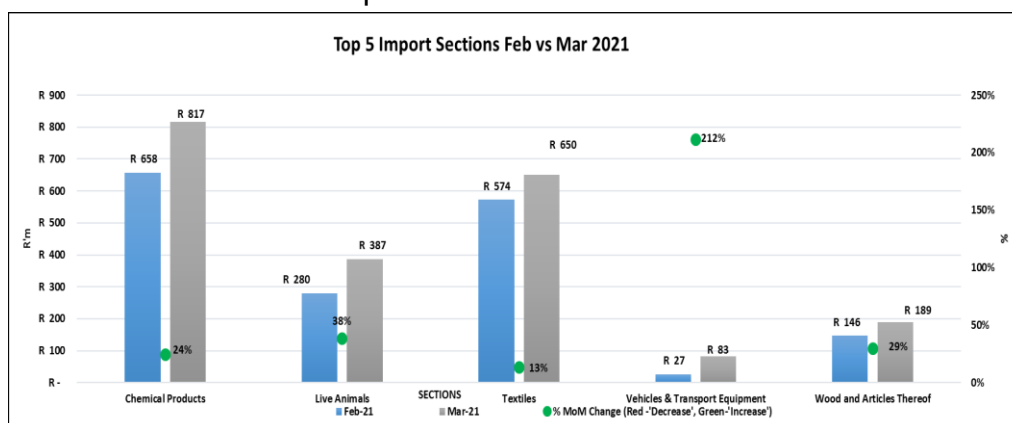
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1. SA Trade Statistics for March 2021 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 168 285 810 049	R 115 517 168 380	R 52 768 641 669
February 2021 (Revised)	R 130 516 399 203	R 99 291 972 970	R 31 224 426 233
R Increase/Decrease	R 37 769 410 846	R 16 225 195 410	
% Growth	28.9%	16.3%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 409 126 802 274	R 312 494 046 224	R 96 632 756 050
January to March 2020 (Revised)	R 324 908 325 184	R 293 241 243 233	R 31 667 081 951
R Increase/Decrease	R 84 218 477 090	R 19 252 802 991	
% Growth	25.9%	6.6%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by	R 2 614 million (43%)
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 7 282 million (22%)
Section 6:	Chemical products increased by	R 2 493 million (31%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones increased by	R 13 058 million (41%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 4 580 million (32%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 2 410 million (-14%)
Section 6:	Chemical products increased by	R 4 806 million (46%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics increased by	R 4 131 million (20%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 2 065 million (30%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by	R 1 538 million (15%)

2. International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 154 192 375 643	R 111 326 199 742	R 42 866 175 901
February 2021 (Revised)	R 119 199 898 658	R 95 736 193 488	R 23 463 705 170
R Increase/Decrease	R 34 992 476 985	R 15 590 006 254	
% Growth	29.4%	16.3%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 373 609 425 960	R 301 158 388 268	R 72 451 037 692
January to March 2020 (Revised)	R 291 136 568 114	R 282 141 390 168	R 8 995 177 946
R Increase/Decrease	R 82 472 857 846	R 19 016 998 100	
% Growth	28.3%	6.7%	

3. BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 14 093 434 406	R 4 190 968 638	R 9 902 465 768
February 2021 (Revised)	R 11 316 500 545	R 3 555 779 482	R 7 760 721 063

R Increase/Decrease	R 2 776 933 861	R 635 189 156
% Growth	24.5%	17.9%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to March 2021 (Preliminary)	R 35 517 376 314	R 11 335 657 956	R 24 181 718 358
January to March 2020 (Revised)	R 33 771 757 070	R 11 099 853 065	R 22 671 904 005

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 745 619 244	R 235 804 891
% Growth	5.2%	2.1%

4. Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (Including BELN)

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

PERIOD: World Zone	February 2021 / March 2021 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	27 274.7	33 038.6	21.1%	-341.0	10 446.4	9 049.0	-13.4%	-1.2
AMERICA	13 193.0	20 364.4	54.4%	-5.8	8 196.7	11 625.9	41.8%	0.1
ASIA	42 835.0	50 490.9	17.9%	55.3	49 477.9	55 713.1	12.6%	2.8
EUROPE	34 580.4	52 431.9	51.6%	-53.3	29 778.4	36 628.0	23.0%	3.3
OCEANIA	1 068.4	1 598.4	49.6%	0.2	965.3	2 385.7	147.1%	-2.2
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	11 130.5	9 929.4	-10.8%	2 611.9	427.2	115.5	-73.0%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	434.5	432.2	-0.5%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	130 516.4	168 285.8	28.9%	2 267.2	99 292.0	115 517.2	16.3%	2.9

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 377.3	1 627.9	18.2%	-0.1	1 307.5	1 821.8	39.3%	-0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 012.2	8 625.9	43.5%	-1.2	1 990.4	3 137.4	57.6%	-2.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	285.9	438.1	53.2%	-3 015.6	711.2	1 028.0	44.5%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 986.4	5 577.8	39.9%	-0.5	3 143.4	3 564.9	13.4%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	33 791.0	41 073.2	21.6%	2 723.9	17 788.8	15 379.3	-13.5%	7.2
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 152.0	10 645.5	30.6%	-20.6	10 504.9	15 311.1	45.8%	-0.8
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 326.6	2 732.1	17.4%	-50.4	4 334.5	5 590.2	29.0%	-0.7
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).	304.3	268.6	-11.7%	0.1	245.9	252.7	2.8%	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.	543.1	867.5	59.7%	-2.7	483.2	538.3	11.4%	1.2
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.	1 425.4	1 911.1	34.1%	-0.6	3 039.3	3 538.3	16.4%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 884.4	2 133.2	13.2%	-0.5	4 301.8	4 569.3	6.2%	0.6
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.	250.5	324.1	29.4%	0.0	1 316.1	1 218.7	-7.4%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	551.4	712.0	29.1%	-0.0	1 193.3	1 423.0	19.2%	-1.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	31 755.8	44 813.8	41.1%	2 611.9	1 460.3	1 158.5	-20.7%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 510.1	14 776.1	18.1%	51.2	6 034.5	6 963.2	15.4%	-1.7
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.	9 604.0	11 177.7	16.4%	-18.3	20 452.5	24 583.6	20.2%	-1.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	14 159.4	18 739.4	32.3%	-9.1	6 772.9	8 838.0	30.5%	0.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	767.0	788.1	2.8%	-0.3	2 415.9	3 035.9	25.7%	2.8
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	580.5	707.8	21.9%	0.0	1 433.0	1 612.4	12.5%	-1.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	82.4	81.5	-1.1%	-0.0	14.4	16.1	11.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	166.2	264.5	59.2%	-	92.7	142.6	53.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components.	0.5	0.0	-96.7%	-	10 255.6	11 793.9	15.0%	-0.2
Total		130 516.4	168 285.8	28.9%	2 267.2	99 292.0	115 517.2	16.3%	2.9

5. Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (Including BELN)

METHODOLOGY 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

World Zone	January to March 2020 / January to March 2021					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	79 657.1	83 406.5	4.7%	39 831.9	27 782.1	-30.3%
AMERICA	28 770.6	45 715.8	58.9%	28 882.2	30 220.4	4.6%
ASIA	97 604.5	132 256.6	35.5%	125 935.0	152 758.2	21.3%
EUROPE	87 401.3	116 055.5	32.8%	93 964.0	96 567.8	2.8%
OCEANIA	2 991.4	3 261.1	9.0%	3 881.5	4 464.3	15.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	25 773.5	27 090.6	5.1%	746.8	701.2	-6.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 709.9	1 340.7	-50.5%	-	-	0.0%
Total	324 908.3	409 126.8	25.9%	293 241.2	312 494.0	6.6%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 937.9	4 245.8	7.8%	4 692.2	4 340.8	-7.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	18 110.9	20 389.4	12.6%	6 361.4	7 175.0	12.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	810.8	1 079.2	33.1%	2 880.2	2 422.2	-15.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	12 171.4	13 132.6	7.9%	9 506.4	10 060.3	5.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	79 493.6	106 344.9	33.8%	53 834.4	46 619.2	-13.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	20 598.9	26 105.9	26.7%	31 622.7	37 767.1	19.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 230.3	6 666.1	7.0%	11 858.6	14 354.9	21.1%
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).	789.6	810.0	2.6%	799.2	777.2	-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.	1 829.3	1 911.5	4.5%	1 387.9	1 571.1	13.2%
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.	6 104.5	4 903.8	-19.7%	8 294.2	9 369.9	13.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 746.0	5 039.1	6.2%	11 859.7	12 696.9	7.1%
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.	644.7	744.7	15.5%	3 331.9	3 693.8	10.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 565.6	1 707.6	9.1%	3 076.5	3 908.1	27.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	69 502.9	104 605.7	50.5%	4 428.3	3 975.8	-10.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	31 893.1	37 249.2	16.8%	14 662.8	18 827.4	28.4%
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.	23 542.1	28 409.6	20.7%	59 669.5	67 506.7	13.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	37 518.5	41 098.6	9.5%	24 220.2	23 492.4	-3.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 553.4	2 189.1	-14.3%	8 038.5	7 933.4	-1.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 639.2	1 720.9	5.0%	4 020.0	4 564.8	13.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	310.3	211.5	-31.9%	104.9	233.9	122.9%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	913.8	547.8	-40.0%	512.9	334.9	-34.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components.	1.6	13.7	777.6%	28 079.0	30 868.4	9.9%
Total		324 908.3	409 126.8	25.9%	293 241.2	312 494.0	6.6%

6. Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (Excluding BELN)

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	February 2021 / March 2021 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	15 958.2	18 945.1	18.7%	-344.3	6 890.6	4 858.1	-29.5%	0.8
AMERICA	13 193.0	20 364.4	54.4%	-5.8	8 196.7	11 625.9	41.8%	0.1
ASIA	42 835.0	50 490.9	17.9%	55.3	49 477.9	55 713.1	12.6%	2.8
EUROPE	34 580.4	52 431.9	51.6%	-53.3	29 778.4	36 628.0	23.0%	3.3
OCEANIA	1 068.4	1 598.4	49.6%	0.2	965.3	2 385.7	147.1%	-2.2
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	11 130.5	9 929.4	-10.8%	2 611.9	427.2	115.5	-73.0%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	434.5	432.2	-0.5%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	119 199.9	154 192.4	29.4%	2 264.0	95 736.2	111 326.2	16.3%	4.9

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 105.2	1 287.2	16.5%	-0.1	1 027.3	1 434.7	39.7%	-0.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 301.2	7 749.9	46.2%	-1.2	1 954.6	3 069.1	57.0%	-2.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	144.0	233.0	61.8%	-3 014.9	710.6	1 026.1	44.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 691.2	4 029.5	49.7%	-0.4	2 605.7	2 989.2	14.7%	-0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	32 269.1	39 204.9	21.5%	2 715.8	17 701.0	15 284.1	-13.7%	7.2
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	7 023.5	9 330.4	32.8%	-20.5	9 846.9	14 494.5	47.2%	-0.8
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 806.0	2 128.8	17.9%	-49.9	4 271.8	5 519.2	29.2%	-0.7
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).	258.4	211.8	-18.1%	0.1	235.7	242.6	2.9%	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.	372.3	667.4	79.2%	0.1	336.7	349.0	3.6%	1.2
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.	1 183.1	1 640.4	38.6%	-0.5	3 020.9	3 517.0	16.4%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 224.8	1 406.8	14.9%	-0.5	3 728.2	3 919.0	5.1%	1.3
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.	84.6	128.1	51.4%	0.0	1 308.7	1 205.4	-7.9%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	381.2	519.2	36.2%	-0.0	1 185.8	1 413.6	19.2%	-1.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	31 748.2	44 043.5	38.7%	2 611.9	803.0	464.1	-42.2%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 606.7	13 746.5	18.4%	51.0	5 972.9	6 872.5	15.1%	-1.9
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.	7 816.3	9 107.4	16.5%	-18.3	20 089.8	24 191.0	20.4%	-0.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 090.6	17 452.4	33.3%	-8.2	6 746.1	8 754.7	29.8%	0.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	561.3	592.5	5.6%	-0.3	2 405.8	3 027.9	25.9%	3.7
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	287.8	372.7	29.5%	0.0	1 423.6	1 602.4	12.6%	-1.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	82.0	80.6	-1.7%	-	14.4	16.1	11.9%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	161.8	259.5	60.4%	-	90.8	140.2	54.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components.	0.5	0.0	-96.7%	-	10 255.6	11 793.9	15.0%	-0.2
Total		119 199.9	154 192.4	29.4%	2 264.0	95 736.2	111 326.2	16.3%	4.9

7. Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (Excluding BELN)

<p>METHODOLOGY</p> <p>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 2020 / January to March 2021					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	45 885.4	47 889.1	4.4%	28 732.0	16 446.4	-42.8%
AMERICA	28 770.6	45 715.8	58.9%	28 882.2	30 220.4	4.6%
ASIA	97 604.5	132 256.6	35.5%	125 935.0	152 758.2	21.3%
EUROPE	87 401.3	116 055.5	32.8%	93 964.0	96 567.8	2.8%
OCEANIA	2 991.4	3 261.1	9.0%	3 881.5	4 464.3	15.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	25 773.5	27 090.6	5.1%	746.8	701.2	-6.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 709.9	1 340.7	-50.5%	-	-	0.0%
Total	291 136.6	373 609.4	28.3%	282 141.4	301 158.4	6.7%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 035.9	3 356.8	10.6%	3 627.1	3 421.8	-5.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15 921.4	18 124.8	13.8%	6 218.5	7 025.6	13.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	427.4	603.1	41.1%	2 878.9	2 418.6	-16.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	8 113.6	9 053.2	11.6%	7 832.7	8 538.1	9.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	73 288.5	101 439.1	38.4%	53 614.9	46 381.5	-13.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	17 274.4	22 629.5	31.0%	29 639.7	35 716.0	20.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	4 795.3	5 122.8	6.8%	11 701.8	14 178.2	21.2%
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).	675.1	661.8	-2.0%	779.3	751.1	-3.6%
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.	1 391.9	1 407.7	1.1%	999.3	1 082.6	8.3%
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.	5 314.9	4 183.0	-21.3%	8 239.1	9 309.6	13.0%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	3 167.8	3 195.8	0.9%	10 172.8	10 977.6	7.9%
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.	219.4	274.9	25.3%	3 303.0	3 669.0	11.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 121.8	1 221.2	8.9%	3 053.5	3 883.0	27.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	68 982.4	103 355.5	49.8%	2 501.1	1 776.4	-29.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	29 813.0	34 682.8	16.3%	14 292.7	18 625.2	30.3%
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.	18 896.1	23 198.0	22.8%	58 543.2	66 407.0	13.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	34 549.6	37 829.7	9.5%	24 050.1	23 122.6	-3.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 112.6	1 639.4	-22.4%	8 015.4	7 906.6	-1.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	830.1	884.8	6.6%	3 987.5	4 539.0	13.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	304.7	209.9	-31.1%	104.8	233.9	123.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	899.1	535.1	-40.5%	506.9	326.8	-35.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components.	1.6	0.6	-59.0%	28 079.0	30 868.4	9.9%
Total		291 136.6	373 609.4	28.3%	282 141.4	301 158.4	6.7%

8. Preliminary BELN 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

World Zone	February 2021 / March 2021 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	11 316.5	14 093.4	24.5%	3.2	3 555.8	4 191.0	17.9%	-2.0
Total	11 316.5	14 093.4	24.5%	3.2	3 555.8	4 191.0	17.9%	-2.0

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	February 2021	March 2021	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	272.1	340.7	25.2%	-	280.2	387.1	38.2%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	711.0	876.1	23.2%	-	35.8	68.3	90.8%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	141.9	205.1	44.6%	-0.7	0.6	1.9	226.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 295.2	1 548.2	19.5%	-0.1	537.7	575.7	7.1%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 521.9	1 868.3	22.8%	8.1	87.8	95.1	8.3%	0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 128.5	1 315.1	16.5%	-0.1	657.9	816.6	24.1%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	520.6	603.2	15.9%	-0.6	62.6	71.0	13.4%	-
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).	45.9	56.9	24.0%	-	10.2	10.1	-0.5%	-
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.	170.8	200.1	17.2%	-2.9	146.5	189.4	29.3%	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.	242.3	270.7	11.7%	-0.0	18.4	21.3	15.9%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	659.6	726.4	10.1%	-0.0	573.6	650.4	13.4%	-0.8
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.	165.9	196.0	18.2%	-0.0	7.4	13.3	79.7%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	170.3	192.8	13.2%	0.0	7.6	9.4	25.0%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	7.6	770.2	10039.3%	-	657.3	694.4	5.6%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	903.3	1 029.6	14.0%	0.2	61.6	90.6	47.2%	0.2
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.	1 787.7	2 070.3	15.8%	0.1	362.7	392.6	8.2%	-0.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 068.8	1 287.0	20.4%	-0.8	26.8	83.4	211.5%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	205.7	195.6	-4.9%	0.0	10.1	8.0	-20.3%	-0.9
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	292.8	335.1	14.5%	0.0	9.4	10.1	7.6%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.9	112.7%	-0.0	0.0	0.0	-71.1%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4.4	5.0	15.3%	-	1.9	2.4	27.8%	-
Total		11 316.5	14 093.4	24.5%	3.2	3 555.8	4 191.0	17.9%	-2.0

9. Preliminary BELN Cumulative Statement

METHODOLOGY 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 March 2020 / January to March 2021					
World Zone	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	33 771.8	35 517.4	5.2%	11 099.9	11 335.7	2.1%
Total	33 771.8	35 517.4	5.2%	11 099.9	11 335.7	2.1%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to March 2020	January to March 2021	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	901.9	889.0	-1.4%	1 065.1	919.1	-13.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 189.5	2 264.6	3.4%	142.9	149.4	4.5%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	383.4	476.2	24.2%	1.3	3.5	180.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 057.7	4 079.3	0.5%	1 673.6	1 522.2	-9.0%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	6 205.1	4 905.8	-20.9%	219.5	237.6	8.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	3 324.6	3 476.4	4.6%	1 983.0	2 051.1	3.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	1 435.0	1 543.4	7.5%	156.8	176.7	12.6%
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).	114.4	148.1	29.5%	19.9	26.1	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.	437.4	503.8	15.2%	388.6	488.5	25.7%
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.	789.6	720.8	-8.7%	55.0	60.3	9.6%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 578.2	1 843.3	16.8%	1 686.9	1 719.3	1.9%
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.	425.3	469.8	10.5%	28.8	24.9	-13.7%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	443.8	486.5	9.6%	23.0	25.2	9.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	520.4	1 250.1	140.2%	1 927.1	2 199.4	14.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	2 080.1	2 566.4	23.4%	370.1	202.2	-45.4%
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.	4 646.1	5 211.7	12.2%	1 126.4	1 099.7	-2.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	2 968.9	3 268.9	10.1%	170.1	369.8	117.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	440.8	549.7	24.7%	23.1	26.8	15.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	809.2	836.1	3.3%	32.6	25.9	-20.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	5.7	1.5	-72.6%	0.1	0.1	-34.8%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	14.7	12.7	-13.3%	6.0	8.0	33.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components.	-	13.1	Infinity	-	-	0.0%
Total		33 771.8	35 517.4	5.2%	11 099.9	11 335.7	2.1%

10. Commodities

EXPORTS	FEBRUARY 2021	MARCH 2021
Gold (SARB)	R 11 047 628 402	R 9 783 226 224
Diamonds	R 2 470 356 191	R 2 879 470 143
Platinum	R 15 729 429 871	R 28 926 095 647

11. Customs (Trade) Declarations

DECLARATIONS (ENTRIES)	FEBRUARY 2021	MARCH 2021
Number of Export Declarations	247 608	289 994
Number of Import Declarations	242 372	293 282

12. Trade Statistics Website Table

Landing page:

<http://www.sars.gov.za/ClientSegments/Customs-Excise/TradeStatistics/Pages/default.aspx>

March 2021 Overview

Exports	Imports	
168 285 810 049	115 517 168 380	
Trade Balance	52 768 641 669	52 768 641 669 0

Top 5 Countries we exported to:		Top 5 Countries we imported from:	
China	12.1%	China	19.1%
United States	10.7%	Germany	10.2%
Germany	9.6%	United States	6.5%
United Kingdom	7.0%	India	5.5%
Japan	5.9%	Saudi Arabia	5.1%