

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for November 2019

Pretoria, 27 December 2019 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for November 2019 recording a trade surplus of R6.10 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 November 2019) trade surplus R10.54 billion is an improvement from the R1.24 billion deficit for the comparable period in 2018. Exports decreased by 0.9% year-on-year whilst imports for the same period showed a decrease of 3.8%.

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

The R6.10 billion trade surplus for November 2019 is attributable to exports of R116.90 billion and imports of R110.80 billion. Exports decreased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R5.94 billion (4.8%) and imports decreased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R9.29 billion (7.7%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 November) increased by 4.4% from R1 145.15 billion in 2018 to R1 195.54 billion in 2019. Imports for the year-to-date of R1 184.99 billion are 3.4% more than the R1 146.39 billion imports recorded in January to November 2018, leaving a cumulative trade surplus of R10.54 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the R6.10 billion trade surplus for November 2019 is an improvement from the R2.71 billion surplus recorded in November 2018. Exports of R116.90 billion are 0.9% less than the R117.93 billion exports recorded in November 2018. Imports of R110.80 billion are 3.8% less than the R115.21 billion imports recorded in November 2018.

October 2019's trade surplus was revised downwards by R0.34 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R3.09 billion to a revised surplus of R2.75 billion as a result of ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC's).

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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R1 134	-4%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 915	-5%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 762	-8%
Vegetable Products	-R 681	-15%
Base Metals	-R 569	-5%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 493	-2%
Chemical Products	-R 394	-5%
Total	-R4 948	83%
Total Movement	-R5 941	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Original Equipment Components	-R4 715	-44%
Chemical Products	-R1 686	-12%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 742	-3%
Prepared Foodstuff	-R 515	-12%
Mineral Products	-R 511	-3%
Vegetable Products	-R 452	-19%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 905	+9%
Total	-R7 716	83%
Total Movement	-R9 286	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from October 2019 (revised) to November 2019 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R32 796 million – this is a decrease of R260 million from October 2019.

Imports: R14 767 million – this is a decrease of R143 million from October 2019.

Trade surplus: R18 029 million – this is a deterioration of R117 million in comparison to the R18 146 million surplus recorded in October 2019.

America:

Exports: R10 325 million – this is an increase of R54 million from October 2019.

Imports: R10 864 million – this is a decrease of R1 581 million from October 2019.

Trade deficit: R539 million – this is an improvement of R1 635 million in comparison to the R2 174 million deficit recorded in October 2019.

Asia:

Exports: R36 202 million – this is a decrease of R386 million from October 2019.

Imports: R51 549 million – this is a decrease of R1 855 million from October 2019.

Trade deficit: R15 347 million – this is an improvement of R1 469 million in comparison to the R16 815 million deficit recorded in October 2019.

Europe:

Exports: R28 402 million – this is a decrease of R2 331 million from October 2019.

Imports: R31 737 million – this is a decrease of R6 191 million from October 2019.

Trade deficit: R3 336 million – this is an improvement of R3 860 million in comparison to the R7 195 million deficit recorded in October 2019.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 111 million – this is an increase of R138 million from October 2019.

Imports: R1 302 million – this is an increase of R88 million from October 2019.

Trade deficit: R191 million – this is an improvement of R50 million in comparison to the R241 million deficit recorded in October 2019.

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

The trade data excluding BELN for November 2019 recorded a trade deficit of R5.10 billion.

Summary

The R5.10 billion deficit for November 2019 is as a result of exports of R101.91 billion and imports of R107.01 billion. Exports decreased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R7.00 billion (6.4%) and imports decreased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R8.64 billion (7.5%).

The cumulative deficit for 2019 is R82.61 billion compared to R88.28 billion deficit in 2018.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R1 609	-6%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R1 082	-7%
Vegetable Products	-R 726	-19%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 650	-8%
Base Metals	-R 572	-5%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 554	-2%

Chemical Products	-R 475	-8%
Total	-R5 668	81%
Total Movement	-R7 005	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Original Equipment Components	-R4 715	-44%
Chemical Products	-R1 388	-11%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 730	-3%
Prepared Foodstuff	-R 564	-15%
Mineral Products	-R 534	-3%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 867	+9%
Total	-R7 064	83%
Total Movement	-R8 642	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa excluding BELN from October 2019 (Revised) to November 2019 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R17 802 million – this is a decrease of R1 324 million from October 2019.

Imports: R10 973 million – this is an increase of R501 million from October 2019.

Trade surplus: R6 829 million – this is a deterioration of R1 825 million in comparison to the R8 654 million surplus recorded in October 2019.

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SA Trade Release Table (including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports			
Roman Section	Description	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio Exports/Imports	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio ⁵⁾ (Exports/Imports)	Month % of total	Month Total 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(363 687 533)	0.79	(4 518 130 596)	0.75	1.14	1 333 940 338	13 936 459 193	13 857 336 891	1.53	1 697 627 871	19 385 400 866	18 375 467 487
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 835 713 417	1.92	40 059 220 047	2.68	3.27	3 825 618 673	63 872 508 652	63 919 863 699	1.80	1 989 905 256	21 670 878 317	23 860 643 652
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(517 236 617)	0.34	(5 679 666 405)	0.34	0.23	271 922 754	2 975 710 068	2 926 107 327	0.71	789 159 371	8 315 338 023	8 605 773 732
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 441 784 934	1.38	14 405 731 504	1.38	4.52	5 279 932 624	48 777 597 152	51 849 509 678	3.46	3 838 147 690	34 397 831 969	37 443 778 174
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	7 078 690 246	1.36	99 531 411 860	1.50	22.95	26 826 460 288	269 124 535 694	298 681 722 965	17.82	19 747 770 042	215 210 038 267	199 150 311 105
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 287 608 162)	0.57	(52 549 236 751)	0.58	5.89	6 890 762 331	70 911 227 776	73 687 322 790	10.99	12 178 370 493	124 535 789 284	126 236 559 541
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 478 157 468)	0.48	(25 231 754 931)	0.50	1.98	2 319 164 762	23 373 249 631	25 128 636 778	4.33	4 797 322 230	50 839 192 874	50 360 391 709
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(123 957 832)	0.72	(527 390 941)	0.86	0.27	311 561 353	3 840 981 335	3 181 048 481	0.39	435 519 185	3 856 114 327	3 708 439 422
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	(17 403 111)	0.96	1 713 860 681	1.33	0.39	457 962 412	7 129 735 374	6 896 281 099	0.43	475 365 523	4 991 458 666	5 182 420 418
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(2 103 363 256)	0.48	(16 780 117 758)	0.49	1.66	1 940 979 519	20 885 651 390	16 237 252 741	3.65	4 044 342 775	28 704 934 776	33 017 370 499
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 256 428 383)	0.48	(27 827 966 325)	0.37	1.78	2 075 902 415	16 906 850 535	16 596 190 320	3.91	4 332 330 798	41 883 564 443	44 424 156 645
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(830 272 573)	0.30	(10 878 796 716)	0.21	0.31	356 976 788	2 741 924 661	2 841 043 157	1.07	1 187 249 361	13 146 443 170	13 719 839 873
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(869 576 864)	0.38	(8 497 693 525)	0.41	0.45	531 350 643	5 914 564 966	5 886 104 298	1.26	1 400 927 507	13 751 276 960	14 383 797 823
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	23 068 806 990	16.55	182 297 570 979	12.78	21.00	24 552 226 067	202 219 187 907	197 778 013 340	1.34	1 483 419 077	18 521 596 215	15 480 442 361
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 260 196 377	2.13	71 723 532 218	2.21	10.10	11 803 384 048	138 816 555 152	131 224 245 876	5.00	5 543 187 671	56 478 438 638	59 500 713 658
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 609 947 867)	0.38	(169 668 599 160)	0.36	8.02	9 372 226 109	93 235 257 839	96 585 999 707	22.55	24 982 173 976	248 238 264 689	266 254 598 867
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	5 717 334 363	1.53	59 760 394 071	1.55	14.09	16 465 792 592	139 364 559 039	168 191 920 000	9.70	10 748 458 229	98 287 726 631	108 431 525 929
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 241 833 625)	0.26	(23 560 554 582)	0.25	0.68	792 760 695	7 127 964 607	7 854 794 769	2.74	3 034 594 320	29 107 465 308	31 415 349 351
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 115 183 514)	0.43	(12 286 689 494)	0.38	0.71	829 178 983	7 791 467 291	7 646 689 141	1.75	1 944 362 497	19 357 439 644	19 933 378 635
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	50 686 521	2.95	785 934 376	2.34	0.07	76 650 410	875 122 762	1 372 602 603	0.02	25 963 889	750 959 488	586 668 227
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	480 506 870	5.50	2 194 950 929	3.22	0.50	587 271 568	5 321 992 069	3 182 573 947	0.10	106 764 698	1 106 398 167	987 623 018
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(6 021 728 936)	0.00	(103 925 403 509)	0.00	0.00	2 025	7 288 797	10 016 838	5.43	6 021 730 961	93 854 347 169	103 935 420 347
Total	Total SA Rand	6 097 333 977	1.06	10 540 605 972	1.01	100.00	116 902 027 397	1 145 150 391 890	1 195 535 276 445	100.00	110 804 693 420	1 146 390 897 891	1 184 994 670 473

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AFRICA	18 028 993 265	2.22	181 825 394 844	2.32	28.05	32 795 806 438	305 112 770 245	319 366 906 174	13.33	14 766 813 173	143 866 614 529	137 541 511 330
AMERICA	(538 690 523)	0.95	(16 385 109 914)	0.86	8.83	10 325 605 593	97 360 111 896	101 547 998 266	9.80	10 864 296 116	110 019 170 081	117 933 108 180
ASIA	(15 346 822 894)	0.70	(159 946 926 025)	0.70	30.97	36 202 088 359	360 702 160 120	374 545 657 389	46.52	51 548 911 253	520 149 347 162	534 492 583 414
EUROPE	(3 335 647 559)	0.89	(60 308 971 218)	0.84	24.30	28 401 737 590	290 106 501 428	315 253 739 418	28.64	31 737 385 149	349 471 846 437	375 562 710 636
OCEANIA	(191 028 175)	0.85	(3 499 742 581)	0.78	0.95	1 111 087 040	12 378 130 546	12 101 485 669	1.18	1 302 115 215	18 798 109 821	15 601 228 250
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 282 110 303	11.74	61 413 314 952	16.90	5.87	6 867 282 817	75 023 532 621	65 276 843 615	0.53	585 172 514	4 085 809 861	3 863 528 663
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 198 419 560	-	7 442 645 914	-	1.03	1 198 419 560	4 467 185 034	7 442 645 914				
Total	6 097 333 977	1.06	10 540 605 972	1.01	100.00	116 902 027 397	1 145 150 391 890	1 195 535 276 445	100.00	110 804 693 420	1 146 390 897 891	1 184 994 670 473
Temporary Imports	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	7 098 078 709	5 900 120 784	5 790 034 241	6 196 994 241	5 887 412 588	7 160 616 228	7 138 056 330	8 069 519 842	8 018 686 950	7 595 006 563	6 482 617 888	

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(402 078 564)	0.72	(3 986 981 520)	0.73	0.99	1 011 932 737	10 582 204 828	10 638 975 781	1.32	1 414 011 301	15 124 184 619	14 625 957 301
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 111 179 072	1.58	33 291 114 906	2.43	2.98	3 032 422 857	57 820 680 705	56 506 221 948	1.80	1 921 243 785	21 188 672 000	23 215 107 042
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(677 297 188)	0.14	(7 034 204 557)	0.18	0.11	110 634 129	1 705 332 700	1 541 194 713	0.74	787 931 317	8 297 498 138	8 575 399 270
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	230 963 647	1.07	4 778 502 416	1.15	3.28	3 341 343 348	34 978 158 048	35 843 665 810	2.91	3 110 379 701	29 053 700 089	31 065 163 394
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	4 404 308 280	1.22	75 484 359 064	1.38	23.60	24 046 313 132	249 078 697 583	273 896 781 998	18.36	19 642 004 852	214 494 332 632	198 412 422 934
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(6 116 932 297)	0.48	(57 320 462 181)	0.52	5.43	5 537 565 043	59 563 265 759	61 630 246 971	10.89	11 654 497 340	117 885 702 709	118 950 709 152
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(3 045 236 206)	0.36	(30 428 111 853)	0.39	1.65	1 682 803 534	18 068 075 083	19 293 036 540	4.42	4 728 039 740	50 356 553 592	49 721 148 393
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(180 380 820)	0.57	(939 149 216)	0.74	0.24	242 581 005	3 360 615 313	2 668 756 058	0.40	422 961 825	3 709 860 460	3 607 905 274
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	(65 801 025)	0.79	1 444 215 998	1.40	0.25	254 784 405	5 386 241 360	5 028 782 369	0.30	320 585 430	3 580 695 826	3 584 566 371
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(2 384 391 856)	0.40	(19 475 926 435)	0.41	1.57	1 603 448 061	17 751 128 862	13 313 770 068	3.73	3 987 839 917	28 415 265 480	32 789 696 503
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 292 225 116)	0.37	(28 090 456 608)	0.27	1.35	1 373 860 477	10 800 271 969	10 153 868 192	3.43	3 666 085 593	36 244 587 403	38 244 324 800
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 058 714 686)	0.09	(12 577 372 419)	0.07	0.11	110 912 994	932 351 515	999 430 029	1.09	1 169 627 680	13 000 286 181	13 576 802 448
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(1 060 236 783)	0.24	(10 180 318 102)	0.29	0.32	330 836 207	4 198 461 630	4 091 581 053	1.30	1 391 072 990	13 643 315 810	14 271 899 155
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	23 111 084 367	23.67	185 589 726 172	22.15	23.68	24 130 466 603	196 740 186 066	194 363 755 355	0.95	1 019 382 236	12 206 278 793	8 774 029 183
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 462 412 756	2.01	64 743 515 814	2.12	10.66	10 866 116 797	130 151 321 600	122 605 277 226	5.05	5 403 704 041	55 018 542 717	57 861 761 412
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(17 199 442 959)	0.30	(184 299 151 855)	0.30	7.29	7 431 425 388	75 035 404 097	77 780 864 668	23.02	24 630 868 347	244 365 812 870	262 080 016 523
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 475 050 225	1.42	48 230 679 521	1.45	14.82	15 104 664 469	127 482 782 754	155 475 037 715	9.93	10 629 614 244	97 450 727 498	107 244 358 194
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 389 854 821)	0.21	(25 154 362 808)	0.20	0.62	636 065 660	5 508 484 516	6 170 837 742	2.83	3 025 920 481	29 039 720 176	31 325 200 550
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 532 327 772)	0.21	(15 658 464 673)	0.21	0.39	401 203 384	4 419 473 752	4 146 184 665	1.81	1 933 531 156	19 217 998 447	19 804 649 338
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	50 080 964	2.93	784 579 185	2.35	0.07	76 016 346	870 182 454	1 367 080 423	0.02	25 935 382	747 260 078	582 501 238
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	479 310 637	5.61	2 119 333 313	3.21	0.57	583 207 380	5 252 835 848	3 079 053 733	0.10	103 896 743	1 072 905 037	959 720 420
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(6 021 730 961)	-	(103 926 075 775)	0.00	-	-	7 082 334	9 344 572	5.63	6 021 730 961	93 854 347 169	103 935 420 347
Total	Total SA Rand	(5 102 261 106)	0.95	(82 605 011 613)	0.93	100.00	101 908 603 956	1 019 693 238 776	1 060 603 747 629	100.00	107 010 865 062	1 107 968 247 724	1 143 208 759 242

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AMERICA	(538 690 523)	0.95	(16 385 109 914)	0.86	10.13	10 325 605 593	97 360 111 896	101 547 998 266	10.15	10 864 296 116	110 019 170 081	117 933 108 180
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OCEANIA	(191 028 175)	0.85	(3 499 742 581)	0.78	1.09	1 111 087 040	12 378 130 546	12 101 485 669	1.22	1 302 115 215	18 798 109 821	15 601 228 250
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 282 110 303	11.74	61 413 314 952	16.90	6.74	6 867 282 817	75 023 532 621	65 276 843 615	0.55	585 172 514	4 085 809 861	3 863 528 663
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 198 419 560	-	7 442 645 914	-	1.18	1 198 419 560	4 467 185 034	7 442 645 914				
Total	(5 102 261 106)	0.95	(82 605 011 613)	0.93	100.00	101 908 603 956	1 019 693 238 776	1 060 603 747 629	100.00	107 010 865 062	1 107 968 247 724	1 143 208 759 242
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade Statistics with BELN countries

Trade statistics with the BELN for November 2019 recorded a trade surplus of R11.20 billion.

Summary

The R11.20 billion surplus for November 2019 is as a result of exports of R14.99 billion and imports of R3.79 billion.

Exports increased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R1.06 billion (7.6%) and imports decreased from October 2019 to November 2019 by R0.64 billion (14.5%).

The cumulative surplus for 2019 is R93.15 billion compared to R87.03 billion in 2018.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	BELN:	
Mineral Products	+R476	+21%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R281	+17%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R166	+14%
Chemical Products	+R80	+6%
Machinery & Electronics	-R113	-5%
Total	+R890	84%
Total Movement	+R1064	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	BELN:	
Precious Metals & Stones	-R331	-42%
Chemical Products	-R297	-36%
Textiles	-R76	-10%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R38	+47%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R49	+7%
Total	+R617	96%
Total Movement	+R644	100%

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