

## SA Trade Statistics for July 2016

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**Pretoria, 31 August 2016** – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for July 2016 recording a trade balance surplus of R5.22 billion. The cumulative trade balance surplus (01 January to 31 July 2016) of R17.40 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2015 of R24.67 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS).

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

The R5.22 billion trade balance surplus for July 2016 is attributable to exports of R95.72 billion and imports of R90.50 billion. Exports for the year-to-date grew by 10.1% from R592.22 billion to R652.07 billion. Imports for the year-to-date of R634.67 billion are 2.9% more than the imports recorded in January to July 2015 of R616.89 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, July 2016's R5.22 billion trade balance surplus is an improvement from the deficit recorded in July 2015 of R1.67 billion. Exports of R95.72 billion are 3.5% more than the exports recorded in July 2015 of R92.48 billion. Imports of R90.50 billion are 3.9% less than the imports recorded in July 2015 of R94.15 billion.

June 2016's trade balance surplus was revised downwards by R0.06 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R12.53 billion to a revised surplus of R12.47 billion as a result of ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC's). Exports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R9.44 billion (9.0%) and imports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R2.18 billion (2.4%).

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### Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 5 312	- 22%
Base Metals	- R 1 257	- 11%
Vegetable Products	- R 635	- 9%
Mineral Products	- R 614	- 3%
Wood Pulp & Paper	- R 366	- 18%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 532	+ 4%

The main month-on-month import movements:

<b>R' million</b>		
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Including BLNS:</b>	
Machinery and Electronics	- R 1 419	- 6%
Equipment Components	- R 865	- 10%
Chemical Products	- R 495	- 5%
Animal / Vegetable Fats	+ R 363	+ 63%
Base Metals	+ R 433	+ 9%

### **Trade highlights by world zone**

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

#### **Africa:**

Exports: R25 855million – this is a decrease of R2 189 million from June 2016.

Imports: R10 415 million – this is an increase of R1 285 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R15 440 million – this is a 18.4% decrease in comparison to the R18 914 million surplus recorded in June 2016.

#### **America:**

Exports: R8 692 million – this is a decrease of R1 675 million from June 2016.

Imports: R9 531 million – this is a decrease of R1 581 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R 839 million – this is a 12.7% increase in comparison to the R744 million deficit recorded in June 2016.

#### **Asia:**

Exports: R26 524 million – this is a decrease of R2 431 million from June 2016.

Imports: R38 816 million – this is a decrease of R1 654 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R12 292 million – this is a 6.7% increase in comparison to the R11 516 million deficit recorded in June 2016.

#### **Europe:**

Exports: R23 464 million – this is a decrease of R3 291 million from June 2016.

Imports: R30 075 million – this is a decrease of R660 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R6 611 million – this is a 66.1% increase in comparison to the R3 979 million deficit recorded in June 2016.

#### **Oceania:**

Exports: R1 059 million – this is a decrease of R225 million from June 2016.

Imports: R1 598 million – this is an increase of R395 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R539 million – this is a deterioration in comparison to the R81 million surplus recorded in June 2016.

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

The trade data excluding BLNS for July 2016 recorded a trade balance deficit of R3.45 billion.

### **Summary**

The R3.45 billion deficit for July 2016 is as a result of exports of R84.44 billion and imports of R87.89 billion. Exports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R8.58 billion (9.2%) and imports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R2.07 billion (2.3%).

The cumulative deficit for 2016 is R42.61 billion compared to R84.86 billion in 2015.

### **Trade highlights by category**

The main month-on-month export movements:

<b>R' million</b>		
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Excluding BLNS:</b>	
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 4 306	- 19%
Base Metals	- R 1 264	- 11%
Mineral Products	- R 815	- 5%
Vegetable Products	- R 610	- 10%
Wood Pulp & Paper	- R 357	- 20%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 640	+ 5%

The main month-on-month import movements:

<b>R' million</b>		
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Excluding BLNS:</b>	
Machinery and Electronics	- R 1 416	- 6%
Equipment Components	- R 865	- 10%
Chemical Products	- R 601	- 6%
Base Metals	+ R 440	+ 10%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 359	+ 4%

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

#### **Africa:**

Exports: R14 570 million – this is a decrease of R1 329 million from June 2016.

Imports: R7 800 million – this is an increase of R1 403 million from June 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R6 770 million – this is a 28.8% decrease in comparison to the R9 503 million surplus recorded in June 2016.

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## SA Trade Release Table (including BLNS)

Harmonised Sections		Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports			
Roman Section	Description	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio Exports/Imports	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio <sup>5)</sup> (Exports/Imports)	Month % of total	Month Total 2016 (R'm)	Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2016 (R'm)	Cumulative 2015 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 <sup>3)</sup> (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(116 961 716)	0.91	(1 004 925 072)	0.90	1.24	1 190 193 951	7 522 567 966	8 689 550 192	1.44	1 307 155 667	8 834 001 352	9 694 475 264
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	3 525 651 765	2.23	17 502 935 303	1.88	6.69	6 400 636 134	29 924 287 264	37 390 965 797	3.18	2 874 984 369	12 434 020 666	19 888 030 494
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(525 679 084)	0.44	(3 092 675 893)	0.41	0.43	414 782 224	1 846 035 041	2 169 569 444	1.04	940 461 308	3 663 597 907	5 262 245 337
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 208 432 043	1.42	8 779 797 875	1.47	4.24	4 058 711 902	23 948 167 239	27 551 383 351	3.15	2 850 279 859	17 288 221 832	18 771 585 476
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	4 020 868 705	1.31	34 158 590 483	1.41	17.90	17 137 147 006	125 744 383 234	117 130 961 196	14.49	13 116 278 301	106 562 140 291	82 972 370 713
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(3 662 683 198)	0.61	(26 498 006 138)	0.59	5.90	5 651 500 128	37 666 970 202	38 474 410 213	10.29	9 314 183 326	61 280 631 979	64 972 416 351
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 137 602 164)	0.48	(14 174 363 731)	0.49	2.08	1 988 341 053	12 480 222 272	13 466 926 617	4.56	4 125 943 217	25 128 458 624	27 641 290 348
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(11 344 932)	0.97	428 195 431	1.18	0.37	352 221 405	2 816 521 172	2 841 276 824	0.40	363 566 337	2 462 142 908	2 413 081 393
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	101 759 453	1.24	758 186 304	1.24	0.55	529 556 453	3 593 793 107	3 984 246 942	0.47	427 797 000	2 846 946 410	3 226 060 638
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	275 662 464	1.20	2 855 906 357	1.28	1.74	1 668 688 432	10 601 362 597	12 879 153 852	1.54	1 393 025 968	8 767 728 167	10 023 247 495
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 596 544 144)	0.28	(16 690 803 979)	0.35	1.06	1 012 531 320	7 982 551 617	8 932 405 844	3.99	3 609 075 464	22 065 090 559	25 623 209 823
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 035 836 561)	0.18	(7 042 243 620)	0.18	0.23	223 956 775	1 451 364 846	1 495 292 846	1.39	1 259 793 336	7 186 392 424	8 537 536 466
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(618 364 162)	0.45	(4 630 367 062)	0.44	0.53	505 044 637	3 259 037 111	3 579 274 964	1.24	1 123 408 799	7 198 494 674	8 209 642 026
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 884 126 709	24.31	124 616 370 411	20.98	19.48	18 651 479 566	107 238 978 325	130 853 516 413	0.85	767 352 857	4 749 625 417	6 237 146 002
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 584 954 672	2.10	43 616 412 522	2.22	11.14	10 660 277 566	74 598 970 320	79 300 973 714	5.61	5 075 322 894	35 497 876 923	35 684 561 192
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(12 011 147 771)	0.43	(97 032 634 623)	0.39	9.46	9 060 174 518	56 143 168 998	61 405 176 013	23.28	21 071 322 289	151 768 798 228	158 437 810 636
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 936 566 247	1.55	25 263 080 109	1.41	14.54	13 916 836 627	73 150 385 112	86 377 336 009	9.92	8 980 270 380	64 043 554 365	61 114 255 900
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 780 703 700)	0.30	(13 276 100 540)	0.28	0.79	760 022 850	4 718 375 877	5 138 356 714	2.81	2 540 726 550	16 329 513 502	18 414 457 254
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(967 164 067)	0.43	(6 248 749 066)	0.43	0.75	719 765 700	4 491 752 403	4 743 006 527	1.86	1 686 929 767	9 887 196 311	10 991 755 593
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(1 524 318)	0.97	362 127 320	2.36	0.06	54 856 370	395 241 618	628 773 007	0.06	56 380 688	153 766 743	266 645 687
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified <sup>1)</sup>	688 276 797	9.43	4 070 584 908	5.25	0.80	769 944 851	2 637 181 820	5 028 110 083	0.09	81 668 054	842 520 579	957 525 175
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions <sup>2)</sup>	(7 537 435 821)	0.00	(55 322 981 770)	0.00	0.00	163 492	10 403 733	4 448 762	8.33	7 537 599 313	47 901 518 553	55 327 430 532
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total SA Rand</b>	<b>5 223 307 217</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>17 398 335 529</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>95 726 832 960</b>	<b>592 221 721 874</b>	<b>652 065 115 324</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>90 503 525 743</b>	<b>616 892 238 414</b>	<b>634 666 779 795</b>

  

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AFRICA	15 440 079 769	2.48	106 918 842 279	2.54	27.01	25 854 695 923	171 069 761 228	176 389 512 177	11.51	10 414 616 154	69 458 605 496	69 470 669 898
AMERICA	(838 627 558)	0.91	(12 439 841 980)	0.83	9.08	8 691 964 984	57 736 799 125	61 610 095 871	10.53	9 530 592 542	67 284 153 146	74 049 937 851
ASIA	(12 292 511 727)	0.68	(84 826 991 631)	0.69	27.71	26 523 575 647	174 048 332 927	186 516 854 865	42.89	38 816 087 374	277 737 331 078	271 343 846 496
EUROPE	(6 610 724 500)	0.78	(51 588 809 088)	0.76	24.51	23 464 153 990	136 397 909 260	159 625 921 739	33.23	30 074 878 490	191 952 980 016	211 214 730 827
OCEANIA	(538 816 490)	0.66	(45 250 097)	0.99	1.11	1 058 850 604	7 204 929 630	7 694 847 569	1.77	1 597 667 094	9 144 202 494	7 740 097 666
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 452 949 284	136.65	56 263 684 538	67.39	9.95	9 522 633 373	39 032 819 073	57 111 181 595	0.08	69 684 089	1 314 966 184	847 497 057
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	610 958 439	-	3 116 701 508	-	0.64	610 958 439	6 731 170 631	3 116 701 508				
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(201 644 456)	0.82	(1 146 229 987)	0.85	1.08	912 284 233	5 622 840 539	6 692 265 390	1.27	1 113 928 689	6 709 998 826	7 838 495 377
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	2 998 165 279	2.08	(13 631 499 601)	1.70	6.85	5 787 112 360	26 320 411 200	33 118 676 199	3.17	2 788 947 081	12 196 231 835	19 487 176 598
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(656 430 885)	0.30	(3 765 952 720)	0.28	0.33	274 863 830	1 283 330 017	1 466 298 448	1.06	931 294 715	3 653 532 144	5 232 251 168
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	607 037 675	1.26	4 497 640 156	1.28	3.51	2 962 844 232	17 241 753 772	20 292 877 421	2.68	2 355 806 557	14 525 259 476	15 795 237 265
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	2 088 718 340	1.16	22 074 501 227	1.27	17.94	15 150 726 321	112 637 683 539	104 686 257 387	14.86	13 062 007 981	106 244 531 641	82 611 756 160
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 249 282 746)	0.52	(29 597 753 317)	0.52	5.53	4 667 147 561	31 101 588 688	31 881 912 173	10.15	8 916 430 307	57 893 904 573	61 479 665 490
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 600 562 163)	0.36	(17 167 934 394)	0.37	1.76	1 489 967 741	9 087 759 961	10 220 232 950	4.65	4 090 529 904	24 875 363 017	27 388 167 344
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(39 668 625)	0.88	253 640 725	1.11	0.35	298 787 526	2 482 976 030	2 498 118 820	0.39	338 456 151	2 201 144 696	2 244 478 095
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	60 349 429	1.20	482 023 570	1.20	0.43	365 149 242	2 640 135 975	2 923 914 167	0.35	304 799 813	2 293 606 960	2 441 890 597
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	52 645 264	1.04	1 374 002 626	1.14	1.69	1 430 183 921	9 000 504 851	11 254 147 509	1.57	1 377 538 657	8 550 200 977	9 880 144 883
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 692 963 964)	0.15	(17 444 165 299)	0.24	0.58	493 177 941	4 692 463 817	5 373 604 925	3.63	3 186 141 905	19 846 562 499	22 817 770 224
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 182 515 830)	0.05	(7 957 599 658)	0.06	0.08	63 714 539	450 931 319	474 624 323	1.42	1 246 230 369	7 094 483 058	8 432 223 981
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(784 858 549)	0.29	(5 594 131 705)	0.31	0.38	323 616 099	2 172 588 169	2 538 006 691	1.26	1 108 474 648	7 121 296 419	8 132 138 396
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	18 124 666 999	37.72	122 198 755 507	31.05	22.05	18 618 245 020	103 018 464 331	126 265 903 357	0.56	493 578 021	3 070 663 498	4 067 147 850
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XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(13 391 172 804)	0.36	(106 545 743 237)	0.32	8.75	7 386 587 751	44 957 609 214	49 852 697 321	23.64	20 777 760 555	150 151 946 268	156 398 440 558
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	3 563 930 770	1.40	16 331 673 380	1.27	14.81	12 507 057 853	63 935 280 838	77 055 783 765	10.18	8 943 127 083	63 844 061 515	60 724 110 385
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 926 604 179)	0.24	(14 308 966 491)	0.22	0.72	608 026 729	3 799 973 241	4 065 208 299	2.88	2 534 630 908	16 298 570 826	18 374 174 790
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 231 517 162)	0.26	(7 943 093 692)	0.26	0.50	423 379 427	2 591 038 177	2 824 283 041	1.88	1 654 896 589	9 734 225 198	10 767 376 733
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(1 662 410)	0.97	357 629 475	2.34	0.06	54 462 317	391 343 857	623 826 456	0.06	56 124 727	153 394 857	266 196 981
XXII, Ch 98	Other Unclassified <sup>1)</sup>	686 218 537	9.83	4 058 959 742	5.36	0.90	763 904 854	2 599 159 041	4 990 071 460	0.09	77 686 317	819 054 307	931 111 718
XXIII, Ch 99	Special Provisions <sup>2)</sup>	(7 537 435 821)	0.00	(55 322 981 770)	0.00	0.00	163 492	10 201 553	4 448 762	8.58	7 537 599 313	47 901 354 353	55 327 430 532
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total SA Rand</b>	<b>(3 446 470 313)</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>(42 613 225 799)</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>84 442 909 031</b>	<b>515 183 910 627</b>	<b>573 175 844 589</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>87 889 379 344</b>	<b>600 046 988 233</b>	<b>615 789 070 388</b>

  

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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	610 958 439	-	3 116 701 508	-	0.72	610 958 439	6 731 170 631	3 116 701 508	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3 446 470 313)</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>(42 613 225 799)</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>84 442 909 031</b>	<b>515 183 910 627</b>	<b>573 175 844 589</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>87 889 379 344</b>	<b>600 046 988 233</b>	<b>615 789 070 388</b>

  

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## Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

### Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for July 2016 recorded a trade balance surplus of R8.67 billion.

#### Summary

The R8.67 billion surplus for July 2016 is as a result of exports of R11.28 billion and imports of R2.61 billion.

Exports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R0.86 billion (7.1%) and imports decreased from June 2016 to July 2016 by R0.12 billion (4.3%).

The cumulative surplus for 2016 is R60.01 billion compared to R60.19 billion in 2015.

#### Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 1 006	-97%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 108	- 7%
Mineral Products	+ R 201	+ 11%
Textiles	+ R 47	+ 10%
Footwear and Accessories	+ R 43	+ 37%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Live Animals	- R 191	- 50%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 59	- 18%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 25	- 40%
Prepared Foodstuff	+ R 47	+ 10%
Chemical Products	+ R 106	+ 36%

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