

SA Trade Statistics for May 2016 (including BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 104 683 698 486	R 85 952 760 005	R 18 730 938 481
April 2016 (Revised)	R 91 865 197 867	R 91 992 488 299	R -127 290 432
R Increase/Decrease	R 12 818 500 619	R -6 039 728 294	
% Growth	14.0%	-6.6%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 451 621 510 892	R 452 275 243 531	R -653 732 639
January to May 2015 (Revised)	R 409 977 661 166	R 437 556 992 072	R -27 579 330 906
R Increase/Decrease	R 41 643 849 726	R 14 718 251 459	
% Growth	10.2%	3.4%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 263 million	(27%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 1 695 million	(10%)
Section 6:	Chemical Product increased by	R 525 million	(10%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones increased by	R 8 141 million	(49%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 711 million	(6%)

IMPORTS

Section 3:	Animal or Vegetable Fats decreased by	R 453 million	(-43%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products decreased by	R 1 812 million	(-14%)
Section 14:	Precious Metals & Stones decreased by	R 380 million	(-35%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics decreased by	R 2 803 million	(-12%)
Section 23:	Original Equipment Components decreased by	R 862 million	(-10%)

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 93 953 345 268	R 83 245 235 676	R 10 708 109 592
April 2016 (Revised)	R 79 925 979 266	R 89 605 205 167	R -9 679 225 901
R Increase/Decrease	R 14 027 366 002	R -6 359 969 491	
% Growth	17.6%	-7.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 396 124 146 374	R 438 745 655 021	R -42 621 508 647
January to May 2015 (Revised)	R 356 090 832 591	R 425 800 117 149	R -69 709 284 558
R Increase/Decrease	R 40 033 313 783	R 12 945 537 872	
% Growth	11.2%	3.0%	

BLNS

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 10 730 353 218	R 2 707 524 329	R 8 022 828 889
April 2016 (Revised)	R 11 939 218 601	R 2 387 283 132	R 9 551 935 469
R Increase/Decrease	R -1 208 865 383	R 320 241 197	
% Growth	-10.1%	13.4%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2016 (Preliminary)	R 55 497 364 518	R 13 529 588 510	R 41 967 776 008
January to May 2015 (Revised)	R 53 886 828 575	R 11 756 874 923	R 42 129 953 652
R Increase/Decrease	R 1 610 535 943	R 1 772 713 587	
% Growth	3.0%	15.1%	

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	May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	25 105.4	25 977.0	-3.4%	-22.9	9 371.7	10 129.6	-7.5%	246.0
AMERICA	9 395.9	8 621.3	9.0%	-28.6	10 372.6	10 824.9	-4.2%	0.3
ASIA	30 575.1	25 996.1	17.6%	-135.9	36 047.3	40 024.5	-9.9%	-47.6
EUROPE	27 945.3	21 506.8	29.9%	-165.8	29 032.5	29 897.7	-2.9%	4.3
OCEANIA	1 161.6	1 023.4	13.5%	-1.6	1 090.5	795.9	37.0%	-0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 991.9	8 315.7	20.2%	-	38.2	319.9	-88.1%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	508.5	424.9	19.7%	-0.0	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	104 683.7	91 865.2	14.0%	-354.8	85 952.8	91 992.5	-6.6%	203.0

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 306.2	1 130.0	15.6%	-0.0	1 542.2	1 509.1	2.2%	0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 868.6	4 606.0	27.4%	-0.0	2 550.7	2 342.8	8.9%	5.9
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	336.6	295.9	13.8%	-0.0	601.5	1 054.9	-43.0%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 386.3	3 911.6	12.1%	-10.6	2 588.0	2 747.8	-5.8%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	18 057.9	16 363.1	10.4%	-118.4	10 708.6	12 520.8	-14.5%	208.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	5 571.7	5 046.6	10.4%	0.4	9 150.9	9 245.8	-1.0%	-0.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 043.3	1 931.9	5.8%	3.8	3 943.0	3 956.2	-0.3%	-2.9
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	458.6	430.8	6.4%	0.4	317.8	265.6	19.7%	-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.	510.9	645.8	-20.9%	-0.6	417.7	419.5	-0.4%	-0.5
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.	1 975.4	1 582.5	24.8%	-132.2	1 427.6	1 302.6	9.6%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 395.3	1 405.2	-0.7%	-1.0	3 283.6	3 483.5	-5.7%	-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.	219.8	249.5	-11.9%	-0.0	962.2	963.5	-0.1%	0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	510.4	708.6	-28.0%	0.1	1 225.7	1 146.3	6.9%	-4.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	24 705.3	16 564.2	49.1%	-0.0	712.5	1 092.7	-34.8%	0.4
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 033.5	11 322.1	6.3%	-36.9	4 834.4	5 117.0	-5.5%	-0.9
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.	8 963.0	9 140.8	-1.9%	2.4	21 200.7	24 003.4	-11.7%	-0.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 948.2	14 373.3	-3.0%	-62.1	8 344.6	8 244.1	1.2%	-1.7
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	907.8	648.2	40.0%	0.0	2 793.5	2 526.3	10.6%	-0.4
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	753.4	713.1	5.6%	0.0	1 533.7	1 423.9	7.7%	-0.2
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	70.0	156.7	-55.3%	-	67.5	34.5	95.6%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	661.6	638.7	3.6%	-0.0	123.3	107.1	15.1%	-0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.7	-99.2%	-0.1	7 622.9	8 485.1	-10.2%	-0.5
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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	122 662.5	118 708.9	3.3%	49 426.5	51 067.0	-3.2%
AMERICA	42 552.0	40 371.5	5.4%	53 530.0	47 943.9	11.7%
ASIA	131 046.4	120 471.0	8.8%	192 888.2	195 898.4	-1.5%
EUROPE	109 675.0	93 860.9	16.8%	150 752.7	134 995.9	11.7%
OCEANIA	5 347.0	4 801.7	11.4%	4 939.8	6 755.5	-26.9%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	38 348.5	27 646.3	38.7%	738.2	896.3	-17.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 990.2	4 117.6	-51.7%	-	-	0.0%
Total	451 621.5	409 977.7	10.2%	452 275.2	437 557.0	3.4%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	6 295.5	5 244.1	20.0%	6 748.9	6 065.2	11.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	23 957.4	18 516.1	29.4%	13 862.3	9 251.6	49.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 349.5	1 231.4	9.6%	3 744.9	2 560.1	46.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	19 119.2	16 337.4	17.0%	13 259.9	12 377.1	7.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	82 280.4	87 575.5	-6.0%	57 049.0	78 464.4	-27.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	26 452.4	26 699.5	-0.9%	45 850.4	42 292.9	8.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	9 219.4	8 846.1	4.2%	19 511.9	17 608.5	10.8%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	2 053.8	2 069.6	-0.8%	1 688.6	1 670.1	1.1%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	2 756.0	2 656.3	3.8%	2 368.9	2 056.8	15.2%
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.	9 266.6	7 461.9	24.2%	7 189.1	6 169.2	16.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 656.0	5 728.9	16.2%	18 674.1	15 463.0	20.8%
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.	1 083.4	1 031.0	5.1%	6 021.4	4 876.5	23.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 130.1	2 213.1	41.4%	5 932.7	5 047.7	17.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	88 241.8	75 893.4	16.3%	4 431.8	3 345.5	32.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	56 735.1	51 636.9	9.9%	25 963.1	25 173.4	3.1%
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.	43 046.4	38 284.1	12.4%	114 850.0	106 201.6	8.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	59 335.8	49 962.6	18.8%	43 928.9	47 105.4	-6.7%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 534.3	3 435.3	2.9%	13 091.6	11 249.9	16.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 308.9	3 065.4	7.9%	7 738.2	6 537.2	18.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	503.2	213.7	135.4%	196.9	121.9	61.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 295.1	1 867.1	76.5%	785.4	633.6	23.9%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.3	8.2	-84.5%	39 387.4	33 285.2	18.3%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 279.0	3 979.2	32.7%	-0.0	2 483.2	2 282.5	8.8%	5.9
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	224.9	193.3	16.3%	-0.0	594.1	1 051.1	-43.5%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	3 315.0	2 931.6	13.1%	-10.6	2 196.0	2 346.2	-6.4%	0.0
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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.	345.9	483.6	-28.5%	-0.6	289.7	306.8	-5.6%	-0.5
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.	1 758.9	1 355.6	29.7%	-132.3	1 414.3	1 285.4	10.0%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	839.3	814.2	3.1%	-0.9	2 909.6	3 077.6	-5.5%	-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.	68.9	78.8	-12.6%	-0.0	949.2	950.0	-0.1%	0.1
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	362.8	552.0	-34.3%	0.2	1 216.3	1 136.6	7.0%	-4.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	24 650.8	15 956.0	54.5%	-	444.2	1 071.5	-58.5%	0.4
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 243.7	10 551.1	6.6%	-36.9	4 750.0	5 039.6	-5.7%	-1.0
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.	7 287.4	7 319.4	-0.4%	2.5	20 928.2	23 708.0	-11.7%	0.6
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 663.4	12 981.3	-2.4%	-62.1	8 317.6	8 199.5	1.4%	-1.7
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	741.5	487.9	52.0%	0.0	2 789.6	2 521.1	10.7%	-0.4
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	460.0	395.3	16.4%	-0.0	1 503.8	1 388.7	8.3%	-0.2
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	69.8	156.3	-55.4%	-	67.5	34.5	95.9%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	656.0	629.5	4.2%	-0.0	120.4	104.4	15.3%	-0.1
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.7	-99.2%	-0.1	7 622.9	8 485.1	-10.2%	-0.5
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	20 937.8	15 960.5	31.2%	13 613.9	9 092.6	49.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	893.8	859.7	4.0%	3 726.0	2 553.8	45.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	14 068.1	11 589.9	21.4%	11 225.4	10 415.1	7.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	73 583.9	78 456.9	-6.2%	56 801.3	78 248.3	-27.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	21 864.1	22 151.0	-1.3%	43 047.0	39 849.0	8.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 950.4	6 461.3	7.6%	19 333.9	17 432.2	10.9%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	1 808.1	1 835.0	-1.5%	1 576.6	1 488.6	5.9%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	2 019.3	2 006.6	0.6%	1 835.1	1 686.4	8.8%
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.	8 126.7	6 312.4	28.7%	7 078.6	6 026.0	17.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 088.8	3 390.8	20.6%	16 711.9	13 946.2	19.8%
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.	340.0	308.5	10.2%	5 941.8	4 827.6	23.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 427.4	1 483.7	63.6%	5 881.7	4 998.0	17.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	84 726.6	72 585.8	16.7%	2 868.4	2 127.1	34.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	53 096.1	47 877.9	10.9%	25 601.4	24 768.0	3.4%
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.	34 836.0	30 770.5	13.2%	113 401.4	105 092.4	7.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	52 941.1	43 517.3	21.7%	43 637.8	46 940.4	-7.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 787.9	2 799.9	-0.4%	13 066.2	11 231.1	16.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 996.5	1 750.9	14.0%	7 576.0	6 444.2	17.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	499.0	211.7	135.8%	196.7	121.8	61.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 266.8	1 839.1	77.6%	765.8	617.6	24.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.3	8.1	-84.2%	39 387.4	33 285.2	18.3%
Total		396 124.1	356 090.8	11.2%	438 745.7	425 800.1	3.0%

Preliminary BLNS 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	May 2016 / April 2016 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	10 730.4	11 939.2	-10.1%	-3.3	2 707.5	2 387.3	13.4%	-0.2
Total	10 730.4	11 939.2	-10.1%	-3.3	2 707.5	2 387.3	13.4%	-0.2

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	May 2016	April 2016	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	296.4	308.1	-3.8%	0.0	309.6	314.4	-1.5%	0.8
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	589.5	626.8	-5.9%	-	67.5	60.3	12.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	111.7	102.5	8.9%	-	7.4	3.7	97.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 071.3	980.0	9.3%	0.0	392.1	401.6	-2.4%	0.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 685.7	2 030.6	-17.0%	-3.2	44.0	39.3	12.0%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	950.9	945.9	0.5%	-0.0	599.5	466.3	28.6%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	469.1	507.5	-7.6%	-	36.8	39.3	-6.6%	-
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).	49.4	50.0	-1.2%	0.0	23.8	21.5	10.8%	-
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.	165.0	162.2	1.7%	-	128.0	112.7	13.6%	-
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.	216.5	226.8	-4.6%	0.0	13.3	17.2	-22.7%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	556.0	591.0	-5.9%	-0.1	374.0	405.9	-7.9%	-0.1
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.	151.0	170.7	-11.6%	-0.0	13.0	13.5	-3.9%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	147.6	156.7	-5.8%	-0.1	9.5	9.7	-1.8%	-0.0
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	54.5	608.2	-91.0%	-0.0	268.3	21.2	1164.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	789.8	770.9	2.4%	-	84.4	77.4	9.1%	0.1
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.	1 675.7	1 821.4	-8.0%	-0.0	272.5	295.4	-7.7%	-1.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 284.7	1 392.0	-7.7%	-	27.1	44.6	-39.3%	-0.0
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	166.3	160.2	3.8%	-	3.9	5.2	-25.0%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	293.4	317.9	-7.7%	0.0	29.9	35.1	-15.0%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.3	0.5	-43.6%	-	0.0	0.1	-63.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.6	9.2	-39.1%	-	2.9	2.7	5.3%	-
Total		10 730.4	11 939.2	-10.1%	-3.3	2 707.5	2 387.3	13.4%	-0.2

Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

<p>METHODOLOGY CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p>	<p>Export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month from and to South Africa. cursory checks of the figures are made prior to publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2016 / January to May 2015					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2016	January to May 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2016	January to May 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	55 497.4	53 886.8	3.0%	13 529.6	11 756.9	15.1%
Total	55 497.4	53 886.8	3.0%	13 529.6	11 756.9	15.1%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2016	January to May 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2016	January to May 2015	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 431.0	1 330.6	7.5%	1 277.7	1 456.6	-12.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	3 019.6	2 555.6	18.2%	248.4	159.0	56.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	455.7	371.6	22.6%	18.9	6.2	202.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 051.1	4 747.5	6.4%	2 034.4	1 962.0	3.7%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	8 696.5	9 118.5	-4.6%	247.7	216.1	14.6%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 588.4	4 548.6	0.9%	2 803.4	2 443.9	14.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 269.0	2 384.8	-4.9%	178.0	176.4	0.9%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	245.7	234.7	4.7%	112.0	181.5	-38.3%
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.	736.7	649.8	13.4%	533.8	370.5	44.1%
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.	1 139.9	1 149.4	-0.8%	110.5	143.2	-22.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 567.2	2 338.1	9.8%	1 962.1	1 516.8	29.4%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	743.4	722.5	2.9%	79.5	49.0	62.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	702.7	729.5	-3.7%	51.0	49.8	2.6%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	3 515.1	3 307.6	6.3%	1 563.4	1 218.4	28.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	3 639.0	3 759.0	-3.2%	361.7	405.4	-10.8%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	8 210.4	7 513.6	9.3%	1 448.6	1 109.3	30.6%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	6 394.7	6 445.3	-0.8%	291.0	164.9	76.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	746.4	635.4	17.5%	25.4	18.7	35.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 312.4	1 314.5	-0.2%	162.2	93.0	74.4%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	4.2	2.1	101.5%	0.2	0.2	-10.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	28.3	28.0	1.2%	19.5	16.0	21.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.1	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total		55 497.4	53 886.8	3.0%	13 529.6	11 756.9	15.1%