

SA Trade Statistics for November 2016

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Pretoria, 29 December 2016 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for November 2016 recording a trade balance deficit of R1.09 billion. The year-to-date deficit (01 January to 30 November 2016) of R14.61 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2015 of R59.28 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS).

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

The R1.09 billion trade balance deficit for November 2016 is attributable to exports of R99.64 billion and imports of R100.73 billion. Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 November 2016) grew by 5.8% from R948.37 billion in 2015 to R1 003.51 billion in 2016. Imports for the year-to-date of R1 018.13 billion are 1.0% more than the imports recorded in January to November 2015 of R1 007.66 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, November 2016's R1.09 billion trade balance deficit is a deterioration from the surplus recorded in November 2015 of R0.24 billion. Exports of R99.64 billion are 7.0% more than the exports recorded in November 2015 of R93.14 billion. Imports of R100.73 billion are 8.4% more than the imports recorded in November 2015 of R92.89 billion.

October 2016's trade balance deficit was revised downwards by R0.50 billion from the previous month's preliminary deficit of R4.41 billion to a revised deficit of R3.91 billion as a result of ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC's). Exports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R11.31 billion (12.8%) and imports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R8.49 billion (9.2%).

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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:		
Mineral Products	+ R 3 917	+ 20%
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 2 702	+ 20%
Base Metals	+ R 1 198	+ 11%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 849	+ 7%
Chemical Products	+ R 668	+ 12%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BLNS:	
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 4 238	+ 57%
Mineral Products	+ R 2 411	+ 20%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 1 609	+ 7%
Prepared Foodstuffs	+ R 770	+ 23%
Equipment Components	- R 1 985	- 25%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from October 2016 (Revised) to November 2016 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R30 057 million – this is an increase of R1 928 million from October 2016.

Imports: R11 096 million – this is an increase of R3 001 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R18 961 million – this is a 5.4% decrease in comparison to the R20 034 million surplus recorded in October 2016.

America:

Exports: R9 133 million – this is an increase of R873 million from October 2016.

Imports: R11 523 million – this is an increase of R1 172 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R2 390 million – this is a 14.3% increase in comparison to the R2 092 million deficit recorded in October 2016.

Asia:

Exports: R31 038 million – this is an increase of R4 391 million from October 2016.

Imports: R42 981 million – this is a decrease of R129 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R11 943 million – this is a 27.5% decrease in comparison to the R16 463 million deficit recorded in October 2016.

Europe:

Exports: R21 834 million – this is an increase of R1 857 million from October 2016.

Imports: R34 067 million – this is an increase of R4 533 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R12 233 million – this is a 28.0% increase in comparison to the R9 558 million deficit recorded in October 2016.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 175 million – this is an increase of R290 million from October 2016.

Imports: R953 million – this is a decrease of R84 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R222 million – this is an improvement in comparison to the R152 million deficit recorded in October 2016.

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

The trade data excluding BLNS for November 2016 recorded a trade balance deficit of R10.71 billion.

Summary

The R10.71 billion deficit for November 2016 is as a result of exports of R86.47 billion and imports of R97.18 billion. Exports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R10.61 billion (14.0%) and imports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R7.92 billion (8.9%).

The cumulative deficit for 2016 is R112.95 billion compared to R156.77 billion in 2015.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Mineral Products	+ R 3 887	+ 22%
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 2 836	+ 22%
Base Metals	+ R 1 113	+ 11%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 837	+ 7%
Chemical Products	+ R 613	+ 14%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 4 232	+ 57%
Mineral Products	+ R 2 428	+ 20%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 1 612	+ 7%
Prepared Foodstuff	+ R 743	+ 27%
Equipment Components	- R 1 985	- 25%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R16 894 million – this is an increase of R1 230 million from October 2016.

Imports: R7 549 million – this is an increase of R2 431 million from October 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R9 345 million – this is a 11.4% decrease in comparison to the R10 546 million surplus recorded in October 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 ⁵⁾ (Exports/Imports)	Month % of total	Month Total 2016 (R'm)	Cumulative 2015 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2016 (R'm)	Cumulative 2015 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 ³⁾ (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(234 017 316)	0.85	(1 373 699 936)	0.91	1.34	1 335 252 365	11 952 151 717	13 657 285 063	1.56	1 569 269 681	13 770 580 398	15 030 984 999
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	802 669 012	1.34	25 056 007 753	1.81	3.17	3 153 932 406	46 982 497 722	56 138 635 399	2.33	2 351 263 394	21 856 560 756	31 082 627 646
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(739 641 098)	0.33	(5 364 843 295)	0.40	0.36	361 645 054	2 943 056 204	3 635 196 078	1.09	1 101 286 152	6 840 101 893	9 000 039 373
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	478 498 764	1.12	12 672 543 808	1.39	4.55	4 533 784 128	40 251 565 763	45 125 361 915	4.03	4 055 285 364	29 022 435 185	32 452 818 107
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	8 954 216 179	1.62	59 367 643 841	1.43	23.44	23 358 058 354	194 753 198 698	196 318 000 086	14.30	14 403 842 175	162 284 849 033	136 950 356 245
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 024 305 614)	0.61	(44 357 171 802)	0.58	6.30	6 279 254 668	61 072 247 661	61 671 454 006	10.23	10 303 560 282	103 923 236 161	106 028 625 808
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 232 406 985)	0.50	(23 056 792 171)	0.49	2.24	2 235 424 465	20 036 602 258	22 094 086 459	4.44	4 467 831 450	41 821 123 521	45 150 878 630
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(42 590 985)	0.90	448 271 608	1.11	0.40	398 543 395	4 499 485 678	4 518 373 859	0.44	441 134 380	4 258 730 703	4 070 102 251
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	164 845 392	1.33	1 365 160 476	1.27	0.67	663 594 394	5 878 315 379	6 452 353 020	0.50	498 749 002	4 752 766 593	5 087 192 544
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	384 224 821	1.25	4 453 320 945	1.27	1.92	1 909 748 991	17 803 189 740	20 825 082 288	1.51	1 525 524 170	15 154 988 402	16 371 761 343
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 954 248 366)	0.48	(25 912 492 110)	0.36	1.77	1 768 334 337	13 423 929 948	14 800 763 122	3.70	3 722 582 703	37 666 336 278	40 713 255 232
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(800 478 199)	0.28	(10 981 009 524)	0.19	0.31	309 307 295	2 611 174 000	2 645 621 456	1.10	1 109 785 494	12 613 531 087	13 626 630 980
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(585 075 081)	0.48	(7 128 506 449)	0.44	0.54	534 295 360	5 355 302 856	5 712 176 200	1.11	1 119 370 441	11 878 639 249	12 840 682 649
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	15 142 155 516	16.66	156 438 864 088	15.25	16.17	16 108 953 738	171 250 267 112	167 417 587 156	0.96	966 798 222	7 407 011 619	10 978 723 068
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 586 553 596	2.27	67 393 842 926	2.21	11.81	11 766 139 498	114 452 707 275	122 915 910 890	5.14	5 179 585 902	56 051 836 348	55 522 067 964
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 959 610 671)	0.36	(155 235 920 976)	0.38	8.91	8 879 513 576	92 397 038 251	95 377 724 400	24.66	24 839 124 247	251 676 823 430	250 613 645 376
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	1 794 552 188	1.15	42 231 495 441	1.44	13.56	13 510 360 995	120 970 524 976	139 015 840 526	11.63	11 715 808 807	103 401 506 901	96 784 345 085
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 345 375 753)	0.23	(21 055 586 422)	0.29	0.69	687 188 257	7 748 389 170	8 468 382 703	3.01	3 032 564 010	26 997 256 432	29 523 969 125
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 275 382 267)	0.40	(11 096 119 915)	0.42	0.86	858 728 469	7 796 288 440	7 958 304 060	2.12	2 134 110 736	18 248 298 881	19 054 423 975
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(155 871 045)	0.26	464 890 600	1.72	0.05	54 178 609	802 805 878	1 112 658 613	0.21	210 049 654	390 476 478	647 768 013
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	841 962 165	10.39	6 278 133 657	5.58	0.94	931 642 627	5 376 701 167	7 648 014 551	0.09	89 680 462	1 325 771 741	1 369 880 894
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(5 892 519 947)	0.00	(85 220 826 261)	0.00	0.00	152 452	15 723 056	4 809 553	5.85	5 892 672 399	76 312 560 792	85 225 635 814
Total	Total SA Rand	(1 091 845 694)	0.99	(14 612 793 718)	0.99	100.00	99 638 033 433	948 373 162 949	1 003 513 621 403	100.00	100 729 879 127	1 007 655 421 881	1 018 126 415 121

World Zones	Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports				
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AFRICA	18 961 439 906	2.71	179 596 095 957	2.62	30.17	30 056 919 732	278 687 785 504	290 232 036 549	11.02	11 095 479 826	109 017 297 698	110 635 940 592	
AMERICA	(2 390 456 183)	0.79	(22 260 135 469)	0.81	9.17	9 133 146 394	92 352 932 409	96 127 523 217	11.44	11 523 602 577	110 289 752 302	118 387 658 686	
ASIA	(11 943 175 295)	0.72	(141 217 775 025)	0.68	31.15	31 037 591 312	274 437 318 909	299 677 681 944	42.67	42 980 766 607	457 845 856 862	440 895 456 969	
EUROPE	(12 233 172 730)	0.64	(85 242 190 338)	0.75	21.91	21 834 195 209	218 876 217 386	249 605 804 501	33.82	34 067 367 939	314 895 204 121	334 847 994 839	
OCEANIA	221 802 896	1.23	128 707 651	1.01	1.18	1 175 187 088	11 445 748 976	12 029 321 386	0.95	953 384 192	13 746 911 575	11 900 613 735	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 731 775 641	53.45	49 103 968 964	34.66	5.86	5 841 053 627	63 710 285 919	50 562 719 264	0.11	109 277 986	1 860 399 323	1 458 750 300	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	559 940 071	-	5 278 534 542	-	0.56	559 940 071	8 862 873 846	5 278 534 542	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(1 091 845 694)	0.99	(14 612 793 718)	0.99	100.00	99 638 033 433	948 373 162 949	1 003 513 621 403	100.00	100 729 879 127	1 007 655 421 881	1 018 126 415 121	

Temporary Imports	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016	October 2016	November 2016
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(358 966 100)	0.74	(1 955 107 759)	0.84	1.17	1 009 158 087	8 811 644 796	10 351 738 544	1.41	1 368 124 187	10 567 994 705	12 306 846 303
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	83 549 367	1.04	18 611 161 496	1.61	2.77	2 391 029 309	41 150 749 847	48 997 289 291	2.37	2 307 479 942	21 458 720 628	30 386 127 795
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(860 881 644)	0.22	(6 552 503 121)	0.27	0.28	238 092 142	1 943 406 063	2 410 208 140	1.13	1 098 973 786	6 824 122 918	8 962 711 261
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	(531 114 749)	0.85	4 913 895 959	1.18	3.45	2 986 843 821	28 795 183 627	32 374 044 520	3.62	3 517 958 570	24 496 369 660	27 460 148 561
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	7 438 839 874	1.52	40 739 607 439	1.30	25.20	21 791 310 698	174 355 332 198	177 124 103 293	14.77	14 352 470 824	161 763 572 392	136 384 495 854
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 225 657 359)	0.55	(48 723 782 514)	0.51	5.91	5 106 339 194	50 132 405 200	50 802 584 435	9.60	9 331 996 553	97 727 059 537	99 526 366 949
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 786 130 624)	0.37	(28 097 587 824)	0.37	1.89	1 630 747 310	14 321 609 473	16 617 783 146	4.54	4 416 877 934	41 418 001 592	44 715 370 970
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(65 065 553)	0.84	192 519 938	1.05	0.39	339 132 617	3 944 649 160	3 940 324 958	0.42	404 198 170	3 879 074 774	3 747 805 020
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	96 802 530	1.26	891 934 165	1.24	0.54	466 531 355	4 282 991 271	4 679 806 740	0.38	369 728 825	3 785 907 504	3 787 872 575
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	124 603 344	1.09	1 999 922 258	1.12	1.83	1 586 325 598	15 123 971 280	18 059 646 873	1.50	1 461 722 254	14 710 922 742	16 059 724 615
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 930 341 967)	0.36	(26 826 867 037)	0.25	1.26	1 086 992 756	7 805 661 795	8 783 078 223	3.10	3 017 334 723	33 587 049 425	35 609 945 260
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 006 446 065)	0.08	(12 663 945 986)	0.06	0.10	82 476 498	747 942 114	784 297 591	1.12	1 088 922 563	12 386 199 941	13 448 243 577
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(772 121 719)	0.30	(8 809 901 951)	0.31	0.39	336 239 421	3 549 649 770	3 903 023 776	1.14	1 108 361 140	11 753 123 476	12 712 925 727
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	14 775 308 764	22.41	152 170 558 325	19.97	17.88	15 465 417 134	164 896 315 647	160 193 295 919	0.71	690 108 370	4 909 037 725	8 022 737 594
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 739 620 148	2.12	59 624 907 018	2.09	12.54	10 841 697 802	105 713 958 409	114 312 842 202	5.25	5 102 077 654	55 136 834 584	54 687 935 184
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(17 611 089 256)	0.28	(170 990 911 369)	0.31	8.03	6 941 741 122	73 965 869 958	76 470 934 451	25.26	24 552 830 378	248 871 980 293	247 461 845 820
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	556 576 917	1.05	27 823 389 185	1.29	14.16	12 245 923 896	106 168 058 281	124 071 572 309	12.03	11 689 346 979	103 045 522 707	96 248 183 124
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 507 309 170)	0.17	(22 753 403 082)	0.23	0.60	518 948 338	6 111 714 394	6 703 134 546	3.11	3 026 257 508	26 940 653 918	29 456 537 628
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 657 441 309)	0.21	(14 038 699 227)	0.25	0.50	431 357 787	4 529 913 797	4 621 954 929	2.15	2 088 799 096	17 989 119 655	18 660 654 156
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(156 422 786)	0.26	457 963 123	1.71	0.06	53 563 575	796 749 798	1 104 970 038	0.22	209 986 361	389 771 429	647 006 915
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	837 666 495	10.62	6 254 658 584	5.68	1.07	924 740 796	5 312 957 095	7 589 758 637	0.09	87 074 301	1 289 725 121	1 335 100 053
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(5 892 519 947)	0.00	(85 220 836 208)	0.00	0.00	152 452	14 588 176	4 799 606	6.06	5 892 672 399	76 312 386 206	85 225 635 814
Total	Total SA Rand	(10 708 540 809)	0.89	(112 953 028 588)	0.89	100.00	86 474 761 708	822 475 322 149	873 901 192 167	100.00	97 183 302 517	979 243 150 932	986 854 220 755

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AFRICA	9 344 744 791	2.24	81 255 861 087	2.02	19.54	16 893 648 007	152 789 944 704	160 619 607 313	7.77	7 548 903 216	80 605 026 749	79 363 746 226	
AMERICA	(2 390 456 183)	0.79	(22 260 135 469)	0.81	10.56	9 133 146 394	92 352 932 409	96 127 523 217	11.86	11 523 602 577	110 289 752 302	118 387 658 686	
ASIA	(11 943 175 295)	0.72	(141 217 775 025)	0.68	35.89	31 037 591 312	274 437 318 909	299 677 681 944	44.23	42 980 766 607	457 845 856 862	440 895 456 969	
EUROPE	(12 233 172 730)	0.64	(85 242 190 338)	0.75	25.25	21 834 195 209	218 876 217 386	249 605 804 501	35.05	34 067 367 939	314 895 204 121	334 847 994 839	
OCEANIA	221 802 896	1.23	128 707 651	1.01	1.36	1 175 187 088	11 445 748 976	12 029 321 386	0.98	953 384 192	13 746 911 575	11 900 613 735	
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	559 940 071	-	5 278 534 542	-	0.65	559 940 071	8 862 873 846	5 278 534 542	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(10 708 540 809)	0.89	(112 953 028 588)	0.89	100.00	86 474 761 708	822 475 322 149	873 901 192 167	100.00	97 183 302 517	979 243 150 932	986 854 220 755	
Temporary Imports	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016	October 2016	November 2016		
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	5 957 954 299	7 360 070 985	8 176 403 170	6 310 188 601	8 661 828 630	8 427 391 120	8 570 191 743	9 429 010 191	8 876 801 570	7 290 735 230	7 797 316 597		

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Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for November 2016 recorded a trade balance surplus of R9.62 billion.

Summary

The R9.62 billion surplus for November 2016 is as a result of exports of R13.16 billion and imports of R3.54 billion.

Exports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R0.70 billion (5.6%) and imports increased from October 2016 to November 2016 by R0.57 billion (19.1%).

The cumulative surplus for 2016 is R98.34 billion compared to R97.49 billion in 2015.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Prepared Foodstuffs	+ R 192	+ 14%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 124	+ 7%
Textiles	+ R 92	+ 16%
Base Metals	+ R 86	+ 10%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	+ R 81	+ 23%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+ R 58	+ 22%
Chemical Products	+ R 56	+ 5%
Plastics & Rubber	+ R 48	+ 9%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 134	- 17%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 246	+ 792%
Chemical Products	+ R 176	+ 22%
Textiles	+ R 130	+ 23%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+ R 29	+ 84%
Vegetable Products	- R 29	- 40%

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