

SA Trade Statistics for September 2016

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Pretoria, 31 October 2016 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for September 2016 recording a trade balance surplus of R6.70 billion. The year-to-date deficit (01 January to 30 September 2016) of R9.95 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2015 of R37.19 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS).

In line with international statistical best practice, the Trade Statistics published by the South African Revenue Service (SARS) are subject to revisions as new information becomes available on an ongoing basis. The February 2016 to July 2016 export figures have been adjusted by R23.9 billion resulting in the year- to- date trade balance being revised downwards from a R7.41 billion trade surplus published in August 2016 to a R9.95 billion trade deficit in September 2016. The R23.9 billion adjustment is as a result of revisions to the gold exports by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) which supplies the gold export data to SARS. These gold revisions (for the first half of 2016) have been disclosed by SARB in the September 2016 Quarterly Bulletin. The revisions relate mainly to adjustments made for gold that was moved to facilities outside South Africa but with ownership of the gold retained by South African entities.

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

The R6.70 billion trade balance surplus for September 2016 is attributable to exports of R98.92 billion and imports of R92.22 billion. Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 September) grew by 5.8% from R770.20 billion in 2015 to R815.24 billion in 2016. Imports for the year-to-date of R825.19 billion are 2.2% more than the imports recorded in January to September 2015 of R807.39 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, September 2016's R6.70 billion trade balance surplus is an improvement from the deficit recorded in September 2015 of R2.20 billion. Exports of R98.92 billion are 8.8% more than the exports recorded in September 2015 of R90.93 billion. Imports of R92.22 billion are 1.0% less than the imports recorded in September 2015 of R93.13 billion.

August 2016's trade balance deficit was revised upwards by R0.32 billion from the previous month's preliminary deficit of R8.56 billion to a revised deficit of R8.88 billion as a result of ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC's). Exports increased from August 2016 to September

2016 by R9.05 billion (10.1%) and imports decreased from August 2016 to September 2016 by R6.53 billion (6.6%).

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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:	Including BLNS:	
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 4 833	+ 37%
Mineral Products	+ R 1 900	+ 11%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 1 609	+ 13%
Chemical Products	+ R 763	+ 15%
Vegetable Products	- R 875	- 13%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:	Including BLNS:	
Mineral Products	- R 4 813	- 30%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 1 552	- 66%
Vegetable Products	- R 746	- 20%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 359	- 4%
Base Metals	+ R 487	+ 10%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	+ R 357	+ 20%
Equipment Components	+ R 355	+ 5%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from August 2016 (Revised) to September 2016 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R28 352 million – this is an increase of R660 million from August 2016.

Imports: R8 915 million – this is a decrease of R4 153 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R19 437 million – this is a 32.9% increase in comparison to the R14 624 million surplus recorded in August 2016.

America:

Exports: R10 166 million – this is an increase of R3 087 million from August 2016.

Imports: R10 816 million – this is a decrease of R870 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R650 million – this is an 85.9% decrease in comparison to the R4 608 million deficit recorded in August 2016.

Asia:

Exports: R28 959 million – this is an increase of R3 160 million from August 2016.

Imports: R41 155 million – this is a decrease of R1 352 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R12 196 million – this is a 27.0% decrease in comparison to the R16 709 million deficit recorded in August 2016.

Europe:

Exports: R26 107 million – this is an increase of R2 486 million from August 2016.

Imports: R29 919 million – this is a decrease of R 404 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance deficit: R3 812 million – this is a 43.1% decrease in comparison to the R6 702 million deficit recorded in August 2016.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 160 million – this is an increase of R 47 million from August 2016.

Imports: R1 149 million – this is an increase of R 120 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R 11 million – this is an 86.7% decrease in comparison to the R83 million surplus recorded in August 2016.

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

The trade data excluding BLNS for September 2016 recorded a trade balance deficit of R3.05 billion.

Summary

The R3.05 billion deficit for September 2016 is as a result of exports of R86.32 billion and imports of R89.37 billion. Exports increased from August 2016 to September 2016 by R9.01 billion (11.7%) and imports decreased from August 2016 to September 2016 by R6.34 billion (6.6%).

The cumulative deficit for 2016 is R89.22 billion compared to R115.72 billion in 2015.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 4 767	+ 38%
Mineral Products	+ R 2 056	+ 13%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 1 753	+ 16%
Chemical Products	+ R 806	+ 19%
Vegetable Products	- R 855	- 14%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Mineral Products	- R 4 809	- 30%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 1 426	- 70%
Vegetable Products	- R 741	- 20%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 374	- 4%
Base Metals	+ R 494	+ 11%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R15 761 million – this is an increase of R 623 million from August 2016.

Imports: R6 071 million – this is a decrease of R3 964 million from August 2016.

Trade Balance surplus: R9 690 million – this is an 89.9% increase in comparison to the R5 102 million surplus recorded in August 2016.

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SA Trade Release Table (including BLNS)

Harmonised Sections		Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports			
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	9 126 086	1.01	(1 159 121 989)	0.91	1.27	1 257 259 724	9 668 533 418	11 070 759 627	1.35	1 248 133 638	11 279 469 803	12 229 881 616
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	2 859 234 417	1.96	23 346 168 397	1.88	5.90	5 837 145 358	40 758 272 445	49 938 899 756	3.23	2 977 910 941	17 577 898 873	26 592 731 359
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(509 053 582)	0.42	(3 919 439 767)	0.43	0.37	365 345 404	2 481 249 613	2 930 471 357	0.95	874 398 986	4 857 346 698	6 849 911 124
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 519 610 250	1.50	11 164 134 764	1.44	4.62	4 572 866 845	31 788 686 638	36 277 670 385	3.31	3 053 256 595	22 783 355 981	25 113 535 621
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	8 136 798 952	1.71	42 438 848 295	1.38	19.81	19 592 106 733	160 324 089 684	152 985 500 354	12.42	11 455 307 781	134 623 147 342	110 546 652 059
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(3 988 836 011)	0.60	(35 539 493 428)	0.58	6.08	6 018 403 632	48 953 928 974	49 774 409 762	10.85	10 007 239 643	82 672 033 483	85 313 903 190
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(1 945 838 844)	0.54	(18 485 423 203)	0.49	2.29	2 266 764 329	16 057 874 890	17 738 929 001	4.57	4 212 603 173	33 059 050 828	36 224 352 204
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	22 884 380	1.05	469 707 317	1.15	0.45	444 793 904	3 633 540 937	3 660 348 748	0.46	421 909 524	3 340 014 080	3 190 641 431
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	100 734 089	1.24	1 024 776 926	1.25	0.53	524 719 917	4 718 348 149	5 123 930 737	0.46	423 985 828	3 706 587 082	4 099 153 811
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	466 058 110	1.29	3 893 826 824	1.29	2.08	2 055 507 561	14 039 994 759	17 129 107 824	1.72	1 589 449 451	11 746 554 924	13 235 281 000
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 472 160 871)	0.36	(21 602 165 945)	0.35	1.40	1 383 008 445	10 388 758 266	11 556 819 691	4.18	3 855 169 316	29 433 624 748	33 158 985 636
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 088 070 824)	0.20	(9 263 193 615)	0.18	0.28	279 411 941	1 979 339 116	2 041 385 674	1.48	1 367 482 765	9 977 425 894	11 304 579 289
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(672 714 889)	0.45	(5 951 860 303)	0.44	0.55	540 546 528	4 258 574 234	4 628 868 067	1.32	1 213 261 417	9 516 811 297	10 580 728 370
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 129 395 411	22.74	128 546 128 179	14.73	18.11	17 917 417 604	139 526 021 373	137 911 177 254	0.85	788 022 193	6 185 943 167	9 365 049 075
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 805 768 221	2.13	55 217 343 925	2.21	11.06	10 944 453 462	94 405 275 232	100 705 461 946	5.57	5 138 685 241	44 966 463 915	45 488 118 021
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(13 607 146 786)	0.38	(124 159 392 986)	0.39	8.52	8 431 671 008	73 852 470 977	78 363 515 068	23.90	22 038 817 794	198 571 547 624	202 522 908 054
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	5 900 467 206	1.72	35 282 817 606	1.45	14.24	14 084 755 332	96 813 477 631	112 870 951 236	8.87	8 184 288 126	83 368 374 943	77 588 133 630
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 923 958 346)	0.30	(16 811 614 398)	0.29	0.83	822 624 778	6 032 171 893	6 991 268 380	2.98	2 746 583 124	21 365 093 252	23 802 882 778
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 343 253 088)	0.37	(8 631 288 678)	0.42	0.81	797 607 135	6 055 318 035	6 281 340 999	2.32	2 140 860 223	13 978 994 851	14 912 629 677
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	190 977 901	2.62	589 350 547	2.45	0.31	308 953 484	506 827 157	996 294 394	0.13	117 975 583	274 672 204	406 943 847
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	362 825 905	4.37	5 079 144 841	5.30	0.48	470 343 079	3 942 185 235	6 260 309 424	0.12	107 517 174	1 060 232 738	1 181 164 583
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 254 449 792)	0.00	(71 480 078 304)	0.00	0.00	37 530	10 867 306	4 523 111	8.95	8 254 487 322	63 044 441 728	71 484 601 415
Total	Total SA Rand	6 698 397 895	1.07	(9 950 824 995)	0.99	100.00	98 915 743 733	770 195 805 962	815 241 942 795	100.00	92 217 345 838	807 389 085 455	825 192 767 790

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AFRICA	19 436 899 256	3.18	140 797 491 104	2.54	28.66	28 351 866 764	224 106 884 591	232 253 069 688	9.67	8 914 967 508	87 531 663 726	91 455 578 584
AMERICA	(649 959 456)	0.94	(17 660 765 610)	0.82	10.28	10 165 658 462	74 207 189 177	78 848 031 790	11.73	10 815 617 918	88 686 583 458	96 508 797 400
ASIA	(12 196 483 068)	0.70	(113 702 063 425)	0.68	29.28	28 959 085 371	223 943 500 324	241 120 916 474	44.63	41 155 568 439	366 067 063 356	354 822 979 899
EUROPE	(3 811 977 682)	0.87	(63 218 632 297)	0.77	26.39	26 107 465 003	180 483 992 517	208 038 309 333	32.44	29 919 442 685	252 110 086 791	271 256 941 630
OCEANIA	10 716 918	1.01	58 722 827	1.01	1.17	1 160 376 841	9 485 559 669	9 968 190 408	1.25	1 149 659 923	11 509 426 702	9 909 467 581
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	3 338 615 799	13.74	39 506 075 550	32.89	3.64	3 600 705 164	50 225 474 150	40 745 078 246	0.28	262 089 365	1 484 261 422	1 239 002 696
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	570 586 128	-	4 268 346 856	-	0.58	570 586 128	7 743 655 534	4 268 346 856	-	-	-	-
Total	6 698 397 895	1.07	(9 950 824 995)	0.99	100.00	98 915 743 733	770 195 805 962	815 241 942 795	100.00	92 217 345 838	807 389 085 455	825 192 767 790

Temporary Imports	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	August 2016	September 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	8 561 676 889	9 744 755 951	8 880 223 475

Notes:

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(146 904 847)	0.86	(1 473 462 620)	0.85	1.05	906 961 711	7 195 816 768	8 409 286 257	1.18	1 053 866 558	8 558 891 385	9 882 748 877
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	2 275 444 302	1.79	18 292 805 815	1.70	5.98	5 166 184 043	36 117 426 045	44 305 432 526	3.23	2 890 739 741	17 262 845 490	26 012 626 711
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(642 548 469)	0.26	(4 868 588 201)	0.29	0.27	231 384 871	1 706 628 787	1 947 255 215	0.98	873 933 340	4 844 024 868	6 815 843 416
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	661 437 035	1.26	5 258 926 102	1.25	3.74	3 228 943 402	22 940 853 947	26 428 144 230	2.87	2 567 506 367	19 190 907 823	21 169 218 128
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	6 403 462 076	1.56	26 761 387 880	1.24	20.64	17 817 375 495	143 426 987 086	136 861 903 661	12.77	11 413 913 419	134 211 900 844	110 100 515 781
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 379 733 189)	0.54	(39 383 495 355)	0.51	5.84	5 045 614 269	40 342 216 595	41 195 412 026	10.55	9 425 347 458	78 128 033 383	80 578 907 381
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 468 207 123)	0.41	(22 464 477 815)	0.37	1.97	1 699 917 664	11 563 799 397	13 423 342 144	4.66	4 168 124 787	32 738 620 603	35 887 819 959
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(337 064)	1.00	246 536 166	1.08	0.45	385 864 367	3 204 103 970	3 206 175 203	0.43	386 201 431	3 023 208 726	2 959 639 037
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	58 407 114	1.19	659 026 247	1.21	0.42	362 212 513	3 466 154 471	3 730 579 126	0.34	303 805 399	2 958 344 446	3 071 552 879
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	211 950 595	1.14	1 930 370 664	1.15	2.05	1 768 067 141	11 931 850 888	14 952 149 714	1.74	1 556 116 546	11 444 708 407	13 021 779 050
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 529 016 767)	0.23	(22 521 188 299)	0.23	0.89	770 047 393	6 031 926 480	6 809 574 820	3.69	3 299 064 160	26 430 098 813	29 330 763 119
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 265 245 478)	0.06	(10 535 956 530)	0.06	0.09	79 016 614	589 782 651	626 766 940	1.50	1 344 262 092	9 812 873 244	11 162 723 470
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(839 650 468)	0.30	(7 267 899 458)	0.31	0.42	360 616 949	2 816 963 875	3 210 446 762	1.34	1 200 267 417	9 415 580 573	10 478 346 220
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	16 664 992 778	28.24	125 390 876 635	19.67	20.01	17 276 806 462	133 767 057 948	132 107 645 964	0.68	611 813 684	3 847 675 638	6 716 769 329
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 063 406 231	2.00	49 053 022 348	2.09	11.74	10 134 342 776	87 414 643 221	93 865 544 579	5.67	5 070 936 545	44 173 135 842	44 812 522 231
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 153 718 015)	0.30	(136 738 544 411)	0.32	7.66	6 614 273 616	59 198 080 386	63 208 251 686	24.36	21 767 991 631	196 362 926 336	199 946 796 097
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 475 249 366	1.55	23 342 671 652	1.30	14.60	12 602 130 851	84 815 054 508	100 441 011 372	9.09	8 126 881 485	83 108 168 501	77 098 339 720
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 099 570 941)	0.23	(18 184 183 892)	0.23	0.74	640 589 419	4 765 792 460	5 564 586 266	3.07	2 740 160 360	21 325 325 516	23 748 770 158
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 634 289 194)	0.22	(10 883 031 163)	0.25	0.53	459 325 501	3 546 542 950	3 718 711 423	2.34	2 093 614 695	13 775 416 006	14 601 742 586
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	190 502 951	2.62	583 306 382	2.44	0.36	308 387 663	501 952 720	989 592 594	0.13	117 884 712	274 156 974	406 286 212
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XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 254 458 476)	0.00	(71 480 088 251)	0.00	0.00	28 846	10 663 626	4 513 164	9.24	8 254 487 322	63 044 267 142	71 484 601 415
Total	Total SA Rand	(3 048 762 057)	0.97	(89 218 372 899)	0.89	100.00	86 324 371 453	669 244 033 025	711 220 866 471	100.00	89 373 133 510	784 962 906 698	800 439 239 370

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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	3 338 615 799	13.74	39 506 075 550	32.89	4.17	3 600 705 164	50 225 474 150	40 745 078 246	0.29	262 089 365	1 484 261 422	1 239 002 696	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	570 586 128	-	4 268 346 856	-	0.66	570 586 128	7 743 655 534	4 268 346 856					
Total	(3 048 762 057)	0.97	(89 218 372 899)	0.89	100.00	86 324 371 453	669 244 033 025	711 220 866 471	100.00	89 373 133 510	784 962 906 698	800 439 239 370	
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Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for September 2016 recorded a trade balance surplus of R9.75 billion.

Summary

The R9.75 billion surplus for September 2016 is as a result of exports of R12.59 billion and imports of R2.84 billion.

Exports increased from August 2016 to September 2016 by R0.04 billion (0.3%) and imports decreased from August 2016 to September 2016 by R0.19 billion (6.2%).

The cumulative surplus for 2016 is R79.27 billion compared to R78.53 billion in 2015.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Prepared Foodstuff	+ R 117	+ 10%
Plastics & Rubber	+ R 65	+ 13%
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R 65	+11%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R 144	- 9%
Mineral Products	- R 156	- 8%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 126	- 42%
Live Animals	- R 102	- 35%
Chemical Products	- R 78	- 12%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 15	+ 36%
Textiles	+ R 89	+ 19%

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