

SA Trade Statistics for June 2017

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Pretoria, 31 July 2017– The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for June 2017 recording a trade balance surplus of R10.67 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS). The year-to-date trade balance surplus (01 January to 30 June 2017) of R27.68 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2016 of R5.04 billion.

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

The R10.67 billion trade balance surplus for June 2017 is attributable to exports of R102.14 billion and imports of R91.47 billion. Exports decreased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R0.59 billion (0.6%) and imports decreased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R4.04 billion (4.2%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2017) grew by 4.7% from R539.03 billion in 2016 to R564.39 billion in 2017. Imports for the year-to-date of R536.72 billion are 1.4% less than the imports recorded in January to June 2016 of R544.07 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the R10.67 billion trade balance surplus for June 2017 is an improvement from the surplus recorded in June 2016 of R8.38 billion. Exports of R102.14 billion are 1.1% more than the exports recorded in June 2016 of R101.07 billion. Imports of R91.47 billion are 1.3% less than the imports recorded in June 2016 of R92.69 billion.

May 2017's trade balance surplus was revised downwards by R2.28 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R9.50 billion to a revised surplus of R7.22 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	Including BLNS:	
Section:		
Mineral Products	- R3 877	- 16%
Base Metals	- R 819	- 6%
Chemical Products	- R 556	- 8%

Other Unclassified	- R 362	- 38%
Wood Pulp & Paper	- R 334	- 16%
Live Animals	- R 195	- 14%
Machinery & Electronics	- R 185	- 2%
Plastic & Rubber	- R 143	- 6%
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R1 804	+ 11%
Vegetable Products	+ R1 888	+ 33%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R2 158	+ 18%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BLNS:	
Mineral Products	- R5 297	- 31%
Machinery & Electronics	- R 412	- 2%
Textiles	- R 392	-11
Vegetable Products	+ R 407	+ 27%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R2 027	+ 21%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from May 2017 (revised) to June 2017 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R30 119 million – this is an increase of R3 581 million from May 2017.

Imports: R7 684 million – this is a decrease of R2 222 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R22 435 million – this is a 34.9% increase in comparison to the R16 632 million surplus recorded in May 2017.

America:

Exports: R9 064 million – this is a decrease of R1 167 million from May 2017.

Imports: R11 311 million – this is an increase of R1 233 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R2 247 million – this is a deterioration in comparison to the R 153 million surplus recorded in May 2017.

Asia:

Exports: R29 199 million – this is a decrease of R2 417 million from May 2017.

Imports: R40 901 million – this is a decrease of R2 710 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R11 702 million – this is a 2.4% decrease in comparison to the R11 994 million deficit recorded in May 2017.

Europe:

Exports: R25 205 million – this is an increase of R 253 million from May 2017.

Imports: R30 305 million – this is a decrease of R 235 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R5 100 million – this is an 8.7% decrease in comparison to the R5 588 million deficit recorded in May 2017.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 244 million – this is an increase of R 71 million from May 2017.

Imports: R1 021 million – this is a decrease of R 184 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R 223 million – this is an improvement in comparison to the R 32 million deficit recorded in May 2017.

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

The trade data excluding BLNS for June 2017 recorded a trade balance deficit of R 0.55 billion.

Summary

The R 0.55 billion deficit for June 2017 is as a result of exports of R87.91 billion and imports of R88.46 billion. Exports decreased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R4.12 billion (4.5%) and imports decreased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R3.95 billion (4.3%).

The cumulative deficit for 2017 is R18.19 billion compared to R56.41 billion deficit in 2016.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BLNS:	
Section:		
Mineral Products	- R3 752	- 16%
Base Metals	- R2 616	- 21%
Chemical Products	- R 597	- 11%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 475	- 3%
Other Unclassified	- R 363	- 38%
Vegetable Products	+ R2 005	+ 39%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R2 224	+ 21%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Excluding BLNS:	
Section:		
Mineral Products	- R5 284	- 31%
Machinery & Electronics	- R 536	- 3%
Textiles	- R 413	- 13%
Vegetable Products	+ R 416	+ 29%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 1 969	+ 20%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa excluding BLNS from May 2017 (Revised) to June 2017 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R15 887 million – this is an increase of R 49 million from May 2017.

Imports: R4 674 million – this is a decrease of R2 133 million from May 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R11 213 million – this is a 24.2% increase in comparison to the R9 031 million surplus recorded in May 2017.

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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 ³⁾ (Exports/Imports)	Month % of total	Month Total 2017 (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2017 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2017 (R'm)	Cumulative 2016 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2017 ³⁾ (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(556 144 476)	0.68	(2 128 594 599)	0.78	1.13	1 155 979 729	7 498 574 926	7 362 198 136	1.87	1 712 124 205	8 383 544 149	9 490 792 735
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	5 720 692 616	4.00	19 530 345 740	2.66	7.47	7 626 989 946	30 986 979 501	31 290 158 220	2.08	1 906 297 330	17 008 211 447	11 759 812 480
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(369 595 590)	0.50	(3 114 147 614)	0.37	0.36	370 634 186	1 752 631 587	1 795 090 378	0.81	740 229 776	4 308 921 130	4 909 237 992
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 742 957 544	1.70	4 847 045 231	1.29	4.14	4 226 218 569	23 490 790 622	21 739 050 000	2.71	2 483 261 025	15 915 149 029	16 892 004 769
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	8 812 216 776	1.74	53 094 585 859	1.62	20.29	20 727 590 842	101 767 251 062	139 179 678 090	13.03	11 915 374 066	69 810 686 569	86 085 092 231
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(3 344 388 139)	0.65	(20 842 131 420)	0.63	5.96	6 085 662 456	32 856 199 067	35 023 161 398	10.31	9 430 050 595	55 679 795 589	55 865 292 818
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(1 857 495 464)	0.53	(12 153 856 892)	0.48	2.03	2 068 615 404	11 477 717 209	11 123 673 239	4.29	3 926 110 868	23 554 898 707	23 277 530 131
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	78 856 759	1.26	427 466 625	1.23	0.38	387 840 402	2 489 085 392	2 247 241 870	0.34	308 983 643	2 043 936 663	1 819 775 245
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	307 555 884	1.74	915 598 931	1.36	0.71	725 847 649	3 441 068 199	3 470 792 619	0.46	418 291 765	2 798 550 374	2 555 193 688
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	538 598 275	1.46	3 641 846 371	1.50	1.66	1 697 945 479	11 201 522 599	10 935 570 569	1.27	1 159 347 204	8 627 407 786	7 293 724 198
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 814 762 713)	0.43	(11 803 056 683)	0.41	1.32	1 347 502 354	7 920 787 742	8 092 798 707	3.46	3 162 265 067	21 958 577 705	19 895 855 390
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(891 591 941)	0.20	(4 929 972 914)	0.21	0.21	216 753 912	1 271 463 407	1 301 883 401	1.21	1 108 345 853	7 279 242 954	6 231 856 315
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(586 301 256)	0.45	(3 485 802 555)	0.43	0.48	486 172 745	3 068 165 187	2 585 546 205	1.17	1 072 474 001	7 089 502 034	6 071 348 760
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 586 686 515	17.76	88 598 116 907	15.21	18.25	18 635 962 010	92 861 971 209	94 833 129 985	1.15	1 049 275 495	5 469 840 619	6 235 013 078
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	7 078 040 226	2.37	39 604 189 840	2.31	12.00	12 259 071 065	69 015 520 929	69 747 830 786	5.66	5 181 030 839	30 620 532 514	30 143 640 946
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(13 129 297 244)	0.38	(77 072 720 481)	0.37	7.95	8 122 139 549	52 312 987 572	45 062 040 674	23.23	21 251 436 793	137 370 896 270	122 134 761 155
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	2 222 586 172	1.19	9 055 872 832	1.16	13.71	14 006 858 424	72 368 003 932	65 366 342 595	12.88	11 784 272 252	52 145 965 058	56 310 469 763
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 761 461 489)	0.26	(10 827 190 588)	0.26	0.60	608 938 187	4 378 947 982	3 786 979 903	2.59	2 370 399 676	15 878 708 624	14 614 170 491
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(963 914 241)	0.43	(5 050 064 971)	0.42	0.72	732 553 997	4 035 410 814	3 717 508 588	1.85	1 696 468 238	9 287 103 096	8 767 573 559
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	32 986 412	2.16	340 581 346	1.83	0.06	61 382 950	574 049 876	753 225 707	0.03	28 396 538	210 264 999	412 644 361
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	515 987 566	8.23	4 307 476 460	7.44	0.58	587 404 461	4 257 833 693	4 976 300 096	0.08	71 416 895	876 405 215	668 823 636
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 689 738 954)	0.00	(45 280 290 588)	0.00	0.00	629 928	4 287 627	2 378 400	9.50	8 690 368 882	47 755 999 628	45 282 668 988
Total	Total SA Rand	10 672 473 238	1.12	27 675 296 837	1.05	100.00	102 138 694 244	539 031 250 134	564 392 579 566	100.00	91 466 221 006	544 074 140 159	536 717 282 729

World Zones	Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports			
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AFRICA	22 435 080 001	3.92	91 327 242 738	2.56	29.49	30 118 995 462	150 976 191 288	149 867 947 369	8.40	7 683 915 461	59 068 629 735	58 540 704 631
AMERICA	(2 246 677 500)	0.80	(10 101 699 248)	0.83	8.87	9 063 976 649	52 890 737 153	48 935 460 206	12.37	11 310 654 149	64 529 124 206	59 037 159 454
ASIA	(11 701 766 972)	0.71	(59 532 872 981)	0.75	28.59	29 199 058 433	161 948 910 139	177 183 080 130	44.72	40 900 825 405	232 333 659 089	236 715 953 111
EUROPE	(5 100 008 599)	0.83	(33 222 050 419)	0.81	24.68	25 204 929 265	135 816 418 392	141 039 635 115	33.13	30 304 937 864	181 235 367 711	174 261 685 534
OCEANIA	223 237 897	1.22	(319 322 990)	0.95	1.22	1 243 761 283	6 638 347 338	6 581 853 398	1.12	1 020 523 386	6 130 076 270	6 901 176 388
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 501 558 067	27.50	34 546 137 823	28.40	6.61	6 746 922 808	28 256 631 612	35 806 741 434	0.27	245 364 741	777 283 148	1 260 603 611
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	561 050 344	-	4 977 861 914	-	0.55	561 050 344	2 504 014 212	4 977 861 914				
Total	10 672 473 238	1.12	27 675 296 837	1.05	100.00	102 138 694 244	539 031 250 134	564 392 579 566	100.00	91 466 221 006	544 074 140 159	536 717 282 729

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Gold Imports ⁴⁾	6 254 570 496	5 524 504 610	6 181 314 986	5 817 919 863	7 099 357 038	6 392 855 491

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(421 483 631)	0.67	(1 944 916 277)	0.74	0.97	855 669 830	5 778 939 811	5 550 836 384	1.44	1 277 153 461	6 720 850 023	7 495 752 661
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	5 264 204 981	3.81	16 305 644 698	2.41	8.12	7 135 163 128	27 327 020 862	27 882 776 976	2.12	1 870 958 147	16 693 527 997	11 577 132 278
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(474 990 512)	0.36	(3 728 299 750)	0.24	0.30	261 687 397	1 189 235 609	1 167 836 135	0.83	736 677 909	4 288 756 855	4 896 135 885
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	989 530 794	1.47	775 474 903	1.05	3.50	3 078 082 859	17 304 930 031	15 160 307 658	2.36	2 088 552 065	13 433 016 055	14 384 832 755
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	7 399 267 599	1.62	44 686 838 659	1.52	21.90	19 253 157 592	91 327 531 409	130 400 438 680	13.40	11 853 889 993	69 504 380 837	85 713 600 021
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(4 075 482 446)	0.55	(23 018 386 402)	0.56	5.76	5 061 174 712	27 246 955 675	29 588 099 695	10.33	9 136 657 158	52 584 798 297	52 606 486 097
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 291 821 633)	0.41	(14 548 041 863)	0.37	1.82	1 596 761 479	8 730 875 083	8 517 475 948	4.40	3 888 583 112	23 337 244 885	23 065 517 811
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	59 229 788	1.20	301 325 463	1.17	0.40	350 638 866	2 199 338 889	2 030 624 430	0.33	291 409 078	1 900 348 496	1 729 298 967
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	278 016 448	1.93	727 432 751	1.38	0.66	575 827 049	2 544 993 700	2 619 565 869	0.34	297 810 601	2 137 492 445	1 892 133 118
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	340 829 376	1.30	2 332 224 376	1.32	1.69	1 486 076 878	9 815 189 018	9 508 706 144	1.29	1 145 247 502	8 499 804 810	7 176 481 768
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 867 365 620)	0.31	(12 352 835 167)	0.29	0.95	839 235 919	4 880 683 535	4 994 650 235	3.06	2 706 601 539	19 576 582 168	17 347 485 402
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 021 104 797)	0.07	(5 740 461 204)	0.07	0.08	74 164 839	410 868 370	422 473 967	1.24	1 095 269 636	7 187 495 831	6 162 935 171
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(715 411 598)	0.33	(4 235 683 061)	0.30	0.39	345 659 997	2 207 992 774	1 782 377 602	1.20	1 061 071 595	7 026 932 555	6 018 060 663
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	15 760 726 590	28.33	87 893 727 328	26.54	18.58	16 337 394 404	88 307 592 620	91 335 669 668	0.65	576 667 814	3 573 615 224	3 441 942 340
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	4 627 007 488	1.91	34 190 485 263	2.15	11.06	9 725 785 556	64 581 493 697	63 912 436 666	5.76	5 098 778 068	30 169 356 943	29 721 951 403
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(14 280 947 907)	0.31	(84 238 428 777)	0.30	7.46	6 559 316 642	42 432 324 310	36 168 156 529	23.56	20 840 264 549	135 627 615 242	120 406 585 306
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	1 162 481 576	1.10	3 072 450 063	1.05	14.62	12 849 053 679	64 456 639 377	59 100 572 640	13.21	11 686 572 103	51 793 017 466	56 028 122 577
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(1 918 280 295)	0.19	(11 603 288 133)	0.20	0.51	447 814 715	3 457 723 625	2 978 658 574	2.67	2 366 095 010	15 844 528 522	14 581 946 707
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 219 797 845)	0.26	(6 420 577 827)	0.25	0.49	431 687 590	2 400 820 598	2 106 170 630	1.87	1 651 485 435	9 095 025 114	8 526 748 457
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Total	Total SA Rand	(549 575 774)	0.99	(18 191 672 442)	0.96	100.00	87 907 141 060	471 400 769 065	500 921 352 549	100.00	88 456 716 834	527 814 437 142	519 113 024 991

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Total	(549 575 774)	0.99	(18 191 672 442)	0.96	100.00	87 907 141 060	471 400 769 065	500 921 352 549	100.00	88 456 716 834	527 814 437 142	519 113 024 991

Temporary Imports	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
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Notes:

- 1) Other Unclassified: Military equipment, unknown countries, ships & aircraft stores & films
- 2) Special Provisions: Motor car parts for Motor Industry Development Programme (MIDP)
- 3) Current month data is preliminary and all other data is revised
- 4) Temporary gold imports are not included in imports or export numbers for the trade balance calculation
- 5) The ratio is the value of total exports divided by the value of total imports

Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for June 2017 recorded a trade balance surplus of R11.22 billion.

Summary

The R11.22 billion surplus for June 2017 is as a result of exports of R14.23 billion and imports of R3.01 billion.

Exports increased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R3.53 billion (33.0%) and imports decreased from May 2017 to June 2017 by R0.09 billion (2.9%).

The cumulative surplus for 2017 is R45.87 billion compared to R51.37 billion in 2016.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+ R2 279	+ 11561%
Base Metals	+ R1 797	+ 244%
Textiles	- R 98	- 16%
Machinery & Electronics	- R 100	- 6%
Vegetable Products	- R 117	- 19%
Mineral Products	- R 126	-8%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Chemical Products	- R 247	- 46%
Prepared Foodstuff	- R 42	- 10%
Precious Metals & Stones	- R 32	- 6%
Textiles	+ R 21	+ 5%
Live Animals	+ R 31	+ 8%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+ R 57	+ 143%
Machinery & Electronics	+ R 124	+ 43%

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