

SA Trade Statistics for November 2017

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Pretoria, 28 December 2017 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for November 2017 recording a trade balance surplus of R13.02 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 November 2017) trade balance surplus of R64.75 billion is an improvement on the deficit for the comparable period in 2016 of R11.22 billion. Exports for the year-to-date grew by 7.6% whilst imports for the same period showed an increase of 0.04%.

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

The R13.02 billion trade balance surplus for November 2017 is attributable to exports of R116.16 billion and imports of R103.14 billion. Exports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R11.99 billion (11.5%) and imports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R3.30 billion (3.3%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 November 2017) grew by 7.6% from R1 006.79 billion in 2016 to R1 083.12 billion in 2017. Imports for the year-to-date of R1 018.37 billion are 0.04% more than the imports recorded in January to November 2016 of R1 018.02 billion, leaving a cumulative trade balance surplus of R64.75 billion for 2017.

On a year-on-year basis, the R13.02 billion trade balance surplus for November 2017 is an improvement from the deficit recorded in November 2016 of R1.24 billion. Exports of R116.16 billion are 16.8% more than the exports recorded in November 2016 of R99.50 billion. Imports of R103.14 billion are 2.4% more than the imports recorded in November 2016 of R100.73 billion.

October 2017's trade balance surplus was revised downwards by R0.22 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R4.56 billion to a revised surplus of R4.34 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:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+R3 265	+21%
Base Metals	+R2 197	+19%
Mineral Products	+R2 073	+ 7%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R1 990	+16%
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 059	+12%
Total	+R10 584	88%
Total Movement	+R11 990	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Including BLNS:	
Section:		
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 809	+ 7%
Mineral Products	+R 956	+ 7%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R 663	+31%
Animal & Vegetable Fats	+R 492	+66%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 465	+ 5%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 297	-17%
Footwear and Accessories	-R 356	-26%
Original Equipment Components	-R 716	- 8%
Total	+R3 016	91%
Total Movement	+R3 304	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from October 2017 (revised) to November 2017 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R30 912 million – this is an increase of R2 867 million from October 2017.

Imports: R10 158 million – this is an increase of R 428 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R20 754 million – this is an improvement of R2 439 million in comparison to the R18 315 million surplus recorded in October 2017.

America:

Exports: R12 601 million – this is an increase of R3 187 million from October 2017.

Imports: R9 500 million – this is a decrease of R 270 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R3 101 million – this is an improvement of R3 458 million in comparison to the R 357 million deficit recorded in October 2017.

Asia:

Exports: R38 883 million – this is an increase of R4 051 million from October 2017.

Imports: R46 476 million – this is a decrease of R 107 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R7 593 million – this is an improvement of R4 158 million in comparison to the R11 751 million deficit recorded in October 2017.

Europe:

Exports: R23 377 million – this is an increase of R 133 million from October 2017.

Imports: R34 546 million – this is an increase of R2 729 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R11 169 million – this is a deterioration of R2 596 million in comparison to the R8 573 million deficit recorded in October 2017.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 490 million – this is an increase of R 409 million from October 2017.

Imports: R2 101 million – this is an increase of R 663 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance deficit: R 611 million – this is a deterioration of R 254 million in comparison to the R 357 million deficit recorded in October 2017.

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

The trade data excluding BLNS for November 2017 recorded a trade balance surplus of R3.87 billion.

Summary

The R3.87 billion surplus for November 2017 is as a result of exports of R102.76 billion and imports of R98.89 billion. Exports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R11.31 billion (12.4%) and imports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R3.06 billion (3.2%).

The cumulative deficit for 2017 is R21.91 billion compared to R109.66 billion deficit in 2016.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Precious Metals & Stones	+R3 311	+22%
Base Metals	+R2 144	+20%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R2 012	+18%
Mineral Products	+R1 943	+ 7%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 967	+14%
Total	+R10 377	92%
Total Movement	+R11 315	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BLNS:	
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 763	+ 7%
Mineral Products	+R 953	+ 7%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R 664	+31%
Animal & Vegetable Fats	+R 496	+67%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 531	-47%
Original Equipment Components	-R 716	- 8%
Total	+R2 629	86%
Total Movement	+R3 056	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R17 513 million – this is an increase of R2 193 million from October 2017.

Imports: R5 917 million – this is an increase of R 180 million from October 2017.

Trade Balance surplus: R11 596 million – this is an improvement of R2 013 million in comparison to the R9 583 million surplus recorded in October 2017.

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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	(194 289 842)	0.88	(4 869 809 097)	0.73	1.24	1 444 797 201	13 661 744 296	13 278 456 706	1.59	1 639 087 043	14 943 137 483	18 148 265 803
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 455 714 341	1.87	37 816 500 213	2.72	2.70	3 135 768 644	56 107 218 074	59 824 313 244	1.63	1 680 054 303	31 079 252 572	22 007 813 031
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(935 252 657)	0.25	(6 265 730 401)	0.34	0.26	307 227 967	3 634 640 495	3 284 738 692	1.20	1 242 480 624	8 984 765 643	9 550 469 093
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	2 039 093 403	1.62	11 359 657 942	1.34	4.59	5 327 874 678	45 039 776 374	44 729 119 912	3.19	3 288 781 275	32 442 418 870	33 369 461 970
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	17 543 390 573	2.28	119 247 397 184	1.79	26.95	31 302 056 237	200 241 489 812	269 826 938 173	13.34	13 758 665 664	137 113 976 543	150 579 540 989
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 122 631 344)	0.57	(44 110 668 463)	0.60	5.91	6 869 907 152	61 691 976 783	66 640 738 436	11.63	11 992 538 496	106 065 609 373	110 751 406 899
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 292 653 492)	0.51	(22 983 974 696)	0.49	2.04	2 374 075 425	22 103 868 183	21 755 537 690	4.52	4 666 728 917	45 226 342 977	44 739 512 386
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	22 322 531	1.05	474 515 613	1.13	0.40	461 989 209	4 518 529 787	4 210 283 408	0.43	439 666 678	4 063 580 073	3 735 767 795
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	231 468 306	1.51	1 853 774 949	1.39	0.59	688 783 118	6 441 994 046	6 591 261 105	0.44	457 314 812	5 085 349 268	4 737 486 156
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(939 447 113)	0.67	3 575 731 601	1.22	1.62	1 879 126 019	20 746 032 874	19 860 406 757	2.73	2 818 573 132	16 365 359 538	16 284 675 156
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 857 126 257)	0.53	(23 094 561 742)	0.41	1.78	2 065 709 047	14 791 668 122	15 805 596 780	3.80	3 922 835 304	40 609 234 254	38 900 158 522
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(644 315 391)	0.36	(9 584 524 333)	0.22	0.31	361 169 279	2 645 484 374	2 773 196 844	0.97	1 005 484 670	13 624 405 135	12 357 721 177
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(608 609 620)	0.48	(6 596 426 239)	0.44	0.49	564 478 824	5 704 438 863	5 204 676 479	1.14	1 173 088 444	12 840 321 245	11 801 102 718
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 662 822 010	12.94	166 202 106 748	14.12	16.48	19 142 413 400	167 414 321 554	178 866 474 144	1.43	1 479 591 390	10 978 525 487	12 664 367 396
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	8 855 800 880	2.72	73 661 514 107	2.34	12.05	13 997 138 164	122 600 410 427	128 517 205 885	4.98	5 141 337 284	55 503 171 560	54 855 691 778
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(16 539 333 638)	0.37	(149 157 844 408)	0.37	8.40	9 761 866 012	95 330 193 816	87 903 422 922	25.50	26 301 199 650	250 630 430 239	237 061 267 330
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 937 670 154	1.54	27 989 813 769	1.27	12.15	14 109 311 142	138 980 482 299	130 342 071 390	8.89	9 171 640 988	96 648 168 202	102 352 257 621
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 025 200 074)	0.27	(20 688 916 253)	0.26	0.65	755 310 442	8 464 315 646	7 198 475 622	2.70	2 780 510 516	29 527 651 263	27 887 391 875
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 038 892 341)	0.47	(10 427 697 979)	0.42	0.80	924 957 449	7 966 613 298	7 575 041 042	1.90	1 963 849 790	19 053 297 888	18 002 739 021
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	21 722 738	1.28	441 001 607	1.67	0.09	99 382 600	1 112 674 219	1 095 632 657	0.08	77 659 862	648 273 176	654 631 050
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	466 681 632	4.77	6 546 697 742	6.09	0.51	590 370 545	7 591 660 756	7 833 655 666	0.12	123 688 913	1 370 066 170	1 286 957 924
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 014 512 205)	0.00	(86 640 237 475)	0.00	0.00	164 089	4 811 910	5 544 212	7.77	8 014 676 294	85 213 475 559	86 645 781 687
Total	Total SA Rand	13 024 422 594	1.13	64 748 320 389	1.06	100.00	116 163 876 643	1 006 794 346 012	1 083 122 787 766	100.00	103 139 454 049	1 018 016 812 518	1 018 374 467 377

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AFRICA	20 754 165 647	3.04	180 463 825 389	2.68	26.61	30 912 250 536	290 768 902 975	287 960 040 075	9.85	10 158 084 889	110 556 884 599	107 496 214 686	
AMERICA	3 100 903 424	1.33	(8 775 832 829)	0.92	10.85	12 600 838 104	95 902 112 020	99 525 451 738	9.21	9 499 934 680	118 444 022 036	108 301 284 567	
ASIA	(7 593 494 457)	0.84	(106 170 032 079)	0.77	33.47	38 882 794 941	302 432 037 804	347 158 628 475	45.06	46 476 289 398	440 888 572 212	453 328 660 554	
EUROPE	(11 168 989 914)	0.68	(72 066 141 442)	0.78	20.12	23 377 083 864	249 831 630 183	260 421 773 217	33.49	34 546 073 778	334 767 326 650	332 487 914 659	
OCEANIA	(610 514 671)	0.71	(972 182 378)	0.93	1.28	1 490 249 612	12 028 803 593	13 249 526 021	2.04	2 100 764 283	11 901 816 124	14 221 708 399	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 912 424 071	23.08	64 691 617 296	26.48	7.12	8 270 731 092	50 551 566 275	67 230 301 808	0.35	358 307 021	1 458 190 897	2 538 684 512	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	629 928 494	-	7 577 066 432	-	0.54	629 928 494	5 279 293 162	7 577 066 432	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13 024 422 594	1.13	64 748 320 389	1.06	100.00	116 163 876 643	1 006 794 346 012	1 083 122 787 766	100.00	103 139 454 049	1 018 016 812 518	1 018 374 467 377	

Temporary Imports	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	6 456 314 562	5 524 504 610	6 390 471 105	5 838 701 260	7 100 087 994	6 391 732 483	6 212 083 557	7 216 722 094	6 601 860 212	6 150 881 459	7 413 817 500

Notes:

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(252 197 729)	0.81	(4 310 137 498)	0.69	1.04	1 069 736 073	10 356 346 899	9 774 743 209	1.34	1 321 933 802	12 303 842 600	14 084 880 707
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	918 449 390	1.56	32 188 794 302	2.49	2.48	2 549 522 461	48 967 352 406	53 811 757 802	1.65	1 631 073 071	30 384 989 757	21 622 963 500
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(1 066 536 802)	0.14	(7 361 067 356)	0.23	0.17	173 998 480	2 409 975 704	2 144 944 498	1.25	1 240 535 282	8 948 100 832	9 506 011 854
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	997 052 899	1.36	3 091 899 442	1.11	3.64	3 742 378 351	32 289 955 135	31 589 929 773	2.78	2 745 325 452	27 449 883 674	28 498 030 331
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	15 723 360 893	2.15	102 623 481 954	1.68	28.62	29 411 350 433	181 077 454 988	252 500 705 112	13.84	13 687 989 540	136 548 478 195	149 877 223 158
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 547 803 853)	0.50	(47 991 196 763)	0.54	5.45	5 599 040 308	50 806 087 162	55 647 880 319	11.27	11 146 844 161	99 563 350 780	103 639 077 082
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 848 523 493)	0.38	(27 832 787 115)	0.37	1.72	1 767 083 401	16 628 753 433	16 490 129 675	4.67	4 615 606 894	44 791 146 307	44 322 916 790
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(27 849 716)	0.93	161 793 756	1.05	0.38	394 834 071	3 940 527 583	3 725 744 765	0.43	422 683 787	3 741 222 723	3 563 951 009
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	168 694 081	1.52	1 399 785 241	1.41	0.48	496 084 260	4 669 762 826	4 830 635 286	0.33	327 390 179	3 786 347 538	3 430 850 045
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 207 824 361)	0.57	1 077 815 877	1.07	1.54	1 577 595 733	17 981 850 233	17 096 630 541	2.82	2 785 420 094	16 053 092 657	16 018 814 664
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(1 837 995 289)	0.43	(23 741 560 315)	0.29	1.32	1 360 139 598	8 773 871 950	9 618 552 960	3.23	3 198 134 887	35 505 902 915	33 360 113 275
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(873 429 402)	0.11	(11 334 736 927)	0.07	0.11	109 741 004	784 249 234	869 359 459	0.99	983 170 406	13 446 021 993	12 204 096 386
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(786 743 343)	0.32	(8 134 175 082)	0.30	0.36	374 314 131	3 895 555 744	3 561 148 525	1.17	1 161 057 474	12 712 656 981	11 695 323 607
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 969 033 359	31.04	165 815 944 288	26.06	18.07	18 567 283 908	160 190 030 372	172 433 028 758	0.60	598 250 549	8 022 536 369	6 617 084 470
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	8 032 727 758	2.60	64 581 892 132	2.20	12.72	13 066 840 356	113 993 682 602	118 549 911 081	5.09	5 034 112 598	54 668 444 446	53 968 018 949
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(18 148 676 881)	0.30	(163 386 090 555)	0.30	7.58	7 793 293 624	76 414 566 811	70 334 619 500	26.23	25 941 970 505	247 481 492 921	233 720 710 055
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	3 810 634 446	1.42	16 471 337 962	1.16	12.58	12 931 062 659	124 039 823 702	118 387 217 978	9.22	9 120 428 213	96 114 401 486	101 915 880 016
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 178 235 645)	0.22	(22 179 453 324)	0.20	0.58	597 486 098	6 698 887 536	5 647 907 742	2.81	2 775 721 743	29 461 097 200	27 827 361 066
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 452 126 983)	0.26	(13 380 750 947)	0.24	0.49	498 567 017	4 620 730 629	4 245 418 377	1.97	1 950 694 000	18 659 501 590	17 626 169 324
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	20 819 318	1.27	436 119 860	1.67	0.10	98 466 472	1 104 985 644	1 088 781 417	0.08	77 647 154	647 512 078	652 661 557
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	467 783 321	4.96	6 529 841 693	6.26	0.57	585 920 933	7 533 465 881	7 770 956 385	0.12	118 137 612	1 335 293 329	1 241 114 692
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 014 512 205)	0.00	(86 640 813 421)	0.00	0.00	164 089	4 801 963	4 968 266	8.10	8 014 676 294	85 213 475 559	86 645 781 687
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OCEANIA	(610 514 671)	0.71	(972 182 378)	0.93	1.45	1 490 249 612	12 028 803 593	13 249 526 021	2.12	2 100 764 283	11 901 816 124	14 221 708 399	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	7 912 424 071	23.08	64 691 617 296	26.48	8.05	8 270 731 092	50 551 566 275	67 230 301 808	0.36	358 307 021	1 458 190 897	2 538 684 512	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	629 928 494	-	7 577 066 432	-	0.61	629 928 494	5 279 293 162	7 577 066 432					
Total	3 866 099 763	1.04	(21 914 062 796)	0.98	100.00	102 764 903 460	877 182 718 437	960 124 971 428	100.00	98 898 803 697	986 838 791 930	982 039 034 224	
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Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (Only)

Trade Statistics with BLNS countries

Trade statistics with the BLNS for November 2017 recorded a trade balance surplus of R9.16 billion.

Summary

The R9.16 billion surplus for November 2017 is as a result of exports of R13.40 billion and imports of R4.24 billion.

Exports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R0.67 billion (5.3%) and imports increased from October 2017 to November 2017 by R0.25 billion (6.2%).

The cumulative surplus for 2017 is R86.66 billion compared to R98.43 billion in 2016.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BLNS:	
Section:		
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 189	+13%
Mineral Products	+R 130	+ 7%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 92	+ 5%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	+R 59	+16%
Vegetable Products	+R 56	+11%
Base Metals	+R 52	+ 6%
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Precious Metals & Stones	+R 234	+36%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 46	+15%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 43	+ 9%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 25	+96%
Textiles	+R 23	+ 3%
Live Animals	-R 39	-11%
Chemical Products	-R 112	-12%
Total	+R 220	89%
Total Movement	+R 248	100%

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