

SA Trade Statistics for November 2018

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Pretoria, 28 December 2018 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for November 2018 recording a trade surplus of R3.49 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 November 2018) trade deficit of R4.16 billion is a deterioration on the surplus for the comparable period in 2017 of R62.29 billion. Exports year-to-date increased by 6.1% whilst imports for the same period showed an increase of 13.0%.

Including trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

The R3.49 billion trade surplus for November 2018 is attributable to exports of R118.84 billion and imports of R115.35 billion. Exports decreased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R2.79 billion (2.3%) and imports decreased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R10.57 billion (8.4%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 November) increased by 6.1% from R1 080.48 billion in 2017 to R1 146.01 billion in 2018. Imports for the year-to-date of R1 150.17 billion are 13.0% more than the R1 018.18 billion imports recorded in January to November 2017, leaving a cumulative trade deficit of R4.16 billion for 2018.

On a year-on-year basis, the R3.49 billion trade surplus for November 2018 is a deterioration from the R13.38 billion surplus recorded in November 2017. Exports of R118.84 billion are 2.0% more than the R116.51 billion exports recorded in November 2017. Imports of R115.35 billion are 11.8% more than the R103.14 billion imports recorded in November 2017.

October 2018's trade deficit was revised upwards by R1.26 billion from the previous month's preliminary deficit of R5.55 billion to a revised deficit of R4.29 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		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R2 200	- 13%
Vegetable Products	-R1 284	- 26%
Prepared Foodstuff	-R 513	- 9%
Base Metals	+R 300	+ 2%
Chemical Products	+R 397	+ 6%
Mineral Products	+R 602	+ 2%
Total	-R2 698	97%
Total Movement	-R2 787	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R2 394	- 10%
Original Equipment Components	-R2 319	- 23%
Chemical Products	-R1 254	- 9%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R1 216	- 56%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 905	- 9%
Textiles	-R 633	- 13%
Footwear & Accessories	-R 510	- 31%
Total	-R9 231	87%
Total Movement	-R10 567	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from October 2018 (revised) to November 2018 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R32 805 million – this is a decrease of R150 million from October 2018.

Imports: R16 815 million – this is an increase of R29 million from October 2018.

Trade surplus: R15 990 million – this is a deterioration of R179 million in comparison to the R16 168 million surplus recorded in October 2018.

America:

Exports: R10 340 million – this is an increase of R970 million from October 2018.

Imports: R11 298 million – this is a decrease of R521 million from October 2018.

Trade deficit: R958 million – this is an improvement of R1 491 million in comparison to the R2 449 million deficit recorded in October 2018.

Asia:

Exports: R38 240 million – this is an increase of R898 million from October 2018.

Imports: R49 811 million – this is a decrease of R9 616 million from October 2018.

Trade deficit: R11 571 million – this is an improvement of R10 514 million in comparison to the R22 085 million deficit recorded in October 2018.

Europe:

Exports: R28 476 million – this is a decrease of R4 232 million from October 2018.

Imports: R34 594 million – this is a decrease of R534 million from October 2018.

Trade deficit: R6 118 million – this is a deterioration of R3 698 million in comparison to the R2 419 million deficit recorded in October 2018.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 488 million – this is an increase of R324 million from October 2018.

Imports: R2 501 million – this is an increase of R754 million from October 2018.

Trade deficit: R1 013 million – this is a deterioration of R429 million in comparison to the R584 million deficit recorded in October 2018.

Excluding trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

The trade data excluding BELN for November 2018 recorded a trade deficit of R6.40 billion.

Summary

The R6.40 billion deficit for November 2018 is as a result of exports of R104.67 billion and imports of R111.07 billion. Exports decreased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R3.26 billion (3.0%) and imports decreased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R10.52 billion (8.7%).

The cumulative deficit for 2018 is R91.23 billion compared to R24.23 billion deficit in 2017.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BELN:	
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R2 372	- 15%
Vegetable Products	-R1 337	- 31%
Prepared Foodstuff	-R 645	- 15%
Base Metals	+R 250	+ 2%
Chemical Products	+R 390	+ 7%
Mineral Products	+R 674	+ 3%
Total	-R3 040	93%
Total Movement	-R3 261	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Excluding BELN:	
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R2 412	- 10%
Original Equipment Components	-R2 319	- 23%
Chemical Products	-R1 190	- 9%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R1 029	- 70%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 920	- 9%
Textiles	-R 703	- 16%
Total	-R8 573	81%
Total Movement	-R10 522	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa excluding BELN from October 2018 (Revised) to November 2018 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R18 627 million – this is a decrease of R624 million from October 2018.

Imports: R12 534 million – this is an increase of R74 million from October 2018.

Trade surplus: R6 093 million – this is a deterioration of R698 million in comparison to the R6 791 million surplus recorded in October 2018.

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SA Trade Release Table (including BELN)

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 2018 (R'm)	Cumulative 2017 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2018 (R'm)	Cumulative 2017 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(524 992 713)	0.71	(5 465 021 694)	0.72	1.11	1 315 796 430	13 276 489 888	13 938 324 029	1.60	1 840 789 143	18 152 272 668	19 403 345 723
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 829 405 979	1.97	42 237 814 319	2.95	3.13	3 716 004 147	59 806 065 476	63 910 499 280	1.64	1 886 598 168	21 902 939 387	21 672 684 961
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(554 233 100)	0.34	(5 341 193 855)	0.36	0.25	291 672 688	3 284 727 452	2 975 927 015	0.73	845 905 788	9 531 509 394	8 317 120 870
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 340 861 166	1.35	14 287 308 712	1.42	4.37	5 199 401 099	44 694 911 831	48 701 727 765	3.35	3 858 539 933	33 378 927 966	34 414 419 053
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	8 151 213 614	1.38	54 046 483 249	1.25	24.84	29 526 335 804	268 718 042 105	269 221 862 743	18.53	21 375 122 190	150 585 375 986	215 175 379 494
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 706 891 315)	0.56	(53 572 897 219)	0.57	6.19	7 357 336 742	66 574 334 620	71 004 229 186	11.33	13 064 228 057	110 755 485 266	124 577 126 405
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 702 713 070)	0.47	(27 461 509 600)	0.46	2.03	2 409 296 950	21 749 937 161	23 408 284 213	4.43	5 112 010 020	44 726 825 071	50 869 793 813
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(89 321 609)	0.81	(15 269 262)	1.00	0.33	388 209 511	4 208 825 058	3 843 144 002	0.41	477 531 120	3 728 870 654	3 858 413 264
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	320 643 790	1.60	2 125 938 616	1.43	0.72	854 894 406	6 609 416 459	7 117 743 848	0.46	534 250 616	4 735 419 966	4 991 805 232
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 139 457 239)	0.68	(11 013 653 956)	0.66	2.04	2 429 458 986	19 857 899 852	21 026 676 345	3.09	3 568 916 225	16 274 560 914	32 040 330 301
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 283 505 800)	0.47	(24 969 648 605)	0.40	1.72	2 046 284 360	15 785 661 561	16 922 947 970	3.75	4 329 790 160	38 888 025 221	41 892 596 575
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(810 938 872)	0.30	(10 407 747 596)	0.21	0.29	347 241 081	2 770 796 462	2 741 966 523	1.00	1 158 179 953	12 355 927 748	13 149 714 119
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(884 106 685)	0.42	(7 783 723 046)	0.43	0.53	633 446 728	5 204 842 929	5 918 380 184	1.32	1 517 553 413	11 799 795 771	13 702 103 230
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	20 466 006 735	22.07	183 679 970 838	10.89	18.04	21 437 453 414	177 810 182 070	202 243 718 640	0.84	971 446 679	12 650 475 145	18 563 747 802
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	8 111 720 458	2.44	82 244 969 224	2.46	11.56	13 742 196 071	128 494 999 978	138 752 513 829	4.88	5 630 475 613	54 848 584 249	56 507 544 605
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(16 485 007 054)	0.38	(154 838 531 802)	0.38	8.38	9 954 136 936	87 899 025 352	93 351 426 975	22.92	26 439 143 990	237 070 679 800	248 189 958 777
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	5 644 594 891	1.59	41 182 563 772	1.42	12.76	15 161 110 692	130 029 449 965	139 709 158 743	8.25	9 516 515 801	102 392 623 832	98 526 594 971
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 317 017 658)	0.24	(22 005 631 350)	0.24	0.62	732 226 950	7 197 624 823	7 128 144 512	2.64	3 049 244 608	27 882 324 101	29 133 775 862
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 228 611 402)	0.41	(11 599 168 594)	0.40	0.71	847 491 658	7 571 076 147	7 788 421 340	1.80	2 076 103 060	17 992 415 233	19 387 589 934
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	108 659 211	4.82	221 314 058	1.29	0.12	137 108 769	1 094 642 827	971 551 442	0.02	28 449 558	654 936 035	750 237 384
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	212 298 438	3.02	4 221 132 555	4.82	0.27	317 361 776	7 833 638 217	5 326 665 330	0.09	105 063 338	1 286 562 800	1 105 532 775
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(7 964 232 240)	0.00	(93 934 403 712)	0.00	0.00	89 698	5 380 499	7 288 797	6.90	7 964 321 938	86 590 354 827	93 941 692 509
Total	Total SA Rand	3 494 375 525	1.03	(4 160 904 948)	1.00	100.00	118 844 554 896	1 080 477 970 732	1 146 010 602 711	100.00	115 350 179 371	1 018 184 892 034	1 150 171 507 659

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AFRICA	15 989 548 404	1.95	161 300 302 108	2.12	27.60	32 805 276 368	286 799 012 894	305 630 339 075	14.58	16 815 727 964	107 508 680 424	144 330 036 967
AMERICA	(958 021 106)	0.92	(12 517 873 752)	0.89	8.70	10 340 402 992	99 558 519 364	97 471 413 859	9.79	11 298 424 098	108 286 058 443	109 989 287 611
ASIA	(11 570 863 348)	0.77	(159 536 058 315)	0.69	32.18	38 239 917 718	347 187 774 045	360 781 676 705	43.18	49 810 781 066	453 146 544 482	520 317 735 020
EUROPE	(6 117 572 321)	0.82	(61 774 674 342)	0.82	23.96	28 476 174 550	259 948 451 379	290 245 449 958	29.99	34 593 746 871	332 479 587 773	352 020 124 300
OCEANIA	(1 013 262 063)	0.59	(6 405 898 167)	0.66	1.25	1 487 843 545	13 233 230 449	12 391 030 051	2.17	2 501 105 608	14 225 548 784	18 796 928 218
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 849 868 139	21.73	70 306 137 079	15.90	6.04	7 180 261 903	66 175 181 460	75 023 532 622	0.29	330 393 764	2 538 472 128	4 717 395 543
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	314 677 820	-	4 467 160 441	-	0.26	314 677 820	7 575 801 141	4 467 160 441				
Total	3 494 375 525	1.03	(4 160 904 948)	1.00	100.00	118 844 554 896	1 080 477 970 732	1 146 010 602 711	100.00	115 350 179 371	1 018 184 892 034	1 150 171 507 659
Temporary Imports	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018	
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	6 757 431 501	5 102 273 660	5 725 309 521	5 750 371 888	6 353 502 491	6 885 286 673	5 754 472 340	6 688 140 336	5 791 124 367	6 528 285 785	6 305 266 332	

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(552 815 893)	0.63	(4 562 592 665)	0.70	0.92	957 887 167	9 774 034 116	10 583 577 541	1.36	1 510 703 060	14 081 893 523	15 146 170 206
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 200 322 883	1.65	36 668 722 298	2.73	2.90	3 034 980 737	53 794 104 785	57 859 078 537	1.65	1 834 657 854	21 518 123 336	21 190 356 239
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(704 265 747)	0.17	(6 594 210 381)	0.21	0.13	140 324 827	2 145 176 338	1 705 070 604	0.76	844 590 574	9 487 052 155	8 299 280 985
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	316 359 439	1.10	5 830 846 737	1.20	3.37	3 524 696 627	31 558 010 629	34 899 808 815	2.89	3 208 337 188	28 507 749 727	29 068 962 078
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	6 042 179 943	1.28	34 663 324 006	1.16	26.11	27 328 616 123	251 479 363 626	249 122 952 987	19.17	21 286 436 180	149 883 152 706	214 459 628 981
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(6 095 817 200)	0.50	(58 272 142 908)	0.51	5.79	6 062 092 046	55 583 045 399	59 654 866 696	10.95	12 157 909 246	103 643 405 821	117 927 009 604
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(3 255 406 006)	0.36	(32 287 768 063)	0.36	1.71	1 795 023 678	16 483 340 061	18 098 949 680	4.55	5 050 429 684	44 310 329 189	50 386 717 743
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(141 767 365)	0.70	(349 511 042)	0.91	0.31	324 031 863	3 725 500 335	3 362 648 355	0.42	465 799 228	3 557 050 661	3 712 159 397
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	279 550 359	1.74	1 791 231 662	1.50	0.63	655 011 626	4 849 178 646	5 372 301 112	0.34	375 461 267	3 428 882 166	3 581 069 450
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 450 491 338)	0.59	(13 859 127 244)	0.56	1.98	2 074 128 423	17 094 479 820	17 891 552 433	3.17	3 524 619 761	16 008 616 421	31 750 679 677
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 261 979 214)	0.37	(25 436 845 776)	0.30	1.28	1 344 118 383	9 618 848 048	10 816 123 156	3.25	3 606 097 597	33 347 224 583	36 252 968 932
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 017 684 332)	0.11	(12 071 241 682)	0.07	0.12	121 563 924	867 486 972	932 315 348	1.03	1 139 248 256	12 202 301 883	13 003 557 030
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(1 058 680 166)	0.30	(9 393 568 807)	0.31	0.43	446 653 234	3 561 497 724	4 200 878 953	1.36	1 505 333 400	11 694 069 160	13 594 447 760
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	20 394 648 163	47.45	184 559 526 905	16.12	19.90	20 833 687 547	171 376 736 684	196 764 716 559	0.40	439 039 384	6 617 381 583	12 205 189 654
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	7 308 475 326	2.34	75 032 168 585	2.36	12.21	12 781 039 650	118 530 734 291	130 086 394 292	4.93	5 472 564 324	53 953 178 473	55 054 225 707
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(18 053 147 701)	0.31	(169 166 021 871)	0.31	7.60	7 957 121 977	70 341 052 276	75 148 968 866	23.42	26 010 269 678	233 728 917 006	244 314 990 737
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	4 413 600 144	1.47	30 131 580 934	1.31	13.24	13 853 841 495	118 076 473 118	127 820 969 568	8.50	9 440 241 351	101 956 090 637	97 689 388 634
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 478 091 730)	0.18	(23 557 323 877)	0.19	0.53	558 634 779	5 648 425 200	5 508 509 301	2.73	3 036 726 509	27 822 723 026	29 065 833 178
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 639 398 719)	0.21	(14 832 212 695)	0.23	0.41	425 539 053	4 243 422 840	4 415 901 152	1.86	2 064 937 772	17 615 847 206	19 248 113 847
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	107 715 010	4.80	220 073 160	1.29	0.13	136 039 120	1 087 791 587	966 611 134	0.03	28 324 110	652 973 073	746 537 974
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	209 457 653	3.05	4 185 479 354	4.90	0.30	311 421 190	7 770 938 936	5 257 509 109	0.09	101 963 537	1 240 719 568	1 072 029 755
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(7 964 234 034)	0.00	(93 934 610 175)	0.00	0.00	87 904	4 804 553	7 082 334	7.17	7 964 321 938	86 590 354 827	93 941 692 509
Total	Total SA Rand	(6 401 470 525)	0.94	(91 234 223 545)	0.92	100.00	104 666 541 373	957 614 445 984	1 020 476 786 532	100.00	111 068 011 898	981 848 036 730	1 111 711 010 077

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AMERICA	(958 021 106)	0.92	(12 517 873 752)	0.89	9.88	10 340 402 992	99 558 519 364	97 471 413 859	10.17	11 298 424 098	108 286 058 443	109 989 287 611
ASIA	(11 570 863 348)	0.77	(159 536 058 315)	0.69	36.53	38 239 917 718	347 187 774 045	360 781 676 705	44.85	49 810 781 066	453 146 544 482	520 317 735 020
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	6 849 868 139	21.73	70 306 137 079	15.90	6.86	7 180 261 903	66 175 181 460	75 023 532 622	0.30	330 393 764	2 538 472 128	4 717 395 543
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	314 677 820	-	4 467 160 441	-	0.30	314 677 820	7 575 801 141	4 467 160 441				
Total	(6 401 470 525)	0.94	(91 234 223 545)	0.92	100.00	104 666 541 373	957 614 445 984	1 020 476 786 532	100.00	111 068 011 898	981 848 036 730	1 111 711 010 077
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade Statistics with BELN countries

Trade statistics with the BELN for November 2018 recorded a trade surplus of R9.90 billion.

Summary

The R9.90 billion surplus for November 2018 is as a result of exports of R14.18 billion and imports of R4.28 billion.

Exports increased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R0.47 billion (3.5%) and imports decreased from October 2018 to November 2018 by R0.04 billion (1.0%).

The cumulative surplus for 2018 is R87.07 billion compared to R86.53 billion in 2017.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 172	+ 15%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 140	+ 8%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 132	+ 9%
Vegetable Products	+R 53	+ 8%
Base Metals	+R 50	+ 5%
Plastics & Rubber	+R 36	+ 6%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R 33	+ 10%
Animal/Vegetable Fats	+R 31	+ 25%
Textiles	+R 30	+ 5%
Mineral Products	-R 72	- 3%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 189	- 24%
Total	+R 416	88%
Total Movement	+R 474	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 187	- 26%
Chemical Products	-R 63	- 7%
Wood & Articles Thereof	+R 9	+ 6%
Live Animals	+R 14	+ 4%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 15	+ 25%
Mineral Products	+R 18	+ 25%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 30	+ 8%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 58	+ 10%
Textiles	+R 70	+ 11%
Total	-R 36	80%
Total Movement	-R 45	100%

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