

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for April 2019

Pretoria, 31 May 2019 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for April 2019 recording a trade deficit of R3.43 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 April 2019) trade deficit of R7.55 billion is an improvement from the R16.82 billion deficit for the comparable period in 2018. Exports increased by 17.3% year-on-year whilst imports for the same period showed an increase of 23.8%.

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

The R3.43 billion trade deficit for April 2019 is attributable to exports of R103.75 billion and imports of R107.18 billion. Exports decreased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R1.34 billion (1.3%) and imports increased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R6.79 billion (6.8%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 April) increased by 10.8% from R357.14 billion in 2018 to R395.60 billion in 2019. Imports for the year-to-date of R403.14 billion are 7.8% more than the R373.96 billion imports recorded in January to April 2018, leaving a cumulative trade deficit of R7.55 billion for 2019.

On a year-on-year basis, the R3.43 billion trade deficit for April 2019 is a deterioration from the R1.88 billion surplus recorded in April 2018. Exports of R103.75 billion are 17.3% more than the R88.48 billion exports recorded in April 2018. Imports of R107.18 billion are 23.8% more than the R86.60 billion imports recorded in April 2018.

March 2019's trade surplus was revised downwards by R0.29 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R5.00 billion to a revised surplus of R4.71 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:	
Precious Metals & Stones	-R2 194	-14%
Chemical Products	-R 634	- 9%
Vegetable Products	-R 519	-11%
Base Metals	+R 827	+ 7%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R1 282	+ 9%
Total	-R1 238	92%
Total Movement	-R1 345	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Machinery & Electronics	+R3 663	+18%
Mineral Products	+R 983	+ 5%
Plastics & Rubber	+R 908	+24%
Vegetable Products	+R 793	+45%
Base Metals	+R 496	+10%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	+R 467	+39%
Textiles	+R 454	+14%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 931	-10%
Original Equipment Components	-R1 298	-12%
Total	+R5 535	82%
Total Movement	+R6 788	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from March 2019 (revised) to April 2019 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R27 626 million – this is a decrease of R 547 million from March 2019.

Imports: R13 290 million – this is an increase of R1 688 million from March 2019.

Trade surplus: R14 336 million – this is a deterioration of R2 235 million in comparison to the R16 571 million surplus recorded in March 2019.

America:

Exports: R9 029 million – this is an increase of R1 302 million from March 2019.

Imports: R11 218 million – this is an increase of R1 573 million from March 2019.

Trade deficit: R2 189 million – this is a deterioration of R 272 million in comparison to the R1 917 million deficit recorded in March 2019.

Asia:

Exports: R32 751 million – this is a decrease of R 695 million from March 2019.

Imports: R47 006 million – this is an increase of R3 584 million from March 2019.

Trade deficit: R14 255 million – this is a deterioration of R4 280 million in comparison to the R9 975 million deficit recorded in March 2019.

Europe:

Exports: R27 930 million – this is a decrease of R 615 million from March 2019.

Imports: R33 256 million – this is a decrease of R 281 million from March 2019.

Trade deficit: R5 326 million – this is a deterioration of R 334 million in comparison to the R4 992 million deficit recorded in March 2019.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 432 million – this is an increase of R 385 million from March 2019.

Imports: R1 766 million – this is a decrease of R 186 million from March 2019.

Trade deficit: R 334 million – this is an improvement of R 571 million in comparison to the R 905 million deficit recorded in March 2019.

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

The trade data excluding BELN for April 2019 recorded a trade deficit of R11.18 billion.

Summary

The R11.18 billion deficit for April 2019 is as a result of exports of R92.63 billion and imports of R103.82 billion. Exports decreased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R0.69 billion (0.7%) and imports increased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R7.71 billion (8.0%).

The cumulative deficit for 2019 is R37.43 billion compared to R44.75 billion deficit in 2018.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	-R1 819	-12%
Chemical Products	-R 590	-10%
Mineral Products	-R 472	- 2%
Vegetable Products	-R 398	-10%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-R 324	-50%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 129	- 2%
Plastics & Rubber	+R 187	+10%

Wood and Articles Thereof	+R 189	+44%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 512	+18%
Base Metals	+R 869	+ 8%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R1 323	+10%
Total	-R 652	95%
Total Movement	-R 685	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Machinery & Electronics	+R3 729	+19%
Mineral Products	+R 983	+ 5%
Plastics & Rubber	+R 905	+25%
Vegetable Products	+R 776	+45%
Chemical Products	+R 769	+ 8%
Base Metals	+R 595	+13%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	+R 466	+39%
Original Equipment Components	-R1 298	-12%
Total	+R6 925	90%
Total Movement	+R7 710	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa excluding BELN from March 2019 (Revised) to April 2019 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R16 508 million – this is an increase of R 113 million from March 2019.

Imports: R9 929 million – this is an increase of R2 610 million from March 2019.

Trade surplus: R6 579 million – this is a deterioration of R2 497 million in comparison to the R9 076 million surplus recorded in March 2019.

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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 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month % of total	Month Total 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(485 036 528)	0.73	(1 775 361 638)	0.73	1.24	1 290 371 006	4 944 116 417	4 723 908 020	1.66	1 775 407 534	6 897 716 781	6 499 269 658
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 740 533 144	1.68	10 650 200 805	2.38	4.13	4 289 714 900	16 936 087 122	18 386 266 884	2.38	2 549 181 756	6 898 011 004	7 736 066 079
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(468 358 703)	0.37	(1 803 513 782)	0.35	0.27	277 937 112	1 034 942 120	990 288 558	0.70	746 295 815	2 667 155 653	2 793 802 340
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 367 303 565	1.42	4 366 565 717	1.36	4.47	4 635 743 021	14 646 689 475	16 595 620 356	3.05	3 268 439 456	11 077 778 509	12 229 054 639
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	7 474 719 948	1.37	36 493 685 478	1.52	26.87	27 874 686 939	88 561 908 145	107 261 073 566	19.03	20 399 966 991	70 655 380 326	70 767 388 088
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 131 981 653)	0.54	(16 909 912 953)	0.60	5.85	6 074 209 238	23 250 108 912	25 348 156 127	10.46	11 206 190 891	40 373 390 596	42 258 069 080
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 130 066 483)	0.54	(8 154 298 313)	0.53	2.42	2 513 265 690	7 301 664 658	9 187 154 723	4.33	4 643 332 173	17 872 017 840	17 341 453 036
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	80 983 490	1.34	(44 867 997)	0.96	0.31	321 541 406	1 311 307 364	1 093 923 578	0.22	240 557 916	1 130 768 820	1 138 791 575
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	336 057 672	1.77	686 140 150	1.35	0.74	770 556 029	2 215 617 343	2 643 788 782	0.41	434 498 357	1 727 774 300	1 957 648 632
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 361 373 793)	0.41	(5 163 850 487)	0.43	0.92	950 047 532	6 372 025 338	3 821 110 300	2.16	2 311 421 325	9 848 220 309	8 984 960 787
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 443 652 903)	0.36	(10 996 221 825)	0.32	1.31	1 362 301 360	5 521 428 955	5 264 968 868	3.55	3 805 954 263	13 917 061 477	16 261 190 693
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(738 005 325)	0.25	(3 724 336 543)	0.20	0.24	246 404 831	859 194 481	908 518 081	0.92	984 410 156	4 161 332 272	4 632 854 624
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(788 153 714)	0.39	(2 947 606 415)	0.40	0.49	508 833 812	1 861 856 241	1 977 079 458	1.21	1 296 987 526	4 471 962 210	4 924 685 873
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	12 606 796 577	10.58	53 096 384 919	9.74	13.42	13 923 352 085	61 352 448 836	59 172 477 948	1.23	1 316 555 508	5 073 740 969	6 076 093 029
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	7 534 290 082	2.43	26 820 520 660	2.27	12.35	12 808 495 628	45 874 532 901	47 860 767 626	4.92	5 274 205 546	18 732 046 994	21 040 246 966
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 935 214 348)	0.34	(57 831 459 170)	0.35	7.95	8 249 954 234	29 314 032 460	30 836 536 431	22.57	24 185 168 582	82 661 382 289	88 667 995 601
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	7 223 920 190	1.82	17 189 998 632	1.48	15.50	16 079 755 608	38 728 773 951	53 020 124 892	8.26	8 855 835 418	30 896 784 698	35 830 126 260
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 010 868 356)	0.24	(7 819 023 937)	0.25	0.62	648 070 468	2 297 146 040	2 617 127 089	2.48	2 658 938 824	9 868 158 235	10 436 151 026
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 062 883 758)	0.37	(3 669 982 356)	0.41	0.59	614 811 884	2 484 800 308	2 560 281 425	1.57	1 677 695 642	5 476 307 687	6 230 263 781
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	95 008 744	5.11	171 992 076	1.75	0.11	118 106 978	350 284 080	402 583 332	0.02	23 098 234	323 262 997	230 591 256
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	64 387 963	1.50	554 239 810	2.51	0.19	192 221 857	1 921 755 013	920 870 890	0.12	127 833 894	378 270 893	366 631 080
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(9 395 859 701)	0.00	(36 734 699 999)	0.00	0.00	22 645	3 335 835	4 378 948	8.77	9 395 882 346	28 852 006 166	36 739 078 947
Total	Total SA Rand	(3 427 453 890)	0.97	(7 545 407 168)	0.98	100.00	103 750 404 263	357 144 055 995	395 597 005 882	100.00	107 177 858 153	373 960 531 025	403 142 413 050
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AFRICA		14 336 442 986	2.08	58 193 845 834	2.22	26.63	27 626 474 317	97 270 189 153	105 724 297 876	12.40	13 290 031 331	44 024 534 206	47 530 452 042
AMERICA		(2 188 714 105)	0.80	(4 644 164 866)	0.88	8.70	9 028 749 703	30 442 636 957	33 942 834 388	10.47	11 217 463 808	34 882 893 646	38 586 999 254
ASIA		(14 254 958 814)	0.70	(55 393 014 596)	0.70	31.57	32 750 842 042	113 735 940 390	126 839 814 077	43.86	47 005 800 856	171 815 528 982	182 232 828 673
EUROPE		(5 326 472 141)	0.84	(23 222 414 516)	0.82	26.92	27 930 246 941	82 880 939 895	103 596 118 442	31.03	33 256 719 082	116 232 872 595	126 818 532 958
OCEANIA		(334 445 528)	0.81	(2 570 780 878)	0.61	1.38	1 431 807 609	3 625 250 708	3 976 428 085	1.65	1 766 253 137	6 107 262 665	6 547 208 963
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED		4 050 354 856	7.31	18 822 642 870	14.20	4.52	4 691 944 795	26 875 335 248	20 249 034 030	0.60	641 589 939	897 438 931	1 426 391 160
SHIP/AIRCRAFT		290 338 856	-	1 268 478 984	-	0.28	290 338 856	2 313 763 644	1 268 478 984				
Total		(3 427 453 890)	0.97	(7 545 407 168)	0.98	100.00	103 750 404 263	357 144 055 995	395 597 005 882	100.00	107 177 858 153	373 960 531 025	403 142 413 050
Temporary Imports	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019									
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	6 694 875 203	5 904 702 603	5 795 487 867	6 210 884 770									

Notes:

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(358 203 780)	0.74	(1 473 090 443)	0.71	1.09	1 006 363 964	3 763 941 981	3 652 964 872	1.31	1 364 567 744	5 288 233 481	5 126 055 315
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 202 593 125	1.48	8 256 979 299	2.09	4.00	3 702 154 319	14 866 275 115	15 844 772 097	2.41	2 499 561 194	6 779 576 887	7 587 792 798
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(581 545 317)	0.22	(2 221 326 819)	0.20	0.17	162 025 932	629 916 930	565 570 206	0.72	743 571 249	2 660 931 755	2 786 897 025
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	656 046 038	1.24	1 312 421 600	1.13	3.64	3 369 093 888	10 226 894 473	11 488 019 755	2.61	2 713 047 850	9 479 502 166	10 175 598 155
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	5 393 928 575	1.27	28 508 550 309	1.40	27.78	25 730 008 283	82 454 307 750	99 014 983 946	19.59	20 336 079 708	70 406 337 236	70 506 433 637
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 492 185 548)	0.48	(18 252 301 719)	0.54	5.54	5 135 082 259	19 600 568 501	21 390 451 587	10.24	10 627 267 807	38 159 672 814	39 642 753 306
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 572 418 328)	0.44	(9 893 599 912)	0.42	2.17	2 008 185 749	5 577 411 107	7 226 130 894	4.41	4 580 604 077	17 720 626 093	17 119 730 806
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	51 567 738	1.22	(173 608 758)	0.84	0.30	282 097 431	1 142 439 460	932 090 874	0.22	230 529 693	1 070 425 794	1 105 699 632
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	308 052 517	1.99	595 742 180	1.41	0.67	620 629 118	1 649 525 784	2 041 488 655	0.30	312 576 601	1 275 131 468	1 445 746 475
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 588 235 692)	0.31	(6 094 784 176)	0.32	0.77	709 759 842	5 376 688 415	2 823 262 734	2.21	2 297 995 534	9 778 678 187	8 918 046 910
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 508 375 841)	0.24	(11 188 719 329)	0.22	0.83	772 784 168	3 519 392 644	3 113 075 147	3.16	3 281 160 009	12 058 953 171	14 301 794 476
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(877 435 086)	0.10	(4 263 396 131)	0.07	0.10	93 680 719	282 643 375	324 437 637	0.94	971 115 805	4 114 193 026	4 587 833 768
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(918 035 664)	0.29	(3 486 828 097)	0.29	0.40	367 434 533	1 310 885 969	1 396 230 671	1.24	1 285 470 197	4 437 839 063	4 883 058 768
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	12 776 645 018	13.68	54 200 048 676	15.15	14.88	13 784 283 641	59 869 077 707	58 029 830 300	0.97	1 007 638 623	2 889 248 584	3 829 781 624
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 926 430 646	2.34	24 619 610 865	2.21	13.04	12 078 502 858	43 084 455 643	45 021 602 700	4.96	5 152 072 212	18 237 102 010	20 401 991 835
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(17 213 739 914)	0.28	(62 635 368 087)	0.28	7.15	6 623 424 551	23 286 953 950	24 588 425 466	22.96	23 837 164 465	81 570 688 159	87 223 793 553
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	6 324 358 294	1.73	13 850 926 882	1.39	16.23	15 038 245 246	34 611 616 498	49 063 742 500	8.39	8 713 886 952	30 723 037 379	35 212 815 618
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 128 458 274)	0.20	(8 344 347 122)	0.20	0.57	524 424 090	1 733 508 008	2 069 279 724	2.56	2 652 882 364	9 851 463 204	10 413 626 846
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 344 703 396)	0.19	(4 675 967 793)	0.24	0.35	320 696 950	1 480 980 398	1 508 587 652	1.60	1 665 400 346	5 429 767 003	6 184 555 445
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	94 824 085	5.12	170 302 742	1.74	0.13	117 846 845	348 845 896	400 571 276	0.02	23 022 760	323 186 327	230 268 534
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	60 070 261	1.48	495 422 952	2.39	0.20	185 716 073	1 899 003 519	851 014 064	0.12	125 645 812	361 435 942	355 591 112
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(9 395 881 346)	0.00	(36 734 721 906)	0.00	0.00	1 000	3 332 295	4 357 041	9.05	9 395 882 346	28 852 006 166	36 739 078 947
Total	Total SA Rand	(11 184 701 889)	0.89	(37 428 054 787)	0.90	100.00	92 632 441 459	316 718 665 418	351 350 889 798	100.00	103 817 143 348	361 468 035 915	388 778 944 585

World Zones	Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Month % of total	Exports			Month % of total	Imports		
	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio Exports/Imports	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio ⁵⁾ (Exports/Imports)		Month Total 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)		Month Total 2019 (R'm)	Cumulative 2018 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2019 ³⁾ (R'm)
AFRICA	6 579 194 987	1.66	28 311 198 215	1.85	17.82	16 508 511 513	56 844 798 576	61 478 181 792	9.56	9 929 316 526	31 532 039 096	33 166 983 577
AMERICA	(2 188 714 105)	0.80	(4 644 164 866)	0.88	9.75	9 028 749 703	30 442 636 957	33 942 834 388	10.81	11 217 463 808	34 882 893 646	38 586 999 254
ASIA	(14 254 958 814)	0.70	(55 393 014 596)	0.70	35.36	32 750 842 042	113 735 940 390	126 839 814 077	45.28	47 005 800 856	171 815 528 982	182 232 828 673
EUROPE	(5 326 472 141)	0.84	(23 222 414 516)	0.82	30.15	27 930 246 941	82 880 939 895	103 596 118 442	32.03	33 256 719 082	116 232 872 595	126 818 532 958
OCEANIA	(334 445 528)	0.81	(2 570 780 878)	0.61	1.55	1 431 807 609	3 625 250 708	3 976 428 085	1.70	1 766 253 137	6 107 262 665	6 547 208 963
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	4 050 354 856	7.31	18 822 642 870	14.20	5.07	4 691 944 795	26 875 335 248	20 249 034 030	0.62	641 589 939	897 438 931	1 426 391 160
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	290 338 856	-	1 268 478 984	-	0.31	290 338 856	2 313 763 644	1 268 478 984				
Total	(11 184 701 889)	0.89	(37 428 054 787)	0.90	100.00	92 632 441 459	316 718 665 418	351 350 889 798	100.00	103 817 143 348	361 468 035 915	388 778 944 585
Temporary Imports	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019								
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade Statistics with BELN countries

Trade statistics with the BELN for April 2019 recorded a trade surplus of R7.76 billion.

Summary

The R7.76 billion surplus for April 2019 is as a result of exports of R11.12 billion and imports of R3.36 billion.

Exports decreased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R0.66 billion (5.6%) and imports decreased from March 2019 to April 2019 by R0.92 billion (21.5%).

The cumulative surplus for 2019 is R29.88 billion compared to R27.93 billion in 2018.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 374	-73%
Vegetable Products	-R 121	-17%
Machinery & Electronics	-R 55	- 3%
Other Unclassified Goods	-R 45	-87%
Chemical Products	-R 44	- 5%
Base Metals	-R 42	- 6%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 40	- 4%
Plastics & Rubber	-R 35	- 7%
Mineral Products	+R 215	+11%
Total	-R 541	82 %
Total Movement	-R 660	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	-R 352	-53%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R 242	-63%
Chemical Products	-R 146	-20%
Base Metals	-R 100	-45%
Vegetable Products	+R 17	+53%
Total	-R 823	89%
Total Movement	-R 922	100%

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