

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for October 2019

Pretoria, 29 November 2019 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for October 2019 recording a trade surplus of R3.09 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 31 October 2019) trade surplus of R5.32 billion is an improvement from the R3.70 billion deficit for the comparable period in 2018. Exports increased by 2.8% year-on-year whilst imports for the same period showed a decrease of 4.3%.

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

The R3.09 billion trade surplus for October 2019 is attributable to exports of R123.35 billion and imports of R120.26 billion. Exports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R13.09 billion (11.9%) and imports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R14.53 billion (13.7%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 31 October) increased by 5.1% from R1 027.47 billion in 2018 to R1 079.72 billion in 2019. Imports for the year-to-date of R1 074.40 billion are 4.2% more than the R1 031.18 billion imports recorded in January to October 2018, leaving a cumulative trade surplus of R5.32 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the R3.09 billion trade surplus for October 2019 is an improvement from the R5.69 billion deficit recorded in October 2018. Exports of R123.35 billion are 2.8% higher than the R120.03 billion exports recorded in October 2018. Imports of R120.26 billion are 4.3% less than the R125.72 billion imports recorded in October 2018.

September 2019's trade surplus was revised downwards by R0.63 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R5.16 billion to a revised surplus of R4.53 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	+R6 628	+36%
Mineral Products	+R1 995	+8%
Base Metals	+R1 572	+14%
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 286	+15%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R1 172	+7%
Chemical Products	+R 937	+15%
Vegetable Products	-R2 883	-39%
Total	+R10 707	82%
Total Movement	+R13 093	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Including BELN:	
Mineral Products	+R7 398	+58%
Original Equipment Components	+R1 752	+19%
Chemical Products	+R1 691	+14%
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 096	+4%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 824	+23%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R 631	+20%
Vegetable Products	-R1 272	-34%
Total	+R12 120	83%
Total Movement	+R14 533	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from September 2019 (revised) to October 2019 are given below.

Africa:

Exports: R33 100 million – this is an increase of R3 582 million from September 2019.
Imports: R14 909 million – this is an increase of R4 346 million from September 2019.
Trade surplus: R18 191 million – this is a deterioration of R764 million in comparison to the R18 955 million surplus recorded in September 2019.

America:

Exports: R10 270 million – this is an increase of R1 051 million from September 2019.
Imports: R12 515 million – this is an increase of R2 885 million from September 2019.
Trade deficit: R2 245 million – this is a deterioration of R1 834 million in comparison to the R411 million deficit recorded in September 2019.

Asia:

Exports: R37 031 million – this is an increase of R3 771 million from September 2019.

Imports: R53 393 million – this is an increase of R4 858 million from September 2019.

Trade deficit: R16 362 million – this is a deterioration of R1 087 million in comparison to the R15 275 million deficit recorded in September 2019.

Europe:

Exports: R30 757 million – this is an increase of R459 million from September 2019.

Imports: R38 038 million – this is an increase of R2 185 million from September 2019.

Trade deficit: R7 281 million – this is a deterioration of R1 726 million in comparison to the R5 555 million deficit recorded in September 2019.

Oceania:

Exports: R973 million – this is a decrease of R288 million from September 2019.

Imports: R1 214 million – this is an increase of R191 million from September 2019.

Trade deficit: R241 million – this is a deterioration of R479 million in comparison to the R238 million surplus recorded in September 2019.

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

The trade data excluding BELN for October 2019 recorded a trade deficit of R6.45 billion.

Summary

The R6.45 billion deficit for October 2019 is as a result of exports of R109.37 billion and imports of R115.82 billion. Exports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R11.58 billion (11.8%) and imports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R14.49 billion (14.3%).

The cumulative deficit for 2019 is R76.60 billion compared to R80.88 billion deficit in 2018.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+R6 729	+37%
Mineral Products	+R1 941	+8%
Base Metals	+R1 428	+14%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R 987	+6%
Machinery & Electronics	+R 909	+13%
Chemical Products	+R 775	+15%

Vegetable Products	-R2 966	-44%
Total	+ R9 803	85%
Total Movement	+ R11 581	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Mineral Products	+R7 386	+58%
Original Equipment Components	+R1 752	+19%
Chemical Products	+R1 721	+15%
Machinery & Electronics	+R1 154	+5%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R 710	+24%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R 610	+19%
Vegetable Products	-R1 281	-35%
Total	+R12 052	83%
Total Movement	+R14 490	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R19 122 million – this is an increase of R2 069 million from September 2019.

Imports: R10 472 million – this is an increase of R4 304 million from September 2019.

Trade surplus: R8 650 million – this is a deterioration of R2 234 million in comparison to the R10 884 million surplus recorded in September 2019.

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SA Trade Release Table (including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Exports				Imports			
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(121 343 572)	0.92	(4 136 013 597)	0.75	1.20	1 476 988 965	12 621 739 940	12 542 940 325	1.33	1 598 332 537	17 547 622 181	16 678 953 922
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	2 062 216 688	1.84	38 219 574 748	2.75	3.65	4 503 984 079	60 160 080 773	60 102 461 125	2.03	2 441 767 391	19 784 226 022	21 882 886 377
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(809 345 914)	0.27	(5 162 194 603)	0.34	0.24	293 598 768	2 683 777 297	2 654 294 039	0.92	1 102 944 682	7 469 669 238	7 816 488 642
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 104 122 432	1.25	12 978 078 216	1.39	4.42	5 457 539 686	43 562 926 802	46 585 866 251	3.62	4 353 417 254	30 556 214 381	33 607 788 035
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	7 952 187 106	1.39	93 121 606 852	1.52	22.87	28 211 196 264	240 306 042 866	272 528 702 050	16.85	20 259 009 158	193 839 561 549	179 407 095 198
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(6 490 137 512)	0.53	(47 180 709 419)	0.59	5.98	7 372 265 372	63 595 268 918	66 889 314 656	11.53	13 862 402 884	111 443 321 365	114 070 024 075
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 701 980 802)	0.48	(22 732 466 485)	0.50	2.00	2 463 550 497	20 973 525 857	22 834 635 943	4.30	5 165 531 299	45 733 176 880	45 567 102 428
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(140 563 000)	0.67	(402 906 542)	0.88	0.24	290 840 766	3 454 809 566	2 870 233 907	0.36	431 403 766	3 379 453 977	3 273 140 449
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	48 945 185	1.09	1 736 525 123	1.37	0.48	597 677 156	6 265 585 642	6 443 712 851	0.46	548 731 971	4 457 005 949	4 707 187 728
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 794 947 844)	0.53	(14 617 080 457)	0.50	1.64	2 023 552 643	18 576 046 958	14 355 361 433	3.18	3 818 500 487	25 134 827 292	28 972 441 890
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 477 049 244)	0.45	(25 559 603 707)	0.36	1.63	2 012 840 035	14 861 054 454	14 525 444 522	3.73	4 489 889 279	37 565 676 672	40 085 048 229
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 158 953 448)	0.23	(10 047 241 103)	0.20	0.28	342 061 446	2 394 748 348	2 484 076 451	1.25	1 501 014 894	11 992 124 427	12 531 317 554
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(983 748 456)	0.38	(7 628 423 699)	0.41	0.49	599 262 025	5 281 610 884	5 354 664 553	1.32	1 583 010 481	12 228 600 128	12 983 088 252
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	23 668 399 576	18.19	159 288 452 284	12.38	20.30	25 045 063 292	180 781 734 733	173 285 479 603	1.14	1 376 663 716	17 555 178 124	13 997 027 319
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 883 008 654	2.23	65 540 616 455	2.21	10.10	12 460 634 258	125 096 274 845	119 491 879 156	4.64	5 577 625 604	50 816 602 121	53 951 262 701
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 581 383 536)	0.39	(154 048 730 596)	0.36	8.22	10 134 951 986	83 270 521 026	87 216 467 832	21.38	25 716 335 522	221 803 373 596	241 265 198 428
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	7 390 395 498	1.74	53 894 473 779	1.55	14.12	17 422 079 165	124 501 565 723	151 772 063 275	8.34	10 031 683 667	88 919 505 358	97 877 589 496
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 188 697 005)	0.30	(21 316 322 410)	0.25	0.76	932 491 487	6 395 739 458	7 061 950 686	2.60	3 121 188 492	26 055 862 402	28 378 273 096
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 484 037 298)	0.36	(11 169 064 183)	0.38	0.67	829 257 566	6 941 971 499	6 819 580 667	1.92	2 313 294 864	17 282 402 060	17 988 644 850
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	267 090 449	2.79	735 247 855	2.31	0.34	416 489 437	738 142 673	1 295 952 193	0.12	149 398 988	722 509 930	560 704 338
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	385 338 602	5.72	1 714 420 454	2.95	0.38	466 971 390	5 004 518 913	2 595 112 574	0.07	81 632 788	1 001 311 540	880 692 120
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(10 736 673 815)	0.00	(97 903 864 489)	0.00	0.00	41 105	7 199 099	10 014 813	8.93	10 736 714 920	85 890 706 550	97 913 879 302
Total	Total SA Rand	3 092 842 744	1.03	5 324 374 476	1.00	100.00	123 353 337 388	1 027 474 886 274	1 079 720 208 905	100.00	120 260 494 644	1 031 178 931 742	1 074 395 834 429

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AFRICA	18 190 924 438	2.22	163 799 179 939	2.33	26.83	33 099 915 378	272 534 458 226	286 573 258 021	12.40	14 908 990 940	127 082 477 498	122 774 078 082	
AMERICA	(2 245 192 650)	0.82	(15 932 484 027)	0.85	8.33	10 270 387 896	87 056 960 627	91 222 920 002	10.41	12 515 580 546	98 711 949 140	107 155 404 029	
ASIA	(16 361 925 993)	0.69	(143 529 100 969)	0.70	30.02	37 031 487 876	322 986 713 413	339 410 665 675	44.40	53 393 413 869	470 362 523 789	482 939 766 644	
EUROPE	(7 281 269 695)	0.81	(57 082 576 786)	0.83	24.93	30 757 368 747	262 010 130 882	286 862 395 586	31.63	38 038 638 442	314 970 341 666	343 944 972 372	
OCEANIA	(240 599 485)	0.80	(3 312 935 731)	0.77	0.79	973 081 563	10 890 885 986	10 990 418 982	1.01	1 213 681 048	16 296 399 982	14 303 354 713	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 657 498 039	51.78	55 138 469 775	17.82	7.98	9 847 687 838	67 843 270 718	58 416 728 364	0.16	190 189 799	3 755 239 667	3 278 258 589	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 373 408 090	-	6 243 822 275	-	1.11	1 373 408 090	4 152 466 422	6 243 822 275	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3 092 842 744	1.03	5 324 374 476	1.00	100.00	123 353 337 388	1 027 474 886 274	1 079 720 208 905	100.00	120 260 494 644	1 031 178 931 742	1 074 395 834 429	
Temporary Imports	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019			
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	7 098 078 709	5 900 120 784	5 790 034 241	6 196 994 241	5 885 871 218	7 153 213 923	7 136 460 022	8 069 519 842	8 018 686 950	7 595 006 563			

Notes:

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(160 117 974)	0.88	(3 566 540 690)	0.73	1.04	1 138 693 127	9 625 367 528	9 646 519 616	1.12	1 298 811 101	13 616 586 776	13 213 060 306
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1 392 497 772	1.59	32 175 647 778	2.51	3.43	3 756 393 608	54 789 492 363	53 481 659 016	2.04	2 363 895 836	19 353 837 614	21 306 011 238
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(967 406 386)	0.12	(6 356 699 554)	0.18	0.12	133 451 157	1 564 268 747	1 430 642 680	0.95	1 100 857 543	7 453 144 567	7 787 342 234
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	125 131 850	1.03	4 561 688 279	1.16	3.47	3 799 973 882	31 438 536 500	32 518 633 829	3.17	3 674 842 032	25 862 161 162	27 956 945 550
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	5 682 694 234	1.28	71 777 775 190	1.40	23.64	25 859 327 771	222 421 723 893	250 552 697 480	17.42	20 176 633 537	193 212 530 669	178 774 922 290
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(6 942 424 231)	0.47	(51 124 251 552)	0.52	5.58	6 098 716 831	53 541 710 382	56 184 942 627	11.26	13 041 141 062	105 699 553 601	107 309 194 179
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(3 209 470 582)	0.37	(27 363 639 785)	0.39	1.73	1 892 729 436	16 281 535 391	17 633 503 557	4.41	5 102 200 018	45 311 685 416	44 997 143 342
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(188 104 527)	0.55	(758 222 216)	0.76	0.21	233 505 248	3 038 616 492	2 426 921 832	0.36	421 609 775	3 244 932 002	3 185 144 048
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	7 364 058	1.02	1 515 325 765	1.46	0.35	385 953 214	4 720 311 550	4 779 374 939	0.33	378 589 156	3 204 883 873	3 264 049 174
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(2 086 531 346)	0.45	(17 032 057 996)	0.41	1.55	1 697 787 625	15 796 447 617	11 769 322 967	3.27	3 784 318 971	24 889 498 496	28 801 380 963
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 440 567 069)	0.35	(25 786 351 438)	0.25	1.19	1 306 698 879	9 456 624 191	8 785 081 327	3.24	3 747 265 948	32 650 388 909	34 571 432 765
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 378 364 396)	0.07	(11 517 376 317)	0.07	0.10	105 162 405	810 797 854	888 525 493	1.28	1 483 526 801	11 864 899 135	12 405 901 810
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(1 164 500 454)	0.26	(9 120 429 077)	0.29	0.37	407 704 225	3 752 285 239	3 760 575 024	1.36	1 572 204 679	12 132 885 122	12 881 004 101
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	24 102 633 824	42.41	162 538 330 100	21.96	22.57	24 684 736 115	175 906 498 519	170 292 981 082	0.50	582 102 291	11 767 070 544	7 754 650 982
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	6 116 471 667	2.13	59 356 703 105	2.13	10.54	11 525 886 516	117 391 920 504	111 808 832 310	4.67	5 409 414 849	49 516 453 973	52 452 129 205
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(17 271 601 716)	0.32	(167 088 672 391)	0.30	7.39	8 081 766 712	67 066 629 884	70 352 243 681	21.89	25 353 368 428	218 357 653 835	237 440 916 072
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	6 276 369 950	1.63	43 606 949 399	1.45	14.84	16 227 381 335	113 924 355 486	140 416 215 145	8.59	9 951 011 385	88 158 780 675	96 809 265 746
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 389 455 752)	0.23	(22 762 099 266)	0.20	0.66	725 254 391	4 949 781 140	5 534 688 868	2.69	3 114 710 143	26 000 621 009	28 296 788 134
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 866 013 429)	0.19	(14 123 703 410)	0.21	0.40	434 537 920	3 991 650 850	3 747 043 484	1.99	2 300 551 349	17 154 113 611	17 870 746 894
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	266 531 835	2.78	734 498 221	2.32	0.38	415 917 889	734 272 014	1 291 064 077	0.13	149 386 054	718 935 968	556 565 856
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	383 478 173	5.80	1 640 000 871	2.92	0.42	463 347 581	4 941 303 278	2 495 656 548	0.07	79 869 408	970 918 211	855 655 677
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(10 736 673 815)	0.00	(97 904 534 730)	0.00	0.00	41 105	6 994 430	9 344 572	9.27	10 736 714 920	85 890 706 550	97 913 879 302
Total	Total SA Rand	(6 448 058 314)	0.94	(76 597 659 714)	0.93	100.00	109 374 966 972	916 151 123 852	959 806 470 154	100.00	115 823 025 286	997 032 241 718	1 036 404 129 868

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AMERICA	(2 245 192 650)	0.82	(15 932 484 027)	0.85	9.39	10 270 387 896	87 056 960 627	91 222 920 002	10.81	12 515 580 546	98 711 949 140	107 155 404 029
ASIA	(16 361 925 993)	0.69	(143 529 100 969)	0.70	33.86	37 031 487 876	322 986 713 413	339 410 665 675	46.10	53 393 413 869	470 362 523 789	482 939 766 644
EUROPE	(7 281 269 695)	0.81	(57 082 576 786)	0.83	28.12	30 757 368 747	262 010 130 882	286 862 395 586	32.84	38 038 638 442	314 970 341 666	343 944 972 372
OCEANIA	(240 599 485)	0.80	(3 312 935 731)	0.77	0.89	973 081 563	10 890 885 986	10 990 418 982	1.05	1 213 681 048	16 296 399 982	14 303 354 713
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 657 498 039	51.78	55 138 469 775	17.82	9.00	9 847 687 838	67 843 270 718	58 416 728 364	0.16	190 189 799	3 755 239 667	3 278 258 589
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 373 408 090	-	6 243 822 275	-	1.26	1 373 408 090	4 152 466 422	6 243 822 275				
Total	(6 448 058 314)	0.94	(76 597 659 714)	0.93	100.00	109 374 966 972	916 151 123 852	959 806 470 154	100.00	115 823 025 286	997 032 241 718	1 036 404 129 868
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade Statistics with BELN countries

Trade statistics with the BELN for October 2019 recorded a trade surplus of R9.54 billion.

Summary

The R9.54 billion surplus for October 2019 is as a result of exports of R13.98 billion and imports of R4.44 billion.

Exports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R1.51 billion (12.1%) and imports increased from September 2019 to October 2019 by R0.04 billion (1.0%).

The cumulative surplus for 2019 is R81.92 billion compared to R77.18 billion in 2018.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:	BELN:	
Machinery & Electronics	+R377	+23%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R185	+18%
Chemical Products	+R162	+15%
Base Metals	+R144	+18%
Textiles	+R107	+18%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R84	+5%
Vegetable Products	+R83	+13%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	+R78	+25%
Optical Photographic Products	+R68	+49%
Mineral Products	+R55	+2%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R101	-22%
Total	+R1 242	82%
Total Movement	+R1 512	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:	BELN:	
Textiles	+R125	+20%
Prepared Foodstuff	+R114	+20%
Base Metals	+R48	+39%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	+R42	+108%
Wood & Articles Thereof	+R23	+16%
Wood Pulp & Paper	+R21	+153%
Mineral Products	+R12	+17%
Vegetable Products	+R9	+14%
Chemical Products	-R30	-4%
Machinery & Electronics	-R58	-14%
Precious Metals & Stones	-R270	-25%
Total	+R36	86%
Total Movement	+R42	100%

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