

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for September 2019

Pretoria, 31 October 2019 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for September 2019 recording a trade surplus of R5.16 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 September 2019) trade surplus R2.51 billion is an improvement from the R1.76 billion surplus for the comparable period in 2018. Exports decreased by 2.2% year-on-year whilst imports for the same period showed a decrease of 9.8%.

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

The R5.16 billion trade surplus for September 2019 is attributable to exports of R110.43 billion and imports of R105.27 billion. Exports decreased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R9.31 billion (7.8%) and imports decreased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R9.93 billion (8.6%).

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 September) increased by 5.4% from R907.21 billion in 2018 to R956.27 billion in 2019. Imports for the year-to-date of R953.76 billion are 5.3% more than the R905.46 billion imports recorded in January to September 2018, leaving a cumulative trade surplus of R2.51 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the R5.16 billion trade surplus for September 2019 is an improvement from the R3.77 billion deficit recorded in September 2018. Exports of R110.43 billion are 2.2% less than the R112.87 billion exports recorded in September 2018. Imports of R105.27 billion are 9.8% less than the R116.65 billion imports recorded in September 2018.

August 2019's trade surplus was revised downwards by R2.30 billion from the previous month's preliminary surplus of R6.84 billion to a revised surplus of R4.54 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 BELN:	
Section:	Including BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R2 952	-10%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R2 033	-11%
Vegetable Products	-R1 551	-17%
Machinery & Electronics	-R1 521	-15%
Base Metals	-R 615	-5%
Total	-R8 672	93%
Total Movement	-R9 307	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	Including BELN:	
Section:	Including BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R3 759	-23%
Machinery & Electronics	-R2 705	-10%
Original Equipment Components	-R1 814	-17%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	- R1 200	-11%
Vegetable Products	+R1 169	+46%
Total	-R8 309	84%
Total Movement	-R9 929	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R29 604 million – this is a decrease of R1 437 million from August 2019.

Imports: R10 091 million – this is an increase of R122 million from August 2019.

Trade surplus: R19 513 million – this is a deterioration of R1 559 million in comparison to the R21 072 million surplus recorded in August 2019.

America:

Exports: R9 224 million – this is a decrease of R1 068 million from August 2019.

Imports: R9 633 million – this is a decrease of R3 034 million from August 2019.

Trade deficit: R409 million – this is an improvement of R1 967 million in comparison to the R2 376 million deficit recorded in August 2019.

Asia:

Exports: R33 381 million – this is a decrease of R2 487 million from August 2019.

Imports: R48 532 million – this is a decrease of R2 328 million from August 2019.

Trade deficit: R15 151 million – this is a deterioration of R159 million in comparison to the R14 992 million deficit recorded in August 2019.

Europe:

Exports: R30 266 million – this is a decrease of R4 104 million from August 2019.

Imports: R35 873 million – this is a decrease of R3 685 million from August 2019.

Trade deficit: R5 607 million – this is a deterioration of R420 million in comparison to the R5 188 million deficit recorded in August 2019.

Oceania:

Exports: R1 262 million – this is an increase of R175 million from August 2019.

Imports: R 1 023 million – this is a decrease of R822 million from August 2019.

Trade surplus: R239 million – this is an improvement of R997 million in comparison to the R759 million deficit recorded in August 2019.

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

The trade data excluding BELN for September 2019 recorded a trade deficit of R2.94 billion.

Summary

The R2.94 billion deficit for September 2019 is as a result of exports of R97.94 billion and imports of R100.88 billion. Exports decreased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R9.15 billion (8.5%) and imports decreased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R10.49 billion (9.4%).

The cumulative deficit for 2019 is R70.46 billion compared to R66.03 billion deficit in 2018.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	Excluding BELN:	
Section:		
Mineral products	-R2 909	-11%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R1 805	-11%
Vegetable Products	- R1 522	-18%
Machinery & Electronics	-R1 401	-15%
Base Metals	-R 579	-5%
Total	- R8 216	90%
Total Movement	- R9 146	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million		
Section:	Excluding BELN:	
Mineral Products	-R3 769	-23%
Machinery & Electronics	-R2 720	-10%
Original Equipment Components	-R1 814	-17%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R1 173	-11%
Chemical Products	-R 866	-7%
Vegetable Products	+R1 156	+46%
Total	-R9 186	88%
Total Movement	-R10 494	100%

Trade highlights by world zone

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

Africa:

Exports: R17 104 million – this is a decrease of R1 276 million from August 2019.

Imports: R5 697 million – this is a decrease of R442 million from August 2019.

Trade surplus: R11 407 million – this is a deterioration of R834 million in comparison to the R12 241 million surplus recorded in August 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	(150 496 970)	0.90	(4 016 972 111)	0.73	1.26	1 386 326 607	11 149 302 574	11 062 880 254	1.46	1 536 823 577	15 756 028 496	15 079 852 365
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	3 657 490 076	1.98	36 142 929 323	2.86	6.69	7 388 758 670	55 186 059 679	55 604 084 285	3.54	3 731 268 594	17 452 083 341	19 461 154 962
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(587 867 794)	0.30	(4 353 455 930)	0.35	0.22	247 488 781	2 432 731 745	2 360 710 087	0.79	835 356 575	6 315 503 078	6 714 166 017
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	1 843 541 457	1.52	11 874 883 511	1.41	4.87	5 375 889 039	37 825 445 604	41 132 789 311	3.36	3 532 347 582	26 836 581 819	29 257 905 800
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	13 885 877 353	2.12	85 424 222 871	1.54	23.79	26 272 412 015	212 570 073 686	244 098 017 766	11.77	12 386 534 662	170 069 642 320	158 673 794 895
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 738 566 893)	0.53	(40 691 495 175)	0.59	5.83	6 434 399 957	56 658 492 777	59 518 632 848	11.56	12 172 966 850	97 118 397 529	100 210 128 026
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(2 963 043 400)	0.39	(20 026 763 475)	0.50	1.69	1 870 422 877	18 513 597 535	20 378 267 705	4.59	4 833 466 277	40 428 328 806	40 405 031 180
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(141 046 253)	0.66	(262 036 909)	0.91	0.25	273 480 746	3 076 198 373	2 579 398 218	0.39	414 526 999	2 889 756 506	2 841 435 127
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	255 483 166	1.59	1 689 876 565	1.41	0.62	688 990 971	5 553 236 737	5 848 527 455	0.41	433 507 805	3 916 154 395	4 158 650 890
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 253 659 137)	0.61	(12 761 728 003)	0.49	1.75	1 934 482 164	16 382 916 661	12 393 280 369	3.03	3 188 141 301	21 835 026 580	25 155 008 372
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 471 020 407)	0.40	(23 083 126 427)	0.35	1.50	1 655 293 268	12 968 902 117	12 512 740 421	3.92	4 126 313 675	32 606 197 748	35 595 866 848
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 153 409 025)	0.19	(8 888 803 375)	0.19	0.24	269 120 805	2 078 799 328	2 142 025 712	1.35	1 422 529 830	10 324 415 485	11 030 829 087
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(824 174 675)	0.38	(6 644 383 394)	0.42	0.45	502 248 953	4 628 026 826	4 755 612 545	1.26	1 326 423 628	10 786 910 702	11 399 995 939
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	16 942 227 076	12.49	135 630 477 552	11.75	16.68	18 416 639 806	159 008 400 405	148 251 431 152	1.40	1 474 412 730	15 379 796 178	12 620 953 600
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 775 945 911	2.13	58 644 269 095	2.21	9.87	10 903 700 948	111 660 495 323	107 016 019 202	4.87	5 127 755 037	44 729 315 121	48 371 750 107
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(15 738 187 848)	0.36	(138 450 722 929)	0.36	8.04	8 880 049 549	73 212 171 204	77 116 853 480	23.38	24 618 237 397	195 261 161 244	215 567 576 409
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	6 614 847 269	1.68	46 468 031 458	1.53	14.77	16 316 471 150	107 159 681 067	134 358 961 159	9.22	9 701 623 881	78 598 827 669	87 890 929 701
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 407 204 801)	0.21	(19 126 504 391)	0.24	0.57	633 383 969	5 742 243 575	6 130 661 044	2.89	3 040 588 770	23 088 910 398	25 257 165 435
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 549 662 769)	0.30	(9 684 858 408)	0.38	0.61	671 096 078	6 043 198 978	5 990 486 815	2.11	2 220 758 847	14 773 888 228	15 675 345 223
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	95 713 095	3.47	468 576 734	2.14	0.12	134 462 975	669 544 920	879 882 084	0.04	38 749 880	702 915 628	411 305 350
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	53 029 225	1.42	1 329 220 723	2.66	0.16	180 550 307	4 686 073 768	2 128 160 674	0.12	127 521 082	906 204 196	798 939 951
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 981 436 498)	0.00	(87 168 957 680)	0.00	0.00	3 504 317	6 694 422	9 973 708	8.53	8 984 940 815	75 680 782 651	87 178 931 388
Total	Total SA Rand	5 164 378 158	1.05	2 512 679 622	1.00	100.00	110 439 173 952	907 212 287 304	956 269 396 294	100.00	105 274 795 794	905 456 828 118	953 756 716 672

World Zones	Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Month % of total	Exports			Month % of total	Imports			
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AFRICA	19 512 646 201	2.93	146 725 127 933	2.37	26.81	29 604 062 062	239 534 721 140	254 123 054 317	9.59	10 091 415 861	110 311 432 418	107 397 926 384	
AMERICA	(409 046 009)	0.96	(13 701 762 074)	0.86	8.35	9 224 320 881	77 729 612 298	80 942 207 280	9.15	9 633 366 890	86 897 059 272	94 643 969 354	
ASIA	(15 151 070 296)	0.69	(127 820 674 854)	0.70	30.23	33 381 183 926	287 060 491 215	301 743 410 243	46.10	48 532 254 222	411 019 939 277	429 564 085 097	
EUROPE	(5 607 496 421)	0.84	(49 973 856 482)	0.84	27.40	30 265 556 700	229 248 215 099	255 998 902 539	34.08	35 873 053 121	279 931 226 684	305 972 759 021	
OCEANIA	238 543 006	1.23	(3 067 510 007)	0.77	1.14	1 261 967 157	9 735 409 217	10 022 378 845	0.97	1 023 424 151	14 549 486 543	13 089 888 852	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 412 591 197	45.63	45 480 952 562	15.73	5.01	5 533 872 746	59 988 296 300	48 569 040 526	0.12	121 281 549	2 747 683 924	3 088 087 964	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 168 210 480	-	4 870 402 544	-	1.06	1 168 210 480	3 915 542 035	4 870 402 544	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5 164 378 158	1.05	2 512 679 622	1.00	100.00	110 439 173 952	907 212 287 304	956 269 396 294	100.00	105 274 795 794	905 456 828 118	953 756 716 672	

Temporary Imports	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019
Gold Imports ⁴⁾	7 098 078 709	5 896 974 784	5 783 934 499	6 210 884 770	5 886 081 823	7 153 213 923	7 136 460 022	8 069 519 842	8 018 686 950

Notes:

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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(154 992 458)	0.87	(3 410 054 924)	0.71	1.11	1 084 077 928	8 502 932 883	8 504 755 383	1.23	1 239 070 386	12 141 210 955	11 914 810 307
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	3 061 167 443	1.84	30 767 957 369	2.62	6.87	6 723 841 806	50 443 522 540	49 730 108 747	3.63	3 662 674 363	17 076 191 664	18 962 151 378
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(724 132 210)	0.13	(5 389 900 409)	0.19	0.11	107 817 655	1 434 059 473	1 297 206 339	0.82	831 949 865	6 301 245 692	6 687 106 748
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	833 611 678	1.28	4 438 892 438	1.18	3.88	3 801 845 788	27 243 624 402	28 724 530 975	2.94	2 968 234 110	22 734 823 933	24 285 638 537
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	11 658 805 625	1.95	65 738 288 246	1.42	24.48	23 975 131 334	196 958 814 249	223 862 285 854	12.21	12 316 325 709	169 513 880 125	158 123 997 608
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(5 999 999 814)	0.47	(44 183 842 996)	0.53	5.43	5 321 870 163	47 893 975 554	50 087 011 456	11.22	11 321 869 977	92 344 242 032	94 270 854 452
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(3 423 307 836)	0.28	(24 150 195 738)	0.39	1.38	1 351 412 828	14 399 271 208	15 748 212 387	4.73	4 774 720 664	40 065 886 834	39 898 408 125
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(180 925 734)	0.55	(569 811 056)	0.79	0.23	223 818 956	2 710 358 240	2 193 421 661	0.40	404 744 690	2 767 999 328	2 763 232 717
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	232 435 551	1.81	1 510 406 826	1.52	0.53	519 026 923	4 193 081 512	4 395 915 465	0.28	286 591 372	2 813 862 479	2 885 508 639
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(1 523 873 606)	0.52	(14 885 179 903)	0.41	1.69	1 650 805 442	13 925 496 500	10 132 991 040	3.15	3 174 679 048	21 637 889 365	25 018 170 943
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(2 452 401 629)	0.30	(23 346 219 051)	0.24	1.08	1 055 869 983	8 236 157 559	7 478 517 972	3.48	3 508 271 612	28 343 521 117	30 824 737 023
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(1 323 540 641)	0.06	(10 139 522 796)	0.07	0.09	85 416 350	717 609 346	783 373 795	1.40	1 408 956 991	10 214 522 185	10 922 896 591
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(986 697 260)	0.25	(7 955 734 953)	0.30	0.34	328 496 366	3 298 305 324	3 352 982 852	1.30	1 315 193 626	10 702 194 447	11 308 717 805
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	17 545 122 466	43.76	138 446 398 124	20.30	18.33	17 955 434 325	154 926 068 790	145 619 259 808	0.41	410 311 859	10 298 760 330	7 172 861 684
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	5 105 250 432	2.02	53 225 411 573	2.13	10.33	10 112 482 183	104 867 047 053	100 266 979 791	4.96	5 007 231 751	43 599 717 422	47 041 568 218
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(17 024 775 200)	0.30	(149 833 507 594)	0.29	7.32	7 172 402 992	58 863 831 738	62 272 661 429	23.99	24 197 178 192	192 214 152 135	212 106 169 023
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	5 643 560 833	1.58	37 354 401 046	1.43	15.63	15 306 311 234	97 717 405 554	124 255 470 438	9.58	9 662 750 401	77 899 328 626	86 901 069 392
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(2 539 927 280)	0.16	(20 371 524 254)	0.19	0.50	494 309 153	4 445 922 762	4 810 634 568	3.01	3 034 236 433	23 039 808 757	25 182 158 822
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(1 853 891 489)	0.16	(12 257 406 117)	0.21	0.36	354 280 371	3 508 386 779	3 312 777 572	2.19	2 208 171 860	14 658 807 429	15 570 183 689
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	96 487 641	3.58	468 385 714	2.15	0.14	133 953 319	666 280 851	875 565 516	0.04	37 465 678	699 368 176	407 179 802
XXII, Ch 98	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	52 430 248	1.42	1 256 661 569	2.62	0.18	176 815 238	4 633 641 235	2 032 328 457	0.12	124 384 990	877 428 630	775 666 888
XXIII, Ch 99	Special Provisions ²⁾	(8 981 436 498)	0.00	(87 169 627 921)	0.00	0.00	3 504 317	6 491 137	9 303 467	8.91	8 984 940 815	75 680 782 651	87 178 931 388
Total	Total SA Rand	(2 941 029 738)	0.97	(70 455 724 807)	0.92	100.00	97 938 924 654	809 592 284 689	849 746 294 972	100.00	100 879 954 392	875 625 624 312	920 202 019 779
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AFRICA	11 407 238 305	3.00	73 756 723 504	2.00	17.46	17 103 812 764	141 914 718 525	147 599 952 995	5.65	5 696 574 459	80 480 228 612	73 843 229 491	
AMERICA	(409 046 009)	0.96	(13 701 762 074)	0.86	9.42	9 224 320 881	77 729 612 298	80 942 207 280	9.55	9 633 366 890	86 897 059 272	94 643 969 354	
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 412 591 197	45.63	45 480 952 562	15.73	5.65	5 533 872 746	59 988 296 300	48 569 040 526	0.12	121 281 549	2 747 683 924	3 088 087 964	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 168 210 480	-	4 870 402 544	-	1.19	1 168 210 480	3 915 542 035	4 870 402 544					
Total	(2 941 029 738)	0.97	(70 455 724 807)	0.92	100.00	97 938 924 654	809 592 284 689	849 746 294 972	100.00	100 879 954 392	875 625 624 312	920 202 019 779	
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade Statistics with BELN countries

Trade statistics with the BELN for September 2019 recorded a trade surplus of R8.11 billion.

Summary

The R8.11 billion surplus for September 2019 is as a result of exports of R12.50 billion and imports of R4.39 billion.

Exports decreased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R0.16 billion (1.3%) and imports increased from August 2019 to September 2019 by R0.56 billion (14.7%).

The cumulative surplus for 2019 is R72.97 billion compared to R67.79 billion in 2018.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R228	-18%
Machinery & Electronics	-R120	-7%
Plastics & Rubber	-R58	-10%
Mineral Products	-R43	-2%
Misc. manufactured Articles	-R42	-12%
Base Metals	-R36	-4%
Optical Photographic Products	-R32	-19%
Chemical Products	-R32	-3%
Precious Metals & Stones	+R450	+3898%
Total	-R141	87%
Total Movement	-R162	100%

The main month-on-month import movements:

R' million	BELN:	
Section:		
Precious Metals & Stones	+R538	+102%
Chemical Products	+R139	+20%
Live Animals	-R47	-14%
Prepared Foodstuff	-R44	-7%
Vehicles & Transport Equipment	-R27	-41%
Total	+R559	99%
Total Movement	+R564	100%

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