

STATEMENT

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SARS releases the preliminary trade statistics for June 2021

Pretoria, 30 July 2021 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for June 2021 recording a preliminary trade balance surplus of R57.68 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2021) preliminary trade balance surplus of R255.56 billion is an improvement from the R56.71 billion trade balance surplus for the comparable period in 2020. Exports increased by 43.6% year-on-year whilst imports increased by 55.7% over the same period.

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

The R57.68 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2021 is attributable to exports of R166.52 billion and imports of R108.84 billion. Exports increased by R3.27 billion (2.0%) between May and June 2021 and imports decreased by R0.03 billion (0.0%) over the same period.

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2021) increased by 51.0% to R895.72 billion from R593.29 billion over the same period during 2020. Imports for the year-to-date of R640.16 billion were 19.3% more than the R536.58 billion imports recorded during the same period in 2020. The preliminary cumulative trade balance surplus for 2021 is R255.56 billion.

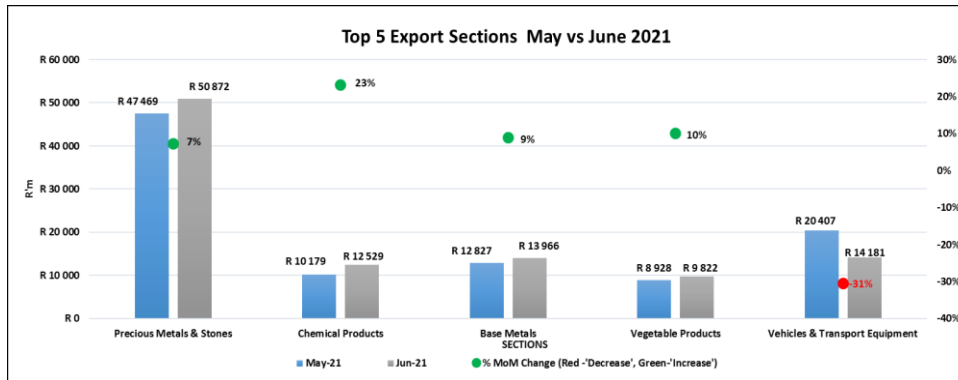
On a year-on-year basis, the R57.68 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2021 was an improvement from the R46.05 billion trade balance surplus recorded in June 2020. Exports of R166.52 billion were 43.6% more than the R115.94 billion exports recorded in June 2020. Imports of R108.84 billion were 55.7% more than the R69.89 billion imports recorded in June 2020.

May 2021 preliminary trade balance surplus was revised downwards by R0.22 billion due to the ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC). The revision was from the preliminary trade balance surplus of R54.59 billion to the revised trade balance surplus of R54.37 billion.

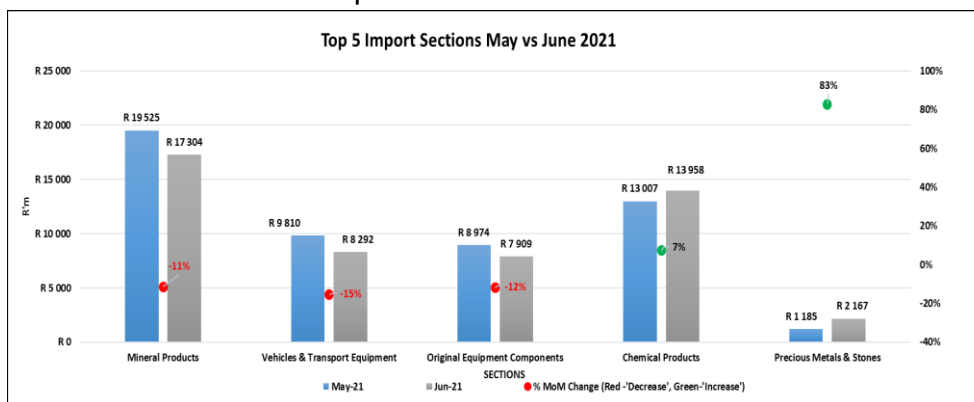
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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from May (revised) to June (preliminary) 2021 are given below:

World Zones (R' m)	The main month-on-month movements (R' m)				
	Trade Type	May 2021	June 2021	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	32 879	33 237	359	↑ 1.1%
	Imports	8 076	8 778	702	↑ 8.7%
	Trade Balance	24 802	24 460	-343	
America	Exports	23 550	19 040	-4 510	↓ -19.2%
	Imports	10 274	12 482	2 208	↑ 21.5%
	Trade Balance	13 276	6 558	-6 718	
Asia	Exports	52 576	51 237	-1 339	↓ -2.5%
	Imports	55 804	51 490	-4 314	↓ -7.7%
	Trade Balance	-3 228	-254	2 975	
Europe	Exports	44 370	49 550	5 180	↑ 11.7%
	Imports	32 836	33 526	690	↑ 2.1%
	Trade Balance	11 534	16 024	4 489	
Oceania	Exports	1 447	1 207	-240	↓ -16.6%
	Imports	1 458	1 486	29	↑ 2.0%
	Trade Balance	-11	-279	-269	
Other Unclassified	Exports	8 109	11 644	3 535	↑ 43.6%
	Imports	426	1 078	652	↑ 153.0%
	Trade Balance	7 683	10 566	2 883	
Ship/Aircraft	Exports	318	606	289	↑ 90.8%
	Imports	-	-	-	
	Trade Balance	318	606	289	

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

The trade data excluding BELN for June 2021 recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R49.09 billion.

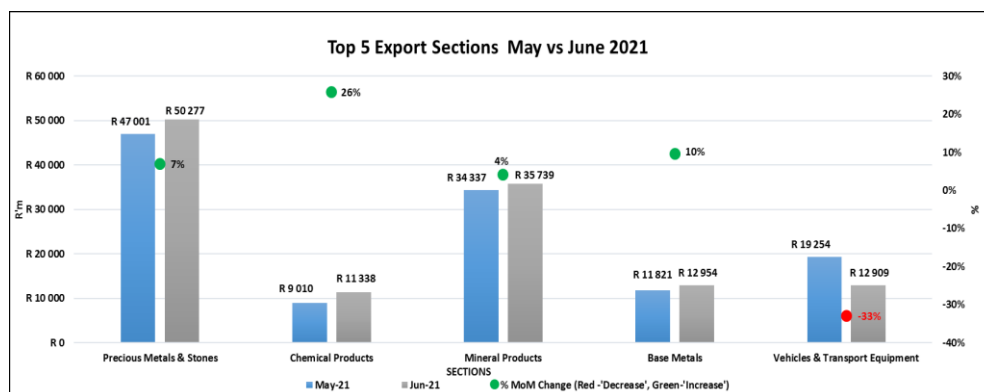
Summary

The R49.09 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2021 was as a result of exports of R153.82 billion and imports of R104.73 billion. Exports increased by R4.26 billion (2.8%) between May and June 2021 and imports decreased by R0.88 billion (0.8%) over the same period.

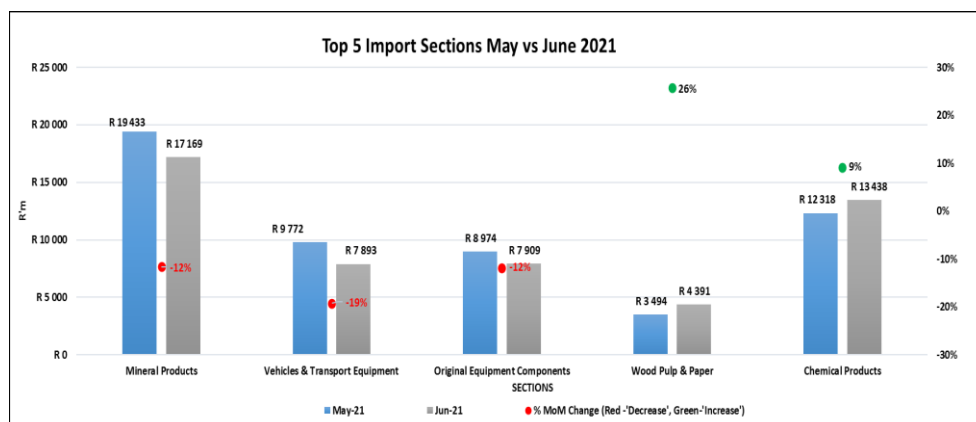
The preliminary cumulative trade balance surplus for 2021 was R205.69 billion compared to R17.63 billion trade balance surplus during 2020.

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	Trade Type	May 2021	June 2021	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	19 194	20 539	1 345 	7.0%
	Imports	4 810	4 666	-144 	-3.0%
	Trade Balance	14 384	15 873	1 488	

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SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Cumulative Trade		Monthly Trade		Exports				Imports			
Roman Section	Description	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio ⁵⁾ (Exports/Imports)	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio Exports/Imports	Month % of total	Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month Total 2021 (R'm)	Month % of total	Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm)	Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm)	Month Total 2021 (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(783 791 323)	0.92	(282 394 749)	0.84	0.91	7 931 440 711	8 701 302 989	1 515 192 238	1.65	8 604 930 447	9 485 094 312	1 797 586 987
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	31 979 910 125	3.32	7 638 712 701	4.50	5.90	43 170 380 335	45 764 574 966	9 821 976 222	2.01	14 781 883 390	13 784 664 841	2 183 263 521
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(3 097 573 319)	0.44	(633 470 299)	0.46	0.32	1 969 995 978	2 469 245 444	529 091 591	1.07	5 567 910 551	5 566 818 763	1 162 561 890
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	7 507 885 738	1.37	1 697 424 162	1.51	3.02	25 000 553 205	27 604 092 774	5 031 909 874	3.06	18 286 371 900	20 096 207 036	3 334 485 712
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	119 200 787 155	2.18	20 379 857 433	2.18	22.63	148 004 022 473	220 563 270 268	37 683 478 920	15.90	85 282 270 667	101 362 483 113	17 303 621 487
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(18 936 964 277)	0.75	(1 428 892 962)	0.90	7.52	40 544 668 869	58 146 956 690	12 528 677 051	12.82	67 365 774 548	77 083 920 967	13 957 570 013
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(15 713 088 166)	0.47	(2 590 845 853)	0.50	1.53	11 544 601 596	14 056 922 789	2 550 556 763	4.72	23 431 330 085	29 770 010 955	5 141 402 616
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	167 927 617	1.11	29 741 912	1.12	0.17	1 192 567 151	1 673 615 686	285 397 911	0.23	1 260 388 838	1 505 688 069	255 655 999
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	857 929 142	1.28	143 008 046	1.32	0.35	3 194 990 316	3 921 421 860	590 812 651	0.41	2 293 374 995	3 063 492 718	447 804 605
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(10 424 806 510)	0.50	(2 423 855 018)	0.45	1.19	11 015 834 910	10 249 380 851	1 981 595 445	4.05	14 830 894 730	20 674 187 361	4 405 450 463
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(13 069 579 691)	0.45	(2 078 950 276)	0.45	1.02	7 697 011 225	10 483 094 864	1 704 860 047	3.48	25 865 529 201	23 552 674 555	3 783 810 323
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(5 117 182 391)	0.22	(862 623 985)	0.19	0.12	1 003 912 356	1 458 410 018	203 230 106	0.98	5 296 012 923	6 575 592 409	1 065 854 091
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(4 281 115 230)	0.45	(637 730 531)	0.47	0.34	2 504 975 268	3 500 281 356	563 818 520	1.10	5 621 394 564	7 781 396 586	1 201 549 051
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	240 005 602 107	26.64	48 705 078 976	23.47	30.55	127 093 147 994	249 367 890 675	50 872 159 964	1.99	7 868 320 746	9 362 288 568	2 167 080 988
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	36 475 333 153	1.91	6 217 726 704	1.80	8.39	57 782 552 116	76 756 243 468	13 965 955 343	7.12	27 486 115 882	40 280 910 315	7 748 228 639
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(75 388 726 979)	0.44	(11 584 561 283)	0.48	6.37	40 373 659 251	59 271 700 965	10 608 958 035	20.39	119 643 858 845	134 660 427 944	22 193 519 318
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	40 280 391 356	1.78	5 888 773 524	1.71	8.52	54 297 398 939	91 955 813 244	14 180 786 504	7.62	38 331 876 152	51 675 421 888	8 292 012 980
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(11 997 653 722)	0.26	(2 012 543 613)	0.27	0.45	4 193 690 993	4 284 203 060	754 004 326	2.54	15 394 283 310	16 281 856 782	2 766 547 939
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(5 507 655 110)	0.40	(916 783 733)	0.42	0.40	2 800 735 727	3 658 627 776	674 391 412	1.46	7 416 142 645	9 166 282 886	1 591 175 195
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	133 832 660	1.42	45 496 391	2.25	0.05	430 336 839	454 116 342	81 849 265	0.03	119 196 490	320 283 682	36 352 874
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	754 826 677	2.24	295 995 125	4.06	0.24	1 538 539 135	1 361 814 100	392 646 016	0.09	624 016 095	606 987 423	96 650 891
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(57 484 828 273)	0.00	(7 908 560 377)	0.00	0.00	1 733 385	13 839 121	49 993	7.27	41 208 450 986	57 498 667 394	7 908 610 370
Total	Total SA Rand	255 561 460 739	1.40	57 680 602 245	1.53	100.00	593 286 748 772	895 716 819 306	166 521 398 197	100.00	536 580 327 990	640 155 358 567	108 840 795 952

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AFRICA	120 375 246 416	3.08	24 459 598 253	3.79	19.96	142 471 592 503	178 269 760 887	33 237 421 374	8.06	62 571 507 605	57 894 514 471	8 777 823 121
AMERICA	45 975 104 930	1.71	6 557 935 529	1.53	11.43	49 740 027 577	110 408 453 731	19 039 985 285	11.47	54 373 750 691	64 433 348 801	12 482 049 756
ASIA	(24 811 539 682)	0.92	(253 626 110)	1.00	30.77	191 219 315 071	285 094 313 872	51 236 741 440	47.31	245 130 823 414	309 905 853 554	51 490 367 550
EUROPE	62 866 831 442	1.32	16 023 582 717	1.48	29.76	151 130 714 875	259 225 735 090	49 549 860 843	30.80	165 892 976 948	196 358 903 648	33 526 278 126
OCEANIA	(1 828 654 173)	0.79	(279 434 526)	0.81	0.72	5 271 474 584	6 971 790 065	1 207 054 718	1.37	7 342 978 862	8 800 444 238	1 486 489 244
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	50 272 210 562	19.20	10 566 199 327	10.80	6.99	46 206 140 032	53 034 504 417	11 643 987 482	0.99	1 268 290 470	2 762 293 855	1 077 788 155
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 712 261 244	-	606 347 055	-	0.36	7 247 484 130	2 712 261 244	606 347 055				
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(598 233 789)	0.92	(165 814 760)	0.88	0.80	6 269 032 415	6 858 875 326	1 222 919 697	1.33	7 046 377 232	7 457 109 115	1 388 734 457
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	27 967 355 925	3.08	7 095 356 394	4.38	5.98	39 013 351 163	41 408 290 500	9 192 718 372	2.00	14 430 375 414	13 440 934 575	2 097 361 978
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(4 122 432 646)	0.26	(837 508 128)	0.28	0.21	1 156 464 551	1 436 541 848	322 878 102	1.11	5 559 701 117	5 558 974 494	1 160 386 230
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	2 585 945 834	1.15	929 726 960	1.34	2.39	17 752 713 523	19 412 241 331	3 671 605 132	2.62	15 082 026 434	16 826 295 497	2 741 878 172
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	108 653 909 020	2.08	18 570 272 136	2.08	23.23	138 810 167 501	209 462 594 808	35 739 393 806	16.39	84 887 719 322	100 808 685 788	17 169 121 670
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(21 980 662 629)	0.70	(2 100 500 043)	0.84	7.37	34 187 502 503	51 250 197 051	11 337 769 275	12.83	64 284 275 944	73 230 859 680	13 438 269 318
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(18 606 667 076)	0.37	(3 095 028 068)	0.39	1.28	9 067 862 091	10 777 496 333	1 973 706 869	4.84	23 186 752 404	29 384 163 409	5 068 734 937
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(59 577 341)	0.96	(7 014 752)	0.97	0.16	1 034 362 905	1 387 367 126	241 737 752	0.24	1 230 909 241	1 446 944 467	248 752 504
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	825 069 046	1.41	145 282 779	1.58	0.26	2 425 542 667	2 823 893 932	396 005 249	0.24	1 566 705 815	1 998 824 886	250 722 470
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(11 755 513 287)	0.43	(2 645 016 912)	0.40	1.14	9 677 144 887	8 816 920 930	1 745 896 021	4.19	14 742 102 110	20 572 434 217	4 390 912 933
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(13 432 902 768)	0.34	(2 041 822 173)	0.36	0.76	5 207 490 764	6 837 554 953	1 164 797 501	3.06	23 523 122 973	20 270 457 721	3 206 619 674
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(5 977 301 081)	0.08	(971 500 852)	0.08	0.05	377 828 396	547 179 574	83 134 551	1.01	5 255 072 800	6 524 480 655	1 054 635 403
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(5 206 578 007)	0.33	(796 678 813)	0.33	0.26	1 831 612 922	2 522 532 144	394 852 067	1.14	5 589 199 790	7 729 110 151	1 191 530 880
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	240 860 379 227	44.81	48 723 622 753	32.36	32.69	125 478 099 002	246 357 754 177	50 277 300 738	1.48	3 659 844 399	5 497 374 950	1 553 677 985
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	31 425 414 068	1.79	5 287 523 630	1.69	8.42	54 337 751 351	71 261 204 851	12 953 747 242	7.32	26 920 500 888	39 835 790 783	7 666 223 612
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(84 079 191 370)	0.37	(13 025 947 157)	0.40	5.72	32 592 263 241	48 477 696 839	8 803 466 451	20.84	118 143 895 998	132 556 888 209	21 829 413 608
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XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(13 037 782 220)	0.20	(2 210 098 218)	0.20	0.36	3 287 378 390	3 191 605 566	547 047 940	2.63	15 358 346 983	16 229 387 786	2 757 146 158
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade statistics with the BELN countries for June 2021 recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R8.59 billion.

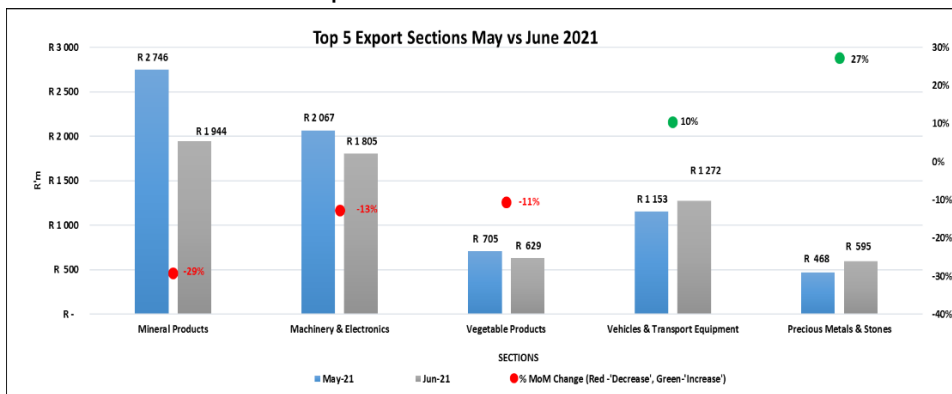
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The R8.59 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2021 was as a result of exports of R12.70 billion and imports of R4.11 billion. Exports decreased by R0.99 billion (7.2%) between May and June 2021 and imports increased by R0.85 billion (25.9%) over the same period.

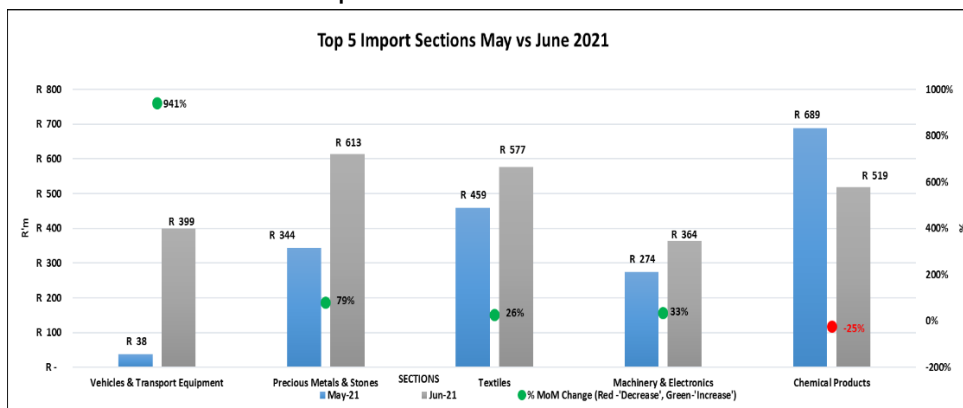
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