



STATEMENT

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SARS releases the preliminary trade statistics for June 2022

Pretoria, 29 July 2022 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for June 2022 recording a preliminary trade balance surplus of R24.23 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2022) preliminary trade balance surplus of R133.52 billion is a deterioration from the R249.86 billion trade balance surplus for the comparable period in 2021. Exports increased by 16.7% year-on-year whilst imports increased by 47.6% over the same period.

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

The R24.23 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2022 is attributable to exports of R184.61 billion and imports of R160.38 billion. Exports increased by R2.84 billion (1.6%) between May and June 2022 and imports increased by R9.47 billion (6.3%) over the same period.

Exports for the year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2022) increased by 10.1% to R979.37 billion from R889.69 billion over the same period during 2021. Imports for the year-to-date of R845.85 billion were 32.2% more than the R639.84 billion imports recorded during the same period in 2021. The cumulative trade balance surplus for 2022 is R133.52 billion.

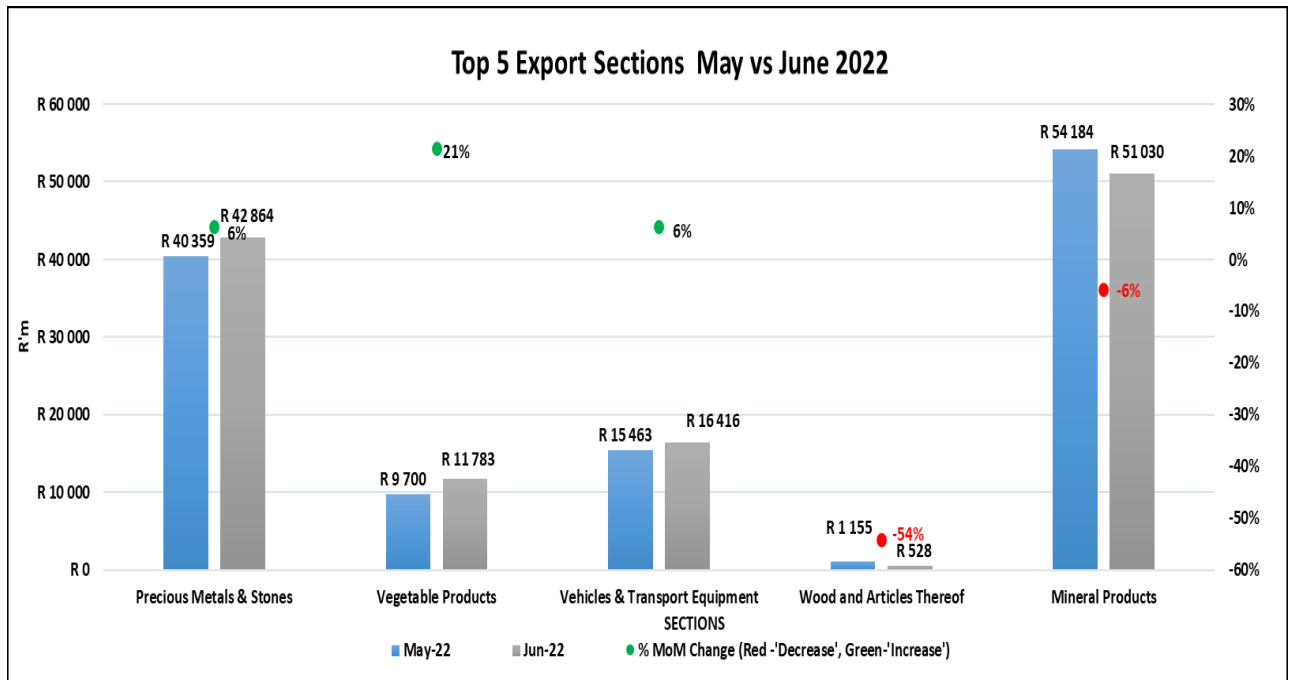
On a year-on-year basis, the R24.23 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2022 was a deterioration from the R49.54 billion trade balance surplus recorded in June 2021. Exports of R184.61 billion were 16.7% more than the R158.19 billion exports recorded in June 2021. Imports of R160.38 billion were 47.6% more than the R108.65 billion imports recorded in June 2021.

May 2022 preliminary trade balance surplus was revised upwards by R2.51 billion due to the ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC). The revision was from the preliminary trade balance surplus of R28.34 billion to the revised trade balance surplus of R30.85 billion.

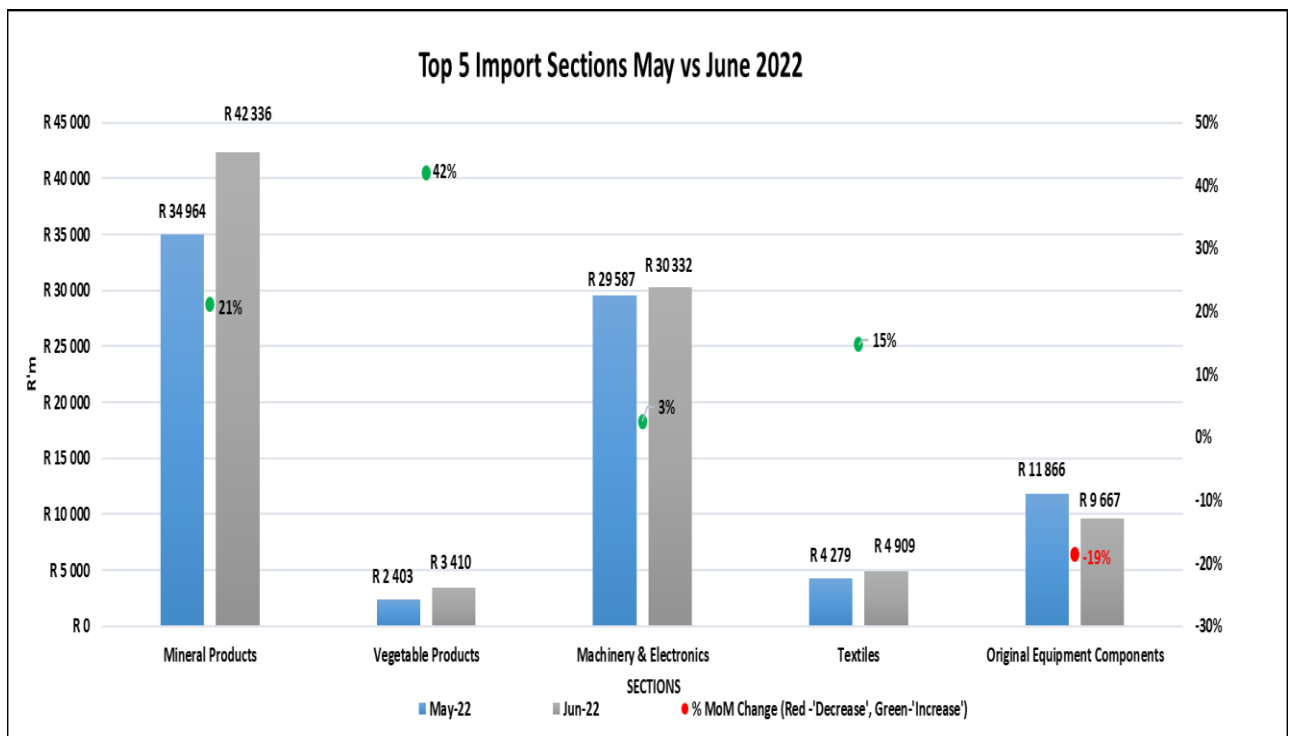
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Trade highlights by category

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) 2022 are given below:

World Zones (R' m)	The main month-on-month movements (R' m)				
	Trade Type	May 2022	June 2022	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	42 836	44 768	1 932	↑ 4.5%
	Imports	10 444	13 974	3 530	↑ 33.8%
	Trade Balance	32 392	30 794	-1 598	
America	Exports	17 167	18 486	1 320	↑ 7.7%
	Imports	15 902	17 181	1 278	↑ 8.0%
	Trade Balance	1 264	1 306	41	
Asia	Exports	59 291	58 492	-799	↓ -1.3%
	Imports	78 564	86 247	7 683	↑ 9.8%
	Trade Balance	-19 273	-27 755	-8 482	
Europe	Exports	52 093	50 672	-1 421	↓ -2.7%
	Imports	41 522	40 475	-1 047	↓ -2.5%
	Trade Balance	10 571	10 198	-374	
Oceania	Exports	1 348	984	-364	↓ -27.0%
	Imports	3 293	2 028	-1 265	↓ -38.4%
	Trade Balance	-1 945	-1 044	901	
Other Unclassified	Exports	7 654	10 093	2 440	↑ 31.9%
	Imports	1 189	479	-710	↓ -59.7%
	Trade Balance	6 465	9 614	3 149	
Ship/Aircraft	Exports	1 380	1 115	-265	↓ -19.2%
	Imports	-	-	-	
	Trade Balance	1 380	1 115	-265	

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

The trade data excluding BELN for June 2022 recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R14.36 billion.

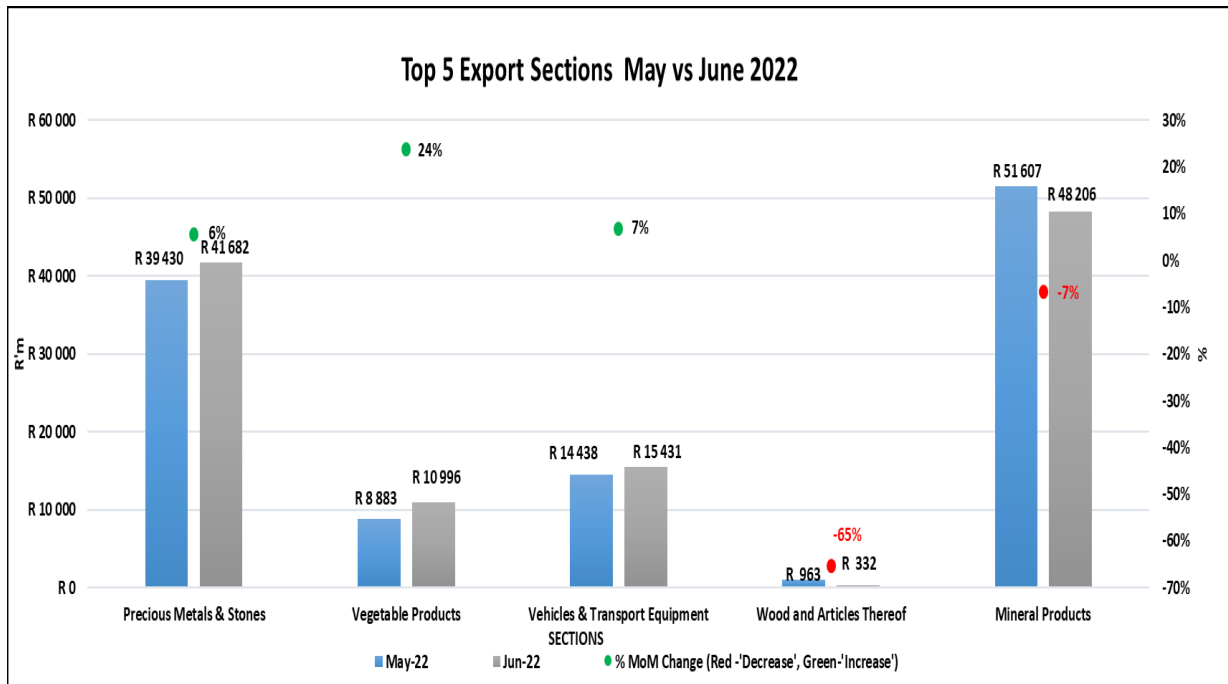
Summary

The R14.36 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2022 was as a result of exports of R169.40 billion and imports of R155.04 billion. Exports increased by R2.30 billion (1.4%) between May and June 2022 and imports increased by R7.92 billion (5.4%) over the same period.

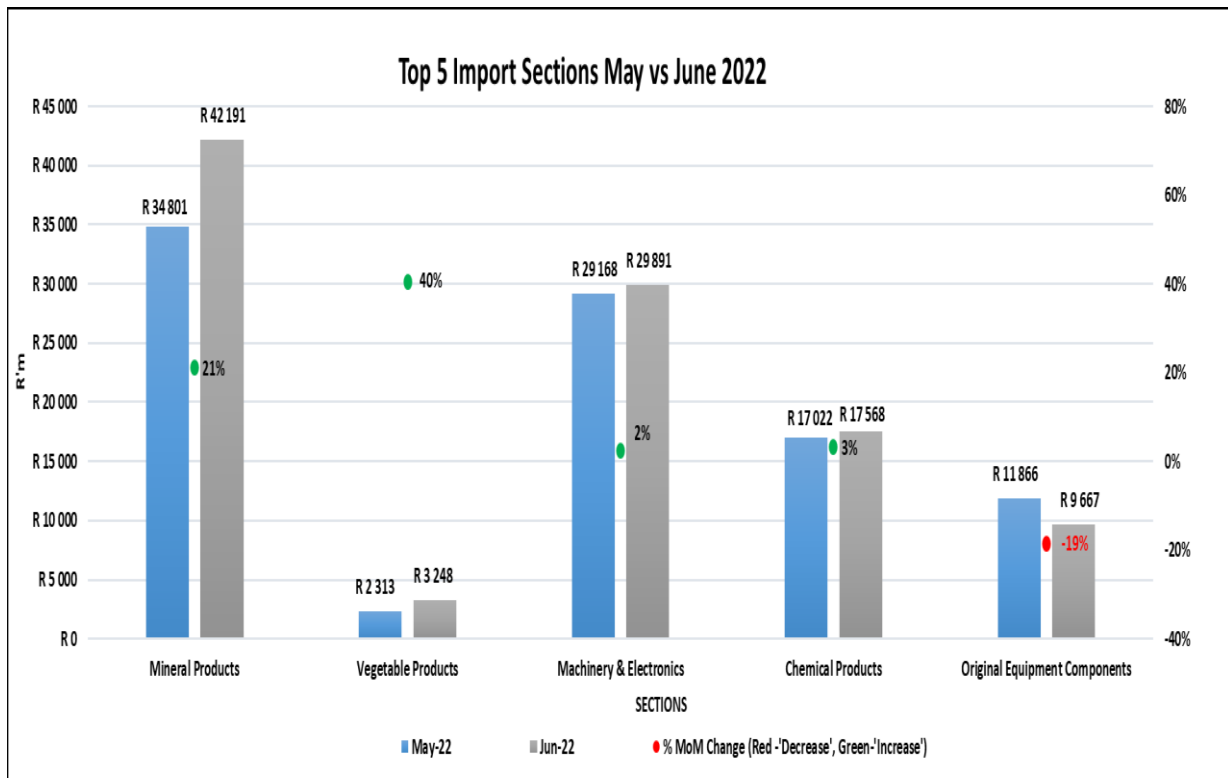
The preliminary cumulative trade balance surplus for 2022 was R76.40 billion compared to R200.53 billion trade balance surplus during 2021.

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	Trade Type	May 2022	June 2022	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	28 162	29 557	1 395	↑ 5.0%
	Imports	6 650	8 629	1 979	↑ 29.8%
	Trade Balance	21 512	20 928	-584	

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SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Cumulative Trade		Monthly Trade		Exports				Imports			
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(2 092 989 397)	0.81	(222 023 429)	0.87	0.84	8 696 274 881	8 851 906 324	1 551 454 373	1.11	9 478 049 477	10 944 895 721	1 773 477 802
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	37 680 815 559	3.28	8 372 824 837	3.46	6.38	45 724 253 135	54 196 316 815	11 783 188 795	2.13	13 778 319 138	16 515 501 256	3 410 363 958
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(5 420 068 157)	0.47	(976 987 673)	0.46	0.45	2 468 333 315	4 761 008 227	830 811 934	1.13	5 566 848 798	10 181 076 384	1 807 799 607
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	9 121 692 958	1.43	2 057 680 976	1.50	3.35	27 603 722 474	30 475 987 141	6 185 629 631	2.57	20 097 203 383	21 354 294 183	4 127 948 655
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	84 628 265 768	1.45	8 694 453 247	1.21	27.64	216 877 803 636	272 612 982 452	51 030 445 325	26.40	101 441 040 984	187 984 716 684	42 335 992 078
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(34 109 973 394)	0.64	(5 920 168 807)	0.68	6.67	55 978 994 783	61 753 467 353	12 310 250 798	11.37	77 098 146 718	95 863 440 747	18 230 419 605
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(19 375 472 838)	0.45	(3 666 908 206)	0.45	1.61	14 047 986 382	16 172 717 441	2 965 876 176	4.14	29 727 970 289	35 548 190 279	6 632 784 382
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	91 359 701	1.05	5 148 295	1.01	0.19	1 672 884 019	1 965 202 498	355 878 119	0.22	1 506 448 451	1 873 842 797	350 729 824
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	971 013 437	1.27	(82 012 307)	0.87	0.29	3 925 349 489	4 606 381 512	528 329 995	0.38	3 063 522 362	3 635 368 075	610 342 302
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(16 472 141 668)	0.42	(2 796 629 871)	0.42	1.12	10 178 903 529	11 943 007 949	2 059 315 734	3.03	20 675 145 405	28 415 149 617	4 855 945 605
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(18 415 268 433)	0.35	(3 292 325 130)	0.33	0.88	10 474 795 373	9 780 254 089	1 616 719 329	3.06	23 549 795 111	28 195 522 522	4 909 044 459
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(6 256 676 804)	0.20	(1 232 775 167)	0.17	0.13	1 458 403 636	1 576 845 666	243 674 798	0.92	6 576 244 004	7 833 522 470	1 476 449 965
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(4 645 886 667)	0.42	(840 773 811)	0.43	0.34	3 497 429 551	3 394 775 238	622 900 196	0.91	7 803 258 868	8 040 661 905	1 463 674 007
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	215 729 354 334	18.76	40 737 101 715	20.16	23.22	248 735 075 530	227 874 337 647	42 863 702 301	1.33	9 345 306 935	12 144 983 313	2 126 600 586
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	53 598 541 672	2.10	11 244 857 590	2.33	10.68	77 180 538 113	102 112 844 489	19 718 539 488	5.28	40 124 236 646	48 514 302 817	8 473 681 898
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(108 331 062 693)	0.37	(19 045 423 539)	0.37	6.11	59 523 255 978	64 045 941 963	11 286 267 160	18.91	134 455 161 465	172 377 004 656	30 331 690 699
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	25 645 999 237	1.39	3 711 764 738	1.29	8.89	91 885 251 053	91 216 062 871	16 416 084 110	7.92	51 680 526 886	65 570 063 634	12 704 319 372
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(13 461 981 767)	0.26	(2 296 084 546)	0.27	0.46	4 282 705 445	4 826 381 982	841 613 908	1.96	16 288 803 935	18 288 363 749	3 137 698 454
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(6 001 486 657)	0.41	(1 061 077 999)	0.43	0.44	3 654 377 533	4 192 333 720	808 825 362	1.17	9 170 358 747	10 193 820 377	1 869 903 361
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	337 992 079	2.86	64 368 522	6.58	0.04	454 119 180	519 281 578	75 904 550	0.01	320 956 234	181 289 499	11 536 028
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	1 677 912 519	3.07	438 845 789	6.78	0.28	1 360 684 718	2 487 663 015	514 825 725	0.05	607 503 736	809 750 496	75 979 936
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(61 375 748 682)	0.00	(9 666 992 065)	0.00	0.00	13 839 121	5 004 457	3 942	6.03	57 481 079 535	61 380 753 139	9 666 996 007
Total	Total SA Rand	133 524 190 107	1.16	24 226 863 159	1.15	100.00	889 694 980 874	979 370 704 427	184 610 241 749	100.00	639 835 927 107	845 846 514 320	160 383 378 590

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AFRICA	150 936 859 498	2.83	30 793 687 008	3.20	24.25	175 331 551 469	233 498 046 651	44 767 641 352	8.71	57 886 089 594	82 561 187 153	13 973 954 344
AMERICA	5 396 924 507	1.06	1 305 606 875	1.08	10.01	110 870 187 338	97 409 502 573	18 486 265 474	10.71	64 453 771 524	92 012 578 066	17 180 658 599
ASIA	(123 665 632 447)	0.72	(27 754 882 594)	0.68	31.68	283 064 494 708	313 492 859 795	58 492 256 602	53.78	309 549 934 210	437 158 492 242	86 247 139 196
EUROPE	61 872 842 761	1.29	10 197 538 502	1.25	27.45	258 339 931 548	277 740 167 203	50 672 179 046	25.24	196 374 547 147	215 867 324 442	40 474 640 544
OCEANIA	(6 167 793 490)	0.55	(1 044 225 085)	0.49	0.53	6 972 389 339	7 446 627 393	983 625 697	1.26	8 809 743 291	13 614 420 883	2 027 850 782
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	39 129 128 075	9.45	9 614 119 999	21.07	5.47	52 405 078 169	43 761 639 609	10 093 255 124	0.30	2 761 841 341	4 632 511 534	479 135 125
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	6 021 861 203	-	1 115 018 454	-	0.60	2 711 348 303	6 021 861 203	1 115 018 454				
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	(1 292 997 510)	0.84	14 054 067	1.01	0.74	6 853 855 194	6 955 246 720	1 257 755 567	0.80	7 444 743 382	8 248 244 230	1 243 701 500
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	32 905 319 457	3.05	7 747 840 874	3.39	6.49	41 368 139 458	48 987 033 060	10 995 674 582	2.09	13 434 851 211	16 081 713 603	3 247 833 708
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(6 731 424 450)	0.34	(1 226 679 521)	0.32	0.34	1 436 253 521	3 438 195 544	579 244 529	1.16	5 559 011 711	10 169 619 994	1 805 924 050
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	3 424 593 623	1.19	1 313 451 322	1.39	2.74	19 409 753 088	21 321 456 865	4 647 330 424	2.15	16 828 112 587	17 896 863 242	3 333 879 102
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	71 087 417 903	1.38	6 015 357 316	1.14	28.46	206 316 776 965	258 339 781 532	48 206 088 666	27.21	100 887 362 432	187 252 363 629	42 190 731 350
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(37 785 825 030)	0.59	(6 657 050 578)	0.62	6.44	49 062 783 786	53 929 407 571	10 911 326 443	11.33	73 245 049 630	91 715 232 601	17 568 377 021
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(22 815 392 455)	0.35	(4 258 426 320)	0.35	1.36	10 767 673 172	12 413 042 773	2 306 383 357	4.23	29 341 301 486	35 228 435 228	6 564 809 677
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(108 039 522)	0.94	(34 113 841)	0.90	0.18	1 387 718 059	1 707 973 441	306 172 081	0.22	1 447 704 849	1 816 012 963	340 285 922
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	1 002 347 959	1.40	(75 484 411)	0.81	0.20	2 828 674 858	3 477 899 341	332 409 974	0.26	1 998 851 723	2 475 551 382	407 894 385
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	(17 967 632 534)	0.36	(3 041 003 497)	0.37	1.05	8 746 266 689	10 269 842 582	1 778 353 621	3.11	20 573 359 399	28 237 475 116	4 819 357 118
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(18 911 739 456)	0.23	(3 365 942 244)	0.20	0.51	6 832 179 363	5 598 717 079	861 543 667	2.73	20 254 377 112	24 510 456 535	4 227 485 911
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(7 155 929 502)	0.08	(1 367 496 831)	0.07	0.06	547 181 786	609 038 498	96 175 007	0.94	6 525 132 250	7 764 968 000	1 463 671 838
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(5 590 632 784)	0.30	(1 017 509 598)	0.30	0.26	2 520 421 809	2 387 481 491	435 554 069	0.94	7 750 937 372	7 978 114 275	1 453 063 667
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	217 218 114 514	35.60	40 654 180 168	40.57	24.61	245 724 939 032	223 496 894 409	41 681 589 057	0.66	5 497 369 220	6 278 779 895	1 027 408 889
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XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(14 478 246 129)	0.21	(2 478 720 756)	0.21	0.38	3 190 576 678	3 745 749 689	647 924 287	2.02	16 236 330 963	18 223 995 818	3 126 645 043
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade statistics with the BELN countries for June 2022 recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R9.87 billion.

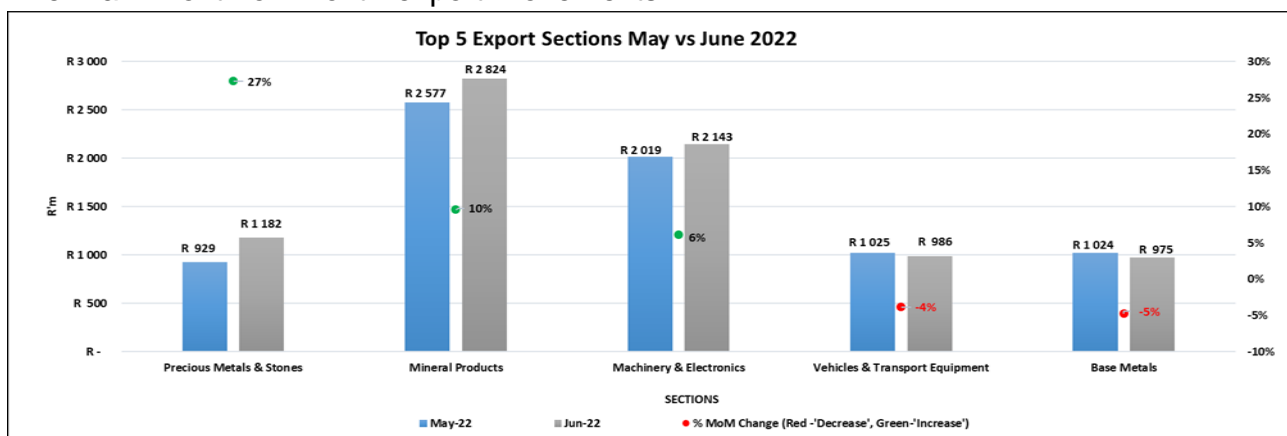
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The R9.87 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2022 was as a result of exports of R15.21 billion and imports of R5.34 billion. Exports increased by R0.54 billion (3.7%) between May and June 2022 and imports increased by R1.55 billion (40.9%) over the same period.

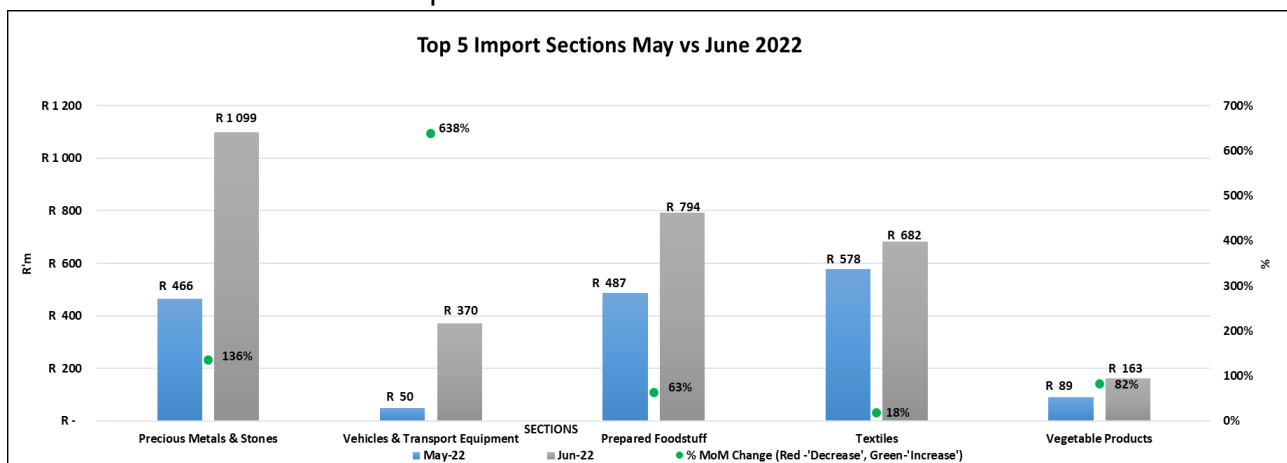
The preliminary cumulative trade balance surplus for 2022 was R57.12 billion compared to R49.33 billion in 2021.

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