

## SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for August 2023 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 181 261 067 019	R 167 982 347 387	R 13 278 719 632
July 2023 (Revised)	R 173 424 886 044	R 157 981 477 709	R 15 443 408 335
R Increase/Decrease	R 7 836 180 976	R 10 000 869 678	
% Growth	4.5%	6.3%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 1 350 622 374 568	R 1 318 602 241 783	R 32 020 132 785
January to August 2022 (Revised)	R 1 327 266 356 607	R 1 166 810 157 454	R 160 456 199 153
R Increase/Decrease	R 23 356 017 961	R 151 792 084 329	
% Growth	1.8%	13.0%	

### COMMENTS

#### Month on month increase/decrease

#### EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by	R 1 170 million (8%)
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 3 950 million (10%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 2 317 million (-7%)
Section 15:	Base metals increased by	R 2 430 million (14%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics increased by	R 1 174 million (9%)

#### IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 2 673 million (-9%)
Section 6:	Chemical products increased by	R 3 198 million (22%)
Section 10:	Wood pulp & paper increased by	R 932 million (22%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 2 477 million (19%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by	R 3 088 million (22%)

## Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 163 528 222 882	R 162 276 461 075	R 1 251 761 807
July 2023 (Revised)	R 157 320 596 166	R 152 513 224 303	R 4 807 371 863

R Increase/Decrease	R 6 207 626 717	R 9 763 236 772	
% Growth	3.9%	6.4%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 1 226 298 095 284	R 1 276 820 576 221	R -50 522 480 937
January to August 2022 (Revised)	R 1 211 294 960 733	R 1 129 651 472 741	R 81 643 487 992

R Increase/Decrease	R 15 003 134 551	R 147 169 103 480	
% Growth	1.2%	13.0%	

## BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 17 732 844 137	R 5 705 886 312	R 12 026 957 825
July 2023 (Revised)	R 16 104 289 878	R 5 468 253 406	R 10 636 036 472

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 628 554 259	R 237 632 906	
% Growth	10.1%	4.3%	

### CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2023 (Preliminary)	R 124 324 279 284	R 41 781 665 562	R 82 542 613 722
January to August 2022 (Revised)	R 115 971 395 874	R 37 158 684 713	R 78 812 711 161

R Increase/Decrease	R 8 352 883 410	R 4 622 980 849	
% Growth	7.2%	12.4%	

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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	July 2023 Revision / August 2023							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	48 621.6	49 306.8	1.4%	-68.2	14 900.4	12 167.4	-18.3%	-12.1
AMERICA	16 063.6	14 808.1	-7.8%	-472.7	19 598.7	19 414.8	-0.9%	-30.8
ASIA	48 459.7	58 682.1	21.1%	40.9	78 156.5	84 998.3	8.8%	-19.8
EUROPE	44 716.8	46 008.8	2.9%	-43.8	43 239.9	48 834.7	12.9%	4.8
OCEANIA	2 223.7	1 670.2	-24.9%	-31.5	1 772.4	1 417.5	-20.0%	0.1
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	12 448.1	9 675.2	-22.3%	-	313.5	1 149.8	266.7%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	891.3	1 109.8	24.5%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>173 424.9</b>	<b>181 261.1</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>-575.3</b>	<b>157 981.5</b>	<b>167 982.3</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>-57.8</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 564.7	1 676.0	7.1%	14.1	1 506.3	1 566.1	4.0%	1.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15 121.5	16 291.2	7.7%	43.3	3 691.1	4 091.4	10.8%	-0.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	658.9	565.7	-14.1%	-3.0	932.8	1 205.1	29.2%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 004.4	7 406.5	5.7%	-5.0	4 322.4	4 779.0	10.6%	-11.5
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	41 422.0	45 371.7	9.5%	-517.0	31 431.1	28 758.3	-8.5%	-30.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 429.4	9 800.0	3.9%	-6.4	14 312.4	17 510.6	22.3%	-3.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 137.3	3 293.1	5.0%	-7.3	5 832.4	6 557.0	12.4%	-2.6
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	350.7	378.3	7.9%	-0.3	381.9	433.3	13.4%	0.5
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	875.0	795.4	-9.1%	-2.1	585.1	588.3	0.5%	-0.2
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	2 593.5	2 676.1	3.2%	150.7	4 267.2	5 199.0	21.8%	-1.7
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 551.6	1 644.7	6.0%	-0.8	5 046.4	5 255.4	4.1%	-4.8
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	324.6	350.7	8.0%	0.0	1 736.0	1 729.7	-0.4%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	647.6	733.1	13.2%	0.2	1 522.2	1 836.7	20.7%	-0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	31 385.7	29 068.4	-7.4%	-0.0	1 910.9	2 760.8	44.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	16 939.6	19 369.4	14.3%	13.4	8 233.8	7 989.3	-3.0%	-2.5
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	12 600.3	13 773.8	9.3%	-11.1	38 929.5	38 189.0	-1.9%	5.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	25 359.5	25 612.9	1.0%	-242.4	13 296.7	15 773.8	18.6%	-7.6
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	998.0	1 010.5	1.2%	0.1	3 669.5	3 859.4	5.2%	1.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	937.5	1 008.5	7.6%	-1.6	1 963.5	2 396.6	22.1%	-1.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	131.4	97.9	-25.5%	0.0	70.0	31.4	-55.1%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	391.5	335.1	-14.4%	-0.0	135.0	179.1	32.7%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	2.0	4269.7%	-	14 205.3	17 292.9	21.7%	0.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>173 424.9</b>	<b>181 261.1</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>-575.3</b>	<b>157 981.5</b>	<b>167 982.3</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>-57.8</b>

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World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	317 564.1	355 646.7	12.0%	107 175.2	118 069.6	10.2%
AMERICA	132 307.1	126 930.7	-4.1%	124 319.4	149 710.5	20.4%
ASIA	432 369.7	430 799.3	-0.4%	616 373.4	674 471.8	9.4%
EUROPE	369 497.1	339 725.9	-8.1%	294 965.1	355 240.6	20.4%
OCEANIA	10 117.0	13 288.1	31.3%	17 383.9	14 737.8	-15.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	57 475.6	76 761.5	33.6%	6 593.1	6 372.1	-3.4%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	7 935.8	7 470.1	-5.9%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 327 266.4</b>	<b>1 350 622.4</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1 166 810.2</b>	<b>1 318 602.2</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	11 846.0	13 524.6	14.2%	14 386.6	14 317.6	-0.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	80 343.1	94 677.8	17.8%	22 504.1	27 081.2	20.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	5 983.8	5 127.8	-14.3%	14 558.5	8 489.8	-41.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	43 018.1	51 606.2	20.0%	29 535.4	36 781.7	24.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	374 488.8	354 237.6	-5.4%	264 254.3	263 068.6	-0.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	84 115.5	78 696.7	-6.4%	134 571.9	126 414.9	-6.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	22 673.2	24 107.5	6.3%	50 052.4	48 931.8	-2.2%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	2 616.6	2 861.4	9.4%	2 744.9	3 047.9	11.0%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	6 575.2	6 753.7	2.7%	4 824.2	4 659.4	-3.4%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	16 062.2	22 629.3	40.9%	37 591.2	37 184.8	-1.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	12 975.6	15 292.5	17.9%	38 925.2	39 365.4	1.1%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	2 278.6	2 533.0	11.2%	12 093.0	12 022.6	-0.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 720.0	5 302.6	12.3%	11 236.6	12 022.0	7.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	293 837.2	250 051.4	-14.9%	16 414.9	18 684.4	13.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	138 568.1	152 380.9	10.0%	65 227.0	66 968.6	2.7%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	88 705.4	100 280.6	13.0%	237 315.2	322 717.6	36.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	121 874.4	153 063.5	25.6%	89 043.9	120 551.0	35.4%
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 922.9	6 693.6	13.0%	14 612.3	14 755.8	1.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	733.6	987.6	34.6%	245.0	730.2	198.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 353.7	2 435.7	-27.4%	1 021.0	1 057.6	3.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	11.7	4.1	-65.1%	80 608.7	110 576.4	37.2%
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 225.9	1 281.9	4.6%	14.3	1 172.1	1 176.6	0.4%	-0.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	14 203.4	15 304.9	7.8%	42.9	3 536.5	3 906.2	10.5%	0.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	437.0	324.2	-25.8%	-3.0	931.1	1 203.0	29.2%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 150.4	5 455.6	5.9%	-3.8	3 577.6	4 028.5	12.6%	-11.5
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	38 497.8	42 352.3	10.0%	-521.5	31 188.8	28 611.2	-8.3%	-30.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	7 987.2	8 155.3	2.1%	-5.9	13 526.1	16 551.8	22.4%	-3.4
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 421.7	2 546.4	5.1%	-7.3	5 764.3	6 486.2	12.5%	-2.6
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IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	686.1	557.5	-18.7%	-2.1	324.8	331.4	2.0%	-0.2
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	2 265.7	2 306.0	1.8%	150.7	4 234.3	5 142.4	21.4%	-1.8
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	832.9	872.7	4.8%	-0.8	4 237.2	4 458.6	5.2%	-4.1
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	127.2	120.1	-5.6%	-	1 714.4	1 706.9	-0.4%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	477.6	546.0	14.3%	0.2	1 511.4	1 823.0	20.6%	-0.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	31 014.2	28 498.7	-8.1%	-0.0	650.8	1 508.9	131.8%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	15 832.3	18 213.5	15.0%	13.3	8 142.6	7 889.0	-3.1%	-2.6
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	10 345.8	11 146.8	7.7%	-10.5	38 447.5	37 588.0	-2.2%	5.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	23 651.0	23 750.7	0.4%	-242.4	13 164.6	15 705.7	19.3%	-7.6
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	782.4	776.3	-0.8%	0.0	3 657.8	3 852.2	5.3%	1.4
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	554.7	566.4	2.1%	-1.6	1 949.9	2 384.0	22.3%	-1.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	130.9	97.2	-25.8%	0.0	69.9	31.4	-55.1%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	386.2	330.0	-14.5%	-	132.8	178.2	34.2%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	-100.0%	-	14 204.9	17 292.9	21.7%	0.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>157 320.6</b>	<b>163 528.2</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>-577.8</b>	<b>152 513.2</b>	<b>162 276.5</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>-57.9</b>

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EUROPE	369 497.1	339 725.9	-8.1%	294 965.1	355 240.6	20.4%
OCEANIA	10 117.0	13 288.1	31.3%	17 383.9	14 737.8	-15.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	57 475.6	76 761.5	33.6%	6 593.1	6 372.1	-3.4%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	7 935.8	7 470.1	-5.9%	-	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 211 295.0</b>	<b>1 226 298.1</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1 129 651.5</b>	<b>1 276 820.6</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	9 280.2	10 817.1	16.6%	10 867.2	11 150.3	2.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	73 428.0	86 619.4	18.0%	21 708.5	26 128.0	20.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	4 235.0	3 576.2	-15.6%	14 543.5	8 480.2	-41.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	30 435.2	37 239.3	22.4%	24 445.4	31 271.1	27.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	354 568.4	332 589.9	-6.2%	263 181.0	261 170.7	-0.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	73 331.3	67 138.1	-8.4%	128 999.1	120 086.3	-6.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	17 563.1	18 612.2	6.0%	49 596.5	48 385.7	-2.4%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	2 254.7	2 497.0	10.7%	2 664.3	2 978.7	11.8%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	5 007.9	5 218.4	4.2%	3 207.2	2 871.6	-10.5%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	13 807.4	19 866.6	43.9%	37 340.9	36 863.3	-1.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	7 224.1	9 510.4	31.6%	33 674.4	33 848.8	0.5%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	880.9	1 045.2	18.7%	11 998.9	11 875.7	-1.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 310.0	3 881.3	17.3%	11 149.7	11 931.8	7.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	287 602.2	246 887.5	-14.2%	8 596.7	8 906.3	3.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	130 696.0	144 394.4	10.5%	64 502.9	66 270.0	2.7%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	72 544.1	82 598.6	13.9%	233 890.3	318 594.6	36.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	112 775.3	140 734.0	24.8%	87 950.9	119 896.8	36.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	5 109.1	5 777.6	13.1%	24 955.4	29 094.0	16.6%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 191.5	3 917.1	22.7%	14 519.8	14 667.7	1.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	728.3	981.9	34.8%	244.4	729.6	198.5%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 314.3	2 393.9	-27.8%	1 005.9	1 043.3	3.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	8.0	2.0	-74.4%	80 608.7	110 576.0	37.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 211 295.0</b>	<b>1 226 298.1</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1 129 651.5</b>	<b>1 276 820.6</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

# Preliminary BELN Monthly Statement

<b>METHODOLOGY</b> COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES. ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS	Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month to and from South Africa. Cursory checks of the figures are made prior to the publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.
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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	July 2023 Revision / August 2023 / July 2023 Revision							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	16 104.3	17 732.8	10.1%	2.5	5 468.3	5 705.9	4.3%	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 104.3</b>	<b>17 732.8</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5 468.3</b>	<b>5 705.9</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2023	August 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	338.8	394.0	16.3%	-0.3	334.2	389.5	16.5%	1.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	918.0	986.3	7.4%	0.4	154.6	185.2	19.8%	-0.7
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	221.9	241.5	8.8%	-	1.7	2.1	25.7%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 854.0	1 950.9	5.2%	-1.2	744.8	750.4	0.8%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 924.2	3 019.4	3.3%	4.5	242.3	147.1	-39.3%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 442.2	1 644.7	14.0%	-0.4	786.2	958.8	21.9%	0.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	715.6	746.7	4.3%	-0.1	68.1	70.9	4.1%	-0.0
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	40.5	52.7	30.0%	-	8.1	12.9	57.9%	-
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	188.9	237.8	25.9%	-0.0	260.3	256.9	-1.3%	-0.0
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	327.9	370.1	12.9%	-0.0	32.9	56.6	72.3%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	718.8	772.0	7.4%	-	809.2	796.8	-1.5%	-0.7
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	197.4	230.6	16.8%	0.0	21.6	22.8	5.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	170.0	187.1	10.0%	-	10.8	13.7	27.0%	-0.0
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	371.5	569.7	53.3%	-	1 260.1	1 252.0	-0.6%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 107.4	1 155.9	4.4%	0.2	91.3	100.3	9.9%	0.1
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	2 254.5	2 627.0	16.5%	-0.6	482.0	600.9	24.7%	0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 708.5	1 862.2	9.0%	0.0	132.1	68.2	-48.4%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	215.6	234.2	8.6%	0.1	11.7	7.2	-38.3%	-0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	382.8	442.2	15.5%	0.0	13.5	12.6	-6.8%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.5	0.7	41.2%	-	0.1	0.1	-27.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.4	5.0	-6.5%	-0.0	2.2	0.9	-59.2%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	2.0	16549.0%	-	0.4	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>16 104.3</b>	<b>17 732.8</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5 468.3</b>	<b>5 705.9</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>0.0</b>

# Preliminary BELN Cumulative Statement

<p><b>METHODOLOGY</b> CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p>	<p>Export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month from and to South Africa. Cursory checks of the figures are made prior to publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible.</p>
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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	January to August 2022 / January to August 2023					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	115 971.4	124 324.3	7.2%	37 158.7	41 781.7	12.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>115 971.4</b>	<b>124 324.3</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>37 158.7</b>	<b>41 781.7</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to August 2022	January to August 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 565.8	2 707.5	5.5%	3 519.5	3 167.2	-10.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 915.0	8 058.4	16.5%	795.6	953.3	19.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 748.8	1 551.5	-11.3%	15.1	9.6	-36.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	12 582.9	14 366.9	14.2%	5 090.0	5 510.5	8.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	19 920.4	21 647.7	8.7%	1 073.3	1 897.9	76.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	10 784.2	11 558.6	7.2%	5 572.8	6 328.6	13.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 110.1	5 495.3	7.5%	455.9	546.1	19.8%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	361.9	364.4	0.7%	80.6	69.1	-14.2%
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	1 567.3	1 535.3	-2.0%	1 617.0	1 787.8	10.6%
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or of paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof.	2 254.8	2 762.7	22.5%	250.3	321.4	28.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5 751.5	5 782.1	0.5%	5 250.7	5 516.6	5.1%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	1 397.7	1 487.8	6.4%	94.1	146.9	56.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 410.0	1 421.3	0.8%	86.9	90.2	3.8%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	6 234.9	3 163.9	-49.3%	7 818.2	9 778.2	25.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	7 872.2	7 986.4	1.5%	724.1	698.6	-3.5%
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	16 161.4	17 682.0	9.4%	3 424.9	4 123.0	20.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	9 099.1	12 329.5	35.5%	1 093.0	654.3	-40.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 453.6	1 597.0	9.9%	88.3	79.2	-10.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 731.4	2 776.5	1.7%	92.5	88.1	-4.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	5.3	5.7	7.8%	0.6	0.5	-13.2%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	39.4	41.8	6.0%	15.1	14.2	-5.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.7	2.1	-45.0%	-	0.4	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>115 971.4</b>	<b>124 324.3</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>37 158.7</b>	<b>41 781.7</b>	<b>12.4%</b>