

SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for December 2023 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 163 971 594 667	R 149 906 598 151	R 14 064 996 516
November 2023 (Revised)	R 185 333 439 551	R 164 771 115 932	R 20 562 323 619
R Increase/Decrease	R -21 361 844 884	R -14 864 517 781	
% Growth	-11.5%	-9.0%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 2 039 929 488 554	R 1 978 891 420 170	R 61 038 068 384
January to December 2022 (Revised)	R 2 012 554 322 725	R 1 820 507 466 960	R 192 046 855 765
R Increase/Decrease	R 27 375 165 829	R 158 383 953 210	
% Growth	1.4%	8.7%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 3 620 million (-8%)
Section 6:	Chemical products decreased by	R 2 157 million (-19%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 5 229 million (-16%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 2 111 million (-15%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments decreased by	R 4 693 million (-18%)

IMPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by	R 1 397 million (-37%)
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 2 314 million (-6%)
Section 11:	Textiles decreased by	R 1 029 million (-19%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 2 778 million (-8%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by	R 4 473 million (-34%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 148 611 864 007	R 144 922 660 880	R 3 689 203 127
November 2023 (Revised)	R 166 196 052 119	R 158 577 274 592	R 7 618 777 527
R Increase/Decrease	R -17 584 188 112	R -13 654 613 712	
% Growth	-10.6%	-8.6%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 1 845 531 207 389	R 1 914 591 229 378	R -69 060 021 989
January to December 2022 (Revised)	R 1 830 840 399 553	R 1 760 538 385 997	R 70 302 013 556
R Increase/Decrease	R 14 690 807 836	R 154 052 843 381	
% Growth	0.8%	8.8%	

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 15 359 730 660	R 4 983 937 271	R 10 375 793 389
November 2023 (Revised)	R 19 137 387 432	R 6 193 841 340	R 12 943 546 092
R Increase/Decrease	R -3 777 656 772	R -1 209 904 069	
% Growth	-19.7%	-19.5%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to December 2023 (Preliminary)	R 194 398 281 165	R 64 300 190 792	R 130 098 090 373
January to December 2022 (Revised)	R 181 713 923 172	R 59 969 080 963	R 121 744 842 209
R Increase/Decrease	R 12 684 357 993	R 4 331 109 829	
% Growth	7.0%	7.2%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

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	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	51 296.0	44 816.2	-12.6%	-107.3	16 079.6	16 071.2	-0.1%	0.6
AMERICA	16 543.8	14 263.7	-13.8%	-47.8	19 684.4	18 450.5	-6.3%	-2.3
ASIA	55 684.9	57 724.2	3.7%	-161.5	84 478.0	76 203.2	-9.8%	3.6
EUROPE	45 678.0	35 752.0	-21.7%	-128.0	42 669.1	36 920.8	-13.5%	0.3
OCEANIA	2 444.8	2 160.8	-11.6%	-8.2	1 462.9	2 022.4	38.2%	-0.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	12 685.4	8 371.5	-34.0%	-	397.0	238.5	-39.9%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 000.6	883.3	-11.7%	0.4	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	185 333.4	163 971.6	-11.5%	-452.4	164 771.1	149 906.6	-9.0%	2.2

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 858.5	1 683.0	-9.4%	2.8	1 792.0	1 796.1	0.2%	0.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	9 435.0	7 628.5	-19.1%	-7.6	3 804.8	2 408.3	-36.7%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	570.4	466.2	-18.3%	-0.7	1 345.6	1 128.2	-16.2%	-0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	8 409.3	8 301.3	-1.3%	2.0	4 494.6	4 187.3	-6.8%	-17.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	47 757.0	44 137.4	-7.6%	-205.3	38 548.8	36 235.1	-6.0%	-0.7
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	11 588.8	9 431.7	-18.6%	-4.5	16 735.9	16 742.3	0.0%	-2.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 975.4	2 756.4	-7.4%	-4.3	6 178.0	6 087.0	-1.5%	-3.3
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).	426.4	359.9	-15.6%	0.0	517.7	451.9	-12.7%	-0.3
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.	809.2	627.2	-22.5%	0.4	610.5	499.7	-18.1%	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.	2 389.4	3 351.7	40.3%	-50.8	4 867.5	5 286.7	8.6%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 201.5	1 993.0	-9.5%	0.2	5 445.1	4 415.7	-18.9%	0.8
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.	503.2	426.7	-15.2%	0.0	1 449.2	1 389.1	-4.1%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	725.0	546.7	-24.6%	-0.5	1 425.4	1 169.3	-18.0%	-0.7
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	32 934.3	27 705.5	-15.9%	-0.0	2 293.4	2 074.0	-9.6%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	20 176.8	18 139.9	-10.1%	20.6	7 319.9	6 503.5	-11.2%	1.0
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.	14 111.7	12 000.5	-15.0%	-4.9	35 754.8	32 976.9	-7.8%	24.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	25 406.0	20 713.5	-18.5%	-141.0	12 789.0	12 186.9	-4.7%	0.9
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 132.3	1 086.1	-4.1%	-60.1	4 107.5	3 739.2	-9.0%	-0.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 040.3	880.1	-15.4%	1.2	2 094.1	1 956.8	-6.6%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	149.4	296.4	98.4%	-0.0	63.8	36.8	-42.3%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	732.9	1 440.0	96.5%	-	148.7	123.7	-16.8%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.7	-	-100.0%	-	12 984.9	8 512.2	-34.4%	-0.1
Total		185 333.4	163 971.6	-11.5%	-452.4	164 771.1	149 906.6	-9.0%	2.2

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	493 710.0	550 547.0	11.5%	166 072.2	179 695.9	8.2%
AMERICA	209 408.0	189 124.7	-9.7%	191 787.8	230 020.9	19.9%
ASIA	640 846.7	645 770.9	0.8%	976 615.3	1 016 761.2	4.1%
EUROPE	553 476.3	503 614.9	-9.0%	452 994.1	522 553.5	15.4%
OCEANIA	15 894.9	22 206.4	39.7%	23 843.4	21 663.8	-9.1%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	87 912.2	117 787.9	34.0%	9 194.6	8 196.1	-10.9%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	11 306.3	10 877.7	-3.8%	-	-	0.0%
Total	2 012 554.3	2 039 929.5	1.4%	1 820 507.5	1 978 891.4	8.7%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	18 482.4	20 403.3	10.4%	21 228.3	20 882.1	-1.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	115 852.4	134 567.9	16.2%	33 555.3	41 026.9	22.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	8 560.5	7 284.4	-14.9%	19 382.7	14 185.2	-26.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	68 621.6	81 741.1	19.1%	46 796.0	54 357.0	16.2%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	562 502.8	528 858.1	-6.0%	418 316.4	422 244.5	0.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	127 367.9	119 779.8	-6.0%	207 451.4	194 702.5	-6.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	35 808.8	35 687.6	-0.3%	75 498.7	73 330.2	-2.9%
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).	4 197.7	4 333.5	3.2%	4 616.1	4 983.1	8.0%
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.	10 072.5	9 974.9	-1.0%	7 176.7	6 978.2	-2.8%
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.	29 075.1	34 295.0	18.0%	56 635.5	57 333.5	1.2%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	20 830.7	23 159.4	11.2%	60 152.5	59 563.4	-1.0%
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.	3 941.2	4 243.3	7.7%	18 994.4	18 039.0	-5.0%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	7 327.9	7 874.0	7.5%	17 190.5	17 517.5	1.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	437 878.9	371 980.8	-15.0%	24 636.3	27 068.8	9.9%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	203 377.6	225 490.5	10.9%	97 169.2	96 442.7	-0.7%
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.	139 145.3	152 775.6	9.8%	374 943.9	465 249.5	24.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	192 210.0	247 431.0	28.7%	151 727.0	172 747.2	13.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	10 673.8	11 680.5	9.4%	39 415.6	44 953.1	14.0%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	9 586.8	10 613.7	10.7%	22 796.1	23 421.0	2.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 224.5	2 176.7	77.8%	654.2	987.8	51.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 802.8	5 573.6	-4.0%	1 700.7	1 701.5	0.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	13.2	4.9	-62.9%	120 470.0	161 176.8	33.8%
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 218.7	6 605.3	-19.6%	-6.4	3 692.1	2 310.8	-37.4%	-0.2
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	308.4	261.4	-15.2%	-0.7	1 344.1	1 127.0	-16.2%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 842.5	6 176.2	5.7%	2.7	3 666.1	3 510.8	-4.2%	-17.2
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	44 731.6	41 313.8	-7.6%	-182.3	38 356.3	36 044.4	-6.0%	-0.7
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 637.1	7 915.5	-17.9%	-4.2	15 683.1	15 542.4	-0.9%	-2.2
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 072.8	2 113.0	1.9%	-3.9	6 089.4	6 026.7	-1.0%	-3.2
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).	350.6	296.5	-15.4%	0.0	505.4	447.5	-11.5%	-0.3
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.	560.0	434.3	-22.5%	0.5	383.6	351.0	-8.5%	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.	1 912.8	2 953.3	54.4%	-50.7	4 813.4	5 261.3	9.3%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 257.1	1 363.4	8.5%	0.2	4 453.1	3 891.9	-12.6%	0.8
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.	207.6	196.1	-5.6%	0.0	1 418.2	1 378.1	-2.8%	0.0
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	512.9	380.1	-25.9%	-0.5	1 414.7	1 159.5	-18.0%	-0.7
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	32 817.0	27 464.5	-16.3%	-	755.5	638.0	-15.6%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	18 967.9	17 238.8	-9.1%	20.6	7 211.2	6 456.6	-10.5%	0.9
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.	11 338.0	9 912.0	-12.6%	-0.6	35 202.3	32 740.4	-7.0%	22.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	23 629.7	19 491.9	-17.5%	-134.5	12 697.4	12 143.2	-4.4%	1.0
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	923.1	898.7	-2.6%	-57.3	4 098.3	3 733.7	-8.9%	-0.3
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	540.8	507.1	-6.2%	1.2	2 082.1	1 951.9	-6.3%	-0.5
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	148.7	295.9	99.0%	-0.0	63.7	36.7	-42.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	728.1	1 433.6	96.9%	-	146.5	121.9	-16.8%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.7	-	-100.0%	-	12 984.9	8 512.2	-34.4%	-0.1
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ASIA	640 846.7	645 770.9	0.8%	976 615.3	1 016 761.2	4.1%
EUROPE	553 476.3	503 614.9	-9.0%	452 994.1	522 553.5	15.4%
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		January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	14 488.1	16 302.3	12.5%	16 236.3	16 574.3	2.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	104 954.4	122 114.9	16.4%	32 289.4	39 619.2	22.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	5 743.2	4 789.6	-16.6%	19 361.1	14 169.2	-26.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	48 232.5	58 484.7	21.3%	38 733.1	45 816.1	18.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	531 669.2	495 612.6	-6.8%	416 419.9	419 734.9	0.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	110 017.7	101 252.3	-8.0%	198 121.9	184 059.7	-7.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	27 858.5	27 024.0	-3.0%	74 797.9	72 467.7	-3.1%
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).	3 591.2	3 710.7	3.3%	4 494.7	4 870.5	8.4%
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.	7 667.2	7 551.1	-1.5%	4 696.6	4 317.0	-8.1%
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.	25 289.6	29 875.0	18.1%	56 179.0	56 811.7	1.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	12 014.8	14 106.0	17.4%	51 758.0	50 765.8	-1.9%
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.	1 512.4	1 712.6	13.2%	18 833.4	17 792.5	-5.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	5 145.5	5 688.4	10.6%	17 062.7	17 382.4	1.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	428 075.7	367 321.2	-14.2%	12 624.5	12 080.6	-4.3%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	191 616.5	213 025.5	11.2%	96 151.6	95 371.8	-0.8%
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.	114 530.0	125 029.2	9.2%	369 644.3	459 300.8	24.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	177 768.3	228 912.0	28.8%	148 379.9	171 504.8	15.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	8 426.0	9 252.3	9.8%	39 289.3	44 819.3	14.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	5 275.6	6 082.7	15.3%	22 664.2	23 291.9	2.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 216.1	2 168.7	78.3%	653.3	986.8	51.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 738.9	5 512.5	-3.9%	1 677.5	1 677.5	0.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	9.1	2.9	-68.6%	120 470.0	161 176.5	33.8%
Total		1 830 840.4	1 845 531.2	0.8%	1 760 538.4	1 914 591.2	8.8%

Preliminary BELN Monthly Statement

<p>METHODOLOGY COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES. ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS</p>	<p>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.</p>
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	November 2023 Revision / December 2023							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
World Zone	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	19 137.4	15 359.7	-19.7%	-39.5	6 193.8	4 983.9	-19.5%	1.6
Total	19 137.4	15 359.7	-19.7%	-39.5	6 193.8	4 983.9	-19.5%	1.6

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	November 2023	December 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	368.5	322.5	-12.5%	-0.3	276.1	259.7	-5.9%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	1 216.3	1 023.2	-15.9%	-1.2	112.8	97.5	-13.6%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	262.0	204.8	-21.8%	-	1.4	1.2	-16.3%	-0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 566.8	2 125.1	-17.2%	-0.6	828.5	676.5	-18.3%	0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	3 025.4	2 823.6	-6.7%	-22.9	192.5	190.7	-1.0%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 951.8	1 516.2	-22.3%	-0.3	1 052.8	1 199.8	14.0%	0.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	902.6	643.4	-28.7%	-0.4	88.6	60.3	-31.9%	-0.1
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).	75.8	63.4	-16.4%	-0.0	12.3	4.4	-64.6%	-
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.	249.2	192.9	-22.6%	-0.1	226.8	148.7	-34.4%	-
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.	476.6	398.4	-16.4%	-0.0	54.1	25.4	-53.1%	-0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	944.4	629.5	-33.3%	0.1	992.0	523.7	-47.2%	-
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.	295.6	230.6	-22.0%	0.0	31.0	10.9	-64.7%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	212.0	166.6	-21.4%	-0.0	10.6	9.7	-8.5%	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.	117.3	241.0	105.5%	-0.0	1 537.9	1 436.0	-6.6%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 208.8	901.1	-25.5%	-0.0	108.7	46.8	-56.9%	0.2
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.	2 773.8	2 088.6	-24.7%	-4.2	552.5	236.5	-57.2%	1.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 776.3	1 221.6	-31.2%	-6.5	91.5	43.7	-52.2%	-0.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	209.1	187.3	-10.4%	-2.9	9.2	5.5	-40.1%	-0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	499.6	373.0	-25.3%	0.0	12.0	4.9	-59.3%	-0.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.7	0.5	-27.8%	-	0.1	0.1	39.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4.9	6.4	31.1%	-	2.2	1.8	-19.2%	-
Total		19 137.4	15 359.7	-19.7%	-39.5	6 193.8	4 983.9	-19.5%	1.6

Preliminary BELN Cumulative Statement

<p>METHODOLOGY 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 December 2022 / January to December 2023					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	181 713.9	194 398.3	7.0%	59 969.1	64 300.2	7.2%
Total	181 713.9	194 398.3	7.0%	59 969.1	64 300.2	7.2%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to December 2022	January to December 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 994.3	4 101.0	2.7%	4 992.0	4 307.8	-13.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	10 898.0	12 452.9	14.3%	1 265.9	1 407.6	11.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 817.3	2 494.9	-11.4%	21.7	16.0	-25.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	20 389.0	23 256.4	14.1%	8 062.9	8 540.9	5.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	30 833.6	33 245.5	7.8%	1 896.4	2 509.6	32.3%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	17 350.1	18 527.4	6.8%	9 329.4	10 642.8	14.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	7 950.3	8 663.5	9.0%	700.8	862.5	23.1%
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).	606.5	622.8	2.7%	121.4	112.6	-7.2%
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.	2 405.4	2 423.9	0.8%	2 480.1	2 661.1	7.3%
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.	3 785.5	4 420.0	16.8%	456.5	521.8	14.3%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	8 815.9	9 053.4	2.7%	8 394.5	8 797.5	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.	2 428.8	2 530.6	4.2%	161.0	246.5	53.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 182.4	2 185.6	0.1%	127.8	135.1	5.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	9 803.2	4 659.6	-52.5%	12 011.9	14 988.1	24.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 761.1	12 465.0	6.0%	1 017.6	1 070.9	5.2%
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.	24 615.3	27 746.4	12.7%	5 299.7	5 948.7	12.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	14 441.6	18 519.0	28.2%	3 347.1	1 242.4	-62.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 247.9	2 428.1	8.0%	126.3	133.8	6.0%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 311.2	4 531.0	5.1%	132.0	129.1	-2.2%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	8.4	8.0	-4.5%	0.9	1.0	6.8%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	63.9	61.1	-4.5%	23.2	23.9	3.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	4.1	2.1	-50.4%	0.0	0.4	747.4%
Total		181 713.9	194 398.3	7.0%	59 969.1	64 300.2	7.2%