

SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for May 2023 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 184 162 942 899	R 173 967 307 662	R 10 195 635 237
April 2023 (Revised)	R 163 994 011 752	R 160 024 765 647	R 3 969 246 105

R Increase/Decrease	R 20 168 931 147	R 13 942 542 015	
% Growth	12.3%	8.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 831 679 202 761	R 822 272 337 780	R 9 406 864 981
January to May 2022 (Revised)	R 793 275 680 772	R 685 977 254 199	R 107 298 426 573

R Increase/Decrease	R 38 403 521 990	R 136 295 083 581	
% Growth	4.8%	19.9%	

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by	R 2 692 million (28%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones increased by	R 3 806 million (13%)
Section 15:	Base metals increased by	R 1 752 million (9%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics increased by	R 2 667 million (24%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 3 264 million (17%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 2 023 million (7%)
Section 10:	Wood pulp & paper increased by	R 1 451 million (38%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics increased by	R 3 117 million (7%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 1 289 million (9%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by	R 1 098 million (9%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 167 986 777 475	R 168 752 745 692	R -765 968 217
April 2023 (Revised)	R 150 076 043 361	R 155 234 604 749	R -5 158 561 388
R Increase/Decrease	R 17 910 734 114	R 13 518 140 943	
% Growth	11.9%	8.7%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 756 982 203 010	R 796 558 948 359	R -39 576 745 349
January to May 2022 (Revised)	R 724 305 808 634	R 664 101 635 169	R 60 204 173 465
R Increase/Decrease	R 32 676 394 377	R 132 457 313 190	
% Growth	4.5%	19.9%	

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 16 176 165 424	R 5 214 561 970	R 10 961 603 454
April 2023 (Revised)	R 13 917 968 391	R 4 790 160 898	R 9 127 807 493
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 258 197 033	R 424 401 072	
% Growth	16.2%	8.9%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2023 (Preliminary)	R 74 696 999 751	R 25 713 389 421	R 48 983 610 330
January to May 2022 (Revised)	R 68 969 872 138	R 21 875 619 030	R 47 094 253 108
R Increase/Decrease	R 5 727 127 613	R 3 837 770 391	
% Growth	8.3%	17.5%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD: World Zone	April 2023 Revision/May 2023							
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	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	40 369.2	47 189.7	16.9%	-54.7	14 193.7	14 924.8	5.2%	-22.9
AMERICA	16 558.2	17 760.1	7.3%	216.1	19 709.2	20 279.6	2.9%	-53.8
ASIA	53 503.6	59 661.5	11.5%	237.1	82 303.1	89 552.6	8.8%	0.9
EUROPE	40 785.8	50 404.9	23.6%	-179.3	41 463.7	46 788.8	12.8%	-169.8
OCEANIA	2 072.9	1 404.2	-32.3%	-43.3	1 913.1	1 723.7	-9.9%	-7.4
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	10 227.2	6 378.2	-37.6%	-	441.9	697.8	57.9%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	477.1	1 364.4	186.0%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	163 994.0	184 162.9	12.3%	175.9	160 024.8	173 967.3	8.7%	-253.1

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 758.2	2 027.0	15.3%	-0.0	1 805.3	1 795.1	-0.6%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	9 689.4	12 381.6	27.8%	-4.4	3 456.2	3 795.3	9.8%	1.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	629.5	905.5	43.8%	-0.9	1 333.2	1 352.7	1.5%	0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	6 109.2	7 113.9	16.4%	1.1	4 288.9	5 251.2	22.4%	7.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	45 902.3	47 552.1	3.6%	-9.7	30 362.7	32 385.5	6.7%	-59.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 515.3	10 814.0	13.6%	-13.1	14 846.8	15 818.5	6.5%	-13.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 638.0	3 085.0	16.9%	-15.0	6 215.7	6 675.1	7.4%	-0.7
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).	390.7	405.6	3.8%	-	338.7	392.3	15.8%	-0.1
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.	836.1	851.7	1.9%	47.9	549.3	568.6	3.5%	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.	2 382.9	2 928.7	22.9%	161.8	3 858.2	5 308.9	37.6%	0.4
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 938.5	2 240.9	15.6%	-1.0	4 305.1	4 517.0	4.9%	0.0
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.	357.0	325.9	-8.7%	-1.6	1 195.1	1 355.9	13.5%	-0.8
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	650.3	682.2	4.9%	-0.3	1 403.5	1 636.8	16.6%	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.	29 682.2	33 488.2	12.8%	-	2 063.9	2 672.6	29.5%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	19 258.7	21 010.5	9.1%	190.9	8 698.1	8 940.7	2.8%	-8.8
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.	11 122.9	13 789.6	24.0%	-13.3	43 385.1	46 502.3	7.2%	-5.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	19 030.6	22 294.7	17.2%	-166.0	13 863.6	15 152.5	9.3%	-173.9
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	878.2	965.3	9.9%	0.0	3 619.4	3 961.3	9.4%	0.7
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	785.7	899.3	14.5%	-0.4	1 614.9	1 921.2	19.0%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	112.6	226.9	101.5%	-	38.8	114.4	195.1%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	325.6	174.2	-46.5%	0.0	136.9	105.4	-23.0%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	0.3	15.7%	-0.0	12 645.5	13 743.9	8.7%	0.0
Total		163 994.0	184 162.9	12.3%	175.9	160 024.8	173 967.3	8.7%	-253.1

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	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	188 381.2	210 246.8	11.6%	68 614.7	76 862.9	12.0%
AMERICA	79 019.5	81 086.6	2.6%	74 892.4	91 617.1	22.3%
ASIA	254 628.4	270 779.8	6.3%	351 164.5	420 399.1	19.7%
EUROPE	226 218.6	210 212.2	-7.1%	175 559.6	219 774.4	25.2%
OCEANIA	6 444.9	7 635.3	18.5%	11 592.7	9 240.7	-20.3%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	33 676.2	47 155.1	40.0%	4 153.3	4 378.2	5.4%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	4 906.9	4 563.4	-7.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	793 275.7	831 679.2	4.8%	685 977.3	822 272.3	19.9%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	7 298.9	8 574.4	17.5%	9 185.9	9 580.6	4.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	42 387.3	50 385.6	18.9%	13 092.4	15 632.5	19.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 967.3	3 103.7	-21.8%	8 366.9	5 182.8	-38.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	24 281.5	29 921.6	23.2%	17 221.6	23 474.2	36.3%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	220 602.3	227 924.1	3.3%	145 872.1	170 717.6	17.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	49 567.6	49 334.5	-0.5%	77 784.1	78 938.5	1.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	13 211.6	14 477.7	9.6%	28 909.2	29 956.5	3.6%
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).	1 609.4	1 776.3	10.4%	1 522.6	1 836.1	20.6%
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.	4 077.2	4 070.0	-0.2%	3 025.3	2 928.2	-3.2%
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.	9 678.5	14 631.5	51.2%	23 582.0	22 908.3	-2.9%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	8 204.8	10 246.8	24.9%	23 280.3	24 326.1	4.5%
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.	1 342.7	1 593.8	18.7%	6 355.6	6 919.6	8.9%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 768.6	3 171.9	14.6%	6 558.9	7 213.0	10.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	184 921.7	159 067.8	-14.0%	10 017.5	12 195.0	21.7%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	82 434.0	97 140.4	17.8%	40 056.0	41 372.7	3.3%
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.	52 791.0	59 653.7	13.0%	142 148.6	199 714.7	40.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	74 343.1	86 400.8	16.2%	52 884.7	77 220.2	46.0%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 983.8	4 397.9	10.4%	15 152.6	17 767.2	17.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 382.7	3 839.9	13.5%	8 337.4	8 411.8	0.9%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	443.7	669.0	50.8%	169.8	560.8	230.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 972.8	1 295.9	-34.3%	733.2	597.2	-18.6%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	4.9	1.9	-62.0%	51 720.7	64 818.8	25.3%
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AMERICA	16 558.2	17 760.1	7.3%	216.1	19 709.2	20 279.6	2.9%	-53.8
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OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	10 227.2	6 378.2	-37.6%	-	441.9	697.8	57.9%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	477.1	1 364.4	186.0%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	150 076.0	167 986.8	11.9%	180.1	155 234.6	168 752.7	8.7%	-254.2

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 436.9	1 660.2	15.5%	-0.0	1 401.0	1 423.5	1.6%	-0.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 723.3	11 343.4	30.0%	-4.4	3 372.0	3 661.7	8.6%	1.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	451.7	680.9	50.7%	-0.9	1 332.5	1 351.1	1.4%	0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 474.5	5 253.5	17.4%	-0.0	3 709.3	4 505.2	21.5%	7.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	43 274.6	44 975.5	3.9%	-7.6	30 097.4	32 107.5	6.7%	-59.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 220.0	9 245.8	12.5%	-13.1	14 253.1	15 121.4	6.1%	-13.5
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 010.0	2 365.8	17.7%	-14.4	6 156.3	6 607.9	7.3%	-0.7
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).	347.4	359.4	3.5%	-	331.2	383.1	15.7%	-0.1
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.	671.5	648.4	-3.4%	48.8	343.6	338.9	-1.4%	-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.	2 102.8	2 621.4	24.7%	162.1	3 822.6	5 259.4	37.6%	0.5
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 206.5	1 457.9	20.8%	-0.9	3 769.9	3 875.1	2.8%	0.0
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.	178.4	153.0	-14.3%	-1.6	1 179.3	1 339.8	13.6%	-0.8
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	476.3	491.7	3.3%	-0.1	1 393.4	1 625.7	16.7%	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.	29 676.2	32 787.6	10.5%	-	754.7	1 422.5	88.5%	0.0
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	18 319.2	19 953.1	8.9%	191.1	8 631.6	8 832.3	2.3%	-9.1
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.	9 192.6	11 483.1	24.9%	-13.3	42 921.4	45 954.1	7.1%	-5.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	17 705.9	20 803.7	17.5%	-165.0	13 726.6	15 116.4	10.1%	-173.9
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	712.3	763.3	7.2%	-0.0	3 613.1	3 953.0	9.4%	0.7
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	463.7	542.7	17.0%	-0.4	1 605.8	1 912.2	19.1%	-0.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	112.2	226.3	101.7%	-	38.7	114.3	195.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	320.0	169.9	-46.9%	0.0	135.7	103.7	-23.5%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.2	0.3	15.7%	-0.0	12 645.5	13 743.9	8.7%	0.0
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Total	724 305.8	756 982.2	4.5%	664 101.6	796 558.9	19.9%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	5 697.5	6 951.3	22.0%	6 998.6	7 562.8	8.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	37 966.6	45 283.6	19.3%	12 821.2	15 185.7	18.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 903.4	2 234.4	-23.0%	8 357.4	5 178.0	-38.0%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	16 668.3	21 299.9	27.8%	14 557.8	20 214.5	38.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	209 258.4	214 561.7	2.5%	145 285.1	169 472.0	16.6%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	43 141.6	42 355.0	-1.8%	74 297.9	74 941.0	0.9%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	10 113.2	11 196.0	10.7%	28 657.4	29 627.4	3.4%
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).	1 401.9	1 544.8	10.2%	1 475.2	1 797.6	21.9%
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.	3 145.1	3 172.2	0.9%	2 068.0	1 883.8	-8.9%
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.	8 287.7	12 895.9	55.6%	23 440.9	22 717.1	-3.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 778.6	6 584.7	37.8%	20 276.1	21 114.7	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.	522.4	679.5	30.1%	6 299.8	6 832.8	8.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 949.0	2 298.4	17.9%	6 507.0	7 158.7	10.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	181 726.3	157 253.6	-13.5%	5 250.5	5 828.4	11.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	77 566.7	92 457.7	19.2%	39 581.4	40 962.0	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.	43 155.5	49 178.0	14.0%	139 996.0	197 166.6	40.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	68 771.9	79 360.8	15.4%	52 245.4	76 865.3	47.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 097.9	3 448.9	11.3%	15 099.3	17 717.9	17.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 764.5	2 287.5	29.6%	8 273.7	8 366.0	1.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	440.3	665.6	51.2%	169.3	560.6	231.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 947.8	1 270.6	-34.8%	722.8	587.2	-18.8%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	1.2	1.9	60.0%	51 720.7	64 818.8	25.3%
Total		724 305.8	756 982.2	4.5%	664 101.6	796 558.9	19.9%

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

World Zone	April 2023 Revision / May 2023							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	13 918.0	16 176.2	16.2%	-4.2	4 790.2	5 214.6	8.9%	1.2
Total	13 918.0	16 176.2	16.2%	-4.2	4 790.2	5 214.6	8.9%	1.2

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	April 2023	May 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	321.3	366.7	14.1%	-0.0	404.3	371.6	-8.1%	0.4
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	966.1	1 038.2	7.5%	-	84.3	133.6	58.5%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	177.9	224.6	26.3%	-	0.7	1.6	124.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 634.7	1 860.4	13.8%	1.1	579.6	746.0	28.7%	0.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 627.7	2 576.6	-1.9%	-2.2	265.3	278.0	4.8%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 295.3	1 568.2	21.1%	0.0	593.7	697.0	17.4%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	627.9	719.2	14.5%	-0.6	59.4	67.2	13.1%	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).	43.2	46.1	6.7%	-	7.5	9.2	22.2%	-
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.	164.5	203.3	23.5%	-0.9	205.7	229.7	11.7%	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.	280.1	307.3	9.7%	-0.2	35.5	49.6	39.4%	-0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	732.0	783.0	7.0%	-0.1	535.2	641.9	19.9%	-
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.	178.6	173.0	-3.2%	-	15.8	16.1	2.1%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	174.0	190.5	9.5%	-0.2	10.1	11.1	9.9%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	5.9	700.6	11679.1%	-	1 309.2	1 250.0	-4.5%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	939.5	1 057.4	12.5%	-0.2	66.5	108.5	63.1%	0.3
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.	1 930.4	2 306.5	19.5%	0.0	463.7	548.2	18.2%	-
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 324.7	1 491.0	12.6%	-1.0	136.9	36.1	-73.6%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	165.9	202.1	21.8%	0.0	6.2	8.4	34.0%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	322.0	356.6	10.7%	-0.0	9.1	9.1	-0.2%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.6	42.7%	-	0.1	0.1	12.2%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.6	4.3	-23.6%	-	1.2	1.6	36.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		13 918.0	16 176.2	16.2%	-4.2	4 790.2	5 214.6	8.9%	1.2

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 May 2022 / January to May 2023					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	68 969.9	74 697.0	8.3%	21 875.6	25 713.4	17.5%
Total	68 969.9	74 697.0	8.3%	21 875.6	25 713.4	17.5%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2022	January to May 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 601.5	1 623.1	1.4%	2 187.2	2 017.8	-7.7%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	4 420.7	5 102.0	15.4%	271.2	446.8	64.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 064.0	869.3	-18.3%	9.6	4.8	-49.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 613.2	8 621.7	13.2%	2 663.7	3 259.7	22.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	11 343.9	13 362.4	17.8%	586.9	1 245.6	112.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 426.0	6 979.6	8.6%	3 486.2	3 997.5	14.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 098.4	3 281.7	5.9%	251.8	329.1	30.7%
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).	207.5	231.5	11.5%	47.4	38.4	-18.9%
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.	932.1	897.7	-3.7%	957.3	1 044.4	9.1%
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.	1 390.8	1 735.6	24.8%	141.1	191.2	35.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	3 426.2	3 662.1	6.9%	3 004.2	3 211.4	6.9%
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.	820.3	914.3	11.5%	55.8	86.8	55.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	819.6	873.4	6.6%	51.9	54.3	4.7%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	3 195.3	1 814.1	-43.2%	4 767.0	6 366.7	33.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	4 867.4	4 682.7	-3.8%	474.6	410.6	-13.5%
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.	9 635.5	10 475.6	8.7%	2 152.6	2 548.1	18.4%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	5 571.2	7 040.0	26.4%	639.3	354.9	-44.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	885.9	949.0	7.1%	53.3	49.3	-7.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 618.3	1 552.5	-4.1%	63.7	45.8	-28.2%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	3.4	3.4	-0.4%	0.4	0.3	-39.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	25.0	25.3	1.0%	10.4	10.0	-4.0%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.7	0.0	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total		68 969.9	74 697.0	8.3%	21 875.6	25 713.4	17.5%