

SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for October 2023 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 170 369 748 906	R 183 031 208 442	R -12 661 459 536
September 2023 (Revised)	R 173 495 025 094	R 161 522 102 733	R 11 972 922 361

R Increase/Decrease	R -3 125 276 188	R 21 509 105 709
% Growth	-1.8%	13.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 1 691 904 538 186	R 1 663 422 444 654	R 28 482 093 532
January to October 2022 (Revised)	R 1 678 716 658 175	R 1 497 964 693 428	R 180 751 964 747

R Increase/Decrease	R 13 187 880 011	R 165 457 751 226
% Growth	0.8%	11.0%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by	R 4 395 million (-31%)
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 2 074 million (5%)
Section 6:	Chemical products increased by	R 753 million (8%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 1 309 million (-4%)
Section 15:	Base metals decreased by	R 2 058 million (-11%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 14 451 million (42%)
Section 10:	Wood pulp & paper decreased by	R 644 million (-12%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics increased by	R 4 143 million (12%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 1 547 million (12%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by	R 847 million (6%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 151 531 579 933	R 176 977 734 592	R -25 446 154 659
September 2023 (Revised)	R 156 495 162 658	R 156 235 526 993	R 259 635 665

R Increase/Decrease	R -4 963 582 725	R 20 742 207 599
% Growth	-3.2%	13.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 1 531 874 434 807	R 1 610 297 068 467	R -78 422 633 660
January to October 2022 (Revised)	R 1 530 301 407 181	R 1 447 729 906 054	R 82 571 501 127

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 573 027 626	R 162 567 162 413
% Growth	0.1%	11.2%

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 18 838 168 973	R 6 053 473 850	R 12 784 695 123
September 2023 (Revised)	R 16 999 862 436	R 5 286 575 740	R 11 713 286 696

R Increase/Decrease	R 1 838 306 537	R 766 898 110
% Growth	10.8%	14.5%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to October 2023 (Preliminary)	R 160 030 103 379	R 53 125 376 187	R 106 904 727 192
January to October 2022 (Revised)	R 148 415 250 994	R 50 234 787 374	R 98 180 463 620

R Increase/Decrease	R 11 614 852 385	R 2 890 588 813
% Growth	7.8%	5.8%

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	September 2023 Revision / October 2023							
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	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	47 998.2	51 307.3	6.9%	-352.3	11 401.6	17 535.9	53.8%	2.5
AMERICA	16 715.1	15 084.5	-9.8%	-5.8	20 194.4	22 133.9	9.6%	1.3
ASIA	54 148.3	49 100.2	-9.3%	-719.7	85 442.4	95 553.3	11.8%	-22.0
EUROPE	41 628.6	42 023.1	0.9%	104.9	41 846.8	45 810.9	9.5%	26.3
OCEANIA	2 333.7	2 003.3	-14.2%	-20.4	2 080.6	1 365.3	-34.4%	-
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	9 980.3	10 019.4	0.4%	-167.6	556.3	631.9	13.6%	0.0
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	690.8	831.9	20.4%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	173 495.0	170 369.7	-1.8%	-1 161.0	161 522.1	183 031.2	13.3%	8.1

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 767.8	1 574.9	-10.9%	0.1	1 370.9	1 614.4	17.8%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	14 072.0	9 677.1	-31.2%	-580.8	3 557.0	4 177.2	17.4%	1.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	561.9	560.2	-0.3%	-	1 715.6	1 505.0	-12.3%	0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	6 569.4	6 945.6	5.7%	-0.1	4 333.5	4 509.2	4.1%	0.6
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	40 723.8	42 797.8	5.1%	-107.3	34 290.7	48 741.6	42.1%	22.4
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 751.8	10 505.2	7.7%	-4.0	17 266.3	17 752.8	2.8%	4.2
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 867.2	3 013.7	5.1%	-17.4	5 767.3	6 374.0	10.5%	-11.7
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).	311.9	374.3	20.0%	-0.0	489.1	480.4	-1.8%	-0.2
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.	840.6	948.8	12.9%	-0.2	623.4	586.7	-5.9%	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.	2 733.5	3 241.8	18.6%	-35.5	5 323.3	4 679.5	-12.1%	-6.6
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 668.3	2 006.5	20.3%	-2.5	5 290.2	5 103.9	-3.5%	-10.1
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.	374.5	406.2	8.5%	-0.6	1 759.1	1 436.8	-18.3%	-0.7
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	619.3	682.0	10.1%	-0.0	1 442.7	1 460.5	1.2%	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.	31 329.2	30 020.7	-4.2%	-167.6	2 021.1	1 995.3	-1.3%	-0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	18 600.2	16 541.8	-11.1%	-33.1	7 964.1	7 707.9	-3.2%	1.2
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.	13 119.1	13 293.2	1.3%	-0.3	34 832.8	38 975.4	11.9%	7.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	25 126.7	24 436.8	-2.7%	-212.2	12 836.1	14 383.6	12.1%	-0.8
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	936.2	1 159.5	23.9%	0.2	3 956.2	3 990.4	0.9%	0.1
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	996.7	997.9	0.1%	0.3	2 301.4	2 304.0	0.1%	0.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	142.6	602.9	322.9%	0.0	110.4	46.7	-57.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	382.4	582.7	52.4%	-	143.1	231.3	61.6%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.1	282.2%	-	14 127.6	14 974.7	6.0%	-0.0
Total		173 495.0	170 369.7	-1.8%	-1 161.0	161 522.1	183 031.2	13.3%	8.1

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	January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	405 968.0	454 653.5	12.0%	142 413.2	147 550.7	3.6%
AMERICA	169 380.8	158 435.6	-6.5%	157 238.7	191 928.6	22.1%
ASIA	541 778.7	532 990.1	-1.6%	794 921.5	855 303.9	7.6%
EUROPE	465 355.9	422 448.4	-9.2%	375 358.3	442 899.7	18.0%
OCEANIA	13 260.0	17 623.4	32.9%	20 666.2	18 179.1	-12.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	73 351.1	96 760.5	31.9%	7 366.8	7 560.4	2.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	9 622.2	8 992.9	-6.5%	-	-	0.0%
Total	1 678 716.7	1 691 904.5	0.8%	1 497 964.7	1 663 422.4	11.0%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	14 849.6	16 864.0	13.6%	17 561.8	17 295.8	-1.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	101 206.1	117 433.9	16.0%	29 117.8	34 812.7	19.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	7 245.6	6 247.9	-13.8%	16 999.1	11 709.7	-31.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	55 594.4	65 037.8	17.0%	38 235.3	45 671.6	19.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	477 967.9	437 216.3	-8.5%	346 313.5	346 520.6	0.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	105 919.5	98 926.5	-6.6%	172 766.9	161 274.5	-6.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	29 202.4	29 966.9	2.6%	62 894.5	61 075.7	-2.9%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	3 380.7	3 547.4	4.9%	3 732.2	4 016.0	7.6%
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.	8 441.7	8 541.4	1.2%	6 005.9	5 869.4	-2.3%
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.	22 743.6	28 589.0	25.7%	46 924.2	47 181.5	0.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	16 866.3	18 966.6	12.5%	49 535.5	49 744.1	0.4%
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.	3 073.1	3 313.7	7.8%	15 889.7	15 212.9	-4.3%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	5 990.6	6 603.1	10.2%	14 225.8	14 925.3	4.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	365 865.8	311 409.2	-14.9%	20 734.9	22 702.0	9.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	170 203.8	187 337.8	10.1%	81 970.6	82 629.3	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.	112 550.8	126 683.9	12.6%	303 252.3	396 515.6	30.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	155 964.1	201 923.2	29.5%	118 628.9	147 782.5	24.6%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	8 585.7	9 469.0	10.3%	32 151.0	37 118.7	15.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	7 749.9	8 689.3	12.1%	18 880.1	19 368.2	2.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	948.6	1 732.9	82.7%	321.9	887.2	175.6%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4 353.7	3 400.6	-21.9%	1 286.7	1 429.1	11.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	12.6	4.2	-66.4%	100 536.2	139 680.0	38.9%
Total		1 678 716.7	1 691 904.5	0.8%	1 497 964.7	1 663 422.4	11.0%

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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	690.8	831.9	20.4%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	156 495.2	151 531.6	-3.2%	-1 157.3	156 235.5	176 977.7	13.3%	5.7

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 406.1	1 233.5	-12.3%	0.1	1 054.3	1 326.3	25.8%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	13 087.1	8 504.9	-35.0%	-580.9	3 417.5	4 074.4	19.2%	-0.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	328.2	316.4	-3.6%	-	1 714.3	1 502.5	-12.4%	0.1
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 647.0	4 655.7	0.2%	0.2	3 601.5	3 716.0	3.2%	0.5
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	37 940.9	39 617.2	4.4%	-105.2	34 166.4	48 635.6	42.3%	22.5
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 041.9	8 708.7	8.3%	-4.0	16 310.2	16 645.3	2.1%	4.3
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 099.9	2 155.2	2.6%	-17.3	5 692.5	6 281.7	10.4%	-11.7
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).	268.1	298.8	11.4%	-0.0	475.9	466.9	-1.9%	-0.2
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.	619.8	722.0	16.5%	-0.1	374.9	336.8	-10.2%	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.	2 371.4	2 820.5	18.9%	-35.5	5 257.4	4 623.8	-12.1%	-6.6
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	875.4	1 101.8	25.9%	-2.6	4 514.0	4 115.1	-8.8%	-10.1
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.	128.9	135.1	4.8%	-0.6	1 733.6	1 404.7	-19.0%	-0.7
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	434.1	481.6	10.9%	-0.0	1 433.8	1 445.0	0.8%	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.	30 766.1	29 446.4	-4.3%	-167.6	835.9	944.4	13.0%	-0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	17 403.7	15 366.7	-11.7%	-33.1	7 865.8	7 593.0	-3.5%	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.	10 674.9	10 526.4	-1.4%	-0.9	34 376.1	38 396.5	11.7%	7.5
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	23 556.6	22 811.5	-3.2%	-210.2	12 796.9	13 968.9	9.2%	-0.8
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	582.4	529.6	-9.1%	0.3	2 290.7	2 290.0	0.0%	0.1
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	142.0	602.2	324.2%	0.0	110.2	46.6	-57.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	377.6	579.3	53.4%	-	139.1	229.6	65.1%	0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.1	279.8%	-	14 127.6	14 974.7	6.0%	-0.0
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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	11 584.3	13 453.6	16.1%	13 307.4	13 522.5	1.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	92 460.7	107 218.5	16.0%	28 076.8	33 616.5	19.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	4 965.9	4 219.8	-15.0%	16 980.6	11 696.3	-31.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	39 168.8	46 460.0	18.6%	31 630.4	38 635.8	22.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	452 777.1	409 726.8	-9.5%	344 820.5	344 393.1	-0.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	91 945.2	83 863.1	-8.8%	165 253.0	152 882.3	-7.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	22 642.1	22 847.1	0.9%	62 305.4	60 362.5	-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).	2 905.4	3 063.8	5.5%	3 628.7	3 920.1	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.	6 440.1	6 559.5	1.9%	3 935.5	3 583.4	-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.	19 745.1	25 043.7	26.8%	46 547.2	46 738.6	0.4%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	9 529.9	11 487.0	20.5%	42 625.4	42 462.5	-0.4%
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.	1 177.1	1 309.3	11.2%	15 762.1	15 008.4	-4.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 184.8	4 796.0	14.6%	14 118.5	14 810.7	4.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	358 274.8	307 108.0	-14.3%	10 682.2	10 687.2	0.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	160 296.9	176 979.4	10.4%	81 073.5	81 714.5	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.	92 004.0	103 792.3	12.8%	298 667.8	391 357.6	31.0%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	144 000.3	186 400.1	29.4%	115 381.2	146 674.5	27.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	6 730.4	7 437.2	10.5%	32 041.1	36 999.5	15.5%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 213.6	5 030.3	19.4%	18 766.3	19 256.0	2.6%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	942.1	1 726.0	83.2%	321.2	886.4	176.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4 304.0	3 350.8	-22.1%	1 269.0	1 409.2	11.1%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	8.9	2.2	-75.4%	100 536.2	139 679.7	38.9%
Total		1 530 301.4	1 531 874.4	0.1%	1 447 729.9	1 610 297.1	11.2%

Preliminary BELN Monthly Statement

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	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

PERIOD:	September 2023 Revision / October 2023							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	16 999.9	18 838.2	10.8%	-3.6	5 286.6	6 053.5	14.5%	2.4
Total	16 999.9	18 838.2	10.8%	-3.6	5 286.6	6 053.5	14.5%	2.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	September 2023	October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	361.7	341.4	-5.6%	-	316.6	288.1	-9.0%	-0.0
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	984.9	1 172.2	19.0%	0.1	139.5	102.8	-26.4%	1.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	233.6	243.7	4.3%	-	1.3	2.5	95.1%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 922.4	2 289.9	19.1%	-0.3	732.0	793.3	8.4%	0.1
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 782.8	3 180.7	14.3%	-2.0	124.3	106.0	-14.7%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 709.8	1 796.4	5.1%	0.0	956.1	1 107.5	15.8%	-0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	767.3	858.5	11.9%	-0.1	74.8	92.3	23.4%	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).	43.8	75.5	72.6%	0.0	13.2	13.5	2.5%	-
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.	220.7	226.7	2.7%	-0.0	248.5	249.9	0.6%	-
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.	362.0	421.3	16.4%	-	65.9	55.8	-15.4%	0.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	792.9	904.8	14.1%	0.1	776.2	988.8	27.4%	-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.	245.6	271.1	10.4%	0.0	25.5	32.1	25.5%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	185.2	200.4	8.2%	0.0	8.9	15.5	74.5%	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.	563.1	574.3	2.0%	-0.0	1 185.2	1 050.9	-11.3%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 196.5	1 175.2	-1.8%	0.0	98.3	114.9	16.8%	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.	2 444.2	2 766.9	13.2%	0.6	456.7	578.9	26.8%	0.3
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 570.2	1 625.3	3.5%	-2.0	39.3	414.7	956.3%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	193.4	241.5	24.8%	-0.0	9.4	30.6	225.8%	-0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	414.3	468.4	13.0%	0.0	10.8	14.0	29.7%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.6	0.6	7.9%	-	0.2	0.1	-73.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	4.8	3.4	-28.8%	-	4.0	1.6	-59.9%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.0	#DIV/0!	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		16 999.9	18 838.2	10.8%	-3.6	5 286.6	6 053.5	14.5%	2.4

Preliminary BELN Cumulative Statement

METHODOLOGY CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR	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.
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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	January to October 2022 / January to October 2023					
	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	148 415.3	160 030.1	7.8%	50 234.8	53 125.4	5.8%
Total	148 415.3	160 030.1	7.8%	50 234.8	53 125.4	5.8%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to October 2022	January to October 2023	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 265.4	3 410.4	4.4%	4 254.4	3 773.3	-11.3%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 745.3	10 215.4	16.8%	1 041.0	1 196.2	14.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 279.6	2 028.0	-11.0%	18.4	13.4	-27.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	16 425.6	18 577.8	13.1%	6 604.9	7 035.8	6.5%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	25 190.9	27 489.5	9.1%	1 493.0	2 127.5	42.5%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	13 974.3	15 063.4	7.8%	7 513.9	8 392.2	11.7%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 560.4	7 119.8	8.5%	589.0	713.2	21.1%
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).	475.3	483.6	1.8%	103.5	95.9	-7.3%
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.	2 001.7	1 981.9	-1.0%	2 070.4	2 286.0	10.4%
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.	2 998.5	3 545.3	18.2%	377.0	442.9	17.5%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	7 336.4	7 479.6	2.0%	6 910.1	7 281.6	5.4%
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.	1 896.0	2 004.4	5.7%	127.6	204.5	60.3%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 805.8	1 807.2	0.1%	107.3	114.6	6.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	7 591.0	4 301.3	-43.3%	10 052.7	12 014.9	19.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 906.9	10 358.3	4.6%	897.2	914.8	2.0%
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.	20 546.8	22 891.5	11.4%	4 584.5	5 158.0	12.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 963.8	15 523.1	29.8%	3 247.7	1 108.0	-65.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 855.3	2 031.7	9.5%	109.9	119.2	8.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 536.4	3 659.1	3.5%	113.7	112.2	-1.3%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	6.5	6.9	5.6%	0.8	0.8	7.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	49.7	49.9	0.2%	17.7	19.9	12.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.7	2.1	-45.0%	-	0.4	#DIV/0!
Total		148 415.3	160 030.1	7.8%	50 234.8	53 125.4	5.8%