

SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for August 2026 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 181 796 174 647	R 161 323 142 894	R 20 473 031 753
July 2026 (Revised)	R 193 083 661 301	R 175 039 962 041	R 18 043 699 260

R Increase/Decrease	R -11 287 486 655	R -13 716 819 147
% Growth	-5.8%	-7.8%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 1 452 435 276 953	R 1 302 940 909 634	R 149 494 367 319
January to August 2025 (Revised)	R 1 347 376 017 419	R 1 251 281 799 782	R 96 094 217 637

R Increase/Decrease	R 105 059 259 535	R 51 659 109 852
% Growth	7.8%	4.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products decreased by	R 1 536 million (-9%)
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 4 474 million (-9%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 3 646 million (-9%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 446 million (-3%)
Section 22:	Other unclassified goods increased by	R 702 million (196%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 1 342 million (-4%)
Section 6:	Chemical products decreased by	R 3 403 million (-16%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 1 784 million (-5%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments decreased by	R 1 660 million (-8%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by	R 2 862 million (-20%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 165 171 992 557	R 154 972 699 426	R 10 199 293 131
July 2026 (Revised)	R 175 790 870 111	R 168 819 012 863	R 6 971 857 248
R Increase/Decrease	R -10 618 877 555	R -13 846 313 437	
% Growth	-6.0%	-8.2%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 1 323 751 679 553	R 1 254 290 071 642	R 69 461 607 911
January to August 2025 (Revised)	R 1 212 123 161 568	R 1 197 048 679 162	R 15 074 482 406
R Increase/Decrease	R 111 628 517 986	R 57 241 392 480	
% Growth	9.2%	4.8%	

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 16 624 182 090	R 6 350 443 468	R 10 273 738 622
July 2026 (Revised)	R 17 292 791 190	R 6 220 949 178	R 11 071 842 012
R Increase/Decrease	R -668 609 100	R 129 494 290	
% Growth	-3.9%	2.1%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to August 2026 (Preliminary)	R 128 683 597 400	R 48 650 837 992	R 80 032 759 408
January to August 2025 (Revised)	R 135 252 855 851	R 54 233 120 620	R 81 019 735 231
R Increase/Decrease	R -6 569 258 451	R -5 582 282 628	
% Growth	-4.9%	-10.3%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

World Zone	July 2026 Revision / August 2026							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	49 163.2	47 929.9	-2.5%	-74.6	17 250.9	19 120.5	10.8%	-20.5
AMERICA	15 891.7	17 858.5	12.4%	-25.0	20 902.2	15 601.6	-25.4%	100.3
ASIA	59 663.1	55 073.2	-7.7%	-564.0	91 168.2	80 419.7	-11.8%	941.4
EUROPE	47 819.8	41 959.6	-12.3%	-214.1	43 983.2	44 743.7	1.7%	186.6
OCEANIA	2 064.5	2 363.9	14.5%	-6.2	1 508.9	857.5	-43.2%	1.0
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	17 224.4	15 410.6	-10.5%	0.4	226.5	580.1	156.2%	0.1
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 257.0	1 200.6	-4.5%	-0.2	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	193 083.7	181 796.2	-5.8%	-883.6	175 040.0	161 323.1	-7.8%	1 208.8

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 244.2	2 000.5	-10.9%	-0.6	1 768.2	1 495.5	-15.4%	1.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	16 687.9	15 151.8	-9.2%	-20.2	3 842.7	3 115.6	-18.9%	47.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	791.1	682.7	-13.7%	-0.0	1 645.5	1 388.5	-15.6%	0.6
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 947.9	7 772.7	-2.2%	-4.2	4 662.2	5 456.9	17.0%	204.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	48 916.7	44 442.7	-9.1%	-668.2	30 202.6	28 860.2	-4.4%	667.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	10 076.3	9 934.6	-1.4%	-35.7	20 666.4	17 263.7	-16.5%	2.2
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 124.6	3 129.5	0.2%	-10.2	7 202.5	6 662.9	-7.5%	7.0
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).	401.7	308.4	-23.2%	-0.1	427.2	445.8	4.4%	0.4
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.	1 266.6	1 134.1	-10.5%	-68.4	669.6	627.0	-6.4%	0.8
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.	2 531.6	2 689.6	6.2%	-27.4	2 041.6	2 090.3	2.4%	4.7
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 947.5	1 701.5	-12.6%	-3.6	5 558.9	4 940.5	-11.1%	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.	349.5	344.9	-1.3%	1.1	1 824.9	1 846.8	1.2%	0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	700.1	622.9	-11.0%	-3.7	1 417.1	1 346.2	-5.0%	3.4
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	39 594.4	35 948.0	-9.2%	-0.9	2 965.0	2 834.0	-4.4%	0.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	13 006.6	12 822.1	-1.4%	-23.5	9 272.9	8 659.0	-6.6%	58.1
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.	14 945.1	14 498.6	-3.0%	-0.2	38 383.1	36 598.8	-4.6%	229.8
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	25 716.7	25 458.5	-1.0%	-15.8	21 017.3	19 356.8	-7.9%	-15.5
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 372.0	1 016.5	-25.9%	0.1	4 387.3	3 961.9	-9.7%	-0.6
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	989.3	950.8	-3.9%	-2.2	2 377.6	2 401.5	1.0%	-4.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	116.3	118.8	2.1%	-0.0	60.1	159.1	164.9%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	357.7	1 059.8	196.3%	-	131.5	158.1	20.3%	0.4
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	7.1	11365.3%	-	14 516.0	11 654.0	-19.7%	-
Total		193 083.7	181 796.2	-5.8%	-883.6	175 040.0	161 323.1	-7.8%	1 208.8

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	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	372 732.5	356 972.4	-4.2%	125 008.2	154 740.4	23.8%
AMERICA	112 871.9	124 443.4	10.3%	128 482.2	140 412.1	9.3%
ASIA	385 370.9	456 149.7	18.4%	643 652.6	646 887.0	0.5%
EUROPE	340 891.8	360 615.0	5.8%	332 773.0	347 378.4	4.4%
OCEANIA	14 776.2	13 895.7	-6.0%	18 017.1	11 262.4	-37.5%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	111 406.8	132 056.3	18.5%	3 348.6	2 260.7	-32.5%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	9 325.9	8 302.7	-11.0%	-	-	0.0%
Total	1 347 376.0	1 452 435.3	7.8%	1 251 281.8	1 302 940.9	4.1%

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		January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	16 574.6	16 470.1	-0.6%	11 204.2	13 267.5	18.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	106 377.1	102 670.0	-3.5%	31 388.7	26 893.3	-14.3%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	5 297.1	5 419.7	2.3%	9 927.8	10 211.4	2.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	58 584.8	57 265.5	-2.3%	40 857.4	38 656.9	-5.4%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	327 545.0	360 681.5	10.1%	229 634.2	277 976.8	21.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	76 227.3	77 914.7	2.2%	135 059.6	135 859.1	0.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	23 659.8	22 833.8	-3.5%	50 510.0	49 961.4	-1.1%
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).	2 762.9	2 612.7	-5.4%	3 396.9	3 179.0	-6.4%
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.	8 660.4	8 962.3	3.5%	5 007.6	5 180.1	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.	20 543.9	18 520.9	-9.8%	15 793.3	15 676.7	-0.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	15 788.4	15 820.1	0.2%	42 908.7	40 565.1	-5.5%
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.	3 112.8	2 546.1	-18.2%	13 420.0	11 880.2	-11.5%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	5 531.4	5 067.1	-8.4%	10 785.0	10 117.1	-6.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	257 063.8	348 760.9	35.7%	29 877.5	24 739.0	-17.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	114 703.6	108 596.8	-5.3%	64 438.0	65 551.2	1.7%
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.	95 239.5	100 866.0	5.9%	282 368.8	288 406.8	2.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	188 476.0	174 354.0	-7.5%	117 985.3	136 123.9	15.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	7 324.9	10 698.7	46.1%	31 340.7	31 613.0	0.9%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	7 701.2	7 229.4	-6.1%	16 544.0	16 262.9	-1.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 040.1	1 189.6	14.4%	525.2	1 093.1	108.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 150.0	3 948.2	-23.3%	1 401.5	1 251.3	-10.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	11.4	7.3	-36.1%	106 907.3	98 475.3	-7.9%
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AFRICA	31 870.4	31 305.7	-1.8%	-70.8	11 030.0	12 770.1	15.8%	0.2
AMERICA	15 891.7	17 858.5	12.4%	-25.0	20 902.2	15 601.6	-25.4%	100.3
ASIA	59 663.1	55 073.2	-7.7%	-564.0	91 168.2	80 419.7	-11.8%	941.4
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 257.0	1 200.6	-4.5%	-0.2	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	175 790.9	165 172.0	-6.0%	-879.8	168 819.0	154 972.7	-8.2%	1 229.5

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 807.6	1 611.2	-10.9%	-0.6	1 407.8	1 155.1	-17.9%	0.9
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15 707.7	14 230.5	-9.4%	-20.0	3 623.8	2 876.6	-20.6%	48.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	512.6	408.8	-20.2%	-0.0	1 641.4	1 383.1	-15.7%	0.6
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 829.0	5 682.2	-2.5%	-3.5	3 758.3	4 451.3	18.4%	203.9
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	46 638.1	42 494.4	-8.9%	-667.8	29 991.0	28 655.3	-4.5%	667.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 214.5	8 015.0	-2.4%	-35.3	19 868.3	16 256.1	-18.2%	2.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 345.6	2 344.0	-0.1%	-9.6	7 110.5	6 575.4	-7.5%	7.0
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).	348.4	256.5	-26.4%	-0.0	415.3	436.1	5.0%	0.4
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.	966.3	849.1	-12.1%	-68.4	363.6	353.3	-2.8%	0.8
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.	2 185.5	2 335.1	6.8%	-27.4	1 984.1	2 045.4	3.1%	6.3
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	995.6	828.2	-16.8%	-2.9	4 734.0	4 109.9	-13.2%	2.1
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.	117.7	111.7	-5.1%	1.1	1 790.1	1 813.9	1.3%	0.4
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	454.8	415.0	-8.8%	-3.7	1 399.4	1 331.2	-4.9%	3.4
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	39 577.0	35 725.5	-9.7%	-0.9	1 312.6	1 316.0	0.3%	0.1
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XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	24 144.4	23 978.3	-0.7%	-15.7	20 967.3	19 267.8	-8.1%	-15.5
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	536.7	479.6	-10.6%	-1.7	2 364.4	2 389.7	1.1%	-4.3
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	115.7	114.3	-1.2%	-0.0	59.8	158.8	165.6%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	349.6	1 054.1	201.5%	-	129.9	155.9	20.0%	0.4
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		January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	13 525.0	13 468.9	-0.4%	9 326.0	10 900.7	16.9%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	97 776.0	94 984.4	-2.9%	30 376.7	25 650.7	-15.6%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 434.9	3 412.3	-0.7%	9 874.7	10 180.8	3.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	41 913.6	41 304.6	-1.5%	34 232.5	31 759.1	-7.2%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	306 779.5	343 311.0	11.9%	228 193.2	276 273.9	21.1%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	62 774.5	64 252.5	2.4%	127 817.1	128 639.8	0.6%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	17 688.6	16 987.5	-4.0%	49 876.7	49 209.5	-1.3%
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).	2 381.3	2 239.1	-6.0%	3 313.6	3 090.1	-6.7%
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.	6 686.4	6 917.1	3.5%	2 971.8	3 107.7	4.6%
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.	17 863.4	15 900.7	-11.0%	15 396.6	15 277.0	-0.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	8 849.1	9 006.9	1.8%	36 990.5	34 933.2	-5.6%
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.	1 412.3	965.4	-31.6%	13 275.7	11 675.9	-12.1%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 826.7	3 392.8	-11.3%	10 681.1	9 995.5	-6.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	254 791.7	346 711.8	36.1%	8 395.4	10 788.5	28.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	105 944.4	99 973.7	-5.6%	63 553.3	64 637.0	1.7%
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.	74 650.5	80 120.2	7.3%	278 682.5	284 086.9	1.9%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	176 009.6	162 964.5	-7.4%	117 564.3	135 583.1	15.3%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	5 393.1	8 710.3	61.5%	31 258.6	31 524.0	0.8%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 275.3	4 046.3	-5.4%	16 448.1	16 170.6	-1.7%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 029.5	1 178.8	14.5%	524.2	1 091.0	108.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5 106.4	3 895.5	-23.7%	1 388.7	1 240.0	-10.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	11.3	7.3	-35.8%	106 907.3	98 475.3	-7.9%
Total		1 212 123.2	1 323 751.7	9.2%	1 197 048.7	1 254 290.1	4.8%

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:	July 2026 Revision / August 2026							
	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
World Zone								
AFRICA	17 292.8	16 624.2	-3.9%	-3.8	6 220.9	6 350.4	2.1%	-20.7
Total	17 292.8	16 624.2	-3.9%	-3.8	6 220.9	6 350.4	2.1%	-20.7

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	July 2026	August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	436.6	389.3	-10.8%	0.0	360.4	340.4	-5.6%	0.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	980.2	921.3	-6.0%	-0.2	218.9	239.1	9.2%	-1.0
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	278.5	273.9	-1.7%	0.0	4.1	5.4	32.4%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 118.9	2 090.5	-1.3%	-0.7	903.9	1 005.7	11.3%	0.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 278.6	1 948.3	-14.5%	-0.4	211.6	204.8	-3.2%	-0.1
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 861.8	1 919.7	3.1%	-0.4	798.1	1 007.6	26.2%	0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	779.0	785.5	0.8%	-0.6	92.0	87.4	-5.0%	-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).	53.3	51.9	-2.6%	-0.1	11.9	9.7	-18.6%	-0.0
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.	300.3	285.0	-5.1%	-0.0	306.0	273.7	-10.5%	-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.	346.1	354.6	2.4%	-0.0	57.5	45.0	-21.8%	-1.6
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	951.9	873.3	-8.3%	-0.7	824.8	830.5	0.7%	-0.3
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.	231.8	233.1	0.6%	0.0	34.8	32.9	-5.4%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	245.3	208.0	-15.2%	-0.0	17.7	15.0	-14.9%	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.	17.4	222.5	1177.1%	-	1 652.3	1 518.0	-8.1%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 215.1	1 134.3	-6.6%	-0.3	143.4	94.4	-34.2%	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.	2 894.2	2 738.7	-5.4%	0.0	507.8	527.5	3.9%	-18.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 572.3	1 480.2	-5.9%	-0.0	50.1	89.1	77.9%	0.0
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	270.2	232.9	-13.8%	-0.0	10.7	10.0	-6.3%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	452.6	471.1	4.1%	-0.5	13.2	11.9	-10.0%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.6	4.4	627.0%	-	0.3	0.3	9.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	8.1	5.7	-29.4%	-	1.5	2.2	44.2%	-
Total		17 292.8	16 624.2	-3.9%	-3.8	6 220.9	6 350.4	2.1%	-20.7

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

PERIOD:	January to August 2025 / January to August 2026					
World Zone	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	135 252.9	128 683.6	-4.9%	54 233.1	48 650.8	-10.3%
Total	135 252.9	128 683.6	-4.9%	54 233.1	48 650.8	-10.3%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to August 2025	January to August 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 049.6	3 001.2	-1.6%	1 878.2	2 366.7	26.0%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 601.1	7 685.6	-10.6%	1 011.9	1 242.6	22.8%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 862.3	2 007.4	7.8%	53.1	30.5	-42.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	16 671.2	15 960.9	-4.3%	6 624.9	6 897.8	4.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	20 765.5	17 370.4	-16.3%	1 441.0	1 702.9	18.2%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	13 452.8	13 662.3	1.6%	7 242.5	7 219.4	-0.3%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	5 971.2	5 846.3	-2.1%	633.3	751.9	18.7%
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).	381.6	373.6	-2.1%	83.3	89.0	6.8%
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.	1 974.0	2 045.2	3.6%	2 035.8	2 072.4	1.8%
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.	2 680.5	2 620.1	-2.2%	396.7	399.8	0.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 939.3	6 813.2	-1.8%	5 918.2	5 631.9	-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.	1 700.5	1 580.7	-7.0%	144.2	204.3	41.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 704.8	1 674.3	-1.8%	103.9	121.6	17.0%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	2 272.1	2 049.1	-9.8%	21 482.1	13 950.5	-35.1%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	8 759.2	8 623.0	-1.6%	884.7	914.1	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.	20 589.0	20 745.8	0.8%	3 686.3	4 319.9	17.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	12 466.4	11 389.5	-8.6%	421.0	540.8	28.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 931.8	1 988.4	2.9%	82.1	89.0	8.4%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 425.9	3 183.1	-7.1%	95.9	92.3	-3.8%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	10.5	10.8	2.8%	1.0	2.2	110.1%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	43.5	52.6	20.8%	12.9	11.3	-12.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.0	-80.3%	-	-	0.0%
Total		135 252.9	128 683.6	-4.9%	54 233.1	48 650.8	-10.3%