



STATEMENT

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SARS releases the preliminary trade statistics for June 2026

Pretoria, 31 July 2026 – South Africa recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R17.8 billion in June 2026. This surplus was attributable to exports of R193.6 billion and imports of R175.8 billion, inclusive of trade with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN).

The year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2026) preliminary trade balance surplus of R109.1 billion was higher than the R81.5 billion trade balance surplus for the comparable period in 2025. On a year-on-year basis, export flows for June 2026 of R193.6 billion were 13.5% higher compared to R170.5 billion recorded in June 2025. Import flows were higher by 18.1%, having increased from R148.9 billion in June 2025 to R175.8 billion in the current period.

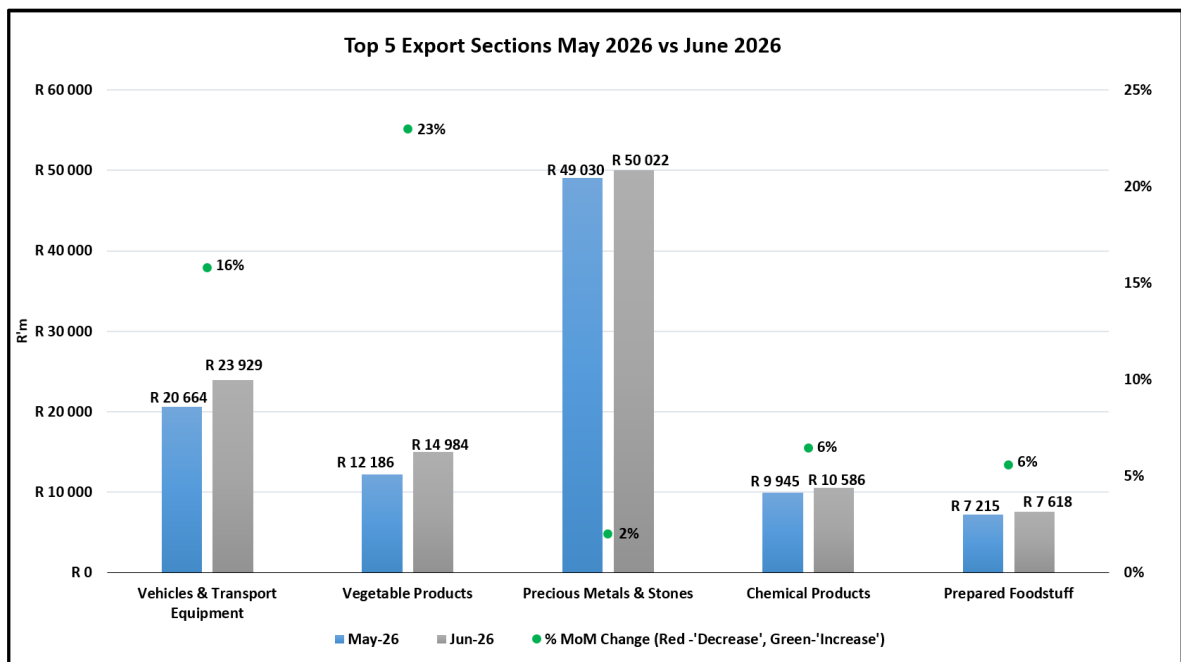
On a month-on-month basis, exports increased by R8.0 billion (4.3%) from R185.6 billion in May to R193.6 billion in June 2026, whilst imports decreased by R5.3 billion (-2.9%) from R181.2 billion to R175.8 billion over the same period. Export flows increased in June 2026 driven by citrus fruit; iron ores and concentrates; and motor vehicles (goods). Import flows decreased on the back of lower importation of petroleum oils (excluding crude); crude oil; and Aeroplanes.

Due to ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOCs), the preliminary trade balance deficit of R1.8 billion announced for May 2026 was revised upwards by R6.2 billion, with the final surplus at R4.4 billion.

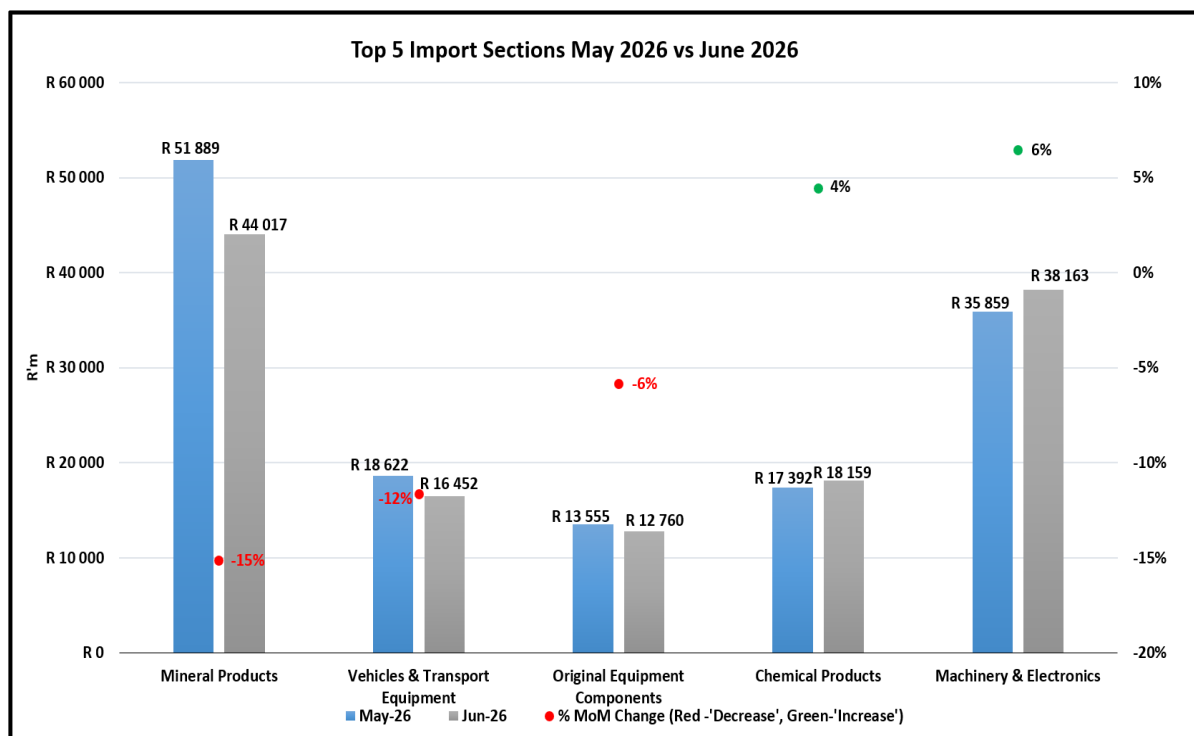
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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from May 2026 (revised) to June 2026 (preliminary) are given below:

World Zones (R' m)	The main month-on-month movements (R' m)				
	Trade Type	May 2026	June 2026	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	45 296	45 322	25	0.1%
	Imports	27 365	25 224	-2 141	-7.8%
	Trade Balance	17 932	20 098	-	-
America	Exports	14 467	17 459	2 992	20.7%
	Imports	23 355	16 576	-6 778	-29.0%
	Trade Balance	-8 888	882	-	-
Asia	Exports	57 620	62 764	5 144	8.9%
	Imports	77 041	91 864	14 823	19.2%
	Trade Balance	-19 422	-29 100	-	-
Europe	Exports	45 530	44 233	-1 297	-2.8%
	Imports	51 933	40 045	-11 888	-22.9%
	Trade Balance	-6 403	4 188	-	-
Oceania	Exports	1 577	1 944	366	23.2%
	Imports	1 274	1 671	397	31.2%
	Trade Balance	303	272	-	-
Other Unclassified	Exports	20 232	20 760	528	2.6%
	Imports	187	443	256	137.2%
	Trade Balance	20 045	20 317	-	-
Ship/Aircraft	Exports	876	1 094	218	24.9%
	Imports	-	-	-	-
	Trade Balance	876	1 094	-	-

Excluding trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

South Africa's trade with the rest of the world (excl. BELN) for June 2026 indicates a preliminary trade balance surplus of R7.0 billion.

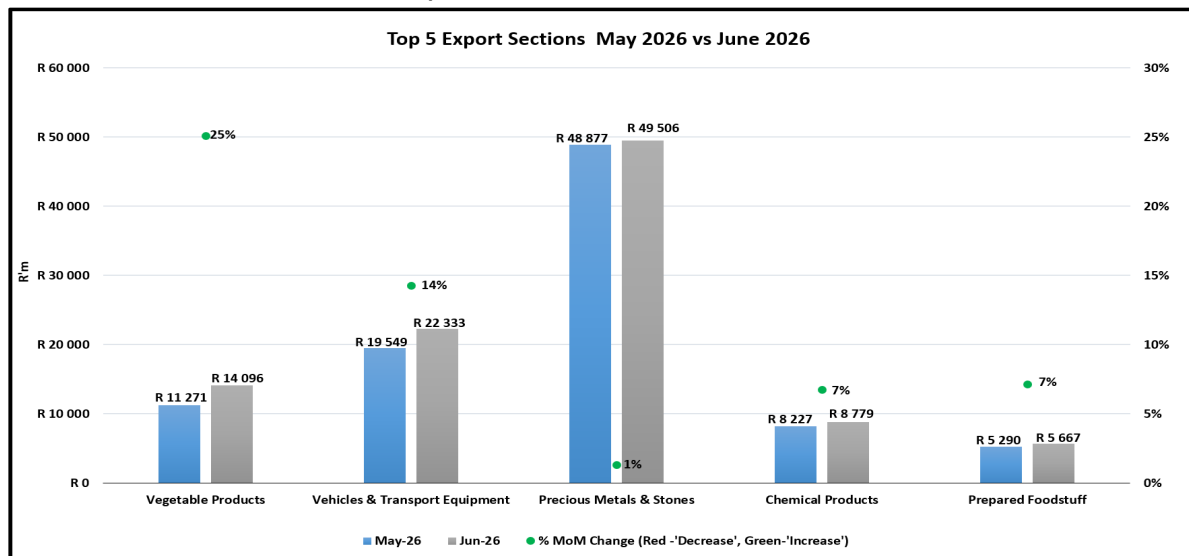
Summary

The R7.0 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2026 was as a result of exports of R177.1 billion and imports of R170.1 billion. Exports increased by R7.2 billion (4.2%) between May 2026 and June 2026 whilst imports decreased by R5.5 billion (-3.1%) over the same period.

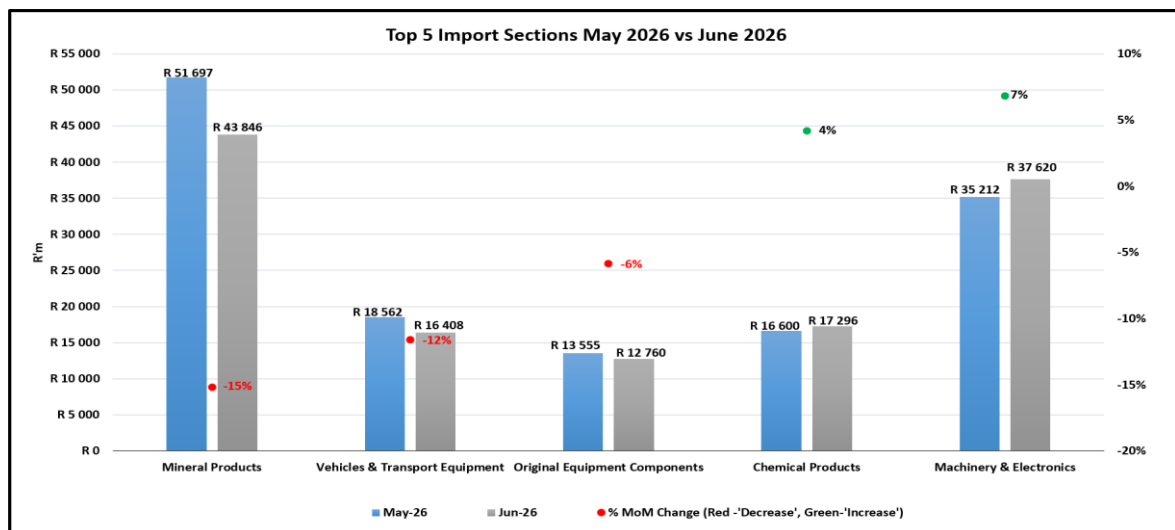
The preliminary cumulative trade balance for 2026 was a surplus of R50.2 billion, compared to R16.6 billion trade balance surplus for the corresponding period in 2025.

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	Imports	21 796	19 522	-2 274	-10.4%
	Trade Balance	7 823	9 329	-	-

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SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

Harmonised Sections		Cumulative Trade		Monthly Trade		Exports				Imports			
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I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	2 223 616 288	1.22	508 540 804	1.30	1.15	12 426 530 156	12 226 310 313	2 220 711 817	0.97	8 513 183 789	10 002 694 025	1 712 171 013
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	50 950 813 844	3.56	11 337 649 993	4.11	7.74	71 280 535 700	70 872 623 547	14 984 302 233	2.07	24 076 107 957	19 921 809 703	3 646 652 240
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(3 225 797 737)	0.55	(420 153 888)	0.66	0.41	4 015 539 999	3 950 525 157	798 518 526	0.69	6 997 226 832	7 176 322 894	1 218 672 414
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	13 575 159 005	1.48	3 090 665 730	1.68	3.94	42 219 029 639	41 936 216 979	7 617 891 312	2.57	30 243 226 305	28 361 057 974	4 527 225 582
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	46 071 931 344	1.21	213 363 095	1.00	22.85	245 467 799 936	268 489 532 249	44 230 200 904	25.03	170 437 103 014	222 417 600 905	44 016 837 809
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(39 898 796 765)	0.59	(7 572 551 911)	0.58	5.47	56 069 359 581	57 944 668 066	10 586 411 247	10.33	96 734 302 147	97 843 464 831	18 158 963 158
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(19 482 415 236)	0.46	(3 793 482 151)	0.43	1.46	17 405 226 787	16 608 963 058	2 826 449 676	3.77	37 234 368 568	36 091 378 294	6 619 931 827
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(400 237 135)	0.83	(69 018 017)	0.83	0.17	2 105 948 013	1 902 929 599	338 167 204	0.23	2 405 336 221	2 303 166 734	407 185 221
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	2 699 174 281	1.70	427 016 451	1.68	0.54	6 326 885 698	6 577 413 701	1 051 486 130	0.36	3 652 277 415	3 878 239 420	624 469 679
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	1 800 903 599	1.16	339 993 515	1.17	1.20	15 067 845 583	13 344 533 675	2 321 999 611	1.13	11 561 539 942	11 543 630 076	1 982 006 096
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(17 884 796 868)	0.40	(2 889 222 772)	0.43	1.10	12 163 275 312	12 170 625 032	2 136 970 547	2.86	31 223 627 108	30 055 421 900	5 026 193 319
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(6 360 478 376)	0.23	(1 266 920 702)	0.19	0.15	2 344 112 179	1 852 089 942	293 004 443	0.89	9 169 699 007	8 212 568 318	1 559 925 145
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(3 600 919 041)	0.51	(666 372 543)	0.49	0.33	4 124 986 493	3 752 002 879	629 867 250	0.74	7 919 853 188	7 352 921 920	1 296 239 793
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	254 279 833 107	14.43	47 392 093 284	19.02	25.84	191 166 027 314	273 220 154 306	50 021 720 942	1.50	16 515 383 422	18 940 321 199	2 629 627 658
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	34 849 241 085	1.73	6 080 581 659	1.73	7.46	88 700 239 757	82 418 879 549	14 443 502 770	4.76	47 782 184 175	47 569 638 464	8 362 921 111
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(141 873 520 045)	0.33	(25 529 088 239)	0.33	6.53	69 495 973 521	71 396 821 999	12 633 798 544	21.71	208 200 444 715	213 270 342 044	38 162 886 783
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	27 148 698 411	1.28	7 477 293 930	1.45	12.36	137 353 654 147	123 204 306 513	23 929 167 030	9.36	86 000 180 946	96 055 608 102	16 451 873 100
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(14 938 386 940)	0.36	(3 082 161 913)	0.27	0.57	5 487 146 333	8 309 932 231	1 112 250 927	2.39	23 023 007 627	23 248 319 171	4 194 412 840
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(6 198 617 281)	0.46	(1 247 771 380)	0.43	0.49	5 496 581 525	5 290 236 593	944 539 919	1.25	11 442 968 759	11 488 853 874	2 192 311 299
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	80 561 461	1.09	(2 194 611)	0.98	0.06	777 175 352	954 543 810	111 513 462	0.06	420 160 315	873 982 349	113 708 073
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	1 569 209 953	2.63	183 426 638	2.15	0.18	3 788 011 653	2 530 828 680	342 735 457	0.09	1 045 465 697	961 618 727	159 308 819
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(72 327 104 213)	0.00	(12 760 171 399)	0.00	0.00	11 259 093	116 352	14 120	7.26	77 193 038 461	72 327 220 565	12 760 185 519
Total	Total SA Rand	109 058 072 741	1.11	17 751 515 573	1.10	100.00	993 293 143 771	1 078 954 254 230	193 575 224 071	100.00	911 790 685 610	969 896 181 489	175 823 708 498

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AFRICA	136 180 791 860	2.10	20 097 921 930	1.80	23.41	276 110 354 878	260 034 606 448	45 321 799 505	14.35	89 219 662 509	123 853 814 588	25 223 877 575
AMERICA	(13 305 415 464)	0.87	882 300 318	1.05	9.02	83 658 505 509	90 586 576 230	17 458 674 711	9.43	94 359 203 993	103 891 991 694	16 576 374 393
ASIA	(129 106 093 532)	0.73	(29 099 936 491)	0.68	32.42	284 889 277 258	342 784 643 813	62 763 957 700	52.25	469 513 276 565	471 890 737 345	91 863 894 191
EUROPE	12 104 927 646	1.05	4 187 936 492	1.10	22.85	244 602 024 430	270 771 392 241	44 232 890 950	22.78	241 731 386 062	258 666 464 595	40 044 954 458
OCEANIA	620 734 311	1.07	272 271 900	1.16	1.00	10 296 067 076	9 505 897 010	1 943 759 686	0.95	14 358 618 882	8 885 162 699	1 671 487 786
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	96 718 010 861	36.72	20 317 011 002	46.85	10.72	87 842 738 503	99 426 021 429	20 760 131 097	0.25	2 608 537 599	2 708 010 568	443 120 095
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 845 117 059	-	1 094 010 422	-	0.57	5 894 176 117	5 845 117 059	1 094 010 422				
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II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	45 949 420 232	3.40	10 639 540 944	4.08	7.96	64 616 642 684	65 086 617 854	14 095 698 968	2.03	23 411 953 576	19 137 197 622	3 456 158 024
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(4 664 338 590)	0.35	(718 393 277)	0.41	0.28	2 717 647 465	2 490 861 489	498 039 290	0.72	6 949 527 924	7 155 200 079	1 216 432 567
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	6 810 771 895	1.29	1 924 894 651	1.51	3.20	29 951 292 145	30 183 806 467	5 666 884 955	2.20	25 301 281 478	23 373 034 572	3 741 990 304
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	34 089 545 217	1.15	(1 674 208 023)	0.96	23.81	230 000 859 272	255 220 601 140	42 172 108 477	25.77	169 287 977 867	221 131 055 923	43 846 316 500
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(44 369 508 416)	0.52	(8 516 786 332)	0.51	4.96	46 084 044 158	48 059 817 585	8 779 055 695	10.17	91 391 907 733	92 429 326 001	17 295 842 027
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(23 191 423 234)	0.35	(4 411 749 803)	0.32	1.19	13 051 422 063	12 327 522 659	2 107 794 732	3.83	36 769 307 740	35 518 945 893	6 519 544 535
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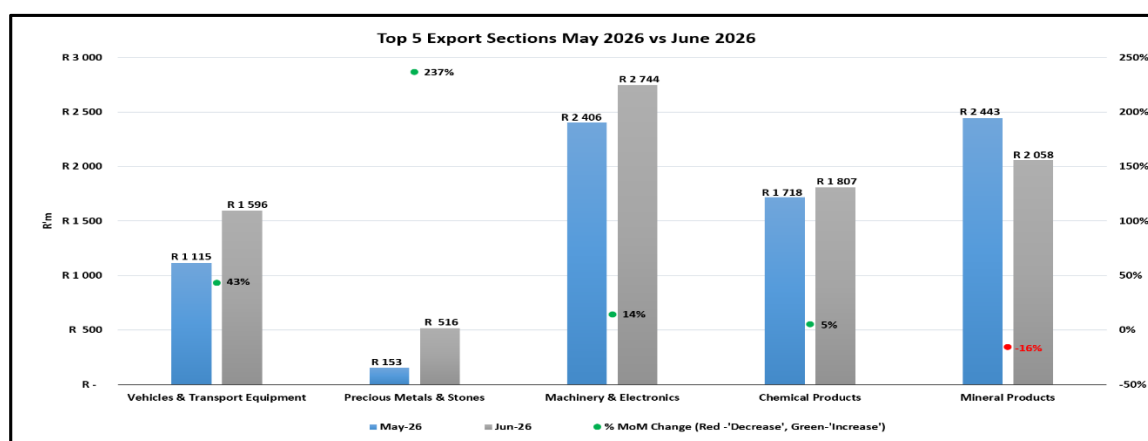
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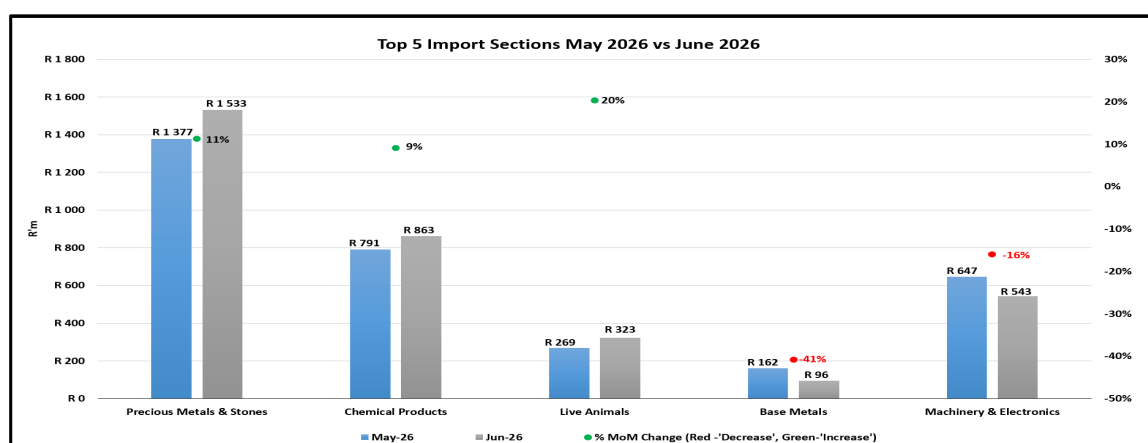
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