

SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for May 2026 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 178 831 092 207	R 180 621 580 151	R -1 790 487 944
April 2026 (Revised)	R 189 657 224 158	R 175 223 076 860	R 14 434 147 298

R Increase/Decrease	R -10 826 131 950	R 5 398 503 291
% Growth	-5.7%	3.1%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 878 594 380 146	R 792 789 600 712	R 85 804 779 434
January to May 2025 (Revised)	R 822 779 991 023	R 762 708 199 999	R 60 071 791 024

R Increase/Decrease	R 55 814 389 123	R 30 081 400 713
% Growth	6.8%	3.9%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 2:	Vegetable products increased by	R 2 691 million	(28%)
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by	R 2 213 million	(-5%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones decreased by	R 11 104 million	(-21%)
Section 15:	Base metals increased by	R 1 437 million	(11%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments decreased by	R 1 480 million	(-7%)

IMPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 3 578 million	(7%)
Section 6:	Chemical products increased by	R 909 million	(6%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 1 532 million	(-4%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 2 658 million	(17%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by	R 1 437 million	(12%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 163 117 150 364	R 175 050 989 590	R -11 933 839 226
April 2026 (Revised)	R 173 665 647 248	R 169 454 079 619	R 4 211 567 629
R Increase/Decrease	R -10 548 496 883	R 5 596 909 971	
% Growth	-6.1%	3.3%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 800 098 842 800	R 762 416 380 689	R 37 682 462 111
January to May 2025 (Revised)	R 739 289 824 172	R 733 993 160 008	R 5 296 664 164
R Increase/Decrease	R 60 809 018 628	R 28 423 220 681	
% Growth	8.2%	3.9%	

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 15 713 941 843	R 5 570 590 561	R 10 143 351 282
April 2026 (Revised)	R 15 991 576 910	R 5 768 997 241	R 10 222 579 669
R Increase/Decrease	R -277 635 067	R -198 406 680	
% Growth	-1.7%	-3.4%	

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2026 (Preliminary)	R 78 495 537 346	R 30 373 220 023	R 48 122 317 323
January to May 2025 (Revised)	R 83 490 166 851	R 28 715 039 991	R 54 775 126 860
R Increase/Decrease	R -4 994 629 505	R 1 658 180 032	
% Growth	-6.0%	5.8%	

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

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World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	44 215.0	45 468.4	2.8%	-77.1	23 229.8	27 283.4	17.4%	-724.5
AMERICA	16 409.5	14 478.7	-11.8%	38.6	23 893.2	23 296.2	-2.5%	184.9
ASIA	59 299.1	58 128.8	-2.0%	-712.1	73 274.9	76 969.2	5.0%	85.7
EUROPE	47 197.1	45 545.0	-3.5%	-136.6	51 843.8	51 611.9	-0.4%	285.7
OCEANIA	2 116.5	1 577.8	-25.5%	-5.6	1 505.1	1 274.0	-15.4%	2.7
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	19 001.6	12 756.6	-32.9%	0.1	1 476.2	186.8	-87.3%	0.2
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 418.5	875.9	-38.3%	-0.2	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	189 657.2	178 831.1	-5.7%	-892.9	175 223.1	180 621.6	3.1%	-165.4

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	2 169.5	2 306.5	6.3%	-8.5	1 719.6	1 575.1	-8.4%	3.3
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	9 541.2	12 232.4	28.2%	1.1	3 467.7	3 305.6	-4.7%	-9.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	687.7	650.1	-5.5%	-0.6	1 073.8	1 303.9	21.4%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 451.6	7 221.6	-3.1%	-10.9	5 289.2	4 412.8	-16.6%	253.4
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	47 318.0	45 105.2	-4.7%	-705.5	48 090.9	51 669.0	7.4%	-497.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 710.7	9 953.4	2.5%	-15.3	16 482.8	17 391.8	5.5%	-1.8
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 827.5	2 949.7	4.3%	-4.9	6 444.0	6 185.3	-4.0%	2.6
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).	340.6	325.3	-4.5%	-0.5	346.6	343.9	-0.8%	-0.3
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	1 130.8	1 175.5	3.9%	-6.8	625.5	611.5	-2.2%	1.0
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.	2 354.9	2 305.1	-2.1%	-60.7	1 956.6	1 893.7	-3.2%	2.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 394.6	2 024.6	-15.5%	-0.4	4 764.0	4 651.6	-2.4%	7.9
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.	343.2	332.7	-3.1%	-0.0	1 174.5	1 185.1	0.9%	-9.3
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	626.0	670.5	7.1%	-1.9	1 380.8	1 230.2	-10.9%	4.3
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	52 658.4	41 554.3	-21.1%	-24.3	3 237.0	3 092.6	-4.5%	-15.1
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 736.3	14 173.5	11.3%	38.4	7 847.3	7 797.3	-0.6%	14.0
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.	12 566.4	12 451.4	-0.9%	-29.7	37 361.2	35 829.5	-4.1%	54.9
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	22 224.3	20 744.8	-6.7%	-33.8	15 966.1	18 623.8	16.6%	2.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 076.9	966.9	-10.2%	0.8	3 907.8	3 692.4	-5.5%	21.2
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	906.6	953.9	5.2%	1.1	1 801.7	1 857.3	3.1%	5.2
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	153.4	194.1	26.5%	0.0	22.7	215.3	849.7%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	438.7	539.6	23.0%	-30.6	126.9	180.3	42.1%	-4.7
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.1	4661.9%	-	12 136.1	13 573.6	11.8%	-0.2
Total		189 657.2	178 831.1	-5.7%	-892.9	175 223.1	180 621.6	3.1%	-165.4

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	January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	230 245.8	214 881.5	-6.7%	75 627.3	98 556.7	30.3%
AMERICA	69 047.3	73 140.5	5.9%	77 405.6	87 239.2	12.7%
ASIA	235 272.8	280 589.1	19.3%	395 801.0	379 576.9	-4.1%
EUROPE	201 688.8	226 479.5	12.3%	199 263.6	217 939.0	9.4%
OCEANIA	7 909.6	7 562.4	-4.4%	12 274.9	7 213.6	-41.2%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	73 329.9	71 190.2	-2.9%	2 335.8	2 264.2	-3.1%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 285.8	4 751.1	-10.1%	-	-	0.0%
Total	822 780.0	878 594.4	6.8%	762 708.2	792 789.6	3.9%

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I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	10 479.5	10 004.7	-4.5%	7 302.3	8 292.6	13.6%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	55 863.0	55 936.6	0.1%	20 315.1	16 256.5	-20.0%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 367.8	3 155.4	-6.3%	5 963.0	5 957.1	-0.1%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	34 632.8	34 331.4	-0.9%	25 031.8	23 554.3	-5.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	206 957.0	224 816.8	8.6%	147 162.0	177 568.6	20.7%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	47 066.9	47 367.5	0.6%	81 284.6	79 668.4	-2.0%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	14 176.3	13 788.0	-2.7%	31 000.9	29 478.2	-4.9%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	1 711.3	1 564.0	-8.6%	1 979.5	1 895.8	-4.2%
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.	5 157.1	5 545.9	7.5%	3 037.3	3 231.7	6.4%
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.	12 478.0	11 070.6	-11.3%	9 551.0	9 560.8	0.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	10 000.0	10 034.4	0.3%	26 307.1	25 018.7	-4.9%
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith, artificial flowers, articles of human hair.	1 978.6	1 559.6	-21.2%	7 272.1	6 647.6	-8.6%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	3 483.9	3 125.1	-10.3%	6 525.0	6 053.9	-7.2%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	155 986.1	215 722.7	38.3%	13 431.6	16 330.1	21.6%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	76 603.9	67 866.7	-11.4%	39 703.4	39 167.5	-1.3%
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.	57 721.3	58 767.3	1.8%	174 821.0	175 051.2	0.1%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	112 358.2	99 361.1	-11.6%	69 242.4	79 573.0	14.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	4 595.3	7 198.6	56.7%	19 096.4	19 048.4	-0.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 461.9	4 346.8	-2.6%	9 337.5	9 287.3	-0.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	603.8	843.0	39.6%	393.7	759.9	93.0%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 087.6	2 188.1	-29.1%	895.3	802.3	-10.4%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	9.6	0.1	-98.9%	63 055.2	59 585.7	-5.5%
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AMERICA	16 409.5	14 478.7	-11.8%	38.6	23 893.2	23 296.2	-2.5%	184.9
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II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	8 563.1	11 317.7	32.2%	1.1	3 314.1	3 161.2	-4.6%	-9.1
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	480.9	437.9	-9.0%	-0.5	1 072.2	1 301.4	21.4%	0.0
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 628.8	5 296.2	-5.9%	-10.8	4 431.2	3 596.8	-18.8%	253.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	44 923.5	42 633.0	-5.1%	-724.2	47 942.4	51 477.1	7.4%	-497.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 142.0	8 234.0	1.1%	-14.7	15 692.9	16 600.4	5.8%	-1.9
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 088.8	2 184.2	4.6%	-5.6	6 346.1	6 082.4	-4.2%	2.6
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).	293.5	281.9	-3.9%	-0.1	335.1	331.3	-1.1%	-0.3
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal, cork and articles of cork, manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material, basket ware and wickerwork.	896.2	909.6	1.5%	-6.8	391.7	344.8	-12.0%	1.0
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.	2 071.5	1 999.4	-3.5%	-58.7	1 928.4	1 844.4	-4.4%	2.2
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 498.2	1 157.6	-22.7%	-0.4	4 109.9	4 032.0	-1.9%	7.9
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.	149.7	138.8	-7.3%	-0.0	1 152.9	1 168.2	1.3%	-9.3
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	424.1	458.9	8.2%	-1.9	1 368.6	1 214.2	-11.3%	4.3
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XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	20 871.8	19 629.2	-6.0%	-33.5	15 874.0	18 561.9	16.9%	2.2
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XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	515.5	551.4	7.0%	1.2	1 792.0	1 843.7	2.9%	5.2
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	152.3	193.6	27.1%	0.0	22.2	214.8	866.2%	0.0
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	431.1	525.7	21.9%	-30.6	126.1	179.6	42.4%	-4.7
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.1	#DIV/0!	-	12 136.1	13 573.6	11.8%	-0.2
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		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	8 569.9	8 198.0	-4.3%	6 159.3	6 950.8	12.8%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	50 153.9	51 038.8	1.8%	19 790.5	15 662.3	-20.9%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 301.7	1 992.9	-13.4%	5 920.6	5 938.2	0.3%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	24 362.2	24 528.0	0.7%	20 946.3	19 351.5	-7.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	194 035.3	213 589.5	10.1%	146 242.7	176 452.2	20.7%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	38 791.4	39 289.7	1.3%	76 768.7	75 117.4	-2.2%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	10 555.6	10 223.7	-3.1%	30 617.4	29 006.1	-5.3%
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).	1 481.8	1 335.2	-9.9%	1 933.8	1 843.4	-4.7%
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.	3 963.4	4 352.3	9.8%	1 875.6	1 998.6	6.6%
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.	10 862.6	9 474.9	-12.8%	9 305.3	9 315.3	0.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	5 740.5	5 829.9	1.6%	22 859.4	21 708.0	-5.0%
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.	955.6	590.9	-38.2%	7 185.4	6 526.9	-9.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 428.5	2 115.3	-12.9%	6 460.4	5 979.6	-7.4%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	154 606.8	214 429.2	38.7%	4 526.3	7 082.9	56.5%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	71 228.7	62 687.1	-12.0%	39 112.4	38 589.4	-1.3%
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.	44 933.5	46 378.9	3.2%	172 601.3	172 313.7	-0.2%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	104 832.2	92 606.5	-11.7%	69 023.1	79 211.0	14.8%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 388.5	5 963.6	76.0%	19 049.9	18 996.3	-0.3%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 418.1	2 482.9	2.7%	9 278.8	9 232.6	-0.5%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	599.4	837.9	39.8%	393.2	758.4	92.9%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	3 070.8	2 153.5	-29.9%	887.6	795.9	-10.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	9.5	0.1	-99.0%	63 055.2	59 585.7	-5.5%
Total		739 289.8	800 098.8	8.2%	733 993.2	762 416.4	3.9%

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:	April 2026 Revision / May 2026							
World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	15 991.6	15 713.9	-1.7%	13.6	5 769.0	5 570.6	-3.4%	4.3
Total	15 991.6	15 713.9	-1.7%	13.6	5 769.0	5 570.6	-3.4%	4.3

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	353.6	377.2	6.7%	-0.3	254.2	268.2	5.5%	0.7
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	978.1	914.7	-6.5%	-0.0	153.6	144.4	-6.0%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	206.8	212.2	2.6%	-0.0	1.7	2.5	46.1%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	1 822.8	1 925.4	5.6%	-0.0	858.1	815.9	-4.9%	0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	2 394.5	2 472.2	3.2%	18.7	148.5	191.8	29.2%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 568.7	1 719.4	9.6%	-0.6	789.9	791.4	0.2%	0.0
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	738.7	765.6	3.6%	0.7	97.9	102.8	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).	47.1	43.4	-7.9%	-0.4	11.6	12.5	8.6%	-
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.	234.6	265.9	13.3%	0.0	233.9	266.7	14.1%	-
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.	283.4	305.7	7.9%	-2.0	28.3	49.3	74.3%	0.0
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	896.4	867.1	-3.3%	-0.1	654.1	619.6	-5.3%	-
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.	193.5	193.9	0.2%	-	21.6	17.0	-21.6%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	201.9	211.6	4.8%	-0.0	12.2	16.1	31.1%	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.	329.9	153.1	-53.6%	-	1 825.8	1 377.2	-24.6%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 096.0	1 075.1	-1.9%	-0.5	80.5	161.1	100.2%	0.4
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.	2 621.6	2 407.9	-8.1%	-1.3	479.0	647.2	35.1%	2.7
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 352.5	1 115.5	-17.5%	-0.3	92.1	62.0	-32.7%	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.	271.7	271.0	-0.3%	-0.1	15.2	10.0	-34.1%	0.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	391.1	402.4	2.9%	-0.1	9.7	13.6	39.4%	0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.2	0.5	-58.1%	-	0.4	0.5	10.5%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	7.6	14.0	83.8%	-	0.8	0.7	-8.4%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	-89.4%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		15 991.6	15 713.9	-1.7%	13.6	5 769.0	5 570.6	-3.4%	4.3

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 May 2025 / January to May 2026					
World Zone	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	83 490.2	78 495.5	-6.0%	28 715.0	30 373.2	5.8%
Total	83 490.2	78 495.5	-6.0%	28 715.0	30 373.2	5.8%

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section(chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2025	January to May 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 909.6	1 806.7	-5.4%	1 143.0	1 341.8	17.4%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	5 709.1	4 897.7	-14.2%	524.6	594.1	13.2%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 066.2	1 162.5	9.0%	42.4	18.9	-55.5%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10 270.7	9 803.4	-4.5%	4 085.5	4 202.8	2.9%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	12 921.7	11 227.3	-13.1%	919.3	1 116.4	21.4%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 275.5	8 077.8	-2.4%	4 515.9	4 551.0	0.8%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 620.7	3 564.3	-1.6%	383.5	472.1	23.1%
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel articles, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-gut).	229.5	228.8	-0.3%	45.6	52.4	14.8%
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.	1 193.7	1 193.6	0.0%	1 161.7	1 233.1	6.1%
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.	1 615.3	1 595.6	-1.2%	245.8	245.5	-0.1%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 259.5	4 204.5	-1.3%	3 447.7	3 310.7	-4.0%
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.	1 022.9	968.7	-5.3%	86.7	120.7	39.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 055.4	1 009.8	-4.3%	64.6	74.2	14.9%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	1 379.2	1 293.5	-6.2%	8 905.3	9 247.2	3.8%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	5 375.2	5 179.6	-3.6%	591.0	578.1	-2.2%
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.	12 787.9	12 388.4	-3.1%	2 219.7	2 737.5	23.3%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	7 526.1	6 754.6	-10.3%	219.3	362.0	65.1%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 206.8	1 235.0	2.3%	46.5	52.1	12.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	2 043.8	1 863.9	-8.8%	58.8	54.6	-7.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	4.4	5.2	16.9%	0.6	1.5	167.7%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	16.9	34.6	104.9%	7.7	6.4	-17.7%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.0	-95.7%	-	-	0.0%
Total		83 490.2	78 495.5	-6.0%	28 715.0	30 373.2	5.8%