SA Preliminary Trade Statistics for September 2026 (Including BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 190 591 057 729	R 170 794 521 991	R 19 796 535 738
August 2026 (Revised)	R 181 318 457 182	R 162 349 190 232	R 18 969 266 950

R Increase/Decrease	R 9 272 600 547	R 8 445 331 759
% Growth	5.1%	5.2%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 1 643 546 130 270	R 1 474 538 578 918	R 169 007 551 352
January to September 2025 (Revised)	R 1 533 644 132 710	R 1 416 133 534 167	R 117 510 598 543

R Increase/Decrease	R 109 901 997 560	R 58 405 044 751
% Growth	7.2%	4.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 1 883 million	(4%)
Section 14:	Precious metals & stones increased by	R 7 469 million	(21%)
Section 15:	Base metals increased by	R 2 170 million	(17%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 1 134 million	(-8%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments decreased by	R 2 616 million	(-10%)

IMPORTS

Section 4:	Prepared foodstuff decreased by	R 780 million	(-14%)
Section 5:	Mineral products increased by	R 10 886 million	(37%)
Section 16:	Machinery & electronics decreased by	R 2 008 million	(-5%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & transport equipments increased by	R 1 768 million	(9%)
Section 23:	Original equipment components decreased by	R 1 129 million	(-10%)

Preliminary International Trade (Excluding BELN)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 172 990 409 556	R 164 246 315 695	R 8 744 093 861
August 2026 (Revised)	R 164 693 750 741	R 156 000 994 814	R 8 692 755 927

R Increase/Decrease	R 8 296 658 815	R 8 245 320 881
% Growth	5.0%	5.3%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 1 497 307 556 587	R 1 419 338 182 163	R 77 969 374 424
January to September 2025 (Revised)	R 1 380 655 233 451	R 1 355 040 359 790	R 25 614 873 661

R Increase/Decrease	R 116 652 323 136	R 64 297 822 373
% Growth	8.4%	4.7%

BELN

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 17 600 648 173	R 6 548 206 296	R 11 052 441 877
August 2026 (Revised)	R 16 624 706 441	R 6 348 195 418	R 10 276 511 023

R Increase/Decrease	R 975 941 732	R 200 010 878
% Growth	5.9%	3.2%

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to September 2026 (Preliminary)	R 146 238 573 683	R 55 200 396 755	R 91 038 176 928
January to September 2025 (Revised)	R 152 988 899 259	R 61 093 174 377	R 91 895 724 882

R Increase/Decrease	R -6 750 325 576	R -5 892 777 622
% Growth	-4.4%	-9.6%

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	August 2026 Revision / September 2026							
World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	47 815.3	49 534.7	3.6%	-114.6	19 105.8	19 968.8	4.5%	-14.7
AMERICA	17 823.0	15 763.3	-11.6%	-35.4	15 638.6	16 000.5	2.3%	37.0
ASIA	54 905.5	57 669.1	5.0%	-167.7	81 148.7	95 583.8	17.8%	729.0
EUROPE	41 799.6	45 953.4	9.9%	-160.0	45 022.6	36 911.6	-18.0%	278.8
OCEANIA	2 364.0	1 685.1	-28.7%	0.1	853.4	1 968.9	130.7%	-4.1
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	15 410.6	18 798.2	22.0%	-	580.1	361.0	-37.8%	-
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 200.5	1 187.2	-1.1%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	**181 318.5**	**190 591.1**	**5.1%**	**-477.7**	**162 349.2**	**170 794.5**	**5.2%**	**1 026.0**

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 999.3	2 197.3	9.9%	-1.2	1 491.2	1 393.8	-6.5%	-4.2
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	15 142.2	15 286.1	1.0%	-9.6	3 113.3	2 785.3	-10.5%	-2.3
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	682.7	737.1	8.0%	-	1 388.0	1 365.9	-1.6%	-0.4
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	7 769.6	7 870.6	1.3%	-3.1	5 701.2	4 921.0	-13.7%	244.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	44 148.6	46 031.2	4.3%	-294.1	29 489.6	40 375.9	36.9%	629.5
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	9 932.4	9 953.6	0.2%	-2.2	17 282.8	17 466.2	1.1%	19.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	3 125.0	3 285.3	5.1%	-4.5	6 670.5	6 434.8	-3.5%	7.6
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).	308.4	290.2	-5.9%	-0.0	446.8	451.3	1.0%	1.0
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.	1 131.0	1 428.9	26.3%	-3.0	631.2	602.6	-4.5%	4.1
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.	2 585.8	2 721.4	5.2%	-103.8	2 092.4	1 887.8	-9.8%	2.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 701.3	2 312.1	35.9%	-0.3	4 943.8	5 402.8	9.3%	3.4
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.	344.6	370.3	7.5%	-0.2	1 847.0	1 788.4	-3.2%	0.3
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	622.8	631.6	1.4%	-0.1	1 351.3	1 277.0	-5.5%	5.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	35 948.0	43 416.9	20.8%	-0.0	2 820.6	2 611.3	-7.4%	-13.4
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	12 800.1	14 969.9	17.0%	-22.0	8 682.6	8 785.8	1.2%	23.6
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.	14 476.7	13 343.0	-7.8%	-21.9	36 689.8	34 681.4	-5.5%	91.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	25 446.4	22 830.5	-10.3%	-12.1	19 359.9	21 128.4	9.1%	3.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	1 017.9	1 152.5	13.2%	1.5	3 970.0	4 280.1	7.8%	8.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	950.0	1 040.9	9.6%	-0.7	2 410.5	2 339.1	-3.0%	9.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	118.8	181.1	52.5%	-	159.1	53.4	-66.4%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 059.7	540.3	-49.0%	-0.1	158.6	242.2	52.8%	0.4
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	7.1	0.3	-96.2%	-	11 648.8	10 520.0	-9.7%	-5.2
Total		**181 318.5**	**190 591.1**	**5.1%**	**-477.7**	**162 349.2**	**170 794.5**	**5.2%**	**1 026.0**

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PERIOD:	January to September 2025 / January to September 2026					
World Zone	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	418 766.8	407 717.6	-2.6%	140 812.5	172 946.5	22.8%
AMERICA	131 346.5	140 158.4	6.7%	144 982.8	157 098.8	8.4%
ASIA	443 979.7	513 375.7	15.6%	730 290.4	743 380.1	1.8%
EUROPE	386 839.1	406 342.1	5.0%	376 416.4	385 256.7	2.3%
OCEANIA	16 970.7	15 580.5	-8.2%	19 729.3	13 227.0	-33.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	125 486.0	150 862.3	20.2%	3 902.2	2 629.5	-32.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	10 255.4	9 509.5	-7.3%	-	-	0.0%
Total	**1 533 644.1**	**1 643 546.1**	**7.2%**	**1 416 133.5**	**1 474 538.6**	**4.1%**

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	18 557.4	18 665.6	0.6%	13 027.8	14 661.8	12.5%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	122 471.6	117 942.0	-3.7%	34 647.4	29 673.8	-14.4%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	5 861.8	6 157.5	5.0%	11 493.6	11 576.8	0.7%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	66 352.0	65 120.7	-1.9%	46 076.9	43 978.2	-4.6%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	371 147.7	406 015.1	9.4%	257 357.4	318 713.3	23.8%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	86 401.5	87 857.6	1.7%	154 163.2	153 381.0	-0.5%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	26 801.0	26 114.6	-2.6%	56 974.3	56 408.3	-1.0%
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).	3 077.3	2 902.9	-5.7%	3 941.6	3 631.0	-7.9%
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.	9 694.5	10 387.9	7.2%	5 671.1	5 792.7	2.1%
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.	23 062.7	22 611.0	-2.0%	17 862.5	17 566.6	-1.7%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	17 837.8	18 129.4	1.6%	48 955.5	45 976.0	-6.1%
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.	3 518.2	2 915.8	-17.1%	15 393.1	13 669.9	-11.2%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	6 212.1	5 698.5	-8.3%	12 285.4	11 399.8	-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.	297 103.7	392 176.9	32.0%	32 991.6	27 300.9	-17.2%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	127 362.5	123 545.4	-3.0%	72 026.5	74 373.8	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.	107 482.8	114 152.1	6.2%	320 978.6	323 238.5	0.7%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	216 248.3	197 170.5	-8.8%	134 824.5	157 016.6	16.5%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	8 239.8	11 852.4	43.8%	35 838.5	35 903.6	0.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	8 722.5	8 263.7	-5.3%	19 212.5	18 608.5	-3.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 149.6	1 370.7	19.2%	1 155.3	1 146.5	-0.8%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 327.9	4 488.4	-29.1%	1 561.4	1 494.0	-4.3%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	11.5	7.6	-34.0%	119 694.7	109 027.1	-8.9%
Total		**1 533 644.1**	**1 643 546.1**	**7.2%**	**1 416 133.5**	**1 474 538.6**	**4.1%**

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	31 190.6	31 934.1	2.4%	-115.2	12 757.6	13 420.6	5.2%	-12.4
AMERICA	17 823.0	15 763.3	-11.6%	-35.4	15 638.6	16 000.5	2.3%	37.0
ASIA	54 905.5	57 669.1	5.0%	-167.7	81 148.7	95 583.8	17.8%	729.0
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	1 200.5	1 187.2	-1.1%	-0.1	-	-	0.0%	-
Total	**164 693.8**	**172 990.4**	**5.0%**	**-478.2**	**156 001.0**	**164 246.3**	**5.3%**	**1 028.3**

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Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 609.6	1 779.3	10.5%	-1.6	1 152.0	1 140.6	-1.0%	-3.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	14 220.9	14 319.6	0.7%	-9.6	2 876.0	2 583.8	-10.2%	-0.6
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	408.8	457.5	11.9%	-	1 382.6	1 362.5	-1.5%	-0.4
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 679.4	5 540.5	-2.4%	-2.8	4 695.2	3 772.3	-19.7%	244.0
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	42 200.9	43 596.2	3.3%	-293.5	29 285.0	40 160.1	37.1%	629.6
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	8 011.3	7 945.9	-0.8%	-3.7	16 275.2	16 306.8	0.2%	19.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 339.6	2 450.7	4.8%	-4.4	6 583.0	6 325.7	-3.9%	7.6
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).	256.5	237.6	-7.4%	-0.0	437.1	444.0	1.6%	1.0
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.	846.0	1 148.7	35.8%	-3.1	357.3	326.8	-8.5%	4.0
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.	2 231.3	2 344.3	5.1%	-103.8	2 047.5	1 828.6	-10.7%	2.1
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	827.9	1 396.3	68.6%	-0.3	4 113.3	4 399.9	7.0%	3.4
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.	111.7	135.6	21.3%	0.0	1 814.2	1 760.4	-3.0%	0.3
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	415.0	408.5	-1.6%	-0.0	1 336.3	1 261.4	-5.6%	5.1
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	35 725.5	43 400.9	21.5%	-	1 302.6	1 181.4	-9.3%	-13.4
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 665.9	13 814.5	18.4%	-21.9	8 587.8	8 696.9	1.3%	23.2
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.	11 737.5	10 427.5	-11.2%	-22.4	36 162.4	34 219.2	-5.4%	91.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	23 966.1	21 407.2	-10.7%	-12.2	19 270.9	21 077.3	9.4%	3.2
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	785.1	900.4	14.7%	1.4	3 959.9	4 261.3	7.6%	8.0
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	479.4	565.3	17.9%	-0.2	2 398.6	2 326.7	-3.0%	9.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	114.3	180.4	57.8%	-	158.8	52.9	-66.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	1 054.0	533.4	-49.4%	-0.1	156.4	237.7	52.0%	0.4
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	7.1	0.1	-98.2%	-	11 648.8	10 520.0	-9.7%	-5.2
Total		**164 693.8**	**172 990.4**	**5.0%**	**-478.2**	**156 001.0**	**164 246.3**	**5.3%**	**1 028.3**

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	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	265 777.9	261 479.0	-1.6%	79 719.3	117 746.1	47.7%
AMERICA	131 346.5	140 158.4	6.7%	144 982.8	157 098.8	8.4%
ASIA	443 979.7	513 375.7	15.6%	730 290.4	743 380.1	1.8%
EUROPE	386 839.1	406 342.1	5.0%	376 416.4	385 256.7	2.3%
OCEANIA	16 970.7	15 580.5	-8.2%	19 729.3	13 227.0	-33.0%
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	125 486.0	150 862.3	20.2%	3 902.2	2 629.5	-32.6%
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	10 255.4	9 509.5	-7.3%	-	-	0.0%
Total	**1 380 655.2**	**1 497 307.6**	**8.4%**	**1 355 040.4**	**1 419 338.2**	**4.7%**

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	15 126.5	15 245.9	0.8%	10 930.9	12 038.8	10.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	112 899.7	109 290.0	-3.2%	33 494.0	28 231.3	-15.7%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	3 772.4	3 870.5	2.6%	11 438.2	11 542.9	0.9%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	47 444.9	46 831.1	-1.3%	38 562.9	35 931.4	-6.8%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	347 614.5	386 251.7	11.1%	255 785.5	316 794.7	23.9%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	71 143.0	72 186.2	1.5%	145 514.7	145 002.2	-0.4%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	20 071.5	19 433.7	-3.2%	56 254.6	55 547.3	-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).	2 645.0	2 476.7	-6.4%	3 847.9	3 534.8	-8.1%
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.	7 451.3	8 062.7	8.2%	3 340.4	3 444.4	3.1%
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.	20 002.5	19 613.6	-1.9%	17 416.2	17 107.6	-1.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	9 925.9	10 400.7	4.8%	42 124.6	39 341.2	-6.6%
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.	1 557.2	1 100.6	-29.3%	15 232.7	13 437.6	-11.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	4 286.5	3 801.3	-11.3%	12 166.6	11 262.6	-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.	294 483.1	390 111.8	32.5%	9 535.9	11 920.4	25.0%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	117 398.3	113 768.5	-3.1%	71 058.1	73 370.2	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.	84 159.9	90 490.5	7.5%	316 738.3	318 456.0	0.5%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	202 363.3	184 357.2	-8.9%	134 358.9	156 425.8	16.4%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	6 043.9	9 612.3	59.0%	35 740.6	35 795.9	0.2%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	4 839.1	4 607.4	-4.8%	19 103.5	18 503.8	-3.1%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1 138.2	1 359.2	19.4%	1 154.2	1 143.8	-0.9%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	6 277.1	4 428.8	-29.4%	1 547.0	1 478.1	-4.5%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	11.4	7.4	-35.0%	119 694.7	109 027.1	-8.9%
Total		**1 380 655.2**	**1 497 307.6**	**8.4%**	**1 355 040.4**	**1 419 338.2**	**4.7%**

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.

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	August 2026 Revision / September 2026							
World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
AFRICA	16 624.7	17 600.6	5.9%	0.5	6 348.2	6 548.2	3.2%	-2.2
Total	**16 624.7**	**17 600.6**	**5.9%**	**0.5**	**6 348.2**	**6 548.2**	**3.2%**	**-2.2**

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (Chapter)	Description	EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
		August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	August 2026	September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	389.7	418.0	7.3%	0.4	339.3	253.2	-25.4%	-1.1
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	921.3	966.4	4.9%	-0.0	237.4	201.6	-15.1%	-1.7
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	273.9	279.6	2.1%	-	5.4	3.4	-36.9%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	2 090.2	2 330.0	11.5%	-0.3	1 006.0	1 148.7	14.2%	0.3
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 947.7	2 435.0	25.0%	-0.6	204.7	215.8	5.4%	-0.2
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 921.1	2 007.7	4.5%	1.5	1 007.6	1 159.4	15.1%	0.1
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	785.4	834.5	6.3%	-0.0	87.4	109.1	24.7%	-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).	51.9	52.7	1.4%	-0.0	9.7	7.3	-25.2%	-
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.	285.1	280.2	-1.7%	0.1	273.8	275.8	0.7%	0.1
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.	354.6	377.2	6.4%	-	45.0	59.2	31.6%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	873.3	915.8	4.9%	0.0	830.5	1 002.9	20.8%	-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.	232.9	234.8	0.8%	-0.2	32.9	28.0	-14.8%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	207.9	223.1	7.3%	-0.1	15.0	15.6	4.0%	-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.	222.5	16.0	-92.8%	-0.0	1 518.0	1 429.9	-5.8%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	1 134.2	1 155.4	1.9%	-0.1	94.8	88.9	-6.2%	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.	2 739.2	2 915.5	6.4%	0.5	527.4	462.2	-12.4%	-0.1
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	1 480.2	1 423.2	-3.9%	0.0	89.0	51.1	-42.6%	-0.1
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	232.9	252.1	8.2%	0.0	10.0	18.8	87.2%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	470.6	475.6	1.1%	-0.6	11.9	12.4	4.5%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	4.4	0.7	-83.8%	-	0.3	0.5	72.7%	-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.7	6.9	22.0%	-	2.2	4.6	106.7%	-0.0
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	-	0.1	#DIV/0!	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Total		**16 624.7**	**17 600.6**	**5.9%**	**0.5**	**6 348.2**	**6 548.2**	**3.2%**	**-2.2**

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.

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to September 2025 / January to September 2026					
World Zone	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
AFRICA	152 988.9	146 238.6	-4.4%	61 093.2	55 200.4	-9.6%
Total	**152 988.9**	**146 238.6**	**-4.4%**	**61 093.2**	**55 200.4**	**-9.6%**

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

Section (chapter)	Description	EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
		January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to September 2025	January to September 2026	Percentage Increase/ Decrease
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	3 430.9	3 419.8	-0.3%	2 096.9	2 623.0	25.1%
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	9 571.9	8 652.0	-9.6%	1 153.4	1 442.4	25.1%
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	2 089.4	2 287.0	9.5%	55.4	33.9	-38.8%
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	18 907.1	18 289.6	-3.3%	7 514.0	8 046.7	7.1%
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	23 533.2	19 763.3	-16.0%	1 571.9	1 918.5	22.0%
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	15 258.5	15 671.3	2.7%	8 648.5	8 378.8	-3.1%
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	6 729.5	6 680.9	-0.7%	719.7	860.9	19.6%
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).	432.3	426.2	-1.4%	93.7	96.2	2.7%
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.	2 243.2	2 325.2	3.7%	2 330.7	2 348.3	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.	3 060.2	2 997.3	-2.1%	446.3	459.0	2.8%
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	7 911.9	7 728.7	-2.3%	6 830.9	6 634.8	-2.9%
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.	1 961.0	1 815.2	-7.4%	160.5	232.3	44.8%
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	1 925.6	1 897.3	-1.5%	118.8	137.2	15.5%
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	2 620.5	2 065.1	-21.2%	23 455.6	15 380.4	-34.4%
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	9 964.1	9 776.9	-1.9%	968.4	1 003.5	3.6%
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.	23 322.9	23 661.7	1.5%	4 240.3	4 782.5	12.8%
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	13 885.0	12 813.3	-7.7%	465.6	590.8	26.9%
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	2 195.9	2 240.1	2.0%	97.9	107.8	10.1%
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 883.4	3 656.4	-5.8%	109.0	104.7	-4.0%
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	11.3	11.6	2.0%	1.1	2.7	140.4%
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	50.8	59.6	17.1%	14.4	15.9	10.2%
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	0.1	0.2	100.4%	-	-	0.0%
Total		**152 988.9**	**146 238.6**	**-4.4%**	**61 093.2**	**55 200.4**	**-9.6%**