

STATEMENT

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SARS releases the preliminary trade statistics for June 2025

Pretoria, 31 July 2025 – South Africa recorded a preliminary trade balance surplus of R22.0 billion in June 2025. This surplus was attributable to exports of R170.7 billion and imports of R148.6 billion, inclusive of trade with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN).

The year-to-date (01 January to 30 June 2025) preliminary trade balance surplus of R80.2 billion was lower than the R92.0 billion trade balance surplus for the comparable period in 2024. On a year-on-year basis, export flows for June 2025 (R170.7 billion) were 2.9% lower compared to R175.8 billion recorded in June 2024. Import flows were higher by 0.6%, having increased from R147.7 billion in June 2024 to R148.6 billion in the current period.

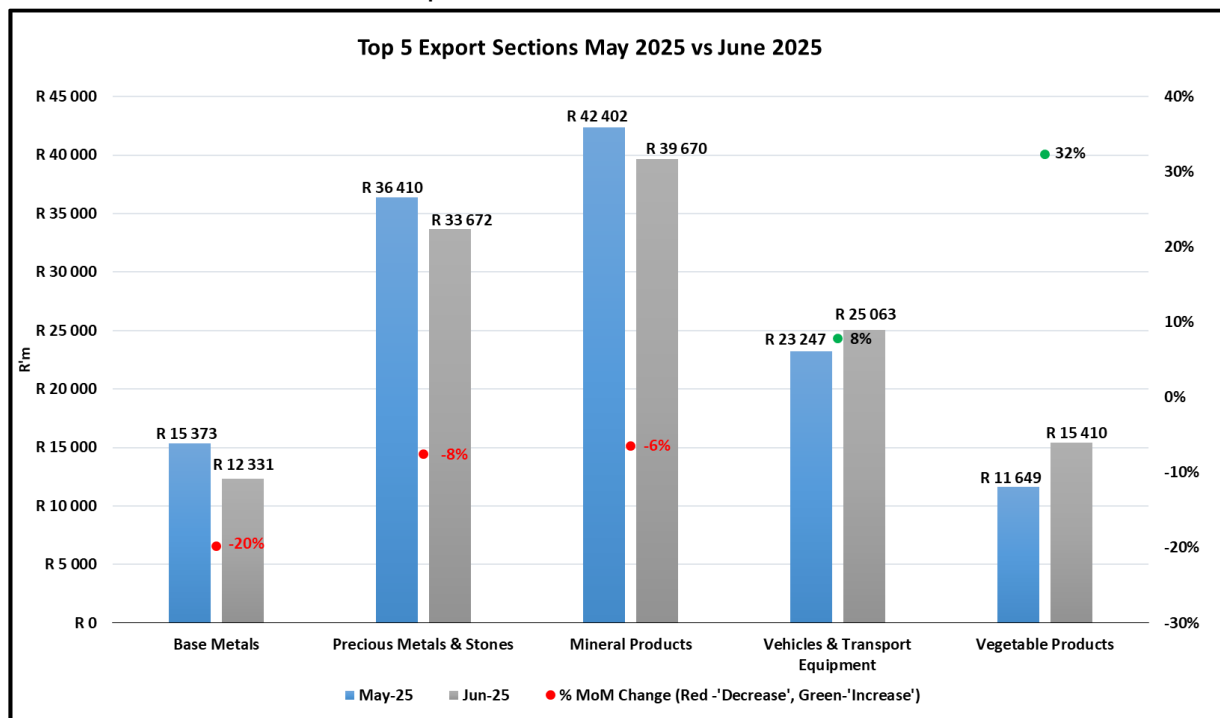
On a month-on-month basis, exports decreased by R3.3 billion (-1.9%) from R174.0 billion to R170.7 billion between May and June 2025, whilst imports decreased by R5.3 billion (-3.5%) from R153.9 billion to R148.6 billion over the same period. Export flows decreased in June 2025, driven by Gold, Coal and Motor Vehicles (Goods). Import flows also decreased on the back of lower importation of Petroleum Oils (Excluding Crude), Crude Oil, and Telephone Sets, Including Smartphones.

Due to ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOCs), the preliminary trade balance surplus of R21.7 billion announced for May 2025 was revised downwards by R1.6 billion, with the final number at R20.0 billion.

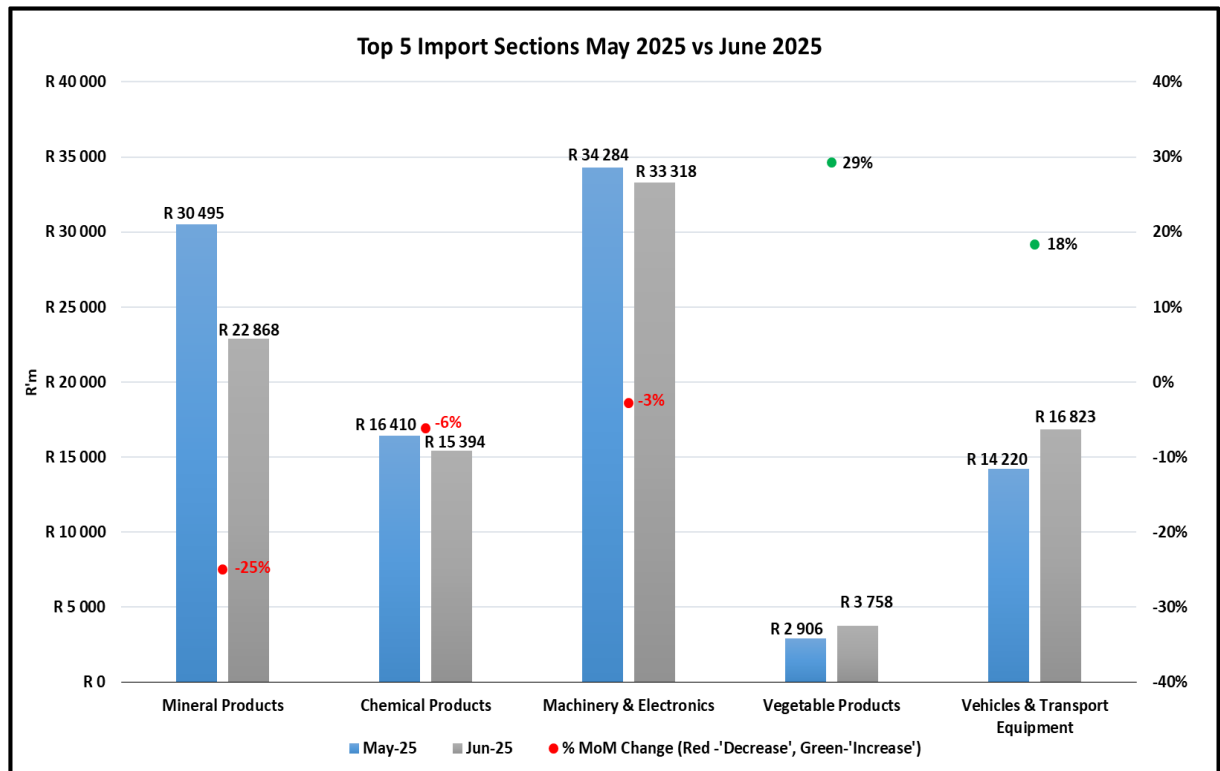
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Trade highlights by category

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 2025 (revised) to June 2025 (preliminary) are given below:

World Zones (R' m)	The main month-on-month movements (R' m)				
	Trade Type	May 2025	June 2025	Variance	% M-o-M
Africa	Exports	47 883	45 911	-1 972	↓ -4.1%
	Imports	16 350	13 562	-2 788	↓ -17.1%
	Trade Balance	31 533	32 349	-	-
America	Exports	13 726	14 674	948	↑ 6.9%
	Imports	16 343	16 936	593	↑ 3.6%
	Trade Balance	-2 617	-2 262	-	-
Asia	Exports	48 595	50 948	2 353	↑ 4.8%
	Imports	78 038	73 667	-4 372	↓ -5.6%
	Trade Balance	-29 443	-22 718	-	-
Europe	Exports	45 713	43 129	-2 585	↓ -5.7%
	Imports	39 549	42 113	2 564	↑ 6.5%
	Trade Balance	6 164	1 015	-	-
Oceania	Exports	1 276	2 389	1 113	↑ 87.2%
	Imports	2 596	2 080	-516	↓ -19.9%
	Trade Balance	-1 320	309	-	-
Other Unclassified	Exports	15 777	13 011	-2 766	↓ -17.5%
	Imports	1 072	272	-800	↓ -74.6%
	Trade Balance	14 705	12 739	-	-
Ship/Aircraft	Exports	1 006	608	-397	↓ -39.5%
	Imports	-	-	-	-
	Trade Balance	1 006	608	-	-

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

South Africa's trade with the rest of the world (excl. BELN) for June 2025 indicates a preliminary trade balance surplus of R11.9 billion.

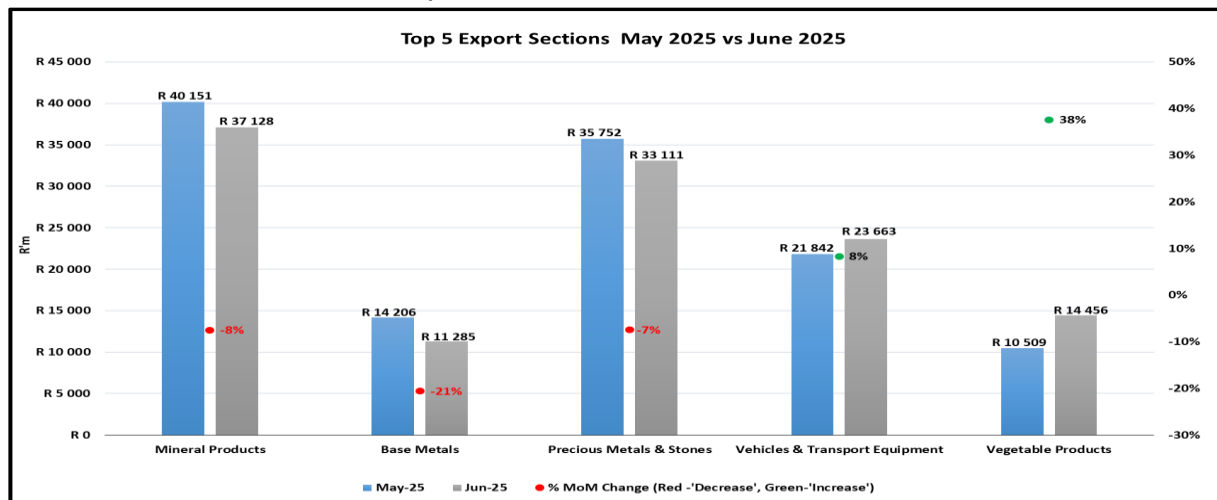
Summary

The R11.9 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2025 was as a result of exports of R154.2 billion and imports of R142.3 billion. Exports decreased by R2.5 billion (-1.6%) between May and June 2025 whilst imports decreased by R6.1 billion (-4.1%) over the same period.

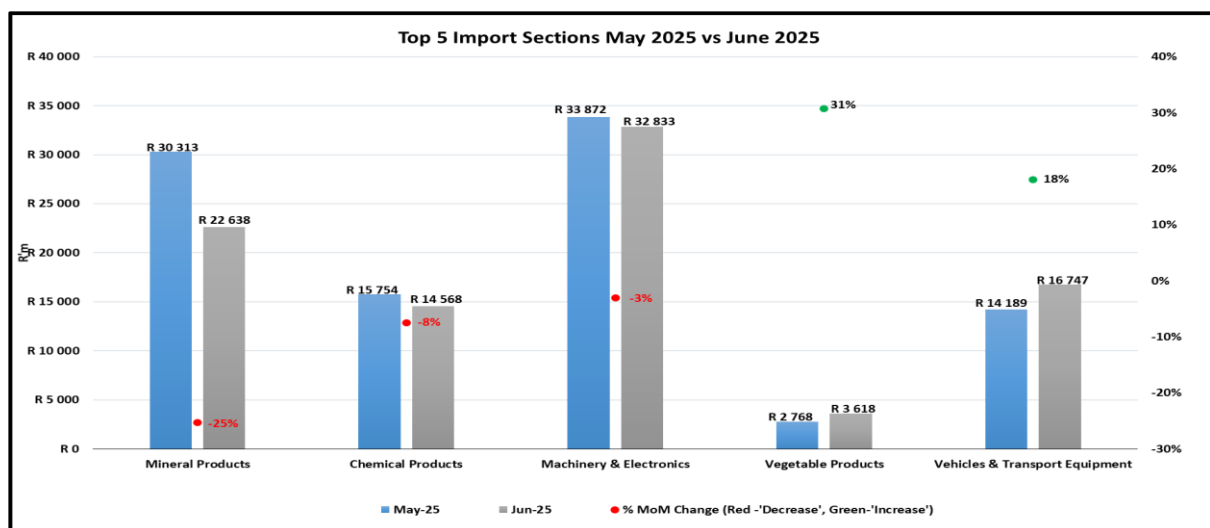
The preliminary cumulative trade balance for 2025 was a surplus of R15.2 billion, compared to R27.2 billion trade balance surplus for the corresponding period in 2024.

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	Imports	10 782	7 229	-3 554	↓ -33.0%
	Trade Balance	19 876	22 220	-	-

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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	3 949 824 154	1.46	743 080 778	1.62	1.14	11 108 997 140	12 447 643 571	1 945 972 731	0.81	11 185 811 020	8 497 819 417	1 202 891 953
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	47 348 853 255	2.97	11 652 669 430	4.10	9.03	65 082 548 402	71 396 354 078	15 410 485 956	2.53	21 372 946 264	24 047 500 823	3 757 816 526
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(2 980 595 492)	0.57	(386 164 003)	0.63	0.38	4 081 279 543	4 016 276 159	647 739 202	0.70	6 726 655 688	6 996 871 651	1 033 903 205
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	12 043 704 857	1.40	2 450 793 725	1.47	4.46	40 750 292 442	42 267 659 866	7 618 396 540	3.48	27 104 220 293	30 223 955 009	5 167 602 815
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	77 003 411 257	1.45	16 802 236 558	1.73	23.24	258 853 574 207	247 193 706 468	39 669 776 000	15.39	193 044 836 765	170 190 295 211	22 867 539 442
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(40 526 186 411)	0.58	(6 371 051 382)	0.59	5.29	57 840 571 646	56 104 718 364	9 022 721 829	10.36	96 365 682 526	96 630 904 775	15 393 773 211
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(19 699 130 243)	0.47	(2 929 733 301)	0.53	1.93	16 749 006 253	17 518 259 796	3 300 680 125	4.19	38 848 476 138	37 217 390 039	6 230 413 426
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(297 399 830)	0.88	(30 730 876)	0.93	0.23	2 152 434 130	2 106 852 770	394 648 389	0.29	2 340 087 354	2 404 252 600	425 379 265
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	2 691 654 350	1.74	561 303 679	1.92	0.69	5 206 570 008	6 338 941 121	1 172 483 300	0.41	3 613 649 044	3 647 286 771	611 179 621
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	3 813 329 836	1.33	700 283 064	1.35	1.59	15 815 427 529	15 371 806 806	2 709 674 662	1.35	11 791 519 173	11 558 476 970	2 009 391 598
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(19 059 211 096)	0.39	(2 734 975 261)	0.44	1.27	11 524 198 935	12 150 383 963	2 165 547 442	3.30	30 762 855 561	31 209 595 059	4 900 522 703
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(6 812 960 231)	0.26	(1 524 181 396)	0.19	0.21	1 934 893 655	2 345 356 850	365 382 403	1.27	8 927 516 824	9 158 317 081	1 889 563 799
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(3 767 025 469)	0.52	(751 103 908)	0.46	0.38	3 694 631 990	4 149 466 829	640 598 506	0.94	7 956 673 539	7 916 492 298	1 391 702 414
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	169 757 460 718	11.26	30 580 405 898	10.89	19.73	177 541 944 014	186 303 699 122	33 671 533 077	2.08	13 725 874 495	16 546 238 404	3 091 127 179
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	41 302 739 909	1.87	4 189 378 216	1.51	7.23	108 967 041 887	89 039 925 322	12 331 440 217	5.48	49 592 123 717	47 737 185 413	8 142 062 001
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(138 640 230 203)	0.33	(21 570 476 072)	0.35	6.88	69 620 155 932	69 493 949 108	11 747 053 693	22.42	202 268 068 053	208 134 179 311	33 317 529 765
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	51 725 889 810	1.60	8 240 518 132	1.49	14.69	140 801 250 506	137 448 611 288	25 063 216 221	11.32	69 783 004 890	85 722 721 478	16 822 698 089
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(17 497 041 357)	0.24	(3 029 724 608)	0.23	0.52	4 949 778 132	5 480 238 457	885 623 407	2.63	22 683 667 249	22 977 279 814	3 915 348 015
XX, Ch 94-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(5 948 655 074)	0.48	(1 068 545 253)	0.49	0.60	5 224 793 678	5 495 124 917	1 031 367 791	1.41	11 118 192 937	11 443 779 991	2 099 913 044
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	355 464 590	1.84	146 875 315	6.56	0.10	896 300 973	776 395 364	173 272 786	0.02	348 586 789	420 930 774	26 397 471
XXII, Ch 99	Other Unclassified ¹⁾	2 683 506 458	3.56	548 715 910	4.62	0.41	3 064 894 502	3 731 232 948	700 392 052	0.10	1 160 525 095	1 047 726 490	151 676 142
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions ²⁾	(77 204 246 741)	0.00	(14 179 129 463)	0.00	0.00	1 460 673	11 259 093	1 658 099	9.54	83 099 912 744	77 215 505 834	14 180 787 562
Total	Total SA Rand	80 243 157 047	1.09	22 040 445 182	1.15	100.00	1 005 862 046 177	991 187 862 260	170 669 664 428	100.00	913 820 886 158	910 944 705 213	148 629 219 246

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AFRICA	187 348 158 847	3.10	32 349 333 563	3.39	26.90	273 355 223 805	276 495 160 503	45 910 996 214	9.12	96 417 188 316	89 147 001 656	13 561 662 651
AMERICA	(10 456 738 453)	0.89	(2 262 099 643)	0.87	8.60	96 062 087 681	83 863 873 531	14 673 612 744	11.39	90 164 248 615	94 320 611 984	16 935 712 387
ASIA	(182 516 980 251)	0.61	(22 718 256 449)	0.69	29.85	298 823 681 871	286 687 101 611	50 948 410 180	49.56	455 129 495 678	469 204 081 862	73 666 666 629
EUROPE	3 656 145 133	1.02	1 015 433 523	1.02	25.27	251 721 643 709	244 970 433 079	43 128 518 215	28.33	257 313 035 872	241 314 287 946	42 113 084 692
OCEANIA	(4 058 822 340)	0.72	308 868 000	1.15	1.40	11 557 625 568	10 293 950 850	2 388 574 431	1.40	11 194 803 096	14 352 773 190	2 079 706 431
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	80 377 217 994	31.84	12 738 801 171	47.77	7.62	67 338 054 954	82 983 166 569	13 011 187 627	0.18	3 602 114 581	2 605 948 575	272 386 456
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	5 894 176 117	-	608 365 017	-	0.36	7 003 728 589	5 894 176 117	608 365 017				
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II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	41 348 535 648	2.77	10 837 765 098	4.00	9.37	58 164 007 906	64 728 950 104	14 456 256 959	2.54	20 784 446 726	23 380 414 456	3 618 491 861
III, Ch 15	Fats and Oils	(4 231 469 544)	0.39	(612 567 905)	0.40	0.27	2 912 395 982	2 717 703 199	416 045 640	0.72	6 716 135 015	6 949 172 743	1 028 613 545
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	4 711 093 456	1.19	1 305 372 146	1.30	3.64	28 901 796 803	29 993 511 060	5 616 947 851	3.03	22 853 411 867	25 282 417 604	4 311 575 705
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	62 525 721 256	1.37	14 489 865 070	1.64	24.08	243 333 899 720	231 566 529 885	37 127 872 109	15.91	191 742 689 300	169 040 808 629	22 638 007 039
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(45 170 883 160)	0.51	(7 254 240 830)	0.50	4.74	48 644 395 381	46 117 590 999	7 313 411 997	10.24	90 775 663 497	91 288 474 159	14 567 652 827
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(23 586 728 214)	0.36	(3 580 485 475)	0.42	1.67	12 339 097 273	13 163 663 495	2 567 652 508	4.32	38 379 523 894	36 750 391 709	6 148 137 983
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(520 893 944)	0.78	(70 351 148)	0.83	0.22	1 880 658 154	1 827 954 985	345 237 075	0.29	2 273 865 669	2 348 848 929	415 588 223
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	2 689 530 670	2.21	591 515 728	2.73	0.61	3 955 095 546	4 905 759 529	933 398 253	0.24	2 252 849 378	2 216 228 859	341 882 525
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XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	178 935 218 266	33.96	32 208 038 823	36.68	21.47	175 570 083 634	184 363 581 074	33 110 665 377	0.63	5 289 860 625	5 428 362 808	902 626 554
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XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(18 882 506 910)	0.18	(3 256 514 570)	0.17	0.42	3 667 623 080	4 039 496 257	650 020 647	2.75	22 626 639 454	22 922 003 167	3 906 535 217
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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

South Africa's trade with the BELN countries for June 2025 shows a preliminary trade balance surplus of R10.1 billion.

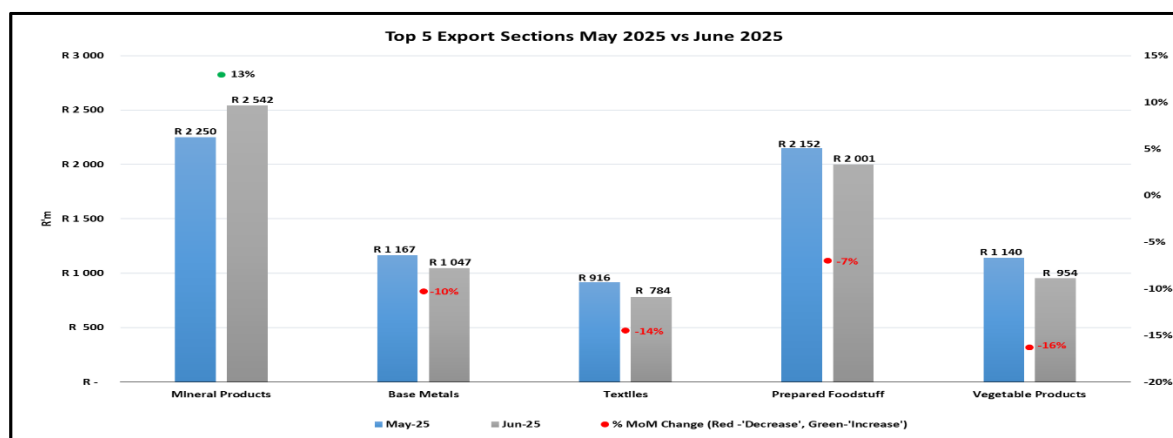
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The R10.1 billion preliminary trade balance surplus for June 2025 was as a result of exports of R16.5 billion and imports of R6.3 billion. Exports decreased by R0.8 billion (-4.4%) between May and June 2025, and imports increased by R0.8 billion (13.7%) over the same period.

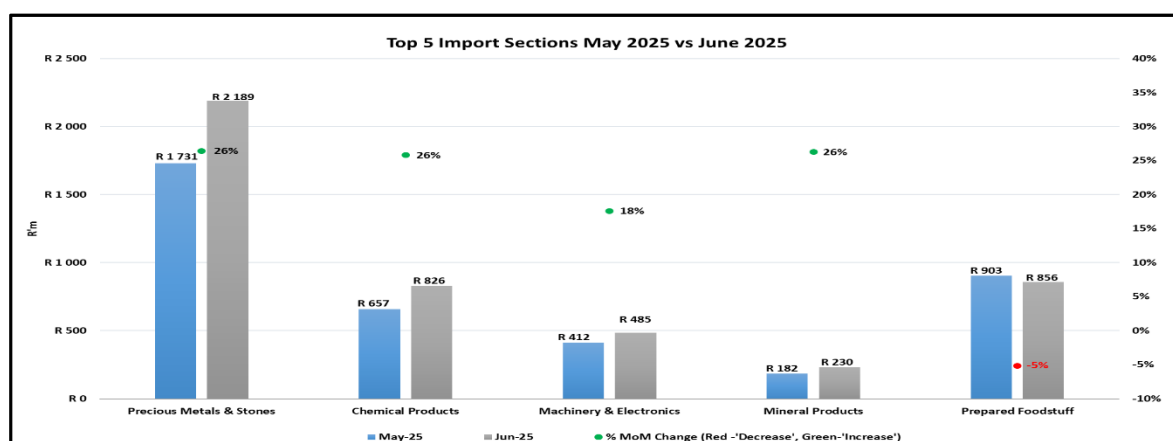
The preliminary cumulative trade balance for 2025 was a surplus of R65.1 billion, compared to R64.8 billion surplus in 2024.

Trade Highlights by Category

The main month-on-month export movements:



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