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South African Trade Statistics for June 2009

Pretoria, 31 July 2009 -- The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for June 2009 that record a trade surplus of R3.2 billion.

Summary

The R3.2 billion surplus for June 2009 was mainly due to an increase in exports of 3.82% and an increase in imports of 0.96%. Exports for June 2009 of R43 billion and imports of R39.8 billion resulted in a surplus of R3.2 billion. Imports increased by R0.4 billion (0.96%) to R39.8 billion and exports increased by R1.6 billion (3.82%) to R43 billion.

Trade Highlights by Category

- The May to June change (up by 0.96%) in imports of goods reflected increases mainly in:
 - Original equipment components [up by R0.1 billion (7%)] and
 - Vehicles, vessels and aircraft [up by R0.2 billion (5%)]
- The May to June change (up by 3.82 %) in exports of goods reflected increases mainly in:
 - Mineral products [up by R0.7 billion (8%)
 - Products of the chemical or allied industry [up by R0.7 billion (32%)]
 - Precious metals and stones [up by R1.2 billion (12%)] and
 - Base metals and articles thereof [up by R0.5 billion (8%)].

Trade Highlights by World Zone

The world zone results for June 2009 as given below are unaudited, and those for May 2009 are audited.

- Asia: The deficit increased from R2.2bn in May 2009 to R3.7bn in June 2009. Exports increased by R0.36bn to R14.2bn and imports increased by R1.9bn to R17.9bn.
- Europe: The deficit decreased from R1.8bn in May 2009 to R1.2bn in June 2009. Exports increased by R0.3bn to R12.2bn and imports decreased by R0.3bn to R13.4bn.
- America: The deficit remained unchanged at R1.6bn from May to June 2009. Exports decreased by R0.1bn to R3.7bn and imports decreased by R0.01bn to R5.3bn.
- Africa: The surplus increased from R3.6bn to R4.8bn. Exports decreased by R0.1bn to R7.2bn and imports decreased by R1.2bn to R2.4bn.

For more detail, visit our [Trade Statistics page](#).

		TRADE											
Harmonised Sections		Monthly Trade		Cumulative Trade		Imports				Exports			
Code	Description	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio (Exports/Imports)	Trade Balance (R'm)	Ratio 5) (Exports/Imports)	Month Total (R'm)	Month % of total	Cumulative 2008 3) (R'm)	Cumulative 2009 (R'm)	Month Total (R'm)	Month % of total	Cumulative 2008 3) (R'm)	Cumulative 2009 (R'm)
I, Ch 1-5	Animals/Animal Products	5	1.01	422	1.19	447	1.12	2,313	2,260	452	1.05	2,821	2,682
II, Ch 6-14	Vegetable Products	1,670	3.25	6,546	2.21	743	1.86	5,266	5,431	2,412	5.61	9,133	11,977
III, Ch 15-24	Fats and Oils	(228)	0.25	(1,799)	0.19	305	0.77	3,222	2,215	77	0.18	439	416
IV, Ch 16-24	Prepared Foods	665	1.54	2,294	1.31	1,224	3.08	6,466	7,456	1,890	4.39	7,449	9,750
V, Ch 25-27	Mineral Products	231	1.03	(2,134)	0.96	8,447	21.21	78,359	56,604	8,678	20.16	50,963	54,470
VI, Ch 28-38	Chemical Products	(1,146)	0.71	(9,918)	0.60	3,898	9.79	29,414	24,852	2,752	6.39	18,701	14,935
VII, Ch 39-40	Plastics and Rubber	(755)	0.50	(5,212)	0.47	1,504	3.78	11,818	9,902	749	1.74	5,010	4,690
VIII, Ch 41-43	Hides, Skins and Leather	(7)	0.94	(182)	0.80	131	0.33	1,077	899	123	0.29	854	718
IX, Ch 44-46	Wood and articles thereof	120	1.75	38	1.03	161	0.40	1,624	1,327	281	0.65	1,623	1,365
X, Ch 47-49	Pulp and Paper Products	51	1.07	421	1.09	732	1.84	5,063	4,805	782	1.82	4,976	5,226
XI, Ch 50-63	Textiles and Clothing	(775)	0.34	(6,403)	0.27	1,175	2.95	8,078	8,823	400	0.93	2,758	2,420
XII, Ch 64-67	Footwear and Accessories	(360)	0.08	(2,582)	0.05	391	0.98	2,190	2,729	31	0.07	174	147
XIII, Ch 68-70	Stone, Plaster, etc	(326)	0.36	(1,919)	0.37	511	1.28	4,363	3,044	185	0.43	1,038	1,125
XIV, Ch 71	Precious Stones	10,882	25.12	59,307	24.87	451	1.13	4,999	2,484	11,333	26.33	76,805	61,792
XV, Ch 72-83	Base Metals	4,163	3.36	22,333	2.84	1,761	4.42	17,277	12,134	5,924	13.76	56,352	34,467
XVI, Ch 84-85	Machinery and Appliances	(7,533)	0.31	(54,934)	0.28	10,872	27.30	88,457	75,882	3,339	7.76	31,771	20,948
XVII, Ch 86-89	Transport Equipment	(329)	0.90	(1,436)	0.94	3,194	8.02	34,848	23,140	2,866	6.66	30,284	21,704
XVIII, Ch 90-92	Precision Products, etc	(998)	0.22	(6,164)	0.26	1,272	3.20	8,879	8,340	275	0.64	1,819	2,176
XX, Ch 93-96	Misc Manufactured Articles	(235)	0.60	(1,808)	0.53	593	1.49	4,310	3,821	358	0.83	2,644	2,013
XXI, Ch 97	Works of Art/Antiques	(4)	0.80	(23)	0.82	21	0.05	156	132	17	0.04	160	108
XXXII	Other Unclassified 1)	88	4.35	1,443	4.06	26	0.07	537	472	114	0.27	715	1,915
XXIII, Ch 98	Special Provisions 2)	(1,957)	0.00	(14,892)	0.00	1,957	4.91	24,114	14,895	0	0.00	4	4
Total SA Rand		3,222	1.08	(16,601)	0.94	39,818	100.00	342,832	271,648	43,039	100.00	306,493	255,047

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Africa		4,773	2.98	27,050	2.48	2,405	6.04	28,789	18,319	7,178	16.68	42,609	45,369
Europe		(1,249)	0.91	(20,495)	0.78	13,413	33.69	118,203	93,671	12,164	28.26	102,532	73,176
America		(1,646)	0.69	(14,774)	0.62	5,331	13.39	41,703	38,687	3,684	8.56	38,827	23,913
Asia		(3,712)	0.79	(32,351)	0.72	17,882	44.91	146,187	114,637	14,169	32.92	90,948	82,286
Oceania		(15)	0.98	(1,913)	0.64	673	1.69	6,714	5,362	658	1.53	6,925	3,449
Other Unclassified Goods		5,012	45.03	25,448	27.19	114	0.29	1,237	972	5,126	11.91	24,332	26,419
Ships/ Aircraft Stores		59		435		-	-	-	-	59	0.14	320	435
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Temporary Imports	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
Gold imports 4) (R'm)	4,136	6,047	5,090	2,696	3,630	2,406						

Notes:

- 1) Other Unclassified: Military equipment, unknown countries, ships & aircraft stores & films
- 2) Special Provisions: Motor car parts for Motor Industry Development Programme (MIDP)
- 3) 2008 Data is audited and 2009 data unaudited

- 4) Temporary gold imports are not included in imports or export numbers for the trade balance calculation
- 5) The ratio is the value of total exports divided by the value of total imports