

SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics

	EXPORTS			IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE		
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March 2011 (prelim)	R	60,243,140,713	R	59,272,535,575	R	970,605,138	
February 2011	R	52,234,641,790	R	52,584,548,998	R	-349,907,208	
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R Increase/Decrease	R	8,008,498,923	R	6,687,986,577			
% Growth		15.3%		12.7%			

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

January to March 2011 (Prelim)	R	156,974,554,955	R	161,490,553,270	R	-4,515,998,315
January to March 2010	R	127,752,469,355	R	136,762,252,671	R	-9,009,783,316

R Increase/Decrease	R	29,222,085,600	R	24,728,300,599
% Growth		22.9%		18.1%

COMMENTS

Month on month increase/decrease

EXPORTS

Section 5:	Mineral products increased by R1 757 million (14%).
Section 14:	Precious and semi-precious stones and metals increased by R2 179 million (17%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R1 415 million (18%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R 814 million (19%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R 737 million (16%).

IMPORTS

Section 3:	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products increased by R 462 million (71 $\%$
Section 5:	Mineral products decreased by R3 210 million (-24%).
Section 6:	Products of the chemicals or allied industries increased by R1 283 million (29%).
Section 7:	Plastics and rubber and articles thereof increased by R 479 million (25%).
Section 15:	Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 663 million (32%).
Section 16:	Machinery and electrical appliances increased by R3 093 million (27%).
Section 17:	Vehicles, aircraft and vessels increased by R3 518 million (67%).
Section 23:	Original equipment components increased by R 112 million (3%).

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 ZONES AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	Jan - Mar 2010 / Jan - Mar 2011							
		EXPORTS		IMPORTS				
World zone	Jan - Mar 2010	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Mar 2010	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease		
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm			
Africa	19,878.9	23,713.1	19.3%	11,908.9	12,580.5	5.6%		
Europe	37,235.2	42,297.8	13.6%	48,619.5	57,684.6	18.6%		
America	13,678.8	16,958.2	24.0%	14,917.5	19,989.1	34.0%		
Asia	42,157.2	57,030.4	35.3%	57,784.5	68,014.6	17.7%		
Oceania	1,799.5	1,531.1	-14.9%	2,564.1	2,916.9	13.8%		
Other Unclassified Goods	12,854.6	15,402.9	19.8%	967.7	304.9	-68.5%		
Ships/Aircraft Stores	148.2	41.0	-72.3%					
Total	127,752.5	156,974.6	22.9%	136,762.3	161,490.6	18.1%		

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

			EXPORTS		IMPORTS				
Section (chapter)	Description	Jan - Mar 2010	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	Jan - Mar 2010	Jan - Mar 2011	Percentage increase / decrease		
		Rm	Rm	0.00/	Rm	Rm	10.404		
l (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	1,431.8	1,305.9	-8.8%	1,197.8	1,427.0	19.1%		
II (6-14)	Vegetable products Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage	4,589.6	5,389.3	17.4%	2,369.0	2,975.2	25.6%		
III (15)	products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	256.4	314.0	22.5%	1,463.5	2,348.3	60.5%		
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	4,172.6	3,889.3	-6.8%	3,555.7	3,869.1	8.8%		
V (25-27)	Mineral products	26,931.6	37,551.0	39.4%	27,801.9	33,529.4	20.6%		
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	7,289.9	8,996.4	23.4%	13,523.7	14,803.2	9.5%		
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	2,083.4	2,640.8	26.8%	5,423.7	6,311.4	16.4%		
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof; saddlery & harness; travel goods, h&bags & similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)	341.0	531.2	55.8%	463.7	524.4	13.1%		
IX (44-46)	Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork & articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware & wickerwork	613.6	648.1	5.6%	660.2	654.6	-0.8%		
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste & scrap of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard & articles thereof	2,422.1	2,760.4	14.0%	2,483.4	2,408.7	-3.0%		
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	1,210.1	1,131.8	-6.5%	4,320.6	4,939.7	14.3%		
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops & parts thereof; prepared feathers & articles made therewith: artificial flowers; articles of human hair	237.7	77.9	-67.2%	1,282.8	1,693.8	32.0%		
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	451.7	496.4	9.9%	1,820.5	1,683.8	-7.5%		
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation iewellerv; coin	31,485.0	38,855.1	23.4%	1,667.1	1,684.6	1.1%		
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	21,679.7	25,403.5	17.2%	6,365.2	7,253.0	13.9%		
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	10,172.9	12,798.1	25.8%	33,911.7	38,960.1	14.9%		
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	10,200.0	11,934.5	17.0%	13,560.1	19,320.6	42.5%		
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	722.4	728.9	0.9%	3,711.3	4,360.3	17.5%		
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,098.4	1,028.4	-6.4%	1,921.4	1,970.1	2.5%		
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	92.3	73.4	-20.5%	29.2	56.5	93.2%		
XXII	Other unclassified goods	265.5	415.5	56.5%	703.5	119.8	-83.0%		
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	4.7	4.9	3.6%	8,526.3	10,596.6	24.3%		
Total		127,752.5	156,974.6	22.9%	136,762.3	161,490.6	18.1%		

PRELIMINARY SA MONTHLY STATEMENT

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	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm		
Africa	7,922.3	9,507.2	20.0%	-0.1	5,736.2	3,461.1	-39.7%	-		
Europe	14,747.2	14,685.6	-0.4%	-0.0	16,211.9	23,627.9	45.7%	-		
America	6,064.4	6,965.4	14.9%	-	6,208.6	7,758.0	25.0%	-		
Asia	18,308.1	22,054.6	20.5%	104.9	23,294.3	23,317.7	0.1%	-0.0		
Oceania	556.2	690.7	24.2%	-	1,028.0	995.2	-3.2%	-		
Other Unclassified Goods	4,624.1	6,321.2	36.7%	-	105.5	112.6	6.7%	-		
Ships/Aircraft Stores	12.3	18.4	49.9%	-				-		
Total	52,234.6	60,243.1	15.3%	104.7	52,584.5	59,272.5	12.7%	-0.0		

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Section (chapter)	Description	February 2011	March 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment	February 2011	March 2011	Percentage increase / decrease	February adjustment
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
l (1-5)	Live animals, animal products	432.9	486.3	12.3%	-	410.6	576.0	40.3%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products	1,888.9	1,990.7	5.4%	-	1,070.7	966.9	-9.7%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats & oils & their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal & vegetable waxes	110.7	123.2	11.3%	-	650.4	1,112.5	71.0%	-
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits & vinegar; tobacco & manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,296.7	1,617.9	24.8%	-	1,188.0	1,539.5	29.6%	-
V (25-27)	Mineral products	12,328.9	14,085.5	14.2%	104.9	13,637.6	10,428.0	-23.5%	-
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemical or allied industries	3,207.4	3,198.3	-0.3%	-	4,423.6	5,706.2	29.0%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics & articles thereof; rubber & articles thereof	858.6	1,104.5	28.6%	-0.0	1,896.5	2,375.3	25.2%	-
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides & skins, leather, fur skins & articles thereof; saddlery & harness; travel goods, h&bags & similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm out)	201.0	191.1	-4.9%	-	193.2	144.8	-25.0%	-
IX (44-46)	Wood & articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork & articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware & wickenwork	169.7	225.3	32.8%	-	224.1	204.0	-9.0%	-
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste & scrap of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard of paper or paperboard; paper & paperboard & articles thereof	945.5	960.0	1.5%	-	763.1	848.2	11.2%	-
XI (50-63)	Textiles & textile articles	357.2	461.9	29.3%	-	1,763.7	1,490.3	-15.5%	-
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops & parts thereof; prepared feathers & articles made therewith: artificial flowers: articles of human hair	26.2	34.7	32.6%	-	643.6	443.5	-31.1%	-
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass & glassware	171.5	214.1	24.9%	-	529.9	583.7	10.2%	-
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal & articles thereof; imitation iewellerv: coin	12,712.6	14,891.7	17.1%	-	598.5	501.5	-16.2%	-
XV (72-83)	Base metals & articles of base metal	7,898.6	9,313.9	17.9%	-0.1	2,099.6	2,763.0	31.6%	-
XVI (84-85)	Machinery & mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders & reproducers; television image & sound recorders & reproducers, & parts & accessories of such articles	4,347.5	5,161.7	18.7%	-	11,552.9	14,646.1	26.8%	-0.0
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels & associated transport equipment	4,535.0	5,272.1	16.3%	-	5,215.3	8,733.0	67.4%	-
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments & apparatus; clocks & watches; musical instruments; parts & accessories thereof	226.3	284.6	25.7%	-	1,415.0	1,747.5	23.5%	-
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	345.5	406.0	17.5%	-	657.5	653.5	-0.6%	-
XXI (97)	Works of art, collector's pieces & antiques	13.4	47.3	252.0%	-	11.7	25.7	120.4%	-
XXII	Other unclassified goods	159.9	171.8	7.5%	-	29.0	61.6	112.2%	-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles	0.4	0.3	-12.6%	-	3,610.0	3,721.7	3.1%	-
Total		52,234.6	60,243.1	15.3%	104.7	52,584.5	59,272.5	12.7%	-0.0