SARS Preliminary Trade Statistics: Excluding BLNS

## EXPORTS $\mid$ IMPORTS $\quad$ TRADE BALANCE

| September 2013 (Prelim) | R | 66528752930 | R | 85469782004 | R | -18941029074 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| August 2013 (Revised) | R | 70757606601 | R | 89856199207 | R | -19098592606 |


| R Increase/Decrease | R | -4228853671 | R |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \% Growth | $-6.0 \%$ | -4386417203 |  |

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

| January - September 2013 (Prelim) | R | 595793294503 | R | 722162512206 | R | -126369217703 |
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| January - September 2012 (Revised) | R | 529690948647 | R | 613291103890 | R | -83600155243 |


| R Increase/Decrease | R | 66102345856 | R |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \% Growth | $12.5 \%$ | 108871408316 |  |

## COMMENTS

## Month on month increase/decrease

## EXPORTS

Section 2:
Section 5:
Section 10:
Section 14:
Section 15:
Section 16:
Section 17:

Section 5:
Section 6:
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Section 16:
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Section 23:

Vegetable products decreased by R 880 million (-21\%).
Mineral products increased by R3 376 million (23\%).
Pulp of wood, waste and scrap of paper decreased by R 503 million (-34\%).
Precious and semi-precious stones and metals decreased by R2 024 million ( $-12 \%$ ).
Base metals and articles thereof increased by R 843 million (10\%).
Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 491 million (-8\%).
Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R4 377 million (-58\%).

## IMPORTS

Mineral products increased by R2 622 million (14\%).
Products of the chemicals or allied industries decreased by R 952 million ( $-12 \%$ ).
Base metals and articles thereof decreased by R1 161 million ( $-23 \%$ ).
Machinery and electrical appliances decreased by R 753 million ( $-3 \%$ ).
Vehicles, aircraft and vessels decreased by R2 531 million (-27\%).
Original equipment components decreased by R 976 million (-16\%).

| METHODOLOGY <br> COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES. <br> ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF |
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| AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF |
| THE PREVIOUS MONTHS |$\quad$| Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by |
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| 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 |
| publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible. |

WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | September / August 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| World zone | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | August 2013 | Percentage increase I decrease | August revision | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | August 2013 | Percentage increase I decrease | August revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| Africa | 12813.6 | 13201.5 | -2.9\% | -35.3 | 7575.7 | 7961.3 | -4.8\% | 0.4 |
| Europe | 16840.3 | 17122.9 | -1.7\% | -34.0 | 24470.5 | 28040.0 | -12.7\% | -66.2 |
| America | 5679.6 | 8406.8 | -32.4\% | -8.5 | 8833.6 | 9646.8 | -8.4\% | 2.1 |
| Asia | 26175.9 | 25467.6 | 2.8\% | 141.4 | 43344.0 | 42859.2 | 1.1\% | 167.4 |
| Oceania | 502.0 | 787.0 | -36.2\% | -3.6 | 1177.5 | 1279.9 | -8.0\% | 0.1 |
| Other Unclassified Goods | 4409.9 | 5670.2 | -22.2\% | - | 68.5 | 69.0 | -0.8\% | - |
| Ships/Aircraft Stores | 107.6 | 101.5 | 5.9\% | - |  |  |  | - |
| Total | 66528.8 | 70757.6 | -6.0\% | 60.0 | 85469.8 | 89856.2 | -4.9\% | 103.7 |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section (chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | August 2013 | Percentage increase I decrease | August revision | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | August 2013 | Percentage increase I decrease | August revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products | 545.4 | 581.5 | -6.2\% | 0.5 | 739.3 | 652.7 | 13.3\% | 0.0 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products | 3224.0 | 4104.4 | -21.5\% | -30.2 | 1873.6 | 1553.2 | 20.6\% | 0.0 |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats \& oils \& their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal \& vegetable waxes | 161.0 | 194.6 | -17.3\% | -0.2 | 537.3 | 660.9 | -18.7\% | 1.0 |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits \& vinegar; tobacco \& manufactured tobacco substitutes | 2579.8 | 2860.1 | -9.8\% | 0.1 | 2157.8 | 2521.3 | -14.4\% | -1.2 |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products | 18075.6 | 14699.9 | 23.0\% | 166.1 | 21715.5 | 19093.7 | 13.7\% | 108.5 |
| $\mathrm{VI}(28-38)$ | Products of the chemical or allied industries | 4163.8 | 4008.8 | 3.9\% | -28.2 | 7310.4 | 8262.1 | -11.5\% | 1.3 |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics \& articles thereof; rubber \& articles thereof | 1154.5 | 1210.4 | -4.6\% | 2.8 | 3434.0 | 3428.3 | 0.2\% | -1.2 |
| 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 gut) | 310.4 | 279.2 | 11.2\% | -0.0 | 339.4 | 346.4 | -2.0\% | 0.2 |
| 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 | 245.2 | 322.5 | -24.0\% | 1.1 | 300.0 | 275.9 | 8.8\% | -0.0 |
| 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 | 992.2 | 1495.6 | -33.7\% | -48.5 | 1193.1 | 1208.9 | -1.3\% | -0.5 |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles \& textile articles | 581.8 | 478.5 | 21.6\% | -0.4 | 2675.5 | 2678.7 | -0.1\% | 0.4 |
| 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 | 52.4 | 52.9 | -1.0\% | -0.0 | 1113.1 | 1156.0 | -3.7\% | -0.1 |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass \& glassware | 255.7 | 251.8 | 1.6\% | 0.1 | 835.2 | 985.5 | -15.2\% | 0.1 |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal \& articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | 14440.5 | 16464.3 | -12.3\% | -0.1 | 309.4 | 492.4 | -37.2\% | 0.0 |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals \& articles of base metal | 9522.4 | 8679.9 | 9.7\% | 17.5 | 3785.3 | 4946.2 | -23.5\% | 4.9 |
| XVI (84-85) | Machinery \& mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders \& reproducers; television image \& sound recorders \& reproducers, \& parts \& accessories of such articles | 6022.4 | 6513.6 | -7.5\% | -10.4 | 21322.4 | 22075.3 | -3.4\% | -10.7 |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels \& associated transport equipment | 3186.6 | 7563.1 | -57.9\% | -12.3 | 6888.0 | 9419.4 | -26.9\% | -0.6 |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments \& apparatus; clocks \& watches; musical instruments; parts \& accessories thereof | 356.9 | 396.0 | -9.9\% | -0.0 | 2206.1 | 2531.5 | -12.9\% | 1.0 |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 343.8 | 447.0 | -23.1\% | 5.9 | 1642.4 | 1556.8 | 5.5\% | -0.2 |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collector's pieces \& antiques | 199.2 | 25.3 | 687.8\% | - | 37.3 | 10.9 | 243.2\% | - |
| XXII | Other unclassified goods | 113.4 | 124.4 | -8.9\% | -3.8 | 102.8 | 71.8 | 43.1\% | -0.0 |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions; original | 1.9 | 3.9 | -52.2\% | - | 4952.0 | 5928.3 | -16.5\% | 0.8 |
| Total |  | 66528.8 | 70757.6 | -6.0\% | 60.0 | 85469.8 | 89856.2 | -4.9\% | 103.7 |

## METHODOLOGY

CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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## WORLD ZONES AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | Jan - Sep 2013 / Jan - Sep 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| World zone | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage increase $/$ decrease | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage increase I decrease |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| Africa | 107792.0 | 91030.9 | 18.4\% | 67538.7 | 61318.1 | 10.1\% |
| Europe | 145454.1 | 124165.2 | 17.1\% | 225770.0 | 186427.9 | 21.1\% |
| America | 66559.0 | 60851.3 | 9.4\% | 76881.5 | 73504.6 | 4.6\% |
| Asia | 217232.1 | 188735.1 | 15.1\% | 339290.6 | 280909.5 | 20.8\% |
| Oceania | 6545.8 | 6343.0 | 3.2\% | 11393.0 | 10063.6 | 13.2\% |
| Other Unclassified Goods | 51270.3 | 57816.1 | -11.3\% | 1288.7 | 1067.4 | 20.7\% |
| Ships/Aircraft Stores | 940.0 | 749.5 | 25.4\% |  |  |  |
| Total | 595793.3 | 529690.9 | 12.5\% | 722162.5 | 613291.1 | 17.8\% |

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section (chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage increase I decrease | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan - Sep } \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage increase I decrease |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products | 4811.3 | 3836.9 | 25.4\% | 6295.0 | 5963.3 | 5.6\% |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products | 30371.3 | 22194.6 | 36.8\% | 13126.9 | 11770.6 | 11.5\% |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats \& oils \& their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal \& vegetable waxes | 1245.6 | 1553.2 | -19.8\% | 5274.7 | 5918.1 | -10.9\% |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits \& vinegar; tobacco \& manufactured tobacco substitutes | 19819.1 | 15296.0 | 29.6\% | 18182.1 | 15094.9 | 20.5\% |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products | 155574.3 | 138609.4 | 12.2\% | 164220.1 | 143456.2 | 14.5\% |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemical or allied industries | 33204.0 | 31224.7 | 6.3\% | 64933.2 | 54494.7 | 19.2\% |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics \& articles thereof; rubber \& articles thereof | 10902.8 | 10867.0 | 0.3\% | 28375.1 | 23926.4 | 18.6\% |
| 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) | 2630.6 | 1658.6 | 58.6\% | 2543.0 | 1986.9 | 28.0\% |
| IX (44-46) | Wood \& articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork \& articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware \& wickerwork | 2186.9 | 2093.0 | 4.5\% | 2472.1 | 2158.7 | 14.5\% |
| 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 | 9118.9 | 8095.9 | 12.6\% | 9902.0 | 7984.5 | 24.0\% |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles \& textile articles | 4961.0 | 4040.1 | 22.8\% | 21460.6 | 17409.4 | 23.3\% |
| 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 | 427.9 | 343.4 | 24.6\% | 7934.2 | 6713.2 | 18.2\% |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass \& glassware | 2177.3 | 1805.2 | 20.6\% | 7355.4 | 6284.4 | 17.0\% |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal \& articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | 129609.6 | 119223.3 | 8.7\% | 4676.1 | 5988.3 | -21.9\% |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals \& articles of base metal | 74697.3 | 68158.0 | 9.6\% | 36648.4 | 29151.6 | 25.7\% |
| XVI (84-85) | Machinery \& mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders \& reproducers; television image \& sound recorders \& reproducers, \& parts \& accessories of such articles | 50291.6 | 44726.6 | 12.4\% | 179081.6 | 145094.0 | 23.4\% |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels \& associated transport equipment | 55793.5 | 48709.3 | 14.5\% | 71609.7 | 64837.9 | 10.4\% |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, $\quad$ photographic, $\quad$ cinematographic,  <br> measuring, checking, precision, medical or  <br> surgical instruments \& apparatus; clocks $\&$ <br> watches; musical instruments; parts \& accessories  <br> thereof  | 2922.3 | 2574.0 | 13.5\% | 18194.9 | 15039.5 | 21.0\% |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 3274.0 | 3124.1 | 4.8\% | 11163.5 | 9553.7 | 16.8\% |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collector's pieces \& antiques | 462.4 | 330.2 | 40.0\% | 140.9 | 149.7 | -5.9\% |
| XXII | Other unclassified goods | 1289.0 | 1217.4 | 5.9\% | 835.3 | 610.5 | 36.8\% |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions; original equipment components/parts for motor vehicles | 22.8 | 10.0 | 127.5\% | 47737.8 | 39704.5 | 20.2\% |
| Total |  | 595793.3 | 529690.9 | 12.5\% | 722162.5 | 613291.1 | 17.8\% |

