# **SA Trade Statistics for May 2018 (including BLNS)**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 102 609 540 345	R 99 091 610 343	R 3 517 930 002
April 2018 (Revised)	R 88 454 604 937	R 87 287 648 967	R 1 166 955 970
R Increase/Decrease	R 14 154 935 408	R 11 803 961 376	
% Growth	16.0%	13.5%	

### **CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 459 582 536 044	R 473 760 191 050	R -14 177 655 006
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 461 518 229 649	R 445 112 760 574	R 16 405 469 075

R Increase/Decrease	R -1 935 693 605	R 28 647 430 476
% Growth	-0.4%	6.4%

### **COMMENTS**

### Month on month increase/decrease

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	EXPORIS		
Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 2 390 million	(56%)
Section 4:	Prepared Foodstuff increased by	R 1 124 million	(32%)
Section 5:	Mineral Products increased by	R 2 342 million	(11%)
Section 6:	Chemical Products increased by	R 1 507 million	(28%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 2 671 million	(29%)
	<u>IMPORTS</u>		
Section 2:	Vegetable Products increased by	R 1 713 million	(135%)
Section 15:	Base Metals increased by	R 1 007 million	(25%)
Section 16:	Machinery & Electronics increased by	R 1857 million	(9%)
Section 17:	Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased by	R 1938 million	(26%)
Section 23:	Original Equipments Components increased by	R 1 066 million	(15%)

# International Trade (excluding BLNS)

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 91 434 447 129	R 96 083 689 811	R -4 649 242 682
April 2018 (Revised)	R 78 225 756 160	R 84 386 005 471	R -6 160 249 311
R Increase/Decrease	R 13 208 690 969	R 11 697 684 340	
% Growth	16.9%	13.9%	

### **CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 407 848 656 787	R 458 275 886 228	R -50 427 229 441
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 412 358 359 780	R 430 652 340 500	R -18 293 980 720
R Increase/Decrease	R -4 509 702 993	R 27 623 545 728	
% Growth	-1.1%	6.4%	

### **BLNS**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 11 175 093 216	R 3 007 920 532	R 8 167 172 684
April 2018 (Revised)	R 10 228 848 777	R 2 901 643 496	R 7 327 205 281
R Increase/Decrease	R 946 244 439	R 106 277 036	
% Growth	9.3%	3.7%	

### **CUMULATIVE FIGURE**

	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TRADE BALANCE
January to May 2018 (Preliminary)	R 51 733 879 257	R 15 484 304 822	R 36 249 574 435
January to May 2017 (Revised)	R 49 159 869 869	R 14 460 420 074	R 34 699 449 795
R Increase/Decrease	R 2 574 009 388	R 1 023 884 748	
% Growth	5.2%	7.1%	

## **Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (including BLNS)**

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

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:		May 2018 / April 2018 Revision							
World Zone		EXPOR	TS			IMPOR	TS		
	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage	Revision	
			Increase/ Decrease				Increase/ Decrease		
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
AFRICA	27 670	24 140	14.6%	-31.1	12 066	11 423	5.6%	0.6	
AMERICA	8 774	7 345	19.5%	-14.0	9 594	8 820	8.8%	-35.1	
ASIA	32 620	28 269	15.4%	53.4	43 207	38 403	12.5%	-3.8	
EUROPE	27 057	21 325	26.9%	-50.9	31 306	27 462	14.0%	-31.2	
OCEANIA	733	842	-12.9%	-0.2	1 965	1 037	89.5%	-	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	5 389	6 183	-12.8%	-0.0	953	143	566.3%	0.0	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	365	351	4.1%	-0.4			0.0%	-	
Total	102 610	88 455	16.0%	-43.2	99 092	87 288	13.5%	-69.6	

	THE HARMONISED SYSTEM		EXPOR	TS			IMPOR	rts		
Section (Chapter)	Description	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision	
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm	
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 312.7	1 215.6		-0.3	1 771.1	1 639.6		-0.8	
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	6 666.3	4 276.5	55.9%	0.3	2 986.1	1 272.9	134.6%	0.1	
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	340.0	320.1	6.2%	-	576.5	407.5	41.5%	0.3	
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	4 619.5	3 495.6	32.2%	0.4	3 036.0	2 784.4	9.0%	-0.6	
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	24 571.3	22 228.9	10.5%	8.4	16 833.1	16 816.9	0.1%	20.4	
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	6 917.1	5 409.7	27.9%	-11.5	10 223.6	9 516.9	7.4%	-1.0	
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	2 384.4	1 688.6	41.2%	-8.1	4 431.1	4 231.4	4.7%	-4.3	
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 silkwormgut).	440.2	334.7	31.5%	-0.0	284.1	214.1	32.7%	-0.1	
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.	744.7	529.6	40.6%	-0.2	471.1	369.3	27.6%	-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.	1 826.3	1 497.0	22.0%	-17.6	2 993.9	2 480.5	20.7%	-0.1	
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	1 470.9	1 464.1	0.5%	-0.0	3 515.9	2 929.1	20.0%	-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.	244.6	249.6		0.0	902.0	707.2	27.5%	-0.1	
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	486.9	474.9	2.5%	-0.2	1 166.0	1 003.7	16.2%	-1.7	
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	16 436.1	16 002.9	2.7%	-	1 618.3	1 013.5	59.7%	-11.5	
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	11 876.2	10 980.5	8.2%	-7.1	5 021.1	4 014.3	25.1%	0.6	
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.	8 506.5	7 454.9	14.1%	-0.3	21 452.2	19 595.6	9.5%	0.0	
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	11 874.3	9 203.1	29.0%	-6.4	9 384.1	7 445.8	26.0%	-71.4	
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	759.9	543.1	39.9%	0.0	2 473.0	2 335.6		0.0	
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	688.7	627.5		-0.1	1 713.1	1 176.0		-0.4	
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	123.4	68.3	80.6%	-	56.0	198.2	-71.7%	-	
XXII (99) XXIII (98)	Other unclassified goods.  Special classification provisions: Original	319.2 0.1	389.3 0.0	-18.0% 162.4%	-0.4	90.8 8 092.4	108.4 7 026.6	-16.2% 15.2%	-0.1 1.1	
	Equipment Components									

# **Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (including BLNS)**

METHODOLOGY

CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE

CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2018 / January to May 2017						
		EXPORTS			IMPORTS		
World Zone	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		
AFRICA	125 081.6	118 931.6	5.2%	56 177.6	50 727.3	10.7%	
AMERICA	39 136.7	39 879.2	-1.9%	44 488.1	47 712.6	-6.8%	
ASIA	145 942.2	149 397.6	-2.3%	215 051.8	195 803.3	9.8%	
EUROPE	110 118.9	115 490.7	-4.7%	148 115.2	143 974.9	2.9%	
OCEANIA	4 359.6	5 336.1	-18.3%	8 052.8	5 879.4	37.0%	
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	32 264.5	28 066.2	15.0%	1 874.7	1 015.3	84.6%	
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 679.1	4 416.8	-39.3%	-	-	0.0%	
Total	459 582.5	461 518.2	-0.4%	473 760.2	445 112.8	6.4%	

			EXPORTS		IMPORTS			
Section(chapter)	Description	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		
l (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	6 257.9		0.8%	8 654.6	7 776.0		
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	23 600.3	23 663.4	-0.3%	9 882.9	9 849.3	0.3%	
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes.	1 375.4	1 424.2	-3.4%	3 244.2	4 164.1	-22.1%	
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	19 299.7	17 507.7	10.2%	14 107.4	14 409.1	-2.1%	
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	112 953.9	118 834.5	-4.9%	87 336.8	74 166.4	17.8%	
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	30 174.2	28 935.5	4.3%	50 805.4	46 444.9		
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.	9 622.2	9 055.4	6.3%	22 302.1	19 373.8	15.1%	
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).	1 751.6	1 859.4	-5.8%	1 414.9	1 504.9	-6.0%	
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.	2 960.7	2 744.9	7.9%	2 199.2	2 137.2	2.9%	
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.	8 205.2	9 234.0	-11.1%	13 509.8	6 132.8	120.3%	
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	6 992.6	6 745.3	3.7%	17 439.2	16 694.9	4.5%	
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.	1 103.8	1 085.0	1.7%	5 062.7	5 123.3	-1.2%	
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware.	2 349.4	2 099.2	11.9%	5 617.8	4 997.0	12.4%	
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi- precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins.	77 811.4	75 202.7	3.5%	6 679.6	5 048.2	32.3%	
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	57 737.5	57 446.5	0.5%	23 774.5	24 959.1	-4.7%	
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.	37 827.2	36 875.6	2.6%	104 123.3	100 940.2	3.2%	
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.	50 612.4	51 356.0	-1.4%	40 248.2	44 529.3	-9.6%	
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof.	3 055.2	3 177.8	-3.9%	12 344.7	12 242.8	0.8%	
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3 173.7	2 983.3	6.4%	7 207.3	7 067.7	2.0%	
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	473.7	691.8	-31.5%	378.6	384.2	-1.5%	
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	2 241.0	4 388.9	-48.9%	469.2	596.2	-21.3%	
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components	3.4		97.2%	36 958.1	36 571.2	1.1%	
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SHIP/AIRCRAFT	365	351	4.1%	-0.4	-	-	0.0%	-		
Total	91 434	78 226	16.9%	-31.2	96 084	84 386	13.9%	-70.0		

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

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II (6-14)   Vegetable products   Animal or vegetable   Ceavage products   animal or vegetable   Vegetable   Prepared foodstuf   Vinegar; tobacco a substitutes.   Vinegar; tob		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm
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vinegar; tobacco a substitutes.  V (25-27) Mineral products. VI (28-38) Products of the chromosome of	vegetable fats and oils and their roducts; prepared edible fats; vegetable waxes.	214.6	221.6	-3.1%	-	574.6	405.7	41.6%	0.3
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XII (64-67)  Footwear, headge umbrellas, walking riding-crops and profeathers and articl flowers, articles of stone, process and glass a	od or of other fibrous cellulosic vaste and scrap of paper or of d; paper and paperboard and ereof.	1 585.6	1 268.2	25.0%	-17.5	2 977.8	2 466.3	20.7%	-0.1
umbrellas, walking riding-crops and popular feathers and articles of stone, popular feathers and articles of stone, popular feathers and articles of stone, popular feathers and glass and glassward stones, popular feathers and glass and glassward stones, popular feathers and glass and glassward stones, popular feathers and stones feathers and seed for the stones feathers and representation feathers and representation feathers and representation feathers and representation feathers and sound recorders and representation feathers and sound recorders and representation feathers and sound recorders and representation feathers feathers and sound recorders and representation feathers and sound recorders and representation feathers feather	nd textile articles.	880.2	907.8	-3.0%	-0.0	3 060.1	2 476.5	23.6%	-0.0
mica or similar ma glass and glasswar XIV (71) Natural or cultured precious stones, p with precious met imitation jewelry, XV (72-83) Base metals and al XVI (84-85) Machinery and me electrical equipme recorders and repr and sound recorde parts and accessor XVII (86-89) Vehicles, aircraft, transport equipme XVIII (90-92) Optical, photograpmeasuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therec XX (94-96) Miscellaneous mai	headgear, umbrellas, sun walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, os and parts thereof; prepared nd articles made therewith, artificial rticles of human hair.	85.7	92.4	-7.2%	0.0	889.6	693.1	28.3%	-0.1
precious stones, p with precious met imitation jewelry, XV (72-83) Base metals and at XVI (84-85) Machinery and me electrical equipme recorders and repr and sound recorde parts and accessor XVII (86-89) Vehicles, aircraft, transport equipme XVIII (90-92) Optical, photograp measuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therec XX (94-96) Miscellaneous ma	stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, nilar materials, ceramic products, glassware.	335.0	322.2	4.0%	-0.2	1 155.7	996.7	16.0%	-1.7
XVI (84-85)  Machinery and me electrical equipme recorders and repr and sound recorde parts and accessor  XVII (86-89)  Vehicles, aircraft, transport equipme  XVIII (90-92)  Optical, photograp measuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therec  XX (94-96)  Miscellaneous mai	cultured pearls, precious or semi- tones, precious metals, metals clad ous metal and articles thereof; ewelry, coins.	16 122.1	15 426.9	4.5%	-	1 181.1	518.5	127.8%	-11.5
electrical equipme recorders and repried and sound recorder parts and accessor  XVII (86-89) Vehicles, aircraft, transport equipme  XVIII (90-92) Optical, photograpmeasuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therecoxisty (94-96) Miscellaneous mai	Is and articles of base metal.	11 077.3	10 242.3	8.2%	-7.1	4 927.3	3 907.4	26.1%	0.3
transport equipme XVIII (90-92) Optical, photograp measuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therec XX (94-96) Miscellaneous mai	and mechanical appliances, equipment; parts thereof, sound and reproducers, television image recorders and reproducers, and accessories of such articles.	6 901.9	6 004.8	14.9%	-0.1	21 095.9	19 356.2	9.0%	0.0
measuring, checki surgical instrumen watches, musical i accessories therec XX (94-96) Miscellaneous ma	aircraft, vessels and associated equipment.	10 719.0	8 196.2	30.8%	-1.4	9 349.7	7 398.7	26.4%	-71.4
		600.6	405.0	48.3%	0.0	2 466.2	2 331.5		0.0
(97)   IWorks of art, colle	eous manufactured articles.	388.7	350.5	10.9%	-0.1	1 699.7	1 165.4	45.9%	-0.4
	rt, collectors' pieces and antiques.	123.0	67.6	82.1%	-	56.0	198.1	-71.7%	-
· ' '	ssification provisions: Original	313.4 0.1	383.1	-18.2% 74.8%	-0.4 -	88.9 8 092.4	106.6 7 026.6	-16.6% 15.2%	- <mark>0.1</mark> 1.1
Equipment Compo	t Components	91 434.4	78 225.8	16.9%	-31.2	96 083.7	84 386.0	13.9%	-70.0

# **Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (excluding BLNS)**

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CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE

CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	January to May 2018 / January to May 2017								
		EXPORTS		IMPORTS					
World Zone	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease			
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm				
AFRICA	73 347.7	69 771.8	5.1%	40 693.3	36 266.9	12.2%			
AMERICA	39 136.7	39 879.2	-1.9%	44 488.1	47 712.6	-6.8%			
ASIA	145 942.2	149 397.6	-2.3%	215 051.8	195 803.3	9.8%			
EUROPE	110 118.9	115 490.7	-4.7%	148 115.2	143 974.9	2.9%			
OCEANIA	4 359.6	5 336.1	-18.3%	8 052.8	5 879.4	37.0%			
OTHER UNCLASSIFIED	32 264.5	28 066.2	15.0%	1 874.7	1 015.3	84.6%			
SHIP/AIRCRAFT	2 679.1	4 416.8	-39.3%	-	-	0.0%			
Total	407 848.7	412 358.4	-1.1%	458 275.9	430 652.3	6.4%			

			EXPORTS		IMPORTS			
Section(chapter)	Description	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm		
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	4 767.0	4 694.9	1.5%	6 689.1	6 214.1	7.6%	
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	20 984.2	20 747.8	1.1%	9 723.5	9 702.0	0.2%	
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their	845.0	905.8	-6.7%	3 236.0	4 154.5	-22.1%	
	cleavage products; prepared edible fats;							
	animal or vegetable waxes.							
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and	13 664.4	12 077.5	13.1%	12 077.5	12 296.6	-1.8%	
	vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco							
	substitutes.							
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	104 970.5	111 600.4	-5.9%	87 021.7	73 856.4	17.8%	
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	25 430.1	24 525.0	3.7%	48 108.7	43 479.5	10.6%	
, ,								
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and	7 444.1	6 921.2	7.6%	22 112.1	19 199.3	15.2%	
(	articles thereof.			1,				
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and	1 538.3	1 680.0	-8.4%	1 342.7	1 432.0	-6.2%	
(,	articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel							
	articles, handbags and similar containers;							
	articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-							
	gut).							
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal,	2 233.2	2 043.7	9.3%	1 609.3	1 594.8	0.9%	
17 (44-40)	cork and articles of cork, manufactures of	2 233.2	2 043.7	3.376	1 005.5	1 334.8	0.5%	
	straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material,							
	, , ,							
V (47, 40)	basket ware and wickerwork.	6,060,3	0.010.1	12.10/	13 424.2	6 020 7	122 600	
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	6 969.2	8 019.1	-13.1%	13 424.2	6 029.7	122.6%	
	material; waste and scrap of paper or of							
	paperboard; paper and paperboard and							
	articles thereof.							
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	4 399.7	4 155.4	5.9%	15 124.5	14 602.2	3.6%	
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun	368.3	348.2	5.8%	5 003.1	5 067.4	-1.3%	
	umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips,							
	riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared							
	feathers and articles made therewith, artificial							
	flowers, articles of human hair.							
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos,	1 646.4	1 436.6	14.6%	5 573.6	4 955.1	12.5%	
	mica or similar materials, ceramic products,							
	glass and glassware.							
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-	76 014.0	74 003.8	2.7%	4 070.8	2 866.4	42.0%	
	precious stones, precious metals, metals clad							
	with precious metal and articles thereof;							
	imitation jewelry, coins.							
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	54 148.5	54 145.2	0.0%	23 188.4	24 618.5	-5.8%	
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances,	30 196.2	29 550.6	2.2%	102 675.3	99 621.5	3.1%	
	electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound	1	1					
	recorders and reproducers, television image							
	and sound recorders and reproducers, and							
	parts and accessories of such articles.							
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated	45 339.6	46 248.9	-2.0%	40 040.0	44 344.9	-9.7%	
	transport equipment.							
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	2 332.1	2 530.7	-7.8%	12 321.2	12 214.9	0.9%	
( /	measuring, checking, precision, medical or							
	surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and							
	watches, musical instruments; parts and	1	1					
	accessories thereof.	1	1					
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 869.9	1 672.7	11.8%	7 147.3	6 871.9	4.0%	
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	471.9		-31.5%	378.5	384.1	-1.5%	
	Other unclassified goods.							
XXII (99)	<u> </u>	2 212.5		-49.3%	450.5	575.3	-21.7%	
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original	3.4	1.2	189.3%	36 958.1	36 571.2	1.1%	
	Equipment Components	1	1	1	1	1	•	

## **Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement**

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COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES.

ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS A RESULT OF AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:	May 2018 / April 2018 Revision									
World Zone	EXPORTS				IMPORTS					
	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage	Revision		
			Increase/				Increase/			
			Decrease				Decrease			
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm	Rm		Rm		
AFRICA	11 175.1	10 228.8	9.3%	-12.0	3 007.9	2 901.6	3.7%	0.4		
Total	11 175.1	10 228.8	9.3%	-12.0	3 007.9	2 901.6	3.7%	0.4		

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

		•	EXPOR			•	IMPOR		
Section (Chapter)	Description	May 2018	April 2018	Increase/ Decrease	Revision	May 2018	April 2018	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	Revision
		Rm	Rm	Decrease	Rm	Rm	Rm	Deciease	Rm
l (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	309.9	291.5	6.3%	-	358.6	363.9	-1.5%	-
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	546.3	513.5	6.4%	-0.1	41.0	37.4	9.6%	-
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their	125.4	98.5	27.3%	-	1.9	1.8		-
	cleavage products; prepared edible fats;								
	animal or vegetable waxes.								
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and	1 208.7	1 012.6	19.4%	0.0	431.5	459.0	-6.0%	-
	vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco								
	substitutes.								
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	1 754.0	1 519.5	15.4%	-6.7	66.0	68.5	-3.6%	-0.0
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	1 092.5	903.0	21.0%	0.1	483.0	419.7	15.1%	-
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and	451.9	417.6	8.2%	0.0	38.6	34.9	10.4%	0.1
	articles thereof.								
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and	44.4	40.9	8.5%	0.0	11.8	17.2	-31.3%	-
	articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel								
	articles, handbags and similar containers;								
	articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-								
	gut).								
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal,	161.3	143.6	12.3%	0.0	137.2	106.2	29.2%	-0.0
	cork and articles of cork, manufactures of								
	straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material,								
	basket ware and wickerwork.								
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	240.7	228.7	5.2%	-0.0	16.1	14.2	13.7%	0.0
	material; waste and scrap of paper or of								
	paperboard; paper and paperboard and								
	articles thereof.								
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	590.7	556.3	6.2%	-	455.7	452.6	0.7%	0.0
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun	158.9	157.2	1.1%	-	12.5	14.1	-11.7%	=
	umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips,								
	riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared								
	feathers and articles made therewith, artificial								
VIII (60 70)	flowers, articles of human hair.	151.9	152.7	-0.5%	0.0	10.2	7.0	45.7%	
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products,	151.9	152.7	-0.5%	0.0	10.2	7.0	45.7%	-
	glass and glassware.								
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-	314.0	576.0	-45.5%	_	437.2	495.0	-11.7%	
/(IV (/±)	precious stones, precious metals, metals clad	314.0	370.0	43.370		437.2	455.0	11.770	
	with precious metal and articles thereof;								
	imitation jewelry, coins.								
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	799.0	738.2	8.2%	0.0	93.8	107.0	-12.3%	0.3
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances,	1 604.6	1 450.1	10.7%	-0.2	356.3	239.5		-0.0
/	electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound								
	recorders and reproducers, television image								
	and sound recorders and reproducers, and								
	parts and accessories of such articles.								
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated	1 155.4	1 006.9	14.7%	-5.0	34.4	47.0	-26.9%	-
	transport equipment.								
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	159.4	138.2	15.3%	-	6.8	4.1	63.9%	=
	measuring, checking, precision, medical or								
	surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and								
	watches, musical instruments; parts and								
	accessories thereof.								
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	300.0	277.0	8.3%	-	13.4	10.7	25.8%	-0.0
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	0.4	0.7	-51.6%	-	0.0	0.0		-
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	5.8	6.1	-5.1%	-	1.9	1.9		-
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original	0.0	0.0	1139.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	Equipment Components								
Total		11 175.1	10 228.8	9.3%	-12.0	3 007.9	2 901.6	3.7%	0.4

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### WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS & AIRCRAFT STORES

PERIOD:		January :	to May 2018 / January to May 2017					
World Zone		EXPORTS		IMPORTS				
	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018 January to May 2017		Percentage Increase/ Decrease		
	Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm			
AFRICA	51 733.9	49 159.9	5.2%	15 484.3	14 460.4	7.1%		
Total	51 733.9	49 159.9	5.2%	15 484.3	14 460.4	7.1%		

### SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

			EXPORTS		IMPORTS				
Section(chapter)	Description	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease	January to May 2018	January to May 2017	Percentage Increase/ Decrease		
		Rm	Rm		Rm	Rm			
I (1-5)	Live animals, animal products.	1 490.8		-1.3%	1 965.5	1 561.9	25.8%		
II (6-14)	Vegetable products.	2 616.1	2 915.6	-10.3%	159.4	147.3	8.2%		
III (15)	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their	530.4	518.3	2.3%	8.2	9.6	-14.3%		
	cleavage products; prepared edible fats;								
	animal or vegetable waxes.								
IV (16-24)	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	5 635.3	5 430.2	3.8%	2 029.8	2 112.5	-3.9%		
V (25-27)	Mineral products.	7 983.3	7 234.0	10.4%	315.2	310.0	1.7%		
VI (28-38)	Products of the chemicals or allied industries.	4 744.0		7.6%	2 696.7	2 965.4	-9.1%		
V1 (20 30)	roducts of the chemicals of timed madstres.	4744.0	4 410.4	7.070	2 030.7	2 303.4	3.170		
VII (39-40)	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and	2 178.1	2 134.2	2.1%	190.0	174.5	8.9%		
VII (39-40)	articles thereof.	2 176.1	2 134.2	2.1/0	150.0	174.3	8.976		
VIII (41, 42)		213.3	179.4	18.9%	72.2	72.9	1 00/		
VIII (41-43)	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and	213.3	179.4	18.9%	/2.2	72.9	-1.0%		
	articles thereof; saddler and harness, travel								
	articles, handbags and similar containers;								
	articles of animal gut (other than silkworm-								
	gut).								
IX (44-46)	Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal,	727.5	701.2	3.8%	589.8	542.5	8.7%		
	cork and articles of cork, manufactures of								
	straw, of esparto or of other plaiting material,								
	basket ware and wickerwork.								
X (47-49)	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic	1 236.1	1 214.8	1.7%	85.6	103.1	-17.0%		
	material; waste and scrap of paper or of								
	paperboard; paper and paperboard and								
	articles thereof.								
XI (50-63)	Textiles and textile articles.	2 592.9	2 589.9	0.1%	2 314.8	2 092.7	10.6%		
XII (64-67)	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun	735.5	736.8	-0.2%	59.6	55.8	6.7%		
	umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips,								
	riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared								
	feathers and articles made therewith, artificial								
	flowers, articles of human hair.								
XIII (68-70)	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos,	703.0	662.6	6.1%	44.2	41.9	5.5%		
	mica or similar materials, ceramic products,								
	glass and glassware.								
XIV (71)	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-	1 797.4	1 198.9	49.9%	2 608.8	2 181.8	19.6%		
	precious stones, precious metals, metals clad								
	with precious metal and articles thereof;								
	imitation jewelry, coins.								
XV (72-83)	Base metals and articles of base metal.	3 589.0	3 301.3	8.7%	586.1	340.6	72.1%		
XVI (84-85)	Machinery and mechanical appliances,	7 631.0		4.2%	1 448.0	1 318.7	9.8%		
	electrical equipment; parts thereof, sound								
	recorders and reproducers, television image								
	and sound recorders and reproducers, and								
	parts and accessories of such articles.								
XVII (86-89)	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated	5 272.9	5 107.1	3.2%	208.2	184.4	12.9%		
, ,	transport equipment.								
XVIII (90-92)	Optical, photographic, cinematographic,	723.0	647.2	11.7%	23.5	27.9	-16.0%		
, <del></del> /	measuring, checking, precision, medical or					]			
	surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and								
	watches, musical instruments; parts and								
	accessories thereof.								
XX (94-96)	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	1 303.8	1 310.6	-0.5%	60.0	195.8	-69.4%		
XXI (97)	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	1.8			0.1	0.2	-34.0%		
XXII (99)	Other unclassified goods.	28.6		0.0%	18.7	20.9	-10.3%		
XXIII (98)	Special classification provisions: Original	0.0			16.7	20.9	0.0%		
///// ( <i>30)</i>	Equipment Components	0.0	0.0	-31.776	]	]	0.0%		
Total	Equipment Components	51 733.9	49 159.9	5.2%	15 484.3	14 460.4	7 10/		
iotai		31 /33.9	49 159.9	5.2%	15 464.3	14 400.4	7.1%		