SA Trade Statistics for December 2020 (Including BELN)

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 125948170305 | R 93947926301 | R 32000244004 |
| November 2020 (Revised) | R 137198813275 | R 101936557726 | R 35262255549 |


| R Increase/Decrease | $\mathrm{R}-11250642970$ | $\mathrm{R}-7988631425$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $-8.2 \%$ | $-7.8 \%$ |

## CUMULATIVE FIGURE

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| January to December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 1393989274538 | R 1123357184859 | R 270632089679 |
| January to December 2019 (Revised) | R 1296807308879 | R 1273145472831 | R 23661836048 |


| R Increase/Decrease | R 97181965659 | R -149 788287972 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $7.5 \%$ | $-11.8 \%$ |

## COMMENTS

## Month on month increase/decrease

## EXPORTS

Section 4:
Section 14:
Section 15:
Section 17:
Section 22:
Prepared foodstuff decreased by
Precious metals \& stones decreased by
Base metals increased by
Vehicles \& transport equipments decreased by
Other unclassified goods increased by

## IMPORTS

Section 5:
Section 11:
Section 15:
Section 16:
Section 23:

Mineral products increased by
Textiles decreased by
Base metals decreased by
Machinery \& electronics decreased by
Original equipment components decreased by

R 965 million ( $-17 \%$ )
R 8365 million (-24\%)
R 1076 million (9\%)
R 4245 million (-24\%)
R 624 million (109\%)

R 2675 million (24\%)
R 919 million (-20\%)
R 1452 million ( $-22 \%$ )
R 2604 million (-10\%)
R 1319 million (-19\%)

International Trade (excluding BELN)

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 113661366675 | R 90357350574 | R 23304016101 |
| November 2020 (Revised) | R 123334723516 | R 97721346584 | R 25613376932 |


| R Increase/Decrease | $R-9673356841$ | $R-7363996010$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $-7.8 \%$ | $-7.5 \%$ |

## CUMULATIVE FIGURE

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January to December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 1261267279356 | R 1080087102881 | R 181180176475 |
| January to December 2019 (Revised) | R 1150673480739 | R 1227650699354 | R -76977218615 |


| R Increase/Decrease | R 110593798617 | R -147563596473 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $9.6 \%$ | $-12.0 \%$ |

## BELN

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 12286803630 | R 3590575727 | R 8696227903 |
| November 2020 (Revised) | R 13864089759 | R 4215211142 | R 9648878617 | | R Increase/Decrease | R-1577 286129 | R -624635415 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $-11.4 \%$ | $-14.8 \%$ |

## CUMULATIVE FIGURE

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January to December 2020 (Preliminary) | R 132721995182 | R 43270081978 | R 89451913204 |
| January to December 2019 (Revised) | R 146133828140 | R 45494773477 | R 100639054663 |
| R Increase/Decrease | R -13 411832 958 | R -2 224691499 |  |
| \% Growth | $-9.2 \%$ | $-4.9 \%$ |  |

Preliminary SA Monthly Statement (Including BELN)


WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: <br> World Zone | November 2020 / December 2020 Revision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| AFRICA | 32241.7 | 29330.4 | -9.0\% | -183.7 | 9518.3 | 10184.7 | 7.0\% | -0.1 |
| AMERICA | 13433.4 | 12238.1 | -8.9\% | -4.1 | 10809.0 | 8713.0 | -19.4\% | -11.8 |
| ASIA | 40185.7 | 41641.9 | 3.6\% | -1378.0 | 49838.0 | 46901.7 | -5.9\% | 12.0 |
| EUROPE | 37430.2 | 32496.3 | -13.2\% | 105.0 | 29975.0 | 26511.7 | -11.6\% | -3.0 |
| OCEANIA | 996.1 | 1678.0 | 68.5\% | 0.6 | 1586.7 | 1306.0 | -17.7\% | 1.2 |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 12277.3 | 8097.2 | -34.0\% | 3.1 | 209.4 | 330.9 | 58.0\% | 0.5 |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 634.4 | 466.3 | -26.5\% | - | - | - | 0.0\% | - |
| Total | 137198.8 | 125948.2 | -8.2\% | -1457.1 | 101936.6 | 93947.9 | -7.8\% | -1.2 |


| Section (Chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 1572.5 | 1566.2 | -0.4\% | -0.7 | 1658.5 | 1459.2 | -12.0\% | -0.1 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 4329.7 | 4948.7 | 14.3\% | -0.9 | 2551.6 | 1649.9 | -35.3\% | -0.2 |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 352.7 | 359.1 | 1.8\% | -0.0 | 975.4 | 940.9 | -3.5\% | 0.0 |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 5707.5 | 4742.5 | -16.9\% | -1.5 | 3635.8 | 3057.7 | -15.9\% | 0.7 |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 31513.7 | 31698.5 | 0.6\% | 595.4 | 10956.3 | 13630.9 | 24.4\% | 10.7 |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 8759.5 | 8933.4 | 2.0\% | -26.6 | 12470.1 | 12241.8 | -1.8\% | -8.6 |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 2250.8 | 2338.4 | 3.9\% | -32.7 | 4848.9 | 4332.8 | -10.6\% | -5.2 |
| 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). | 285.4 | 332.5 | 16.5\% | -0.0 | 323.5 | 257.7 | -20.4\% | -0.4 |
| 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. | 772.7 | 503.1 | -34.9\% | 3.2 | 553.0 | 438.3 | -20.7\% | -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. | 1511.3 | 1979.1 | 30.9\% | -1998.2 | 3319.8 | 2859.5 | -13.9\% | 2.2 |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 1894.4 | 1738.1 | -8.2\% | -0.3 | 4600.5 | 3681.1 | -20.0\% | 2.2 |
| 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. | 335.3 | 325.8 | -2.8\% | 0.0 | 1330.5 | 960.5 | -27.8\% | 0.6 |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 639.4 | 580.9 | -9.1\% | -0.7 | 1282.6 | 1142.5 | -10.9\% | -0.2 |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 34774.7 | 26409.8 | -24.1\% | -0.0 | 1095.9 | 1526.9 | 39.3\% | 0.0 |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 11641.4 | 12717.7 | 9.2\% | 2.7 | 6495.5 | 5043.5 | -22.4\% | -2.7 |
| 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. | 10833.3 | 10308.8 | -4.8\% | 7.8 | 25996.9 | 23392.5 | -10.0\% | -1.6 |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 17698.1 | 13452.6 | -24.0\% | -4.7 | 7673.4 | 6966.1 | -9.2\% | 1.3 |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 810.4 | 919.3 | 13.4\% | 0.1 | 3115.0 | 2851.2 | -8.5\% | 0.1 |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 824.7 | 775.6 | -6.0\% | 0.1 | 1941.1 | 1658.7 | -14.5\% | 0.3 |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 116.3 | 113.1 | -2.7\% | - | 19.2 | 49.6 | 157.6\% |  |
| XXII (99) | Other unclassified goods. | 574.3 | 1198.2 | 108.6\% | - | 107.2 | 140.0 | 30.6\% | 0.0 |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.8 | 6.6 | 707.8\% | - | 6985.9 | 5666.9 | -18.9\% | -0.1 |
| Total |  | 137198.8 | 125948.2 | -8.2\% | -1457.1 | 101936.6 | 93947.9 | -7.8\% | -1.2 |


| METHODOLOGY |
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| COMPARING THE MONTH-ON-MONTH FIGURES. |
| ADJUSTMENTS ARE MAINLY AS ARESULT OF AUDITS AND VOUCHERS OF CORRECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS | | Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and importers of |
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| goods. The figures cover all goods exported and imported during the reporting month to and from South Africa. Cursory checks |
| ofthe figures are made prior to the publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible. |

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | November 2020 / December 2020 Revision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| World Zone | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| AFRICA | 13864.1 | 12286.8 | -11.4\% | -38.3 | 4215.2 | 3590.6 | -14.8\% | -0.6 |
| Total | 13864.1 | 12286.8 | -11.4\% | -38.3 | 4215.2 | 3590.6 | -14.8\% | -0.6 |

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section (Chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage <br> Increase/ <br> Decrease | Revision | November 2020 | December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 356.5 | 376.8 | 5.7\% | -0.4 | 302.3 | 309.8 | 2.5\% | -0.1 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 849.0 | 827.9 | -2.5\% | 0.0 | 61.2 | 56.2 | -8.2\% | - |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 182.4 | 143.1 | -21.5\% | -0.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | -21.8\% |  |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 1765.5 | 1642.1 | -7.0\% | -1.3 | 615.1 | 527.7 | -14.2\% | -0.3 |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 1706.3 | 1641.5 | -3.8\% | -36.4 | 90.6 | 75.9 | -16.3\% | 0.0 |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 1299.4 | 1268.3 | -2.4\% | 0.2 | 896.1 | 747.3 | -16.6\% | - |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 636.5 | 549.5 | -13.7\% | -0.1 | 60.2 | 41.3 | -31.4\% | -0.1 |
| 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 silkwormgut). | 61.3 | 50.6 | -17.5\% | - | 14.3 | 5.1 | -64.7\% | - |
| 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. | 210.6 | 164.5 | -21.9\% | -0.0 | 182.9 | 135.1 | -26.1\% | -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. | 311.4 | 316.3 | 1.6\% | 0.1 | 23.6 | 29.0 | 23.0\% | 0.0 |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 739.3 | 607.6 | -17.8\% | -0.0 | 813.6 | 471.5 | -42.0\% | -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. | 244.7 | 194.5 | -20.5\% | - | 25.8 | 7.7 | -70.0\% | - |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 194.6 | 160.0 | -17.8\% | -0.0 | 11.6 | 8.5 | -26.5\% | - |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 549.7 | 532.2 | -3.2\% | -0.0 | 624.1 | 894.3 | 43.3\% | - |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 1002.9 | 817.8 | -18.5\% | -0.0 | 70.7 | 44.8 | -36.7\% | 0.1 |
| 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. | 2029.6 | 1581.9 | -22.1\% | -0.2 | 371.3 | 179.7 | -51.6\% | - |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 1128.3 | 913.5 | -19.0\% | -0.2 | 22.7 | 40.3 | 77.2\% | - |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 186.3 | 155.0 | -16.8\% | - | 10.9 | 3.5 | -67.9\% | - |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 402.2 | 338.6 | -15.8\% | -0.0 | 10.4 | 5.7 | -45.0\% | - |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 0.4 | 0.4 | 17.0\% | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | -75.4\% | - |
| XXII (99) | Other unclassified goods. | 6.5 | 4.7 | -27.8\% | - | 5.4 | 5.3 | -1.6\% | - |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.8 | 0.0 | -99.9\% | - | - | - | 0.0\% | - |
| Total |  | 13864.1 | 12286.8 | -11.4\% | -38.3 | 4215.2 | 3590.6 | -14.8\% | -0.6 |


| METHODOLOGY |
| :---: | :---: |
| CUMULATIVE FIGURES COMPARING THE MONTH WITH THE |
| CORRESPONDING MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR |$\quad$| Export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by exporters and |
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| 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 REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | January to December 2019 / January to December 2020 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |
| World Zone | January to December 2019 | January to December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to December 2019 | January to December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| AFRICA | 146133.8 | 132722.0 | -9.2\% | 45494.8 | 43270.1 | -4.9\% |
| Total | 146133.8 | 132722.0 | -9.2\% | 45494.8 | 43270.1 | -4.9\% |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section(chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | January to December 2019 | January to December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to December 2019 | January to December 2020 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| 1 (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 3545.6 | 3697.5 | 4.3\% | 3992.1 | 3161.1 | -20.8\% |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 8137.5 | 8642.5 | 6.2\% | 703.6 | 783.0 | 11.3\% |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 1518.1 | 1795.8 | 18.3\% | 31.2 | 17.6 | -43.5\% |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 17570.8 | 16537.8 | -5.9\% | 6919.5 | 6653.6 | -3.8\% |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 26650.2 | 19283.0 | -27.6\% | 789.9 | 909.4 | 15.1\% |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 13110.1 | 13696.6 | 4.5\% | 8528.1 | 7707.4 | -9.6\% |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 6278.6 | 5870.0 | -6.5\% | 680.2 | 581.4 | -14.5\% |
| 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). | 563.8 | 425.3 | -24.6\% | 105.4 | 90.1 | -14.5\% |
| 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. | 2007.2 | 1877.2 | -6.5\% | 1704.0 | 1712.2 | 0.5\% |
| 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. | 3213.6 | 2980.7 | -7.2\% | 243.0 | 200.4 | -17.5\% |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 6950.6 | 6165.4 | -11.3\% | 6556.1 | 6257.9 | -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. | 2015.0 | 1726.2 | -14.3\% | 154.2 | 128.5 | -16.7\% |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 1941.0 | 1739.8 | -10.4\% | 119.2 | 87.6 | -26.5\% |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 3867.5 | 4573.2 | 18.2\% | 7449.3 | 9591.3 | 28.8\% |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 9251.6 | 8724.1 | -5.7\% | 1702.7 | 937.0 | -45.0\% |
| 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. | 20177.9 | 18557.0 | -8.0\% | 4337.4 | 3579.4 | -17.5\% |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 13625.3 | 10777.5 | -20.9\% | 1216.4 | 647.3 | -46.8\% |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 1796.1 | 2053.4 | 14.3\% | 94.4 | 84.3 | -10.7\% |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 3800.3 | 3523.6 | -7.3\% | 133.0 | 106.7 | -19.8\% |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 5.9 | 11.8 | 99.5\% | 4.2 | 0.2 | -94.9\% |
| XXII (99) | Other unclassified goods. | 106.4 | 62.7 | -41.0\% | 30.9 | 33.6 | 8.7\% |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.7 | 0.8 | 18.8\% | - | 0.0 | Infinity |
| Total |  | 146133.8 | 132722.0 | -9.2\% | 45494.8 | 43270.1 | -4.9\% |

