

STATEMENT

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SARS releases trade statistics for January 2021

Pretoria, 26 February 2021 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) today releases trade statistics for January 2021 recording a trade balance surplus of R11.83 billion. These statistics include trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN). The year-to-date (01 January to 31 January 2021) trade surplus of R11.83 billion is an improvement from the R2.70 billion deficit for the comparable period in 2020. Exports increased by 8.7% year-on-year whilst imports decreased by 5.5% over the same period.

Including trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

The R11.83 billion trade surplus for January 2021 is attributable to exports of R109.76 billion and imports of R97.93 billion. Exports decreased by R17.26 billion (13.6%) between December 2020 and January 2021 and imports increased by R3.98 billion (4.2%) over the same period.

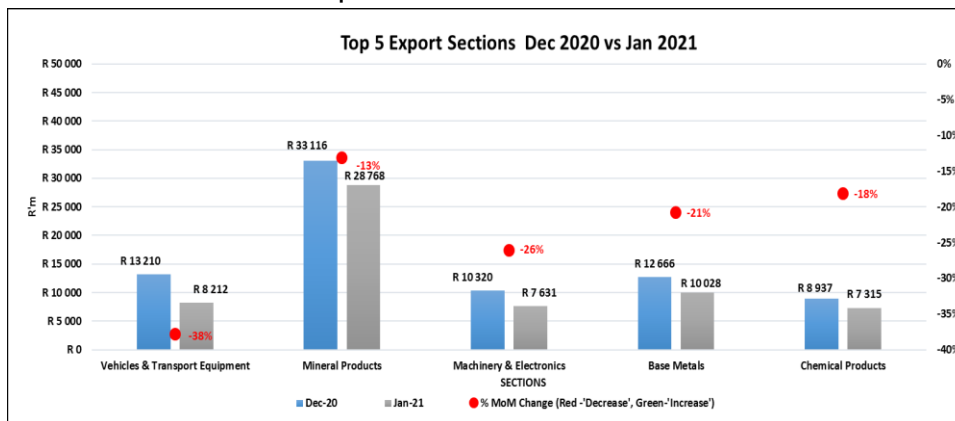
On a year-on-year basis, the R11.83 billion trade balance surplus for January 2021 was an improvement from the R2.70 billion deficit recorded in January 2020. Exports of R109.76 billion were 8.7% more than the R100.95 billion exports recorded in January 2020. Imports of R97.93 billion were 5.5% less than the R103.65 billion imports recorded in January 2020.

December 2020's trade surplus was revised upwards by R1.06 billion due to the ongoing Vouchers of Correction (VOC). The revision was from the preliminary surplus of R32.00 billion to the revised surplus of R33.06 billion.

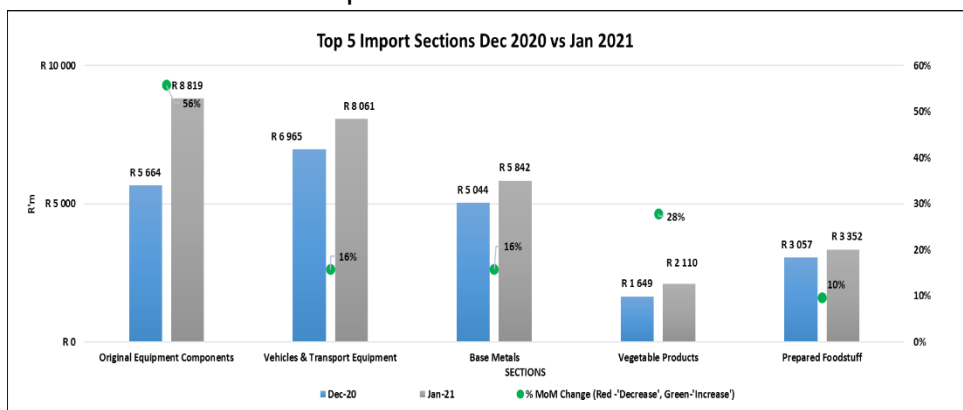
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Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results from December 2020 (revised) to January 2021 are given below:

| World Zones (R' m) | The main month-on-month movements (R' m) | | | | |
|--------------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| | Trade Type | December 2020 | January 2021 | Variance | % M-o-M |
| Africa | Exports | 29 272 | 23 084 | -6 187 | -21.1% |
| | Imports | 10 190 | 8 287 | -1 904 | -18.7% |
| | Trade Balance | 19 081 | 14 797 | -4 284 | |
| America | Exports | 12 224 | 12 215 | -9 | -0.1% |
| | Imports | 8 718 | 10 486 | 1 768 | 20.3% |
| | Trade Balance | 3 506 | 1 729 | -1 777 | |
| Asia | Exports | 42 689 | 38 418 | -4 271 | -10.0% |
| | Imports | 46 892 | 47 585 | 693 | 1.5% |
| | Trade Balance | -4 203 | -9 167 | -4 963 | |
| Europe | Exports | 32 586 | 28 939 | -3 647 | -11.2% |
| | Imports | 26 509 | 30 297 | 3 788 | 14.3% |
| | Trade Balance | 6 077 | -1 358 | -7 435 | |
| Oceania | Exports | 1 678 | 595 | -1 083 | -64.5% |
| | Imports | 1 306 | 1 113 | -193 | -14.8% |
| | Trade Balance | 371 | -518 | -890 | |
| Other Unclassified | Exports | 8 097 | 6 031 | -2 066 | -25.5% |
| | Imports | 331 | 159 | -172 | -52.1% |
| | Trade Balance | 7 766 | 5 872 | -1 894 | |
| Ship/Aircraft | Exports | 466 | 474 | 8 | 1.6% |
| | Imports | - | - | - | |
| | Trade Balance | 466 | 474 | 8 | |

Excluding trade data with Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (BELN)

The trade data excluding BELN for January 2021 recorded a trade surplus of R5.31 billion.

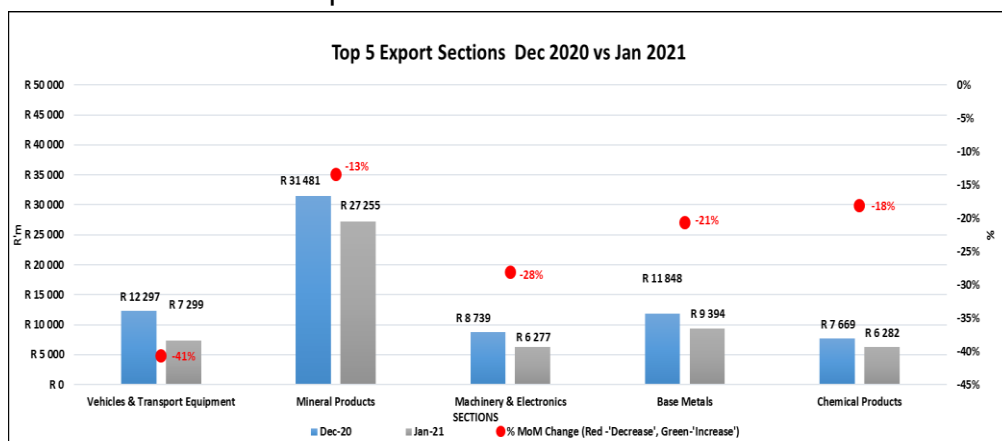
Summary

The R5.31 billion surplus for January 2021 was as a result of exports of R99.65 billion and imports of R94.34 billion. Exports decreased by R15.09 billion (13.2%) between December 2020 and January 2021 and imports increased by R3.98 billion (4.4%) over the same period.

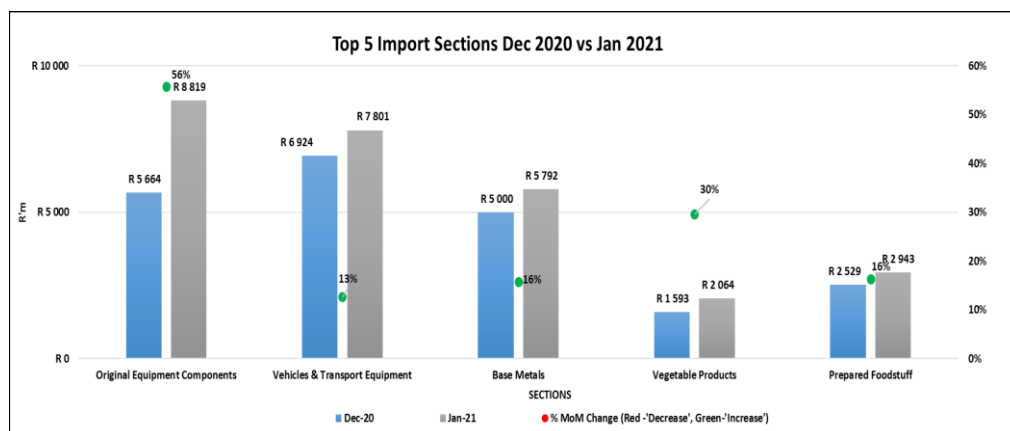
The cumulative surplus for 2021 was R5.31 billion compared to R9.35 billion deficit during 2020.

Trade highlights by category

The main month-on-month export movements:



The main month-on-month import movements:



Trade highlights by world zone

The world zone results for Africa, excluding BELN, between December 2020 (Revised) and January 2021 are given below.

| World Zones | The main month-on-month movements (R' m) | | | | |
|-------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | Trade Type | December 2020 | January 2021 | Variance | % M-o-M |
| Africa | Exports | 16 996 | 12 977 | -4 020 | ↓ -23.7% |
| | Imports | 6 599 | 4 698 | -1 901 | ↓ -28.8% |
| | Trade Balance | 10 397 | 8 278 | -2 119 | |

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SA Trade Release Table (Including BELN)

| Harmonised Sections | | Cumulative Trade | | Monthly Trade | | Exports | | | | Imports | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Roman Section | Description | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio ³⁾ (Exports/Imports) | Trade Balance (R'm) | Ratio Exports/Imports | Month % of total | Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm) | Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm) | Month Total 2021 (R'm) | Month % of total | Cumulative 2020 ³⁾ (R'm) | Cumulative 2021 ³⁾ (R'm) | Month Total 2021 (R'm) |
| I, Ch 1-5 | Animals/Animal Products | 25 362 131 | 1.02 | 25 362 131 | 1.02 | 1.13 | 1 320 349 305 | 1 241 876 713 | 1 241 876 713 | 1.24 | 1 440 428 394 | 1 216 514 582 | 1 216 514 582 |
| II, Ch 6-14 | Vegetable Products | 3 630 672 639 | 2.72 | 3 630 672 639 | 2.72 | 5.23 | 5 494 311 539 | 5 740 244 191 | 5 740 244 191 | 2.15 | 1 619 827 704 | 2 109 571 552 | 2 109 571 552 |
| III, Ch 15 | Fats and Oils | 1 746 724 989 | 3.55 | 1 746 724 989 | 3.55 | 2.22 | 210 799 471 | 2 431 379 132 | 2 431 379 132 | 0.70 | 1 074 180 059 | 684 654 143 | 684 654 143 |
| IV, Ch 16-24 | Prepared Foods | 217 400 078 | 1.06 | 217 400 078 | 1.06 | 3.25 | 3 431 990 099 | 3 569 245 120 | 3 569 245 120 | 3.42 | 3 500 689 840 | 3 351 845 042 | 3 351 845 042 |
| V, Ch 25-27 | Mineral Products | 15 320 239 243 | 2.14 | 15 320 239 243 | 2.14 | 26.21 | 28 339 782 581 | 28 768 034 500 | 28 768 034 500 | 13.73 | 17 662 751 012 | 13 447 795 257 | 13 447 795 257 |
| VI, Ch 28-38 | Chemical Products | (4 639 399 678) | 0.61 | (4 639 399 678) | 0.61 | 6.67 | 6 148 989 693 | 7 315 213 667 | 7 315 213 667 | 12.21 | 10 555 750 719 | 11 954 613 345 | 11 954 613 345 |
| VII, Ch 39-40 | Plastics and Rubber | (2 817 942 337) | 0.36 | (2 817 942 337) | 0.36 | 1.47 | 1 921 707 487 | 1 611 205 742 | 1 611 205 742 | 4.52 | 4 439 308 794 | 4 429 148 079 | 4 429 148 079 |
| VIII, Ch 41-43 | Hides, Skins and Leather | (40 114 466) | 0.86 | (40 114 466) | 0.86 | 0.22 | 254 085 608 | 236 970 309 | 236 970 309 | 0.28 | 356 667 004 | 277 084 775 | 277 084 775 |
| IX, Ch 44-46 | Wood and articles thereof | (49 457 823) | 0.91 | (49 457 823) | 0.91 | 0.46 | 517 028 417 | 500 095 317 | 500 095 317 | 0.56 | 484 406 265 | 549 553 140 | 549 553 140 |
| X, Ch 47-49 | Pulp and Paper Products | (1 230 058 560) | 0.56 | (1 230 058 560) | 0.56 | 1.42 | 2 152 301 173 | 1 562 107 445 | 1 562 107 445 | 2.85 | 3 291 276 935 | 2 792 166 005 | 2 792 166 005 |
| XI, Ch 50-63 | Textiles and Clothing | (2 807 272 367) | 0.27 | (2 807 272 367) | 0.27 | 0.93 | 1 250 175 530 | 1 019 184 326 | 1 019 184 326 | 3.91 | 4 258 502 841 | 3 826 456 693 | 3 826 456 693 |
| XII, Ch 64-67 | Footwear and Accessories | (990 133 128) | 0.15 | (990 133 128) | 0.15 | 0.15 | 165 163 561 | 168 932 037 | 168 932 037 | 1.18 | 1 350 422 322 | 1 159 065 165 | 1 159 065 165 |
| XIII, Ch 68-70 | Stone, Plaster, etc | (844 222 851) | 0.34 | (844 222 851) | 0.34 | 0.40 | 478 900 854 | 444 105 161 | 444 105 161 | 1.32 | 1 236 476 760 | 1 288 328 012 | 1 288 328 012 |
| XIV, Ch 71 | Precious Stones | 26 679 139 625 | 20.66 | 26 679 139 625 | 20.66 | 25.54 | 22 579 353 416 | 28 036 120 530 | 28 036 120 530 | 1.39 | 2 134 844 132 | 1 356 980 905 | 1 356 980 905 |
| XV, Ch 72-83 | Base Metals | 4 186 030 913 | 1.72 | 4 186 030 913 | 1.72 | 9.14 | 10 676 447 812 | 10 027 625 360 | 10 027 625 360 | 5.97 | 5 476 315 060 | 5 841 594 447 | 5 841 594 447 |
| XVI, Ch 84-85 | Machinery and Appliances | (14 829 740 512) | 0.34 | (14 829 740 512) | 0.34 | 6.95 | 6 603 638 263 | 7 631 109 383 | 7 631 109 383 | 22.94 | 22 013 451 641 | 22 460 849 895 | 22 460 849 895 |
| XVII, Ch 86-89 | Transport Equipment | 151 757 801 | 1.02 | 151 757 801 | 1.02 | 7.48 | 7 714 702 236 | 8 212 359 130 | 8 212 359 130 | 8.23 | 9 195 048 936 | 8 060 601 329 | 8 060 601 329 |
| XVIII, Ch 90-92 | Precision Products, etc | (1 849 475 013) | 0.25 | (1 849 475 013) | 0.25 | 0.57 | 785 107 136 | 629 060 748 | 629 060 748 | 2.53 | 2 583 089 679 | 2 478 535 761 | 2 478 535 761 |
| XX, Ch 94-96 | Misc Manufactured Articles | (1 086 125 554) | 0.28 | (1 086 125 554) | 0.28 | 0.39 | 439 522 320 | 432 668 266 | 432 668 266 | 1.55 | 1 606 952 562 | 1 518 793 820 | 1 518 793 820 |
| XXI, Ch 97 | Works of Art/Antiques | (155 845 118) | 0.23 | (155 845 118) | 0.23 | 0.04 | 86 476 791 | 47 557 795 | 47 557 795 | 0.21 | 40 419 596 | 203 402 913 | 203 402 913 |
| XXII, Ch 99 | Other Unclassified ¹⁾ | 16 704 131 | 1.17 | 16 704 131 | 1.17 | 0.11 | 374 250 979 | 117 122 103 | 117 122 103 | 0.10 | 78 037 416 | 100 417 972 | 100 417 972 |
| XXIII, Ch 98 | Special Provisions ²⁾ | (8 805 684 686) | 0.00 | (8 805 684 686) | 0.00 | 0.01 | 118 108 | 13 193 001 | 13 193 001 | 9.01 | 9 247 851 898 | 8 818 877 687 | 8 818 877 687 |
| Total | Total SA Rand | 11 828 559 457 | 1.12 | 11 828 559 457 | 1.12 | 100.00 | 100 945 202 379 | 109 755 409 976 | 109 755 409 976 | 100.00 | 103 646 699 569 | 97 926 850 519 | 97 926 850 519 |

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| AFRICA | 14 797 491 997 | 2.79 | 14 797 491 997 | 2.79 | 21.03 | 23 610 118 136 | 23 084 478 815 | 23 084 478 815 | 8.46 | 15 117 881 139 | 8 286 986 818 | 8 286 986 818 |
| AMERICA | 1 728 518 199 | 1.16 | 1 728 518 199 | 1.16 | 11.13 | 9 656 732 936 | 12 214 853 633 | 12 214 853 633 | 10.71 | 9 490 068 501 | 10 486 335 434 | 10 486 335 434 |
| ASIA | (9 166 597 768) | 0.81 | (9 166 597 768) | 0.81 | 35.00 | 35 914 409 268 | 38 418 111 775 | 38 418 111 775 | 48.59 | 45 303 828 897 | 47 584 709 543 | 47 584 709 543 |
| EUROPE | (1 358 476 549) | 0.96 | (1 358 476 549) | 0.96 | 26.37 | 22 937 409 177 | 28 938 605 257 | 28 938 605 257 | 30.94 | 32 120 745 448 | 30 297 081 806 | 30 297 081 806 |
| OCEANIA | (518 441 328) | 0.53 | (518 441 328) | 0.53 | 0.54 | 787 971 282 | 594 785 722 | 594 785 722 | 1.14 | 1 304 867 377 | 1 113 227 050 | 1 113 227 050 |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 5 872 178 210 | 38.05 | 5 872 178 210 | 38.05 | 5.49 | 6 897 787 722 | 6 030 688 078 | 6 030 688 078 | 0.16 | 309 308 207 | 158 509 868 | 158 509 868 |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 473 886 696 | - | 473 886 696 | - | 0.43 | 1 140 773 858 | 473 886 696 | 473 886 696 | | | | |
| Total | 11 828 559 457 | 1.12 | 11 828 559 457 | 1.12 | 100.00 | 100 945 202 379 | 109 755 409 976 | 109 755 409 976 | 100.00 | 103 646 699 569 | 97 926 850 519 | 97 926 850 519 |

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| I, Ch 1-5 | Animals/Animal Products | 305 959 | 1.00 | 305 959 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 1 024 056 441 | 965 166 183 | 965 166 183 | 1.02 | 1 189 597 248 | 964 860 224 | 964 860 224 |
| II, Ch 6-14 | Vegetable Products | 2 997 986 971 | 2.45 | 2 997 986 971 | 2.45 | 5.08 | 4 763 040 640 | 5 062 278 902 | 5 062 278 902 | 2.19 | 1 580 151 106 | 2 064 291 931 | 2 064 291 931 |
| III, Ch 15 | Fats and Oils | 1 618 069 715 | 3.37 | 1 618 069 715 | 3.37 | 2.31 | 95 498 716 | 2 301 636 686 | 2 301 636 686 | 0.72 | 1 073 848 222 | 683 566 971 | 683 566 971 |
| IV, Ch 16-24 | Prepared Foods | (609 610 785) | 0.79 | (609 610 785) | 0.79 | 2.34 | 2 107 729 595 | 2 333 358 752 | 2 333 358 752 | 3.12 | 2 941 253 448 | 2 942 969 537 | 2 942 969 537 |
| V, Ch 25-27 | Mineral Products | 13 862 292 496 | 2.04 | 13 862 292 496 | 2.04 | 27.35 | 26 222 177 151 | 27 255 383 610 | 27 255 383 610 | 14.20 | 17 579 022 999 | 13 393 091 114 | 13 393 091 114 |
| VI, Ch 28-38 | Chemical Products | (5 095 901 850) | 0.55 | (5 095 901 850) | 0.55 | 6.30 | 5 136 612 665 | 6 282 180 626 | 6 282 180 626 | 12.06 | 9 953 171 205 | 11 378 082 476 | 11 378 082 476 |
| VII, Ch 39-40 | Plastics and Rubber | (3 195 067 558) | 0.27 | (3 195 067 558) | 0.27 | 1.20 | 1 494 645 293 | 1 191 003 071 | 1 191 003 071 | 4.65 | 4 381 318 886 | 4 386 070 629 | 4 386 070 629 |
| VIII, Ch 41-43 | Hides, Skins and Leather | (79 737 083) | 0.71 | (79 737 083) | 0.71 | 0.19 | 220 091 229 | 191 488 789 | 191 488 789 | 0.29 | 349 602 212 | 271 225 872 | 271 225 872 |
| IX, Ch 44-46 | Wood and articles thereof | (29 962 034) | 0.92 | (29 962 034) | 0.92 | 0.37 | 404 514 969 | 366 995 541 | 366 995 541 | 0.42 | 353 507 915 | 396 957 575 | 396 957 575 |
| X, Ch 47-49 | Pulp and Paper Products | (1 417 427 560) | 0.49 | (1 417 427 560) | 0.49 | 1.36 | 1 870 373 982 | 1 354 073 547 | 1 354 073 547 | 2.94 | 3 273 388 291 | 2 771 501 107 | 2 771 501 107 |
| XI, Ch 50-63 | Textiles and Clothing | (2 769 451 406) | 0.17 | (2 769 451 406) | 0.17 | 0.56 | 814 992 382 | 561 647 915 | 561 647 915 | 3.53 | 3 713 072 900 | 3 331 099 321 | 3 331 099 321 |
| XII, Ch 64-67 | Footwear and Accessories | (1 093 771 093) | 0.05 | (1 093 771 093) | 0.05 | 0.06 | 49 337 230 | 61 077 529 | 61 077 529 | 1.22 | 1 342 099 863 | 1 154 848 622 | 1 154 848 622 |
| XIII, Ch 68-70 | Stone, Plaster, etc | (959 488 807) | 0.25 | (959 488 807) | 0.25 | 0.32 | 334 066 421 | 320 655 505 | 320 655 505 | 1.36 | 1 227 754 667 | 1 280 144 312 | 1 280 144 312 |
| XIV, Ch 71 | Precious Stones | 27 054 571 115 | 54.13 | 27 054 571 115 | 54.13 | 27.66 | 22 473 308 972 | 27 563 820 655 | 27 563 820 655 | 0.54 | 1 245 818 577 | 509 249 540 | 509 249 540 |
| XV, Ch 72-83 | Base Metals | 3 602 291 134 | 1.62 | 3 602 291 134 | 1.62 | 9.43 | 10 090 738 347 | 9 394 067 444 | 9 394 067 444 | 6.14 | 5 359 347 361 | 5 791 776 310 | 5 791 776 310 |
| XVI, Ch 84-85 | Machinery and Appliances | (15 839 157 296) | 0.28 | (15 839 157 296) | 0.28 | 6.30 | 5 213 620 257 | 6 277 250 775 | 6 277 250 775 | 23.44 | 21 591 151 112 | 22 116 408 071 | 22 116 408 071 |
| XVII, Ch 86-89 | Transport Equipment | (501 712 146) | 0.94 | (501 712 146) | 0.94 | 7.33 | 6 786 044 113 | 7 299 212 401 | 7 299 212 401 | 8.27 | 9 081 036 204 | 7 800 924 547 | 7 800 924 547 |
| XVIII, Ch 90-92 | Precision Products, etc | (1 989 145 907) | 0.19 | (1 989 145 907) | 0.19 | 0.48 | 653 960 688 | 480 702 122 | 480 702 122 | 2.62 | 2 572 293 078 | 2 469 848 029 | 2 469 848 029 |
| XX, Ch 94-96 | Misc Manufactured Articles | (1 288 009 482) | 0.15 | (1 288 009 482) | 0.15 | 0.23 | 209 438 971 | 224 385 721 | 224 385 721 | 1.60 | 1 597 321 403 | 1 512 395 203 | 1 512 395 203 |
| XXI, Ch 97 | Works of Art/Antiques | (156 037 542) | 0.23 | (156 037 542) | 0.23 | 0.05 | 86 140 721 | 47 348 422 | 47 348 422 | 0.22 | 40 418 115 | 203 385 964 | 203 385 964 |
| XXII, Ch 99 | Other Unclassified ¹⁾ | 17 141 053 | 1.18 | 17 141 053 | 1.18 | 0.11 | 369 776 986 | 113 793 860 | 113 793 860 | 0.10 | 76 087 586 | 96 652 807 | 96 652 807 |
| XXIII, Ch 98 | Special Provisions ²⁾ | (8 818 784 686) | 0.00 | (8 818 784 686) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 118 108 | 93 001 | 93 001 | 9.35 | 9 247 851 898 | 8 818 877 687 | 8 818 877 687 |
| Total | Total SA Rand | 5 309 393 208 | 1.06 | 5 309 393 208 | 1.06 | 100.00 | 90 420 283 877 | 99 647 621 057 | 99 647 621 057 | 100.00 | 99 769 114 296 | 94 338 227 849 | 94 338 227 849 |

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| AFRICA | 8 278 325 748 | 2.76 | 8 278 325 748 | 2.76 | 13.02 | 13 085 199 634 | 12 976 689 896 | 12 976 689 896 | 4.98 | 11 240 295 866 | 4 698 364 148 | 4 698 364 148 |
| AMERICA | 1 728 518 199 | 1.16 | 1 728 518 199 | 1.16 | 12.26 | 9 656 732 936 | 12 214 853 633 | 12 214 853 633 | 11.12 | 9 490 068 501 | 10 486 335 434 | 10 486 335 434 |
| ASIA | (9 166 597 768) | 0.81 | (9 166 597 768) | 0.81 | 38.55 | 35 914 409 268 | 38 418 111 775 | 38 418 111 775 | 50.44 | 45 303 828 897 | 47 584 709 543 | 47 584 709 543 |
| EUROPE | (1 358 476 549) | 0.96 | (1 358 476 549) | 0.96 | 29.04 | 22 937 409 177 | 28 938 605 257 | 28 938 605 257 | 32.12 | 32 120 745 448 | 30 297 081 806 | 30 297 081 806 |
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| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 473 886 696 | - | 473 886 696 | - | 0.48 | 1 140 773 858 | 473 886 696 | 473 886 696 | | | | |
| Total | 5 309 393 208 | 1.06 | 5 309 393 208 | 1.06 | 100.00 | 90 420 283 877 | 99 647 621 057 | 99 647 621 057 | 100.00 | 99 769 114 296 | 94 338 227 849 | 94 338 227 849 |

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Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia (Only)

Trade statistics with the BELN countries for January 2021 recorded a trade surplus of R6.52 billion.

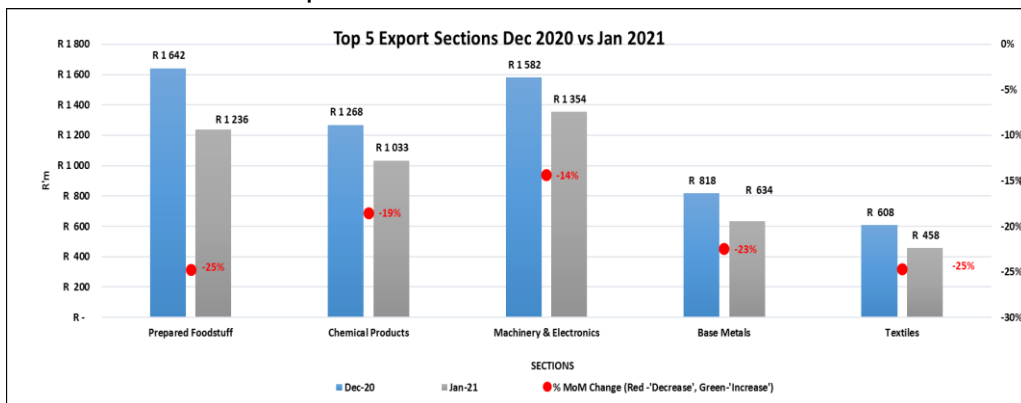
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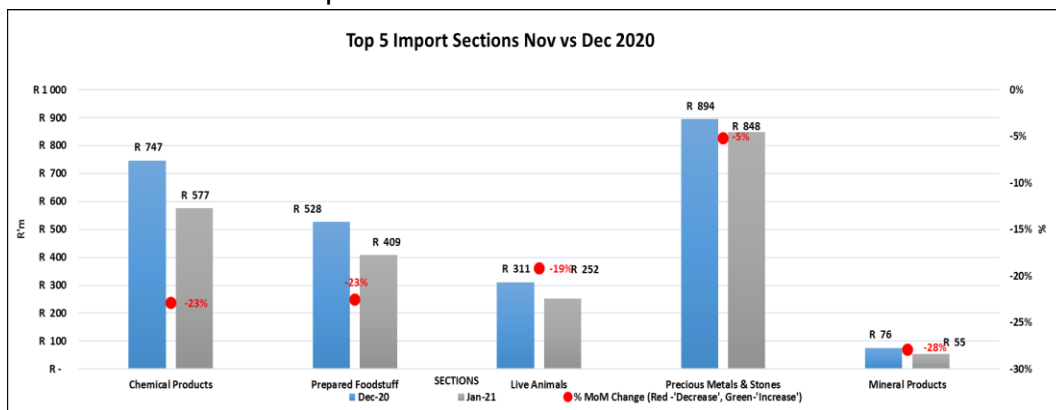
The cumulative surplus for 2021 was R6.52 billion compared to R6.65 billion in 2020.

Trade Highlights by Category

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