

# BOTSWANA



## Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile



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Regional Economic Communities

Botswana is a member of both the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

SACU is a customs union with duty-free intra-SACU trade and a common external tariff (CET) applicable to all goods entering from outside the Union, which includes the territories of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho.

SADC is a Regional Economic Community with 16 member states, including all SACU countries, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Malawi, Seychelles and Comoros. 13 SADC members are in a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); Comoros, DRC and Angola are yet to join the FTA.



### EXPORTS

13%

of Botswana's total exports are intra-Africa



Diamonds (29%)



Precious metal powders (14%)



Insulated wire cables (12%)



Carbonates (6%)

### IMPORTS

73%

of Botswana's total imports are intra-Africa



Petroleum oils (18%)



Diamonds (13%)

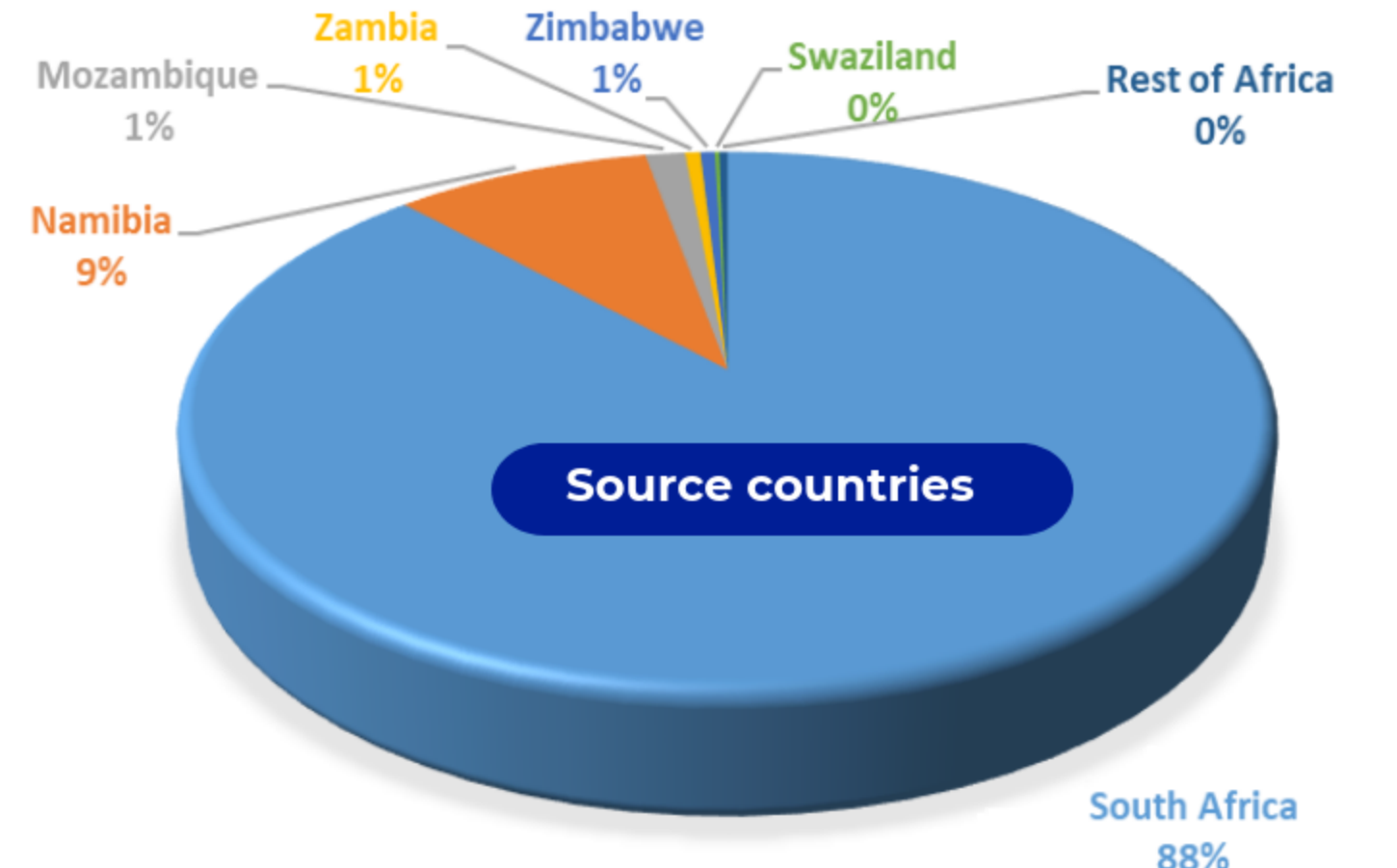
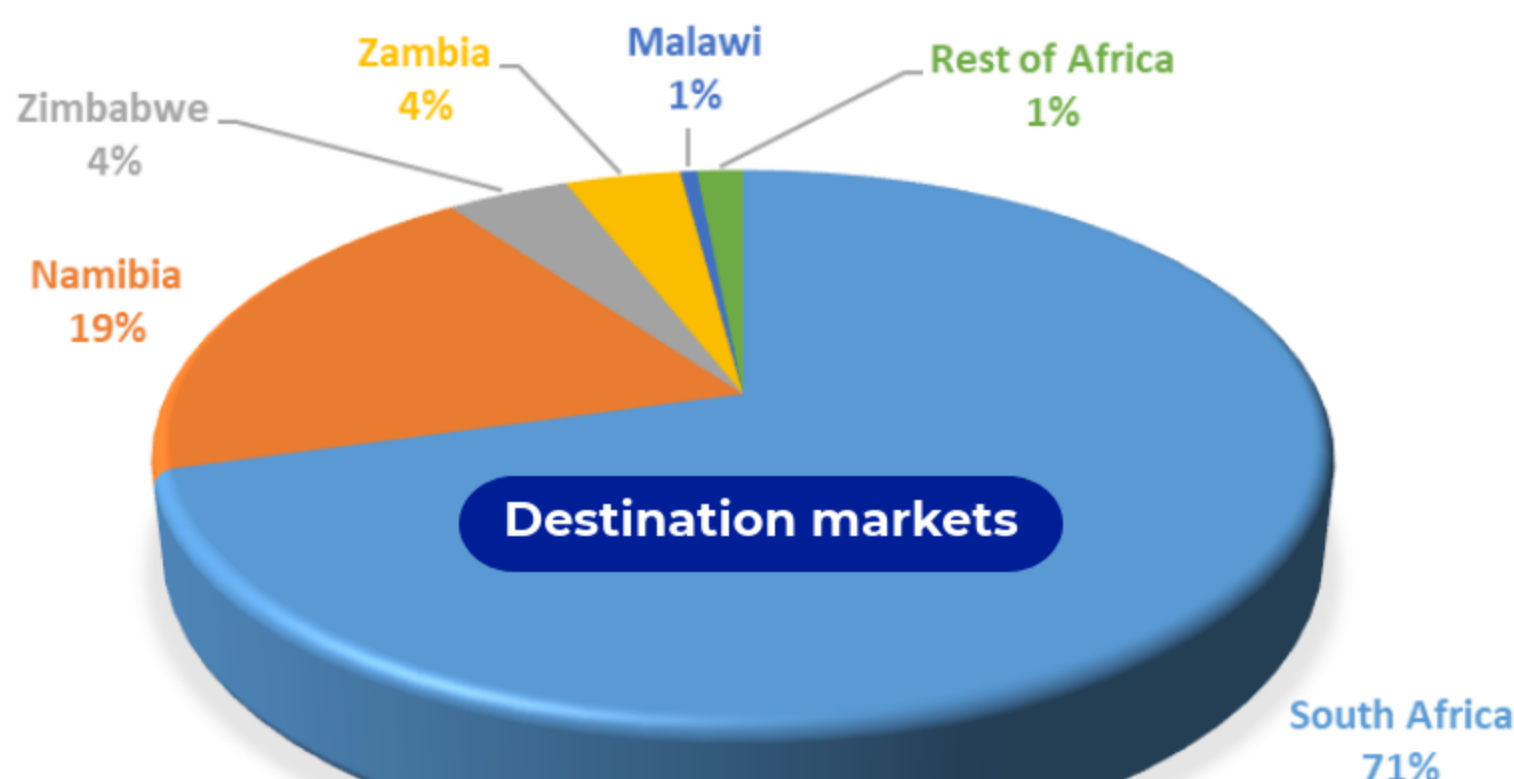


Passenger Vehicles (2%)



Transport vehicles (2%)

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Most of the goods imported into Botswana from other SADC member states enter duty-free. The only exceptions are wheat flour, sugar, second-hand clothes and tyres. Wheat flour imports are levied the MFN applied duty of 65.59c/kg. Sugar imports, raw and refined face a specific duty of 31.98c/kg, while the duty on second-hand clothes varies depending on the tariff line (20% ad valorem, 35c/unit, 50c/unit and 60% or 2500c/kg). Tyre imports under HS980100 has a 20% duty.

African imports from outside SADC and SACU are levied MFN applied duties	High simple average MFN applied duties	Duty free imports include
	<p><b>Clothing and apparel (between 26% and 45%)</b></p> <p><b>Tobacco (38.1%)</b></p> <p><b>Leather articles (26.6%)</b></p> <p><b>Carpets and flooring (26.6%)</b></p>	<p><b>Live animals (HS 1)</b></p> <p><b>Base metals like Tungsten and Titanium (HS 81)</b></p> <p><b>Clocks and watches (HS 91)</b></p> <p><b>Ores, slag and ash (HS 26)</b></p>

## Highest ad valorem import duties

	Preserved or prepared pineapple (55%)
	Tobacco cigarettes (45%)
	Tobacco substitute cigarettes & cigars (45%)
	Water-pipe tobacco (45%)
	Clothing items (40% and 45%)
	Retreaded tyres (43%)
	Uncooked pasta not containing eggs (40%)

## Highest specific import duties

Milk and cream products (450c/kg with a maximum of 96%)
Cheese including fresh, grated or powdered and blue-veined (500c/kg with a maximum of 95%)
Dairy spreads and butter (500c/kg with a maximum of 79%)
Unstemmed or unstripped tobacco (860c/kg less 85% with a maximum of 44%)
Black fermented tea (400c/kg)
Garlic (325c/kg with a maximum of 37%)
Ethyl alcohol (317c/litre)
Fresh/chilled bovine carcasses (40% or 240c/kg)

## Imports from Africa excluding SACU and SADC countries & MFN tariffs

HS code	All products	2017 (US\$ millions)	%Share	Average tariff	Max tariff
7102	Diamonds,	1.7	26%	0%	0%
8538	Machinery parts	1.6	24%	3%	7%
8536	Electrical apparatus for electrical circuits	1.1	16%	6%	11%
3004	Medicaments...	0.8	12%	0%	0%
8544	Insulated wire, cable	0.4	6%	13%	15%
3917	Tubes, pipes and hoses	0.2	3%	11%	15%
8547	Insulating fittings for electrical machines	0.1	2%	0%	0%
9999	Commodities not elsewhere specified	0.1	2%	--	--
6109	T-shirts, singlets and other vests	0.1	1%	45%	45%
9030	Oscilloscopes, spectrum analysers...	0.1	1%	0%	0%
	<b>Other</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>9%</b>		

Source: ITC TradeMap (2018) and World Bank WITS Tariff Database (2018)

Botswana's main imports from Africa beyond SACU and SADC include diamonds, parts of machinery, electrical equipments and medicaments. Most attract MFN duties ranging from 3% up to 45%.

The average MFN applied rate for non-SACU/ SADC imports is 7%.

Important to note that since Botswana is a member of SACU, a common external tariff exists and thus share similar external tariffs with other SACU members