|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 84013380310 | R 86526457187 | R-2 513076877 |
| March 2015 (Revised) | R 90853830032 | R 90862865948 | R-9 035916 |
|  |  |  |  |
| R Increase/Decrease | R -6 840449722 | R-4 336408761 |  |
| \% Growth | -7.5\% | -4.8\% |  |
| CUMULATIVE FIGURE |  |  |  |
|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| January to April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 318143187670 | R 353971733834 | R-35 828546164 |
| January to April 2014 (Revised) | R 318517488467 | R 358341159763 | R-39 823671296 |
|  |  |  |  |
| R Increase/Decrease | R -374 300797 | R-4 369425929 |  |
| \% Growth | -0.1\% | -1.2\% |  |

COMMENTS

## Month on month increase/decrease

## EXPORTS

Section 5:
Section 14:
Section 15:
Section 16:
Section 17:

Section 5:
Section 11
Section 16
Section 17:
Section 23:

Mineral Products increased by
Precious Metals \& Stones decreased by
Base Metals decreased by
Machinery \& Electronics decreased by
Vehicles Transport Equipment decreased by

## IMPORTS

Mineral Products decreased by
Textiles decreased by
Machinery \& Electronics increased by
Vehicles Transport Equipment decreased by
Equipment Components decreased by

R 1419 million

| R 1124 million | $(6 \%)$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| R 961 million | $(-6 \%)$ |
| R 1669 million | $(-14 \%)$ |
| R1683 million | $(-18 \%)$ |
| R 2536 million | $(-21 \%)$ |

R 627 million (-18\%)
R 1304 million (6\%)
R 2378 million ( $-21 \%$ )
R 452 million

International Trade (excluding BLNS)

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 73260055236 | R 84373007555 | R -11 112952319 |
| March 2015 (Revised) | R 79005744816 | R 88075618208 | R -9 069873392 |
| R Increase/Decrease | R-5 745689580 | R-3 702610653 |  |
| \% Growth | -7.3\% | -4.2\% |  |

## CUMULATIVE FIGURE

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January to April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 275418230395 | R 344355703417 | R-68937473 022 |
| January to April 2014 (Revised) | R 277386573927 | R 349805459222 | R-72 418885295 |
|  |  |  |  |
| R Increase/Decrease | R-1968343 532 | R-5 449755805 |  |
| \% Growth | -0.7\% | -1.6\% |  |

## BLNS

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 10753325074 | R 2153449632 | R 8599875442 |
| March 2015 (Revised) | R 11848085216 | R 2787247740 | R 9060837476 |


| R Increase/Decrease | R -1 094760142 | R -633 798 108 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| \% Growth | $-9.2 \%$ | $-22.7 \%$ |

CUMULATIVE FIGURE

|  | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TRADE BALANCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January to April 2015 (Preliminary) | R 42724957275 | R 9616030417 | R 33108926858 |
| January to April 2014 (Revised) | R 41130914540 | R 8535700541 | R 32595213999 |
| R Increase/Decrease | R 1594042735 | R 1080329876 |  |
| \% Growth | 3.9\% | 12.7\% |  |

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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: | April 2015 / March 2015 Revision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| World Zone | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| AFRICA | 25537.6 | 26049.1 | -2.0\% | -171.8 | 8204.5 | 11098.6 | -26.1\% | 1.7 |
| AMERICA | 8484.4 | 9093.6 | -6.7\% | -24.8 | 8483.3 | 10416.5 | -18.6\% | 5.2 |
| ASIA | 23897.0 | 26769.7 | -10.7\% | -134.4 | 39360.1 | 39220.9 | 0.4\% | -2.1 |
| EUROPE | 18588.7 | 21499.1 | -13.5\% | -159.0 | 29026.4 | 28897.5 | 0.4\% | -12.9 |
| OCEANIA | 982.1 | 1091.2 | -10.0\% | -0.6 | 1254.4 | 1054.3 | 19.0\% | 9.2 |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 5911.4 | 6129.1 | -3.6\% | - | 197.6 | 175.0 | 12.9\% |  |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 612.1 | 222.1 | 175.6\% | - | - | - | 0.0\% |  |
| Total | 84013.4 | 90853.8 | -7.5\% | -490.5 | 86526.5 | 90862.9 | -4.8\% | 1.1 |

## SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section <br> (Chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| 1 (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 1033.1 | 1226.8 | -15.8\% | -2.2 | 1321.4 | 1371.0 | -3.6\% | -1.8 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 3507.6 | 3952.0 | -11.2\% | -0.9 | 1731.3 | 1554.1 | 11.4\% | 0.1 |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 272.6 | 292.5 | -6.8\% | -0.4 | 682.9 | 392.2 | 74.1\% | 0.0 |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 3265.8 | 3572.1 | -8.6\% | 0.9 | 2370.6 | 2498.5 | -5.1\% | -0.1 |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 18486.2 | 17362.1 | 6.5\% | -127.4 | 14411.1 | 15829.8 | -9.0\% | 0.1 |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 6312.0 | 5650.4 | 11.7\% | -24.0 | 8505.4 | 8483.0 | 0.3\% | 1.1 |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 1933.9 | 1960.2 | -1.3\% | 5.0 | 3573.4 | 3490.8 | 2.4\% | -1.4 |
| 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). | 450.0 | 415.6 | 8.3\% | 0.0 | 292.1 | 330.6 | -11.7\% | 0.6 |
| 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. | 598.1 | 604.3 | -1.0\% | 7.2 | 381.4 | 421.8 | -9.6\% | -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. | 1563.5 | 1679.5 | -6.9\% | -15.5 | 1323.9 | 1209.2 | 9.5\% | -0.1 |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 1207.9 | 1362.4 | -11.3\% | -0.4 | 2827.2 | 3454.5 | -18.2\% | 1.9 |
| 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. | 235.5 | 256.5 | -8.2\% | 0.0 | 744.9 | 948.9 | -21.5\% | 0.0 |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 451.4 | 488.5 | -7.6\% | 1.6 | 976.4 | 1058.9 | -7.8\% | -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. | 16156.4 | 17117.5 | -5.6\% | -15.4 | 639.3 | 916.9 | -30.3\% | 0.0 |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 9853.2 | 11522.4 | -14.5\% | -42.2 | 4748.1 | 4998.9 | -5.0\% | 2.3 |
| 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. | 7600.4 | 9283.5 | -18.1\% | -3.5 | 22687.7 | 21383.6 | 6.1\% | 5.3 |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 9436.6 | 11973.1 | -21.2\% | -251.5 | 8909.3 | 11287.3 | -21.1\% | -2.2 |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 642.4 | 736.5 | -12.8\% | -1.9 | 2324.0 | 2547.4 | -8.8\% | -13.1 |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 637.0 | 694.7 | -8.3\% | -0.3 | 1237.1 | 1271.8 | -2.7\% | 8.7 |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 42.4 | 63.4 | -33.2\% | -19.6 | 10.3 | 17.8 | -41.9\% | 0.0 |
| XXII () | Other unclassified goods. | 326.5 | 639.5 | -48.9\% | - | 99.9 | 215.0 | -53.6\% |  |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.9 | 0.4 | 119.1\% | - | 6728.5 | 7180.8 | -6.3\% | -0.1 |
| Total |  | 84013.4 | 90853.8 | -7.5\% | -490.5 | 86526.5 | 90862.9 | -4.8\% | 1.1 |

## Preliminary SA Cumulative Statement (including BLNS)

| METHODOLOGY |
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| 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 importers of |
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| errors as possible. |

WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | January to April 2015 / January to April 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
| World Zone | January to April 2015 | January to April 2014 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to April 2015 | January to April $2014$ | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| AFRICA | 94183.5 | 92843.9 | 1.4\% | 42899.7 | 47979.2 | -10.6\% |
| AMERICA | 31891.0 | 29142.5 | 9.4\% | 38167.9 | 35091.7 | 8.8\% |
| ASIA | 93108.8 | 101595.6 | -8.4\% | 158363.6 | 166803.3 | -5.1\% |
| EUROPE | 75040.6 | 72802.3 | 3.1\% | 108468.8 | 103023.9 | 5.3\% |
| OCEANIA | 3738.6 | 3048.9 | 22.6\% | 5373.5 | 4629.4 | 16.1\% |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 18100.7 | 18630.2 | -2.8\% | 698.1 | 813.6 | -14.2\% |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 2080.0 | 454.0 | 358.1\% | - | - | 0.0\% |
| Total | 318143.2 | 318517.5 | -0.1\% | 353971.7 | 358341.2 | -1.2\% |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Section(cha } \\ & \text { pter) } \end{aligned}$ | Description | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | January to April 2015 | January to April $2014$ | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to April 2015 | January to April $2014$ | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| 1 (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 4185.0 | 3839.9 | 9.0\% | 4811.4 | 3605.1 | 33.5\% |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 14071.0 | 13758.3 | 2.3\% | 7280.5 | 6399.5 | 13.8\% |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 945.9 | 894.0 | 5.8\% | 1909.8 | 2697.1 | -29.2\% |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 12613.3 | 12599.1 | 0.1\% | 10191.6 | 9474.6 | 7.6\% |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 69558.2 | 82225.5 | -15.4\% | 63603.3 | 91857.7 | -30.8\% |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 21329.7 | 18867.2 | 13.1\% | 33963.5 | 32253.6 | 5.3\% |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 6859.3 | 7400.1 | -7.3\% | 14325.0 | 13454.6 | 6.5\% |
| 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 silkworm-gut). | 1664.3 | 1530.0 | 8.8\% | 1353.9 | 1217.1 | 11.2\% |
| 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. | 2146.7 | 1823.0 | 17.8\% | 1693.0 | 1549.1 | 9.3\% |
| 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. | 5914.1 | 5782.8 | 2.3\% | 4939.0 | 4903.8 | 0.7\% |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 4477.8 | 4276.0 | 4.7\% | 12815.8 | 11693.4 | 9.6\% |
| 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. | 824.9 | 739.6 | 11.5\% | 4124.2 | 3660.7 | 12.7\% |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 1664.0 | 1620.5 | 2.7\% | 4119.5 | 3462.6 | 19.0\% |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 55248.0 | 53246.8 | 3.8\% | 2845.8 | 3655.8 | -22.2\% |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 40713.3 | 44144.1 | -7.8\% | 20333.4 | 16128.5 | 26.1\% |
| 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. | 30530.2 | 30114.3 | 1.4\% | 85124.0 | 81202.0 | 4.8\% |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 38820.0 | 30159.8 | 28.7\% | 38937.1 | 35369.9 | 10.1\% |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 2784.9 | 2245.4 | 24.0\% | 9120.1 | 8731.9 | 4.4\% |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 2369.9 | 2453.4 | -3.4\% | 5153.6 | 4878.2 | 5.6\% |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 172.0 | 180.5 | -4.7\% | 74.8 | 278.4 | -73.1\% |
| XXII () | Other unclassified goods. | 1241.0 | 599.7 | 106.9\% | 540.6 | 598.9 | -9.7\% |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 9.6 | 17.6 | -45.2\% | 26711.9 | 21268.9 | 25.6\% |
| Total |  | 318143.2 | 318517.5 | -0.1\% | 353971.7 | 358341.2 | -1.2\% |

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WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

|  | April 2015 / March 2015 Revision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| World Zone | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| AFRICA | 14784.2 | 14201.0 | 4.1\% | -170.6 | 6051.1 | 8311.4 | -27.2\% | 1.7 |
| AMERICA | 8484.4 | 9093.6 | -6.7\% | -24.8 | 8483.3 | 10416.5 | -18.6\% | 5.2 |
| ASIA | 23897.0 | 26769.7 | -10.7\% | -134.4 | 39360.1 | 39220.9 | 0.4\% | -2.1 |
| EUROPE | 18588.7 | 21499.1 | -13.5\% | -159.0 | 29026.4 | 28897.5 | 0.4\% | -12.9 |
| OCEANIA | 982.1 | 1091.2 | -10.0\% | -0.6 | 1254.4 | 1054.3 | 19.0\% | 9.2 |
| OTHER UNCLASSIFIED | 5911.4 | 6129.1 | -3.6\% | - | 197.6 | 175.0 | 12.9\% | - |
| SHIP/AIRCRAFT | 612.1 | 222.1 | 175.6\% | - | - | - | 0.0\% | - |
| Total | 73260.1 | 79005.7 | -7.3\% | -489.3 | 84373.0 | 88075.6 | -4.2\% | 1.1 |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section <br> (Chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| 1 (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 776.7 | 922.9 | -15.8\% | -2.2 | 1011.5 | 1053.6 | -4.0\% | -1.3 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 2934.1 | 3389.0 | -13.4\% | -0.9 | 1701.8 | 1520.2 | 11.9\% | 0.1 |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 193.3 | 198.4 | -2.6\% | - | 681.2 | 390.5 | 74.4\% | 0.0 |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 2370.6 | 2631.3 | -9.9\% | 1.0 | 2032.4 | 2120.3 | -4.1\% | -0.1 |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 16439.7 | 15636.6 | 5.1\% | -126.7 | 14369.4 | 15780.9 | -8.9\% | 0.1 |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 5395.4 | 4644.2 | 16.2\% | -23.7 | 8114.5 | 7947.6 | 2.1\% | 1.1 |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 1425.1 | 1443.8 | -1.3\% | 5.4 | 3542.4 | 3449.6 | 2.7\% | -1.4 |
| 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). | 399.6 | 361.9 | 10.4\% | 0.0 | 254.4 | 292.6 | -13.1\% | 0.0 |
| 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. | 461.5 | 455.7 | 1.3\% | 7.2 | 310.9 | 340.2 | -8.6\% | -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. | 1356.8 | 1428.3 | -5.0\% | -15.5 | 1297.7 | 1177.5 | 10.2\% | -0.1 |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 681.4 | 813.8 | -16.3\% | -0.2 | 2537.3 | 3096.2 | -18.1\% | 2.0 |
| 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. | 72.6 | 71.5 | 1.6\% | 0.0 | 736.5 | 940.2 | -21.7\% | 0.0 |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 312.9 | 347.2 | -9.9\% | 1.6 | 966.4 | 1048.1 | -7.8\% | -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. | 15726.4 | 16382.9 | -4.0\% | -15.4 | 431.5 | 426.8 | 1.1\% | 0.0 |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 9072.9 | 10634.3 | -14.7\% | -42.2 | 4682.6 | 4916.4 | -4.8\% | 2.2 |
| 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. | 6103.9 | 7477.6 | -18.4\% | -3.1 | 22461.7 | 21125.8 | 6.3\% | 5.3 |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 8274.1 | 10482.2 | -21.1\% | -252.6 | 8868.7 | 11244.0 | -21.1\% | -2.2 |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 524.7 | 584.4 | -10.2\% | -2.0 | 2321.4 | 2542.2 | -8.7\% | -13.1 |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 375.1 | 403.1 | -6.9\% | -0.3 | 1215.3 | 1252.8 | -3.0\% | 8.7 |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 41.7 | 63.0 | -33.8\% | -19.6 | 10.3 | 17.8 | -42.0\% | 0.0 |
| XXII () | Other unclassified goods. | 320.7 | 633.4 | -49.4\% | - | 96.6 | 211.6 | -54.3\% | - |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.9 | 0.3 | 161.1\% | - | 6728.5 | 7180.8 | -6.3\% | -0.1 |
| Total |  | 73260.1 | 79005.7 | -7.3\% | -489.3 | 84373.0 | 88075.6 | -4.2\% | 1.1 |

## Preliminary BLNS Monthly Statement

| 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 | Monthly export and import figures are unaudited figures obtained from declarations made by 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 the publication thereof, to try and eliminate as many capturing errors as possible. |
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## WORLD REGIONS AND SHIPS \& AIRCRAFT STORES

| PERIOD: | April 2015 / March 2015 Revision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
|  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage <br> Increase/ <br> Decrease | Revision |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| AFRICA | 10753.3 | 11848.1 | -9.2\% | -1.2 | 2153.4 | 2787.2 | -22.7\% | 0.0 |
| Total | 10753.3 | 11848.1 | -9.2\% | -1.2 | 2153.4 | 2787.2 | -22.7\% | 0.0 |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section <br> (Chapter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision | April 2015 | March 2015 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | Revision |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm | Rm |  | Rm |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 256.4 | 303.9 | -15.6\% | - | 310.0 | 317.4 | -2.3\% | -0.5 |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 573.5 | 563.0 | 1.9\% |  | 29.5 | 33.9 | -13.0\% |  |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 79.3 | 94.1 | -15.7\% | -0.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 6.1\% |  |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 895.2 | 940.7 | -4.8\% | -0.1 | 338.2 | 378.3 | -10.6\% |  |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 2046.5 | 1725.5 | 18.6\% | -0.7 | 41.6 | 48.9 | -14.8\% | -0.0 |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 916.6 | 1006.2 | -8.9\% | -0.3 | 390.9 | 535.4 | -27.0\% | -0.0 |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 508.8 | 516.4 | -1.5\% | -0.4 | 31.0 | 41.2 | -24.9\% | -0.0 |
| 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). | 50.4 | 53.7 | -6.1\% | - | 37.7 | 38.0 | -0.9\% | 0.6 |
| 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. | 136.7 | 148.6 | -8.1\% | - | 70.6 | 81.6 | -13.5\% | -0.0 |
| 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. | 206.7 | 251.2 | -17.7\% | -0.0 | 26.2 | 31.7 | -17.4\% |  |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 526.5 | 548.6 | -4.0\% | -0.2 | 289.9 | 358.4 | -19.1\% | -0.1 |
| 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. | 162.8 | 185.1 | -12.0\% | -0.0 | 8.4 | 8.7 | -3.3\% |  |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 138.5 | 141.3 | -2.0\% | 0.0 | 10.1 | 10.8 | -6.8\% |  |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 430.0 | 734.5 | -41.5\% | - | 207.9 | 490.1 | -57.6\% |  |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 780.3 | 888.1 | -12.1\% | 0.1 | 65.6 | 82.5 | -20.5\% | 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. | 1496.5 | 1805.9 | -17.1\% | -0.3 | 226.0 | 257.8 | -12.3\% | -0.0 |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 1162.5 | 1490.9 | -22.0\% | 1.1 | 40.5 | 43.3 | -6.5\% |  |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 117.7 | 152.1 | -22.7\% | 0.1 | 2.6 | 5.2 | -49.8\% | - |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 261.9 | 291.6 | -10.2\% | 0.0 | 21.8 | 19.1 | 14.4\% | - |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 0.6 | 0.3 | 89.9\% | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.8\% | - |
| XXII () | Other unclassified goods. | 5.8 | 6.2 | -6.5\% | - | 3.3 | 3.5 | -5.7\% | - |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.0 | 0.1 | -83.6\% | - | - | - | 0.0\% | - |
| Total |  | 10753.3 | 11848.1 | -9.2\% | -1.2 | 2153.4 | 2787.2 | -22.7\% | 0.0 |

## Preliminary BLNS Cumulative Statement

| METHODOLOGY |
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| 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 importers of |
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| 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 April 2015 / January to April 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |
| World Zone | January to April $2015$ | January to April $2014$ | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to April 2015 | January to April 2014 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| AFRICA | 42725.0 | 41130.9 | 3.9\% | 9616.0 | 8535.7 | 12.7\% |
| Total | 42725.0 | 41130.9 | 3.9\% | 9616.0 | 8535.7 | 12.7\% |

SECTIONS OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM

| Section(cha pter) | Description | EXPORTS |  |  | IMPORTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | January to April 2015 | January to April 2014 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease | January to April 2015 | January to April 2014 | Percentage Increase/ Decrease |
|  |  | Rm | Rm |  | Rm | Rm |  |
| I (1-5) | Live animals, animal products. | 1059.0 | 938.8 | 12.8\% | 1142.8 | 765.3 | 49.3\% |
| II (6-14) | Vegetable products. | 2039.4 | 2113.8 | -3.5\% | 130.1 | 130.2 | -0.1\% |
| III (15) | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes. | 291.7 | 308.0 | -5.3\% | 4.9 | 4.1 | 19.0\% |
| IV (16-24) | Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes. | 3833.9 | 3407.8 | 12.5\% | 1533.5 | 1210.9 | 26.6\% |
| V (25-27) | Mineral products. | 7119.9 | 7171.0 | -0.7\% | 178.0 | 317.7 | -44.0\% |
| VI (28-38) | Products of the chemicals or allied industries. | 3628.4 | 3179.7 | 14.1\% | 1991.6 | 2074.9 | -4.0\% |
| VII (39-40) | Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof. | 1899.8 | 1725.9 | 10.1\% | 140.0 | 113.4 | 23.5\% |
| 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 silkworm-gut). | 191.0 | 112.4 | 70.0\% | 139.5 | 75.6 | 84.5\% |
| 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. | 510.1 | 436.3 | 16.9\% | 287.2 | 248.9 | 15.4\% |
| 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. | 951.4 | 883.7 | 7.7\% | 108.2 | 132.3 | -18.3\% |
| XI (50-63) | Textiles and textile articles. | 1856.8 | 1703.3 | 9.0\% | 1225.8 | 1032.1 | 18.8\% |
| 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. | 576.3 | 517.3 | 11.4\% | 35.8 | 67.6 | -47.0\% |
| XIII (68-70) | Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, ceramic products, glass and glassware. | 518.4 | 501.2 | 3.4\% | 39.4 | 32.1 | 22.9\% |
| XIV (71) | Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry, coins. | 2578.7 | 3353.5 | -23.1\% | 1208.3 | 1207.3 | 0.1\% |
| XV (72-83) | Base metals and articles of base metal. | 2992.8 | 2600.2 | 15.1\% | 342.1 | 343.1 | -0.3\% |
| 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. | 6020.8 | 5485.5 | 9.8\% | 872.7 | 529.6 | 64.8\% |
| XVII (86-89) | Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment. | 5131.1 | 5297.7 | -3.1\% | 140.1 | 195.7 | -28.4\% |
| XVIII (90-92) | Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus, clocks and watches, musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof. | 504.0 | 520.0 | -3.1\% | 14.7 | 14.3 | 2.3\% |
| XX (94-96) | Miscellaneous manufactured articles. | 997.2 | 843.4 | 18.2\% | 67.7 | 23.0 | 193.6\% |
| XXI (97) | Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques. | 1.6 | 1.8 | -9.0\% | 0.1 | 1.9 | -94.2\% |
| XXII () | Other unclassified goods. | 22.5 | 22.8 | -1.2\% | 13.7 | 15.6 | -11.9\% |
| XXIII (98) | Special classification provisions: Original Equipment Components | 0.1 | 6.9 | -97.9\% | - | 0.0 | -100.0\% |
| Total |  | 42725.0 | 41130.9 | 3.9\% | 9616.0 | 8535.7 | 12.7\% |

