

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - October 2014

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 7,320 million in October 2014 higher by 18.9% compared to the previous month and by 6.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2013	2014	
	Oct ¹	Sept ¹	Oct ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,090	9,109	8,647
Domestic exports	5,059	5,289	4,851
Re-exports	1,851	2,555	2,556
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,180	1,265	1,240
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	14,937	15,267	15,967
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,027	24,376	24,614
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,847	-6,158	-7,320

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Oct ¹	Sept ¹	Oct ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,715	2,713	3,337
1 - Beverages and tobacco	296	342	221
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	374	354	442
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,663	2,765	2,453
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	75	75	238
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,261	1,178	1,372
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,888	2,351	2,611
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,177	4,215	3,619
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,436	1,194	1,577
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	52	80	97
TOTAL	14,937	15,267	15,967

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In October 2014, total imports rose by 4.6% compared to September 2014 and by 6.9% compared to October 2013.

3. Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Oct ¹	Sept ¹	Oct ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,375	2,718	2,078
1 - Beverages and tobacco	98	39	81
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	121	104	105
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	2	3
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8	10	28
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	222	296	290
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	712	811	807
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	662	1,318	1,375
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,689	2,515	2,599
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	21	31	41
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,910	7,844	7,407
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,180	1,265	1,240
TOTAL	8,090	9,109	8,647

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In October 2014, total exports decreased by 5.1 % compared to the previous month but increased by 6.9% compared to October 2013.

4. Main trading partners in October 2014

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	Oct ²	Sept ²	Oct ³		Oct ²	Sept ²	Oct ³
UAE	96	1,088	1,180	India	3,062	2,460	2,658
United Kingdom	986	1,005	1,029	China	2,208	2,344	2,570
France	670	627	742	France	1,325	1,221	1,327
USA	667	883	634	South Africa	740	1,359	1,023
South Africa	633	655	566	Vietnam	273	891	862
Madagascar	422	396	542	Spain	547	632	523
Other	3,436	3,190	2,714	Other	6,782	6,360	7,004
Total	6,910	7,844	7,407	Total	14,937	15,267	15,967

¹ Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers ² Revised estimates ³ First estimates

UAE (15.9%), United Kingdom (13.9%), France (10.0%) and USA (8.6%) were our major exports destinations in October 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (16.6%), China (16.1%), France (8.3%) and South Africa (6.4%).

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