

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - December 2014

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 9,091 million in December 2014 higher by 18.8% compared to the previous month and 5.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2013	2014	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>8,400</b>
Domestic exports	4,945	4,598	4,641
Re-exports	1,636	2,169	2,439
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,569	1,185	1,320
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>16,773</b>	<b>15,602</b>	<b>17,491</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>24,923</b>	<b>23,554</b>	<b>25,891</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-8,623</b>	<b>-7,650</b>	<b>-9,091</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

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

C.I.F value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,734	2,411	3,031
1 - Beverages and tobacco	426	357	378
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	394	252	441
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,828	3,247	1,946
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	122	92	136
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,109	1,307	1,132
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,299	2,447	2,469
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,214	3,946	6,154
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,592	1,520	1,769
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	55	23	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,773</b>	<b>15,602</b>	<b>17,491</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In December 2014, total imports increased by 12.1% compared to November 2014 and 4.3% compared to December 2013.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,411	1,597	1,939
1 - Beverages and tobacco	64	38	91
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	110	78	91
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	2	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	28	6	44
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	176	328	248
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	625	761	701
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	491	1,251	1,234
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,666	2,681	2,712
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7	25	19
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>6,767</b>	<b>7,080</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,569	1,185	1,320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>8,400</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In December 2014, total exports increased by 5.6 % compared to the previous month and 3.1% compared to December 2013.

### 4. Main trading partners in December 2014

Value: R million

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>		Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
UAE	270	1,022	1,090	India	4,030	3,663	4,083
United Kingdom	919	919	993	China	2,704	3,122	3,144
USA	827	728	793	South Africa	1,061	957	1,107
France	715	760	596	France	1,049	1,020	1,037
South Africa	438	571	447	Vietnam	933	624	632
Madagascar	320	555	404	Spain	558	426	530
Other	3,092	2,212	2,757	Other	6,438	5,790	6,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>6,767</b>	<b>7,080</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,773</b>	<b>15,602</b>	<b>17,491</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

UAE (15.4%), United Kingdom (14.0%), USA (11.2%) and France (8.4%) were our major exports destinations in December 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (23.3%), China (18.0%), South Africa (6.3%) and France (5.9%).

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