

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - November 2014

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 7,435 million in November 2014 higher by 2.0% compared to the previous month and lower by 7.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2013	2014	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	7,427	8,647	8,167
Domestic exports	4,677	4,851	4,598
Re-exports	1,339	2,556	2,169
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,411	1,240	1,400
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	15,493	15,939	15,602
Total International Trade (A + B)	22,920	24,586	23,769
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-8,066	-7,292	-7,435

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	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,620	3,337	2,411
1 - Beverages and tobacco	334	221	357
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	293	442	252
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,977	2,425	3,247
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	76	238	92
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,216	1,372	1,307
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,798	2,611	2,447
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,425	3,619	3,946
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,656	1,577	1,520
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	98	97	23
TOTAL	15,493	15,939	15,602

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In November 2014, total imports decreased by 2.1% compared to October 2014 and rose by 0.7% compared to November 2013.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,147	2,078	1,597
1 - Beverages and tobacco	51	81	38
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	84	105	78
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	3	2
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1	28	6
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	239	290	328
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	633	807	761
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	466	1,375	1,251
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,381	2,599	2,681
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	13	41	25
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,016	7,407	6,767
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,411	1,240	1,400
TOTAL	7,427	8,647	8,167

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In November 2014, total exports decreased by 5.6 % compared to the previous month but increased by 10.0% compared to November 2013.

4. Main trading partners in November 2014

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²		Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
UAE	110	1,180	1,022	India	3,419	2,448	3,663
United Kingdom	1,031	1,029	919	China	2,671	2,570	3,122
France	801	742	760	France	1,384	1,327	1,020
USA	599	634	728	South Africa	1,095	1,023	957
South Africa	453	566	571	Vietnam	98	862	624
Madagascar	420	542	555	Australia	346	501	509
Other	2,602	2,714	2,212	Other	6,480	7,208	5,707
Total	6,016	7,407	6,767	Total	15,493	15,939	15,602

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

UAE (15.1%), United Kingdom (13.6%), France (11.2%) and USA (10.8%) were our major exports destinations in November 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (23.5%), China (20.0%), France (6.5%) and South Africa (6.1%).

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