

Monthly Trade Statistics – April 2014

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 5,863 million in April 2014, higher by 3.3% compared to the previous month but lower by 8.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Trade

Value : R Million

	2013	2014	
	April ¹	March ¹	April ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,631	7,339	7,765
<i>Domestic exports</i>	4,649	5,160	5,163
<i>Re-exports</i>	815	1,104	1,402
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	1,167	1,075	1,200
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	13,055	13,017	13,628
Total International Trade (A + B)	19,686	20,356	21,393
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,424	-5,678	-5,863

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

2. Imports

Total Imports by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value : R Million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	April ¹	March ¹	April ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,678	2,553	2,492
1 - Beverages and tobacco	261	272	300
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	326	412	423
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,854	3,602	2,520
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	124	54	107
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,030	998	1,145
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,174	1,890	2,315
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,440	2,188	3,050
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,134	993	1,190
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	34	55	86
TOTAL	13,055	13,017	13,628

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In April 2014, total imports rose by 4.7% compared to March 2014 and by 4.4% compared to April 2013.

3. Exports

Total Exports by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : R Million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	April ¹	March ¹	April ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,103	2,310	2,121
1 - Beverages and tobacco	37	41	89
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	100	102	110
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	-	3
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8	5	20
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	229	206	218
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	606	672	854
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	126	324	531
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,219	2,582	2,590
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	33	22	29
Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers	5,464	6,264	6,565
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	1,167	1,075	1,200
TOTAL	6,631	7,339	7,765

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In April 2014, total exports increased by 5.8% compared to the previous month and by 17.1% compared to April 2013.

4. Main trading partners in April 2014

Value : R Million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	April ²	March ²	April ³		April ²	March ²	April ³
France	816	930	914	India	3,139	3,845	2,813
UK	940	923	913	China	1,876	1,492	2,122
USA	455	665	631	France	1,123	950	1,107
Madagascar	400	412	523	South Africa	790	806	960
Italy	672	698	515	Spain	551	364	476
South Africa	438	396	435	Thailand	268	229	399
Other	1,743	2,240	2,634	Other	5,308	5,331	5,751
Total	5,464	6,264	6,565	Total	13,055	13,017	13,628

¹ Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers ² Revised estimates ³ First estimates

France (13.9%), United Kingdom (13.9%), and USA (9.6%) were our major exports destinations in April 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (20.6 %), China (15.6%), France (8.1%) and South Africa (7.0 %).

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