

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 6,003 million in April 2015 higher by 15.8% compared to the previous month but lower by 2.6% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2014	2015	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	7,491	9,023	8,713
Domestic exports	5,124	5,241	5,135
Re-exports	1,387	2,932	2,728
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	980	850	850
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	13,654	14,209	14,716
Total International Trade (A + B)	21,145	23,232	23,429
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,163	-5,186	-6,003

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	2014	2015	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,501	2,772	2,570
1 - Beverages and tobacco	299	285	183
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	423	262	366
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,519	1,828	2,632
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	107	175	98
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,144	1,003	1,267
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,315	2,376	2,533
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,069	4,363	3,853
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,191	1,055	1,135
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	86	90	79
TOTAL	13,654	14,209	14,716

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In April 2015, total imports increased by 3.6% compared to March 2015 and by 7.8% compared to April 2014.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,112	2,416	2,074
1 - Beverages and tobacco	88	29	37
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	109	93	145
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	2	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	19	6	8
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	217	186	328
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	855	851	913
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	524	1,937	1,714
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,555	2,627	2,594
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	29	26	49
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,511	8,173	7,863
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	980	850	850
TOTAL	7,491	9,023	8,713

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In April 2015, total exports decreased by 3.4 % compared to the previous month but increased by 16.3% compared to April 2014.

4. Main trading partners in April 2015

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³		Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³
UAE	359	1,835	1,418	India	2,885	1,841	3,419
United Kingdom	890	1,015	1,119	China	2,123	2,897	2,494
France	904	643	839	France	1,105	788	1,100
USA	629	700	642	Vietnam	390	672	943
South Africa	435	487	542	South Africa	960	1,028	793
Madagascar	514	357	465	Japan	334	328	414
Other	2,780	3,136	2,838	Other	5,857	6,655	5,553
Total	6,511	8,173	7,863	Total	13,654	14,209	14,716

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

UAE (18.0%), United Kingdom (14.2%), France (10.7%) and USA (8.2%) were our major exports destinations in April 2015 while our imports were mainly from India (23.2%), China (16.9%), France (7.5%) and Vietnam (6.4%) .

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