

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - February 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 5,795 million in February 2015 higher by 5.8% compared to the previous month and by 51.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2014	2015	
	Feb ¹	Jan ¹	Feb ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,874	6,764	7,094
Domestic exports	4,621	3,712	4,097
Re-exports	1,283	2,352	2,347
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	970	700	650
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	10,692	12,243	12,889
Total International Trade (A + B)	17,566	19,007	19,983
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-3,818	-5,479	-5,795

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	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,864	2,021	2,250
1 - Beverages and tobacco	206	212	261
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	331	252	340
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,471	2,477	2,025
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	47	104	56
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	878	988	1,026
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,946	1,896	2,580
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,104	3,430	3,327
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	780	817	965
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	65	46	59
TOTAL	10,692	12,243	12,889

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In February 2015, total imports increased by 5.3% compared to January 2015 and by 20.5% compared to February 2014.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Feb ¹	Jan ¹	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,211	1,665	1,788
1 - Beverages and tobacco	89	18	62
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	89	87	65
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	15	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4	36	15
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	173	145	256
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	715	557	662
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	330	1,332	1,380
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,256	2,205	2,189
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	22	18	26
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,904	6,064	6,444
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	970	700	650
TOTAL	6,874	6,764	7,094

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In February 2015, total exports increased by 4.9 % compared to the previous month and by 3.2% compared to February 2014.

4. Main trading partners in February 2015

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³		Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³
UAE	94	1,080	1,164	China	1,446	1,676	2,701
United Kingdom	902	724	864	India	2,772	3,091	2,019
USA	582	617	611	South Africa	756	565	898
France	792	550	574	France	966	1,016	822
South Africa	428	400	525	Vietnam	131	905	711
Madagascar	375	590	386	Australia	225	241	483
Other	2,731	2,103	2,320	Other	4,396	4,749	5,255
Total	5,904	6,064	6,444	Total	10,692	12,243	12,889

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

UAE (18.1%), United Kingdom (13.4%), USA (9.5%) and France (8.9%) were our major exports destinations in February 2015 while our imports were mainly from China (21.0%), India (15.7%), South Africa (7.0%) and France (6.4%).

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