

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - May 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 7,363 million in May 2015 higher by 21.1% compared to the previous month and by 39.9% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2014	2015	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,079	8,513	8,145
Domestic exports	5,057	5,135	5,257
Re-exports	1,942	2,728	2,188
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,080	650	700
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	13,449	14,716	15,658
Total International Trade (A + B)	21,528	23,229	23,803
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-5,370	-6,203	-7,513

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	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,308	2,570	2,595
1 - Beverages and tobacco	207	183	336
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	275	366	346
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,284	2,632	2,227
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	81	98	66
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,139	1,267	1,088
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,380	2,533	2,545
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,466	3,853	5,255
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,270	1,135	1,117
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	39	79	83
TOTAL	13,449	14,716	15,658

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In May 2015, total imports increased by 6.4% compared to April 2015 and by 16.4% compared to May 2014.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ³
0 - Food and live animals	2,295	2,074	2,111
1 - Beverages and tobacco	71	37	33
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	82	145	79
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	8
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7	8	11
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	317	328	243
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	684	913	805
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	912	1,714	1,196
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,594	2,594	2,921
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	35	49	38
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,999	7,863	7,445
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,080	650	700
TOTAL	8,079	8,513	8,145

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In May 2015, total exports decreased by 4.3 % compared to the previous month but increased by 0.8% compared to May 2014.

4. Main trading partners in May 2015

Value: R million

Country	Exports ¹ (F.O.B)			Country	Imports (C.I.F)		
	2014	2015			2014	2015	
	May ²	Apr ²	May ³		May ²	Apr ²	May ³
United Kingdom	878	1,119	1,118	India	2,492	3,419	4,453
UAE	643	1,418	911	China	2,440	2,494	2,480
USA	644	642	799	France	1,337	1,100	1,003
France	943	839	735	South Africa	812	793	980
South Africa	377	542	487	Vietnam	416	943	748
Madagascar	417	465	463	Spain	317	160	531
Other	3,097	2,838	2,932	Other	5,635	5,807	5,463
Total	6,999	7,863	7,445	Total	13,449	14,716	15,658

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

United Kingdom (15.0%), UAE (12.2%), USA (10.7%) and France (9.9%) were our major exports destinations in May 2015 while our imports were mainly from India (28.4%), China (15.8%), France (6.4%) and South Africa (6.3%).

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