

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - January 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R4,629 million in January 2015 lower by 49.1% compared to the previous month and 9.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2014		2015
	Jan ¹	Dec ²	Jan ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,778	8,400	7,614
Domestic exports	3,839	4,641	3,712
Re-exports	1,210	2,439	2,352
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,729	1,320	1,550
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	11,912	17,491	12,243
Total International Trade (A + B)	18,690	25,891	19,857
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-5,134	-9,091	-4,629

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
	Jan ¹	Dec ²	Jan ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,415	3,031	2,021
1 - Beverages and tobacco	272	378	212
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	315	441	252
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,171	1,946	2,477
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	258	136	104
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	853	1,132	988
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,064	2,469	1,896
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,663	6,154	3,430
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	1,769	817
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	35	35	46
TOTAL	11,912	17,491	12,243

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In January 2015, total imports decreased by 30.0% compared to December 2014 but increased by 2.8% compared to January 2014.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014		2015
	Jan ¹	Dec ²	Jan ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,675	1,939	1,665
1 - Beverages and tobacco	20	91	18
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	92	91	87
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	15	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	44	44	36
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	167	248	145
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	470	701	557
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	354	1,234	1,332
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,193	2,712	2,205
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	19	19	18
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,049	7,080	6,064
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,729	1,320	1,550
TOTAL	6,778	8,400	7,614

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In January 2015, total exports decreased by 9.4 % compared to the previous month but rose by 12.3% compared to January 2014.

4. Main trading partners in January 2015

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014		2015	Country	2014		2015
	Jan ²	Dec ³	Jan ³		Jan ²	Dec ³	Jan ³
UAE	129	1,090	1,080	India	2,409	4,083	3,091
United Kingdom	834	993	724	China	1,807	3,144	1,676
USA	605	793	617	France	975	1,037	1,016
Madagascar	400	404	590	Vietnam	220	632	905
France	619	596	550	South Africa	761	1,107	565
South Africa	349	447	400	Spain	565	530	436
Other	2,113	2,757	2,103	Other	5,175	6,958	4,554
Total	5,049	7,080	6,064	Total	11,912	17,491	12,243

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

UAE (17.8%), United Kingdom (11.9%), USA (10.2%) and Madagascar (9.7%) were our major exports destinations in January 2015 while our imports were mainly from India (25.2%), China (13.7%), South Africa (8.3%) and France (7.4%).

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