

Monthly Trade Statistics – May 2014

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 5,153 million in May 2014 lower by 12.1% compared to the previous month and by 3.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Trade

Value : R Million

	2013	2014	
	May ¹	April ¹	May ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,988	7,765	8,256
<i>Domestic exports</i>	4,902	5,163	5,114
<i>Re-exports</i>	799	1,402	1,942
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	1,287	1,200	1,200
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	12,349	13,628	13,409
Total International Trade (A + B)	19,337	21,393	21,665
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-5,361	-5,863	-5,153

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	
	May ¹	April ¹	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,337	2,492	2,289
1 - Beverages and tobacco	246	300	206
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	398	423	275
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,009	2,519	2,284
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	33	107	81
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,033	1,145	1,138
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,510	2,315	2,383
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,633	3,051	3,443
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,078	1,190	1,271
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	72	86	39
TOTAL	12,349	13,628	13,409

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In May 2014, total imports declined by 1.6% compared to April 2014 but rose by 8.6% compared to May 2013.

3. Exports

Total Exports by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : R Million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	May ¹	April ¹	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,109	2,122	2,297
1 - Beverages and tobacco	59	89	71
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	87	110	85
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	3	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8	20	7
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	211	218	317
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	635	854	674
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	148	531	912
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,418	2,589	2,657
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	25	29	35
Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers	5,701	6,565	7,056
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	1,287	1,200	1,200
TOTAL	6,988	7,765	8,256

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In May 2014, total exports increased by 6.3% compared to the previous month and by 18.1% compared to May 2013.

4. Main trading partners in May 2014

Value : R Million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	May ²	April ²	May ³		May ²	April ²	May ³
France	857	914	952	India	2,434	2,886	2,496
UK	1,000	912	928	China	2,265	2,122	2,440
UAE	22	360	645	France	970	1,107	1,290
USA	527	631	644	South Africa	897	960	812
Italy	629	515	590	Germany	328	369	428
Spain	314	350	541	Vietnam	31	389	416
Other	2,352	2,883	2,756	Other	5,424	5,795	5,527
Total	5,701	6,565	7,056	Total	12,349	13,628	13,409

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

France (13.5%), United Kingdom (13.2%), UAE (9.1%) and USA (9.1%) were our major exports destinations in May 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (18.6 %), China (18.2%), France (9.6%) and South Africa (6.1 %).

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