

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2014

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 6,145 million in September 2014 lower by 14.6% compared to the previous month and by 23.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2013	2014	
	Sept <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,955</b>	<b>8,540</b>	<b>9,140</b>
Domestic exports	4,450	4,771	5,315
Re-exports	1,301	2,489	2,560
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,204	1,280	1,265
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>15,734</b>	<b>15,285</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>24,274</b>	<b>24,425</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-8,035</b>	<b>-7,194</b>	<b>-6,145</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

### 2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Sept <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,082	2,688	2,730
1 - Beverages and tobacco	301	250	342
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	425	306	354
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,319	3,846	2,768
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	56	245	76
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,081	1,157	1,177
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,193	2,381	2,351
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,240	3,719	4,216
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,224	1,100	1,191
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	69	42	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>15,734</b>	<b>15,285</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In September 2014, total imports dropped by 2.9% compared to August 2014. However, it increased by 2.0% compared to September 2013.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	
	Sept <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,082	1,922	2,729
1 - Beverages and tobacco	29	28	38
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	95	69	108
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	2	2
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6	3	10
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	232	371	296
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	717	608	811
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	287	1,570	1,318
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,296	2,656	2,532
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	6	31	31
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>7,260</b>	<b>7,875</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,204	1,280	1,265
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,955</b>	<b>8,540</b>	<b>9,140</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In September 2014, total exports increased by 7.0% compared to the previous month and by 31.4% compared to September 2013.

### 4. Main trading partners in September 2014

Value: R million

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2013	2014		Country	2013	2014	
	Sept <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>	Sept <sup>3</sup>		Sept <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>	Sept <sup>3</sup>
UAE	130	1,258	1,088	India	3,849	3,851	2,460
United Kingdom	827	892	1,018	China	1,889	2,339	2,343
USA	581	744	884	South Africa	904	824	1,359
South Africa	571	583	655	France	948	1,008	1,220
France	584	715	638	Vietnam	999	612	891
Italy	304	401	491	Spain	820	562	634
Other	2,754	2,667	3,101	Other	5,581	6,538	6,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>7,260</b>	<b>7,875</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>15,734</b>	<b>15,285</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

UAE (13.8%), United Kingdom (12.9%), USA (11.2%) and South Africa (8.3%) were our major exports destinations in September 2014 while our imports were mainly from India (16.1%), China (15.3%), South Africa (8.9%) and France (8.0%).

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