

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - July 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 7,197 million in July 2015 higher by 29.1% compared to the previous month and higher by 12.9% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: R million

	2014	2015	
	July ¹	June ²	July ³
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,318	8,908	8,600
Domestic exports	4,946	5,319	5,356
Re-exports	2,082	2,739	2,444
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,290	850	800
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	14,692	14,484	15,797
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,010	23,392	24,397
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,374	-5,576	-7,197

¹ Revised estimates

² Updated estimates

³ First estimates

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

C.I.F value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	July ¹	June ²	July ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,190	2,463	3,123
1 - Beverages and tobacco	260	174	373
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	273	434	285
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,108	2,129	2,978
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	98	81	216
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,172	1,201	1,324
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,508	2,867	2,726
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,786	3,798	3,449
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,229	1,265	1,231
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	68	72	92
TOTAL	14,692	14,484	15,797

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In July 2015, total imports increased by 9.1% compared to June 2015 and by 7.5% compared to July 2014.

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

F.O.B value: R million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	July ¹	June ²	July ³
0 - Food and live animals	2,044	2,033	2,073
1 - Beverages and tobacco	94	131	30
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	80	118	91
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11	14	2
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	255	285	322
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	669	823	812
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,158	1,488	1,352
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,693	3,135	3,104
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	21	30	13
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,028	8,058	7,800
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,290	850	800
TOTAL	8,318	8,908	8,600

¹ Revised estimates ² Updated estimates ³ First estimates

In July 2015, total exports decreased by 3.5 % compared to the previous month but increased by 3.4% compared to July 2014.

4. Main trading partners in July 2015

Value: R million

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	July ²	June ³	July ³		July ²	June ³	July ³
United Kingdom	929	1,125	1,105	India	2,410	2,713	3,173
UAE	816	1,265	890	China	2,570	2,649	2,552
USA	759	1,030	829	France	1,159	852	1,257
South Africa	441	527	741	South Africa	1,070	992	1,126
France	832	677	714	Vietnam	558	1,189	603
Madagascar	417	472	410	Australia	439	307	520
Other	2,834	2,962	3,111	Other	6,486	5,782	6,566
Total	7,028	8,058	7,800	Total	14,692	14,484	15,797

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

United Kingdom (14.2%), UAE(11.4%), USA (10.6%) and South Africa (9.5%) were our major exports destinations in July 2015 while our imports were mainly from India (20.1%),China (16.2%), France (8.0%) and South Africa (7.1%) .

September 2015