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Preface

International merchandise trade statistics plays a vital role in many economies, Botswana included. It is an account of all transactions of merchandise between domestic residents and the rest of the world. The account measures the value and quantity of goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. Therefore, international merchandise trade statistics remains one of the major contributing indicators of the performance of Botswana's economy and its competitiveness in the world market.

The monthly merchandise trade statistics are used extensively in the compilation of the country's national accounts and the balance of payments. Furthermore, these statistics are also used by government institutions in preparation of trade negotiations and by other stakeholders for various purposes.

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during March 2019. Changes in data for the corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments. The data for transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments would only be available at a later stage after customs duty assessments have been completed.

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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS**) monthly report presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during March 2019.

Botswana's overall exports amounted to P6, 457.3 million, representing a rise of 89.2 percent (P3, 044.0 million) compared to the revised February 2019 value of P3, 413.3 million. On the other hand, imports stood at P5, 759.2 million, showing a decrease of 7.5 percent (P467.3 million) from the revised February 2019 value of P6, 226.5 million. Subsequently, the country recorded a positive trade balance of P698.1 million. In terms of commodities, Botswana mostly exported Diamonds, with a share of 93.6 percent of total exports during the month. The Diamonds commodity group also dominated the country's imports, with a contribution of 34.6 percent of total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco made contributions of 12.5 percent and 12.1 percent respectively. Fuel accounted for 10.1 percent of total imports during the month.

The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) was the largest destination for Botswana's exports, having received 22.6 percent of total exports during the month under review. India and Belgium came second and third with market shares of 18.5 percent and 17.6 percent, respectively. Israel and South Africa got 9.1 percent each, Singapore and Hong Kong received 7.5 percent and 6.3 percent of total exports respectively. Botswana's exports were mostly absorbed by Asia with a market stake of 64.8 percent, the European Union (**EU**) with 17.8 percent and the Southern African Development Community (**SACU**) with 13.2 percent.

South Africa was the major source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 60.7 percent to the country's total imports. Namibia and Canada, followed with contributions of 14.1 percent and 5.3 percent respectively. India and Belgium also made significant contributions to the country's imports with 4.4 percent and 4.3 percent in that order. With regard to regional groupings, SACU was the major source of imports with a contribution of 75.1 percent to Botswana's import bill during the month. Asia and the EU made contributions of 10.9 percent and 7.0 percent, respectively.

1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on March 2019, which is also referred to as the reference period, period under review or the current month throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

Revised trade statistics is due to the availability of new information from the data source. Revisions on trade data are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the database with additional information of previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while in other cases they are significant.

It has been observed that transactions for January and February had late assessments which were finalised during March 2019, hence the need to show data revision for the affected months. **Table A** presents revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the February Digest and the current situation.

January 2019 imports show a positive revision of P3.0 million. The review is attributed to Fuel imports, which were revised from P589.5 million at the time of compilation of the February 2019 digest to P592.5 million during the current period.

February 2019 imports increased from P6, 206.2 million recorded in the February report to the revised value of P6, 226.5 million registered in March 2019. The revision is mainly associated with Diamonds imports, which rose from P2, 473.4 million at the time of compilation of the February 2019 digest, to P2, 485.0 million during the current period.

February 2019 exports show a positive revision of P234.6 million. The review is mainly attributed to diamond exports, which were revised from P2, 826.0 million at the time of compilation of the February 2019 digest to P3, 052.5 million during March 2019.

Table A: Data Revision January 2019 to February 2019 (Million Pula)

	As at February 2019 Digest			As at March 2019 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_19	4,656.3	4,783.2	126.9	4,659.3	4,783.6	124.4	3.0	0.4	(2.5)	0.1	0.0	(2.0)
Feb_19	6,206.2	3,178.7	(3,027.5)	6,226.5	3,413.3	(2,813.2)	20.3	234.6	214.3	0.3	7.4	(7.1)

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued **Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF)**, which includes the cost of the commodity plus insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duty paid on arrival. During March 2019, total imports were valued at P5,759.2 million, showing a decrease of 7.5 percent (P467.3 million) from the revised February 2019 value of P6,226.5 million. The decline was mainly attributed to the fall in Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports. Diamonds imports dropped by 19.7 percent (P490.3 million) from the revised February 2019 value of P2, 485.073.4 million to P1, 994.7 million registered during the period under review. Vehicles & Transport Equipment registered a decrease of 41.8 percent (P270.9 million) from P647.5 million during February 2019 to P376.6 million during the current month.

1.3 Total Exports

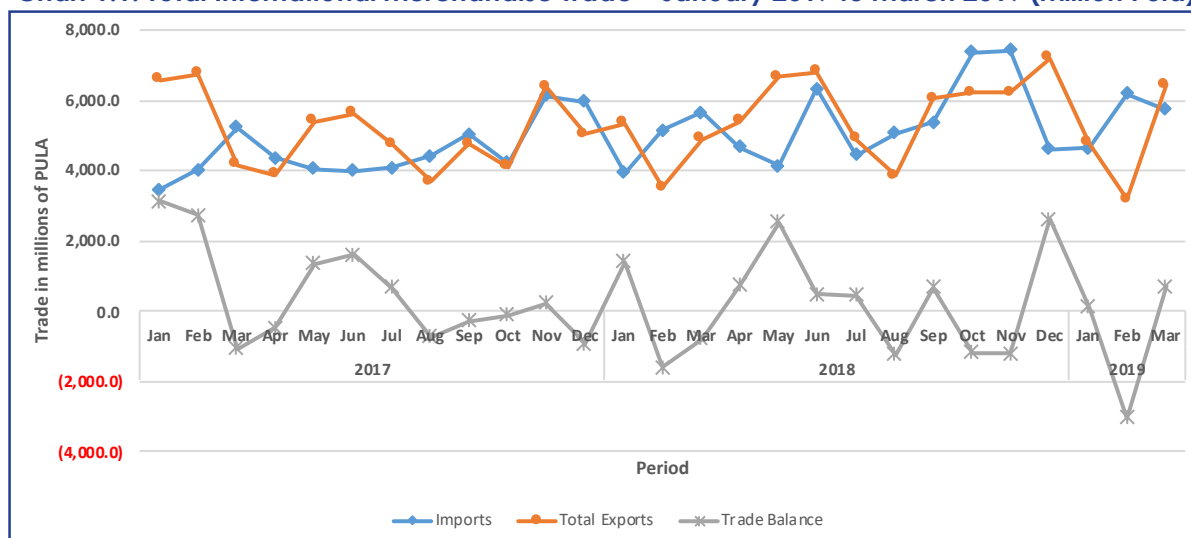
Total exports for March 2019 were valued at P6, 457.3 million, showing an increase of 89.2 percent (P3, 044.0 million) from the revised February 2019 value of P3, 413.3 million. The increase is mostly attributed to Diamonds, having registered an increase of 98.1 percent (P2, 994.4 million) as reflected on **Table 2.2**.

Comparison of total exports value for March 2019 and March 2018 shows an increase of 31.9 percent (P1, 560.9 million) in total exports from P4,896.4 million recorded in March 2018. The rise in total exports was as a result of Diamonds exports, which increased by 37.7 percent (P1, 655.2 million).

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade surplus of P698.1 million was recorded during March 2019.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to March 2019 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

Principal commodity groups refers to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Textiles & Footwear' which combines textiles and footwear articles; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

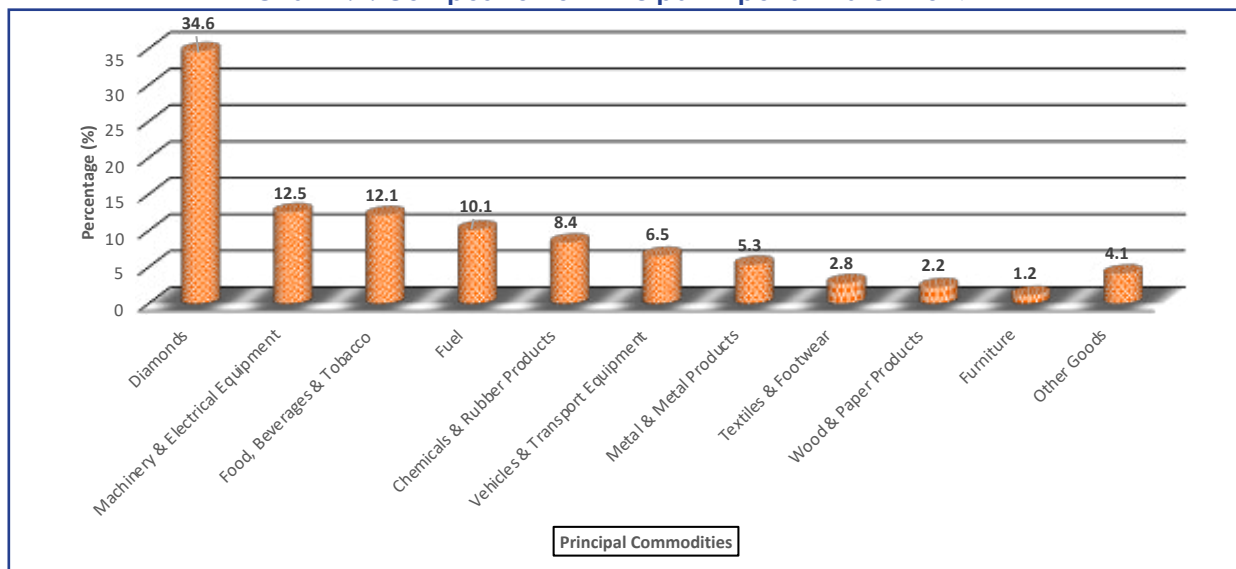
In cases where it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called 'Other'. This occurs when commodity group's contribution to the total remain minimal.

2.1 Principal Imports

During March 2019, Botswana received total imports amounting to P5, 759.2 million. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 34.6 percent (P1, 994.7 million), followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 12.5 percent (P722.2 million). Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel made contributions of 12.1 percent (P699.0 million) and 10.1 percent (P583.4 million), respectively.

Contributions made by other commodities are illustrated in **Table 2.1** and on **Chart 2.1**.

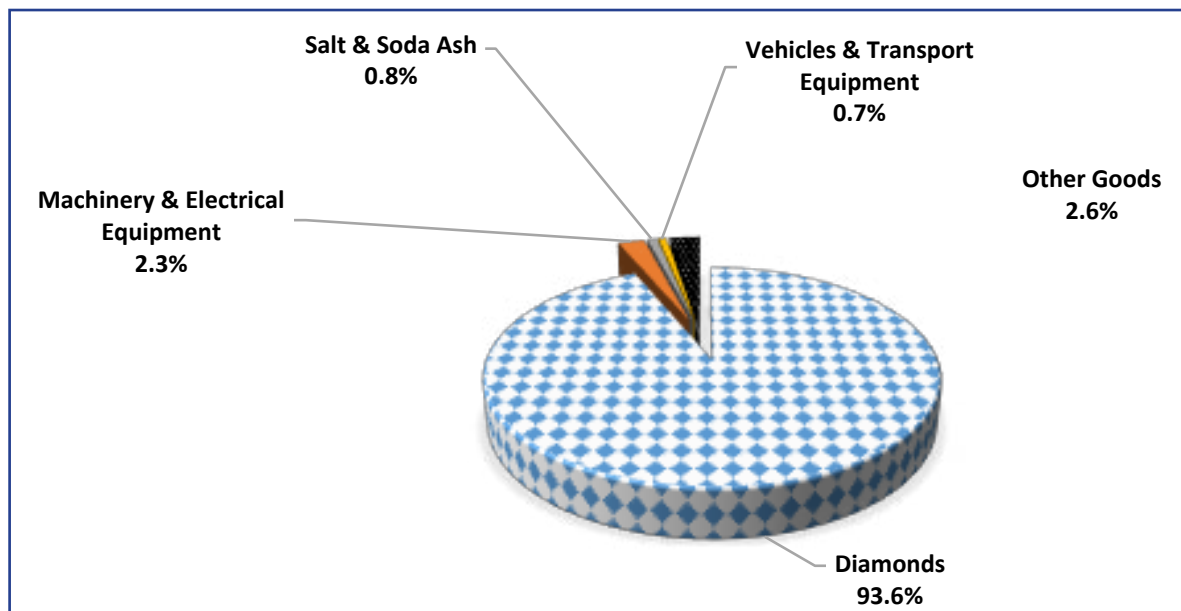
Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- March 2019



2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for March 2019 were valued at P6, 457.3 million, with 93.6 percent (P6, 047.0 million) being attributed to Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment exports contributed 2.3 percent (P145.5 million) to total exports during the period under review.

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – March 2019



3.0 Direction of Trade

Direction of trade presents **IMTS** by the countries and regions that trade with Botswana during a particular period. Thus direction of trade is presented by last known destination for exports and country of origin for imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during March 2019 appear in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A**, respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations, respectively, by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

The Southern African Customs Union was the major source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 75.1 percent (P4, 326.2 million) of total imports. The top most imported commodity within the SACU region was Diamonds, with a contribution of 26.5 percent (P1, 145.4 million). Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel followed with contributions of 15.5 percent (P671.8 million) and 12.1 percent (P525.5 million), respectively.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports, with a contribution of 60.7 percent (P3, 495.1 million) of total imports during the month under review. Namibia followed with a contribution of 14.1 percent (P811.4 million) worth of imports. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the top most imported commodities from South Africa with contributions of 18.6 percent (P660.6 million) and 14.6 percent (P511.8 million), respectively. The top most imported commodity from Namibia was Diamonds, with a contribution of 94.8 percent (P768.9 million).

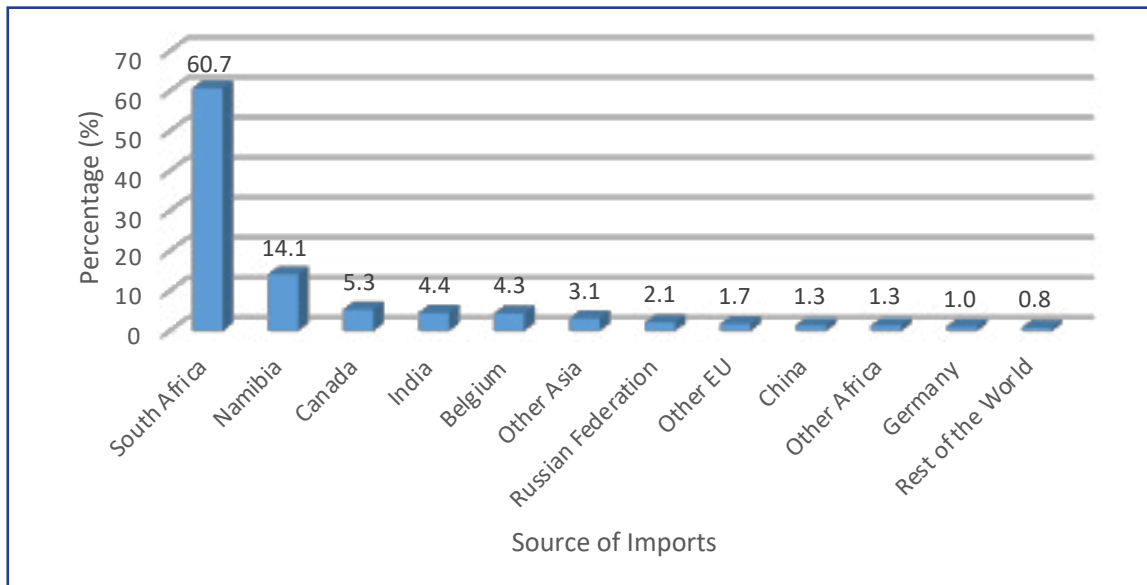
Asia was the second major source of imports into Botswana. Imports worth P628.0 million, representing 10.9 percent of total imports, were received from the regional block during March 2019. The major commodities imported from Asia were Diamonds with a contribution of 47.0 percent (P294.9 million) followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 18.3 percent (P114.9 million) to total imports from the regional block.

India, Russian Federation and China were the main sources of imports from Asia having contributed 4.4 percent (P256.1 million), 2.1 percent (P122.0 million) and 1.3 percent (P74.0 million) respectively, of total imports during the period under review.

Botswana received imports worth P401.8 million from the EU representing 7.0 percent of total imports during March 2019. Belgium and Germany were the main sources of imports from the EU, having respectively contributed 4.3 percent (P246.3 million) and 1.0 percent (P57.1 million) to total imports during the month under review.

Canada supplied imports valued at P304.8 million, representing 5.3 percent of total imports during the current period. Imports from Canada comprised of Diamonds mainly, with a contribution of 98.5 percent (P300.2 million) of total imports from that country.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – March 2019



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana's major destination for exports was Asia during the period under review. The regional block received 64.8 percent (P4, 185.4 million) of total exports (P6, 457.2 million). The UAE, India and Israel respectively received 22.6 percent (P1, 457.3 million), 18.5 percent (P1, 197.7 million) and 9.1 percent (P590.6 million) of total exports during the month under review. Singapore and Hong Kong received 7.5 percent (P484.2 million) and 6.3 percent (P403.8 million) respectively. The main commodity group exported to Asia was Diamonds, as seen from **Table 3.2B**.

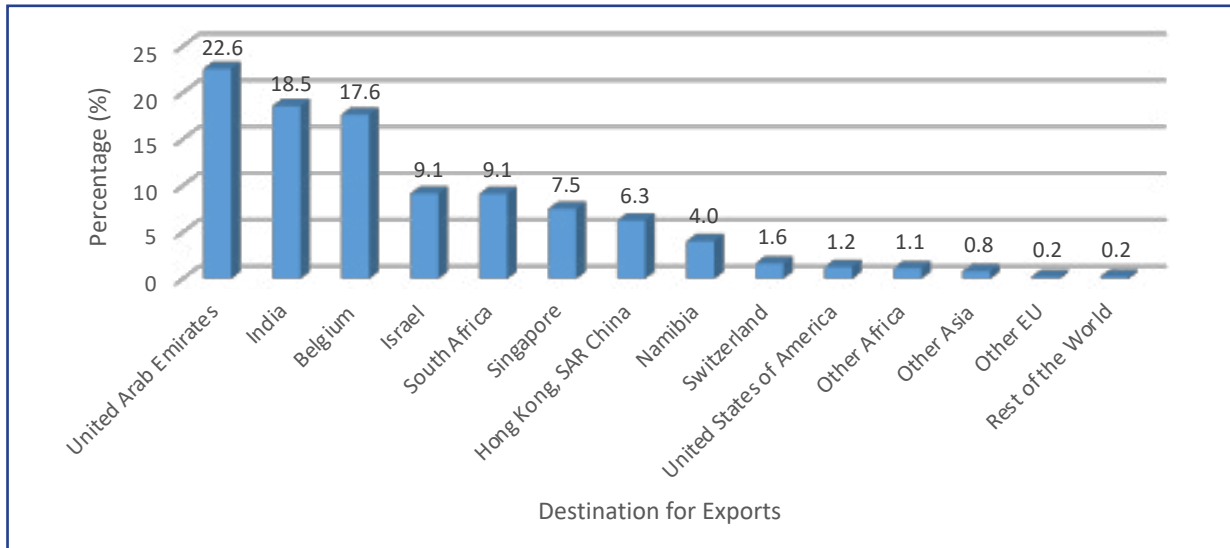
The **EU** received exports valued at P1, 151.5 million, representing 17.8 percent of total exports during March 2019. Belgium was the main destination for exports to the EU countries, having received 17.6 percent (P1, 138.3 million) of total exports during the reporting period. Diamonds was the only commodity group exported to Belgium during the current period.

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P851.5 million, representing 13.2 percent of total exports. South Africa and Namibia were the major destinations for exports to the customs union, having received exports accounting for 9.1 percent (P589.3 million) and 4.0 percent (P259.4 million) respectively, during the period under review. The Diamonds group was the main commodity exported to the SACU region, representing 65.0 percent (P535.5 million) of all goods destined to the customs union.

Switzerland and the United States of America (USA) received 1.6 percent (P105.4 million) and 1.2 percent (P80.4 million) of total exports during March 2019. Exports to these countries consisted mainly of Diamonds.

Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables 3.2 A and 3.2 B.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries – March 2019



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For the purposes of compilation of international merchandise trade statistics, mode of transport refers to the method of transport used for the carriage of goods in and out of the country. The mode of transport that are mainly used in Botswana for international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to mode of transport while Chart 4.0 gives the graphical illustration.

Total imports amounting to P3, 185.1 million, which represents 55.3 percent were delivered into the country by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 34.6 percent (P1, 990.5 million) and 10.1 percent (P581.2 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 95.0 percent (P6, 137.1 million) of total exports were transported by air. This is because the value of exports is largely influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by air. Road transport accounted for 4.7 percent (P303.4 million) while 0.2 percent (P16.0 million) of total exports were transported by Rail.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – March 2019 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Air Transport	1,990.5	34.6	6,137.1	95.0
Road Transport	3,185.1	55.3	303.4	4.7
Rail Transport	581.2	10.1	16.0	0.2
Other Modes	2.4	0.0	0.7	0.0
Total	5,759.2	100.0	6,457.3	100.0

Chart 4.0: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – March 2019

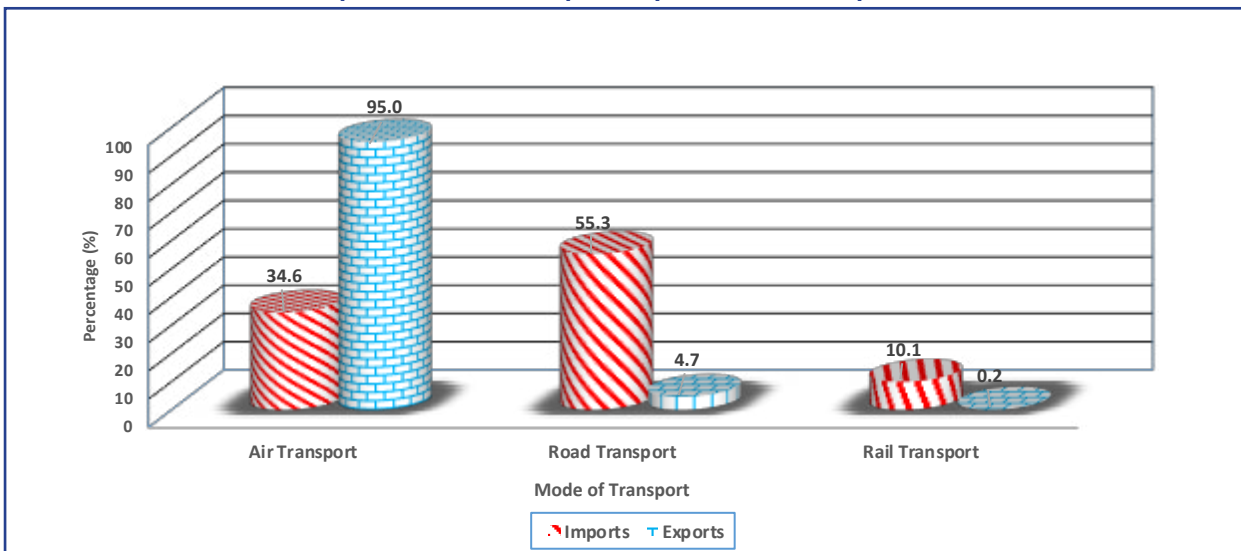


Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to March 2019 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2017	3,459.3	3,296.1	161.7	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,131.9
Feb	4,037.7	3,864.2	172.5	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,762.9	2,725.2
Mar	5,132.7	4,909.3	220.7	2.6	4,508.4	117.2	4,625.7	(507.0)
Q1	12,629.7	12,069.7	555.0	5.0	17,648.6	331.2	17,979.8	5,350.1
Apr	4,369.1	4,215.7	152.1	1.3	3,891.2	0.0	3,891.2	(477.9)
May	4,064.0	3,901.5	161.2	1.3	5,410.4	0.0	5,410.4	1,346.4
Jun	4,007.2	3,850.0	156.1	1.1	5,629.3	0.2	5,629.5	1,622.2
Q2	12,440.3	11,967.2	469.3	3.7	14,930.8	0.2	14,931.1	2,490.8
Jul	4,082.8	3,909.8	171.9	1.1	4,751.8	0.4	4,752.2	669.4
Aug	4,417.1	4,238.9	177.3	1.0	3,700.9	1.9	3,702.8	(714.4)
Sep	5,032.4	4,835.9	195.6	1.0	4,752.7	1.8	4,754.5	(277.9)
Q3	13,532.3	12,984.5	544.7	3.0	13,205.4	4.0	13,209.4	(322.9)
Oct	4,227.1	4,018.4	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(118.1)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,960.8	5,747.4	212.0	1.5	5,044.3	3.2	5,047.5	(913.4)
Q4	16,343.5	15,691.6	647.8	4.1	15,534.5	13.0	15,547.5	(795.9)
Total_2017	54,945.8	52,713.1	2,216.8	15.9	61,319.4	348.4	61,667.8	6,722.0
Jan	3,939.5	3,755.2	183.4	0.9	5,363.7	0.1	5,363.8	1,424.4
Feb	5,145.9	4,952.2	192.5	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,611.1)
Mar	5,667.9	5,460.1	206.6	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(771.5)
Q1	14,753.2	14,167.5	582.4	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.0	(958.2)
Apr	4,674.1	4,492.3	180.8	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	734.7
May	4,142.3	3,936.1	205.2	1.0	6,663.4	8.2	6,671.7	2,529.3
Jun	6,337.1	6,136.1	200.1	0.8	6,819.8	0.0	6,819.8	482.7
Q2	15,153.5	14,564.5	586.2	2.8	18,890.4	9.8	18,900.3	3,746.8
Jul	4,450.6	4,258.7	190.9	1.0	4,909.4	1.5	4,910.9	460.3
Aug	5,085.8	4,860.2	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,221.9)
Sep	5,386.0	5,163.8	220.7	1.6	6,057.4	0.5	6,057.8	671.8
Q3	14,922.5	14,282.6	636.2	3.6	14,830.6	2.1	14,832.7	(89.8)
Oct	7,392.3	7,146.0	244.9	1.4	6,212.9	2.3	6,215.2	(1,177.1)
Nov	7,450.0	7,189.1	258.6	2.2	6,231.4	0.7	6,232.1	(1,217.9)
Dec	4,608.8	4,377.4	230.4	1.1	7,220.0	0.0	7,220.0	2,611.2
Q4	19,451.1	18,712.5	733.9	4.7	19,664.3	3.0	19,667.3	216.2
Total_2018	64,280.4	61,727.2	2,538.7	14.4	67,176.0	19.3	67,195.3	2,914.9
Jan_2019	4,659.3	4,434.8	223.2	1.3	4,783.2	0.0	4,783.2	123.9
Feb	6,226.5	6,022.0	203.3	1.2	3,409.2	4.1	3,413.3	(2,813.2)
Mar	5,759.2	5,544.1	214.2	0.9	6,457.2	0.1	6,457.3	698.1
Q1	16,645.0	16,000.8	640.7	3.5	14,649.6	4.1	14,653.7	(1,991.3)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups –January 2017 to March 2019 (Million Pula)

Period / HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2017	322.9	707.2	543.1	677.4	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	97.1	211.1	97.5	95.4	3,459.3
Feb	399.1	885.6	552.4	563.0	56.1	600.7	237.3	46.8	152.6	277.0	115.7	151.5	4,037.7
Mar	316.3	1,789.8	525.1	806.3	45.9	694.8	164.5	32.9	112.9	411.3	98.9	133.9	5,132.7
Q1	1,038.3	3,382.7	1,620.6	2,046.7	135.7	1,784.9	557.3	108.6	362.6	899.4	312.1	380.8	12,629.7
Apr	321.7	1,590.5	464.4	592.9	41.4	528.4	170.7	41.9	104.6	318.2	89.1	105.4	4,369.1
May	422.9	1,139.3	526.8	559.8	53.2	486.4	188.9	40.6	132.0	285.9	104.0	124.2	4,064.0
Jun	350.1	1,256.3	514.6	527.2	48.1	464.6	185.0	37.3	84.6	275.1	97.5	166.7	4,007.2
Q2	1,094.7	3,986.1	1,505.8	1,679.9	142.7	1,479.4	544.6	119.8	321.2	879.3	290.6	396.3	12,440.3
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.3	571.3	50.7	555.3	220.6	49.4	130.2	290.6	112.7	178.2	4,082.8
Aug	1,081.5	514.1	573.4	627.4	65.2	594.3	209.3	43.5	152.4	267.1	131.4	157.5	4,417.1
Sep	489.9	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	134.1	389.9	125.1	171.5	5,032.4
Q3	1,964.3	3,014.8	1,706.8	1,788.2	168.0	1,865.8	645.4	138.3	416.8	947.6	369.3	507.2	13,532.3
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	186.0	4,227.1
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.8	160.7	207.5	6,155.5
Dec	483.0	1,738.9	693.0	1,185.1	67.5	665.7	218.6	43.2	128.2	403.3	138.7	195.3	5,960.8
Q4	1,562.4	4,035.2	2,061.1	2,581.7	202.4	2,101.2	725.4	135.1	479.9	1,435.3	434.9	588.9	16,343.5
Total_2017	5,659.7	14,418.7	6,894.2	8,096.5	648.8	7,231.3	2,472.7	501.7	1,580.4	4,161.6	1,406.9	1,873.1	54,945.8
Jan_2018	396.2	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.2	293.6	110.6	148.7	3,939.5
Feb	424.7	1,597.8	619.8	606.1	60.0	681.2	215.7	34.1	127.8	473.5	123.1	182.2	5,145.9
Mar	431.2	1,904.0	661.0	676.0	67.8	707.3	230.0	48.3	155.9	478.6	138.8	168.8	5,667.9
Q1	1,252.1	4,280.8	1,909.5	1,925.8	163.0	2,005.7	605.1	124.5	369.0	1,245.7	372.5	499.7	14,753.2
Apr	403.2	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	548.8	207.5	40.3	138.7	362.0	118.6	192.0	4,674.1
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.4	54.0	122.4	362.3	142.0	187.8	4,142.3
Jun	439.4	2,720.7	594.9	654.7	69.7	660.1	274.2	45.2	126.5	484.4	111.7	155.6	6,337.1
Q2	1,336.6	4,571.2	1,854.5	1,960.0	191.7	1,872.8	723.1	139.5	387.6	1,208.7	372.3	535.3	15,153.5
Jul	447.6	973.9	590.5	665.4	50.4	607.4	227.5	38.3	134.4	412.0	117.9	185.3	4,450.6
Aug	507.5	1,015.0	676.3	728.8	68.9	772.0	260.4	45.7	158.7	484.0	117.3	251.3	5,085.8
Sep	494.8	1,366.6	656.0	756.2	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.8	138.6	170.6	5,386.0
Q3	1,449.8	3,355.5	1,922.8	2,150.4	186.2	2,250.5	745.0	147.5	457.0	1,276.9	373.7	607.3	14,922.5
Oct	604.6	2,835.3	756.6	891.4	81.8	824.1	272.4	63.8	211.5	510.0	158.2	182.6	7,392.3
Nov	601.5	2,718.3	829.6	844.9	85.2	849.4	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.1	153.3	209.6	7,450.0
Dec	478.8	370.2	641.1	741.1	61.1	620.3	225.5	48.6	141.0	529.7	148.1	603.2	4,608.8
Q4	1,684.9	5,923.8	2,227.3	2,477.4	228.1	2,293.9	836.4	178.3	571.3	1,574.8	459.6	995.4	19,451.1
Total_2018	5,723.3	18,131.3	7,914.1	8,513.6	769.0	8,422.9	2,909.6	589.8	1,784.9	5,306.0	1,578.2	2,637.7	64,280.4
Jan_2019	441.6	800.3	690.8	592.5	47.3	614.5	240.0	50.9	95.8	763.6	103.3	218.7	4,659.3
Feb	501.4	2,485.0	633.7	532.0	56.8	634.0	268.3	47.4	137.5	647.5	119.6	163.4	6,226.5
Mar	482.2	1,994.7	699.0	583.4	66.9	722.2	306.2	52.4	161.0	376.6	129.3	185.4	5,759.2
Q1	942.7	5,280.0	2,023.4	1,707.9	170.9	1,970.6	814.5	150.8	394.3	1,787.6	352.2	567.5	16,645.0
% Distribution													
2017	10.3	26.2	12.5	14.7	1.2	13.2	4.5	0.9	2.9	7.6	2.6	3.4	100.0
2018	8.9	28.2	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.3	2.5	4.1	100.0
Feb_2019	8.1	39.9	10.2	8.5	0.9	10.2	4.3	0.8	2.2	10.4	1.9	2.6	100.0
Mar_2019	8.4	34.6	12.1	10.1	1.2	12.5	5.3	0.9	2.8	6.5	2.2	3.2	100.0

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to March 2019 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.6	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.2
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.8	17.1	181.6	17.8	17.4	64.8	17.8	34.1	52.1	6,762.9
Mar	0.2	4,256.6	34.1	4.5	10.1	136.1	33.2	21.6	35.6	12.1	25.1	56.4	4,625.7
Q1	2.4	16,529.4	72.0	9.9	35.8	527.7	82.8	53.0	179.9	42.4	284.7	159.8	17,979.8
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.7	45.0	9.4	41.2	14.4	25.5	56.1	3,891.2
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	13.1	87.6	65.0	5,410.4
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.5	12.9	14.3	50.9	5,629.5
Q2	15.0	13,682.6	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.7	40.4	127.4	172.0	14,931.1
Jul	9.2	4,251.1	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.7	14.6	22.9	57.0	4,752.2
Aug	1.6	3,246.3	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.4	104.0	15.5	56.9	13.7	32.9	61.1	3,702.8
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	14.5	138.8	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	21.0	73.7	4,754.5
Q3	14.3	11,721.5	120.8	9.0	42.1	392.4	330.9	63.4	200.4	46.0	76.8	191.8	13,209.4
Oct	4.6	3,607.5	16.0	3.0	15.0	182.0	91.7	20.4	47.6	17.9	27.4	76.1	4,109.1
Nov	3.2	5,747.1	41.1	3.0	29.1	226.1	127.6	24.6	52.0	18.1	21.3	97.7	6,391.0
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	10.5	113.5	58.5	13.5	58.2	17.1	39.6	80.3	5,047.5
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.5	157.8	53.1	88.3	254.2	15,547.5
Total_2017	40.9	55,904.0	372.2	37.7	168.3	1,849.7	886.3	230.2	641.8	181.9	577.1	777.7	61,667.8
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.8
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	38.1	89.7	4,896.4
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.1	13,795.0
Apr	0.3	4,916.1	49.6	2.9	13.3	127.5	60.4	20.7	55.0	18.6	50.0	94.4	5,408.8
May	4.3	6,059.7	42.1	2.2	13.1	187.8	75.7	24.9	63.9	24.6	43.1	130.4	6,671.7
Jun	14.8	6,277.2	41.8	2.3	12.8	114.4	141.2	20.8	33.9	18.2	34.1	108.3	6,819.8
Q2	19.3	17,253.0	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	333.1	18,900.3
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	24.4	79.1	4,910.9
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	30.4	82.2	6,057.8
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	83.4	266.6	14,832.7
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.0	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.2	6,215.2
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	25.9	98.3	116.1	6,232.1
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	85.3	8.6	51.8	18.3	34.9	104.8	7,220.0
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	509.9	213.8	59.7	174.8	67.6	276.6	375.1	19,667.3
Total_2018	71.4	60,410.8	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,937.7	969.7	246.5	885.1	233.6	608.1	1,201.9	67,195.3
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	7.4	53.4	13.6	22.1	131.2	4,783.2
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.0	39.3	9.8	44.6	14.2	19.5	79.1	3,413.3
Mar	0.3	6,047.0	28.5	0.2	11.3	145.5	21.4	13.4	53.9	12.0	43.4	80.5	6,457.3
Q1	0.3	13,514.3	93.3	0.5	33.6	320.6	93.0	30.6	151.8	39.9	85.0	290.7	14,653.7
% Distribution													
2017	0.1	90.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.0	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	100.0
2018	0.1	89.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.8	100.0
Feb_2019	0.0	89.4	0.9	0.0	0.4	3.2	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.6	2.3	100.0
Mar_2019	0.0	93.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.2	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2017 to March 2019 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1,410.9	78.4	1,789.8	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,665.6	574.4	4,256.6
Q1	834.4	4.5	0.0	2,420.7	123.1	3,382.7	10.5	57.6	0.0	15,441.2	1,020.2	16,529.4
Apr	654.5	511.5	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,590.5	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,131.2	395.8	3,556.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.3	4,965.7
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	209.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	5,160.8
Q2	1,628.8	511.6	0.0	1,339.3	506.3	3,986.1	20.4	508.3	0.0	11,929.9	1,224.0	13,682.6
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	204.9	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,251.1
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	128.3	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,246.3
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1,395.2	103.4	1,500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3,718.4	492.1	4,224.2
Q3	645.8	1.5	0.0	1,981.6	385.9	3,014.8	0.0	347.0	0.0	9,705.4	1,669.2	11,721.5
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	196.5	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,607.5
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	133.9	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,747.1
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,244.3	475.3	4,035.2	0.0	336.1	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,970.4
Total 2017	4,423.9	518.3	0.0	7,985.9	1,490.6	14,418.7	30.9	1,248.9	0.0	49,035.3	5,588.9	55,904.0
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
Mar	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
Q1	998.9	1.9	0.0	2,907.7	372.3	4,280.8	117.8	10.5	0.0	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.7
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,058.1	133.6	1,424.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	4,443.3	469.1	4,916.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	297.5	426.2	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,295.7	433.1	2,720.7	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	806.9	6,277.2
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	864.3	4,571.2	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.1	17,253.0
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	96.0	973.9	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	143.9	1,015.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	247.0	1,366.6	0.2	10.0	0.0	4,636.5	651.3	5,297.9
Q3	1,581.4	2.2	0.0	1,285.0	487.0	3,355.5	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,242.1	387.5	2,835.3	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,167.4	308.2	2,718.3	0.0	13.1	0.0	4,492.7	1,090.7	5,596.6
Dec	0.0	0.1	0.0	119.0	251.2	370.2	0.0	19.7	0.0	5,922.3	805.4	6,747.4
Q4	1,447.6	0.8	0.0	3,528.5	946.9	5,923.8	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total 2018	5,252.2	5.3	0.0	10,203.5	2,670.4	18,131.3	128.1	83.9	0.0	51,508.6	8,690.2	60,410.8
Jan_2019	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	368.4	2,485.0	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
March	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,280.5	423.9	1,994.7	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	908.4	6,047.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,551.7	1,095.3	5,268.4	1.1	23.5	0.0	10,876.3	2,186.5	13,087.3

Note: 71022100: Industrial Diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruited;
71022900: Industrial Diamonds, not mounted or set, NES;
71023100: Non- industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruited;
71023900: Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set NES;
71021000: Unsorted diamonds;
HS: Harmonised System Code;
NES: Not Elsewhere Specified

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – March 2019
(Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	421.9	376.5	660.6	511.8	62.5	473.2	218.7	48.9	144.1	317.8	115.3	143.9	3,495.1
Namibia	0.3	768.9	3.5	13.7	0.0	17.4	0.6	2.7	0.2	3.5	0.0	0.6	811.4
Swaziland	6.6	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	15.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1
SACU	428.8	1,145.4	671.8	525.5	62.5	490.7	219.2	51.7	148.3	321.3	116.5	144.5	4,326.2
Zimbabwe	3.5	0.0	10.4	0.1	0.7	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.1	3.1	0.2	20.9
Zambia	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	12.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	19.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.2
SADC	432.4	1,145.4	690.8	526.0	63.3	494.2	237.8	52.3	149.0	321.7	119.5	144.8	4,377.1
Morocco	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Africa	433.1	1,145.4	690.9	526.0	63.3	496.0	237.8	52.3	149.0	321.7	119.6	144.9	4,379.8
Belgium	1.2	235.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.5	246.3
Germany	4.8	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.1	35.4	0.9	0.0	3.6	0.3	1.2	8.0	57.1
UK	1.3	10.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	11.3	1.5	0.0	0.3	4.4	0.7	1.9	32.3
Netherlands	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5
France	4.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	4.0	1.0	13.5
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.3	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.3	8.4
Austria	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	6.7
Cyprus	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
Czech Republic	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.0
Portugal	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Romania	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2
Other EU	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	8.1
EU	19.3	246.0	4.7	0.0	1.2	89.3	5.0	0.0	4.0	6.4	6.6	19.3	401.8
India	10.3	103.6	0.2	40.5	0.0	38.4	56.7	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	4.8	256.1
Russian Federation	0.0	121.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	122.0
China	9.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.9	44.8	3.5	0.1	4.4	2.4	0.9	6.1	74.0
UAE	0.6	39.1	0.1	0.7	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.1	1.2	48.7
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.5	0.0	0.1	33.9
Israel	0.0	30.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	33.1
Hong Kong,	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	19.8	2.3	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.0	3.7	28.7
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3
Korea (South)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.2	5.6
Singapore	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.1	2.5
Other Asia	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.4	7.1
ASIA	23.8	294.9	0.4	57.4	2.2	114.9	63.0	0.1	7.4	44.0	2.7	17.1	628.0
Canada	3.9	300.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	304.8
USA	1.4	8.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	13.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.3	0.4	3.4	32.0
Switzerland	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	7.0
Rest of the World	0.3	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	5.8
Total	482.2	1,994.7	698.9	583.4	66.9	722.2	306.2	52.4	161.0	376.6	129.3	185.4	5,759.2

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – March 2019

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.1	10.8	18.9	14.6	1.8	13.5	6.3	1.4	4.1	9.1	3.3	4.1	100.0
Namibia	0.0	94.8	0.4	1.7	0.0	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	100.0
Swaziland	42.8	0.0	49.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.2	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	97.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	9.9	26.5	15.5	12.1	1.4	11.3	5.1	1.2	3.4	7.4	2.7	3.3	100.0
Zimbabwe	16.9	0.0	49.7	0.4	3.5	0.3	7.1	3.1	3.1	0.2	14.7	0.9	100.0
Zambia	0.2	0.0	34.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	63.2	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Mozambique	0.1	0.0	9.3	6.7	0.0	0.9	83.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	30.1	0.0	0.0	62.9	3.7	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
SADC	9.9	26.2	15.8	12.0	1.4	11.3	5.4	1.2	3.4	7.3	2.7	3.3	100.0
Morocco	28.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	7.9	0.0	43.3	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.1	0.0	7.4	0.0	7.6	31.6	100.0
Africa	9.9	26.2	15.8	12.0	1.4	11.3	5.4	1.2	3.4	7.3	2.7	3.3	100.0
Belgium	0.5	95.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	100.0
Germany	8.4	0.0	3.2	0.0	2.0	62.0	1.6	0.0	6.4	0.5	2.0	14.0	100.0
UK	4.2	31.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	35.1	4.6	0.0	0.8	13.7	2.1	5.9	100.0
Netherlands	12.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	87.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
France	29.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	29.7	7.1	100.0
Italy	0.2	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.8	50.9	28.2	0.0	0.4	9.7	4.9	3.3	100.0
Austria	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	100.0
Cyprus	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	100.0
Czech Republic	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	12.3	100.0
Portugal	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	100.0
Romania	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	6.9	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.3	75.3	0.8	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.3	5.9	100.0
EU	4.8	61.2	1.2	0.0	0.3	22.2	1.2	0.0	1.0	1.6	1.6	4.8	100.0
India	4.0	40.5	0.1	15.8	0.0	15.0	22.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.9	100.0
Russian Federation	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
China	13.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.6	60.5	4.7	0.1	5.9	3.3	1.2	8.2	100.0
UAE	1.3	80.2	0.1	1.4	0.0	11.2	0.1	0.0	2.1	0.9	0.1	2.5	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.3	100.0
Israel	0.0	90.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	100.0
Hong Kong,	3.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	68.9	8.0	0.0	3.9	0.8	0.1	13.0	100.0
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Korea (South)	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	64.1	0.0	3.7	100.0
Singapore	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	13.5	0.0	0.0	1.9	81.9	0.3	2.1	100.0
Other Asia	29.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	22.2	5.8	0.0	6.5	18.8	11.1	5.2	100.0
ASIA	3.8	47.0	0.1	9.1	0.3	18.3	10.0	0.0	1.2	7.0	0.4	2.7	100.0
Canada	1.3	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	4.3	25.7	1.8	0.0	0.6	41.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	13.5	1.3	10.6	100.0
Switzerland	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.9	3.2	0.0	4.2	0.6	0.0	4.6	100.0
Rest of the World	4.3	0.0	40.2	0.0	0.1	48.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	2.9	0.1	3.3	100.0
Total	8.4	34.6	12.1	10.1	1.2	12.5	5.3	0.9	2.8	6.5	2.2	3.2	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – March 2019 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.3	321.0	0.0	0.1	127.4	8.0	11.2	40.7	10.7	18.7	51.3	589.3
Namibia	0.0	232.5	0.0	0.0	7.4	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.7	6.7	11.1	259.4
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	2.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7
SACU	0.3	553.5	0.0	0.1	135.1	8.0	12.1	40.7	11.4	25.5	64.8	851.5
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.9	5.1	0.4	11.6	12.7	32.2
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.4	7.7	0.2	2.2	2.9	19.7
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.8	6.5
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	4.3
Tanzania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.4
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.8
SADC	0.3	553.5	0.0	0.1	145.1	12.2	13.4	53.9	12.0	42.7	86.2	919.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Africa	0.3	553.5	0.0	0.1	145.1	12.2	13.4	53.9	12.0	42.7	86.4	919.7
UAE	0.0	1,456.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1,457.3
India	0.0	1,197.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1,197.7
Israel	0.0	590.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	590.6
Singapore	0.0	484.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	484.2
Hong Kong	0.0	403.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	403.8
Viet Nam	0.0	42.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.9
Thailand	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Asia	0.0	4,183.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.1	4,185.4
Belgium	0.0	1,138.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,138.3
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.8
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2
EU	0.0	1,138.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	1,151.5
Switzerland	0.0	77.0	28.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	105.4
USA	0.0	79.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	80.4
Canada	0.0	14.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.3	6,047.0	28.5	0.2	145.5	21.4	13.4	53.9	12.0	43.4	91.8	6,457.3

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – March 2019

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.1	54.5	0.0	0.0	21.6	1.4	1.9	6.9	1.8	3.2	8.7	100.0	100.0
Namibia	0.0	89.6	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	2.6	4.3	100.0	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	92.6	100.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.4	100.0	100.0
SACU	0.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.9	1.4	4.8	1.3	3.0	7.6	100.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	2.6	15.7	1.4	35.9	39.3	100.0	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	0.0	2.3	39.2	0.9	11.0	14.8	100.0	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	18.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	73.5	100.0	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6	57.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	19.2	100.0	100.0
Tanzania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	86.9	1.2	100.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.6	27.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	7.5	9.4	100.0	100.0
SADC	0.0	60.2	0.0	0.0	15.8	1.3	1.5	5.9	1.3	4.6	9.4	100.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	98.1	100.0	100.0
Africa	0.0	60.2	0.0	0.0	15.8	1.3	1.5	5.9	1.3	4.6	9.4	100.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
India	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Viet Nam	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Thailand	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.6	38.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.7	100.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	96.9	100.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	95.5	100.0	100.0
EU	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	73.0	27.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	100.0	100.0
Total	0.0	93.6	0.4	0.0	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.4	100.0	100.0

6.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana, and uses the General Trade system. International Merchandise Trade refers to external trade in goods only. International Service Trade Statistics (ISTS) are however not compiled by this section. The primary source of international merchandise trade data is the Customs & Excise Division at the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). The Customs & Excise Division is responsible for data capture for both computerised and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Imports are valued CIF (cost, insurance & freight), while exports are valued FOB (free on board). The value of imports includes transport and insurance costs to the importing country. The Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country.

6.1 Time of Recording of Trade

IMTS is compiled using date of recording of trade as opposed to date of assessment of goods by customs. This means that as goods cross the border, trade is recorded and this is the reference month for compilation of IMTS. Some of these goods may however be held by customs for some time pending final assessment for tax or duty purposes.

If the final assessment is done later, for example two or three months, or even more, after the goods had crossed the border, the affected trade will then update trade for the particular month when the goods crossed the border, therefore it does not form part of trade for the month during which the final assessment was done. This is mostly common with imports. Revision of data for the month preceding the one under review will normally show high values as compared to revisions for other months due to more goods (from the previous month) being released after final assessment.

6.2 Concepts and Definitions

Domestic Exports: These are goods originating from the compiling country, being permanently exported out of the country for consumption in the outside world. This includes products from customs inwards processing; for example, if a country imports wheat, processes the wheat into bread flour and exports the bread flour and bye products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.

Re - Exports: These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.

Total exports: This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports

Imports: These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.

Trade Balance (Net Export): This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

6.3 Exclusions from IMTS

- i. **Goods in Transit** - This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country.
- ii. **Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched** - These are goods that, at the time of admission/dispatch, are intended to stay in the receiving country temporarily and that after their stay they will be returned in the same state. These goods include display equipment for trade fairs and exhibitions, commercial samples, means of transport, containers, equipment for working, etc.
- iii. **Monetary Gold**- This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.
- iv. **Issued banknotes and securities and coins in circulation**-These goods represent evidence of financial claims and are excluded from IMTS

The above list of exclusions from IMTS is, however, not exhaustive and only a few that are common, simple, straightforward and easy to understand have been picked as examples.