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Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods as at the end of March 2013. Data for Imports and exports of goods is currently complete up to February 2013. Data for March 2013 is from borders with automated facilities only, constituting 98 percent of total trade in value terms.

This is the fifth monthly digest produced in 2013, and entails summaries of Total Merchandise Trade from the first quarter of 2007 to March 2013 as presented on **Table 1**. Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented on **Tables 2.1** and **2.2** for imports and exports, respectively, giving data from the first quarter of 2008 to March 2013. Direction of Trade is given for the most recent twelve months and this appears on **Tables 3.1** and **3.2** for imports and exports respectively.

Three graphical presentations appear in this digest. **Chart 1** shows imports, total exports and trade balance from January 2005 to March 2013 while **Charts 2.1 and 2.2** details Principal Commodity groups for major imports and major exports respectively, for March 2013 only.

Statistics on commodities that were mostly traded during the most recent two months, February and March 2013 in this case, appear on **Tables 4.1 (A) & (B)** for imports while exports are presented on **Tables 4.2 (A) & (B)** for the same months. Trade at Chapter Level (2 digits Harmonized Commodity Description & Coding System) appears on **Table 5**, presenting data for February and March 2013.

Table 1 distinguishes Domestic Exports from Re-Exports while the other tables give Total Exports, which is the sum of the two.

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1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade as presented in this section refers to imports, domestic exports (exports of Botswana origin) and re-exports (goods which were exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor transformation which leaves them not substantially changed) as well as trade balance, which is the difference between total exports and imports.

Since Statistics Botswana receives new data on monthly basis, and there is continuous data editing as various tables and reports are produced, the database is therefore updated from time to time. As a result of editing, revision of data on previous Monthly Digests (for subsequent months) and that on the current Monthly Digest may differ. Discussions on total trade (Section 1) are based on **Table 1**.

1.1 Imports

Table 1 has been modified to give imports at cost price, freight and insurance charges separately, as well as cost, freight and insurance (cif). Discussions on imports are however, based on cost, freight and insurance (cif) value. March 2013 total imports (cif) were valued at P5, 188.0 million, showing an increase of 3.3 percent (P166.9 million) from the February 2013 value of P5, 021.1 million. In comparison to the March 2012 total imports which recorded P4, 722.0 million, the March 2013 value increased by 9.9 percent (P466.0 million).

1.2 Total Exports

In March 2013 total exports were valued at P6, 199.6 million, having increased by 16.9 percent (P894.0 million) from the February 2013 value of P5, 305.6 million. The March 2013 total exports increased by slightly over a 100 percent (P3, 113.0 million) from the total value of exports realised in March 2012, which stood at P3, 086.6 million.

1.3 Trade Balance

March 2013 recorded a trade surplus of P1, 011.6 million. This follows another trade surplus of P284.5 million recorded in February 2013.

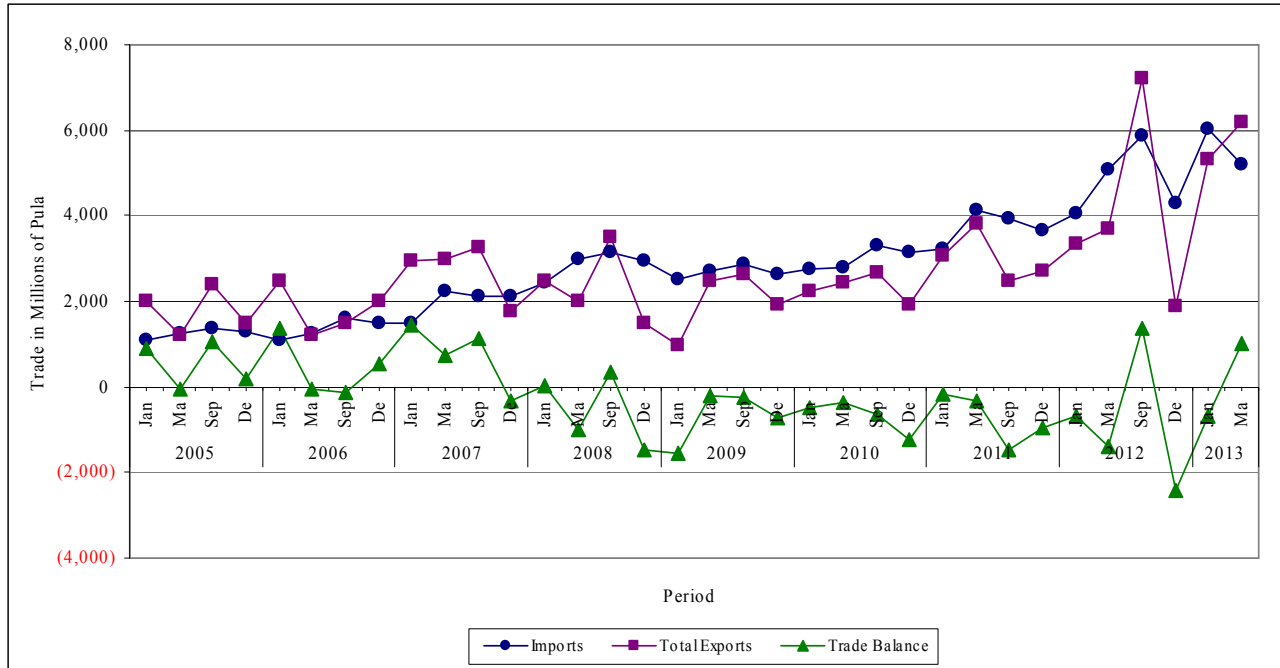
Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - Quarter 1 of 2007 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Period \ Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Re-Exports	Domestic Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Q1_2007	4,932,619	4,641,298	290,411	909	145,354	8,894,062	9,039,416	4,106,797
Q2	6,084,127	5,730,177	353,059	891	162,956	6,921,424	7,084,380	1,000,252
Q3	6,354,992	5,971,804	381,844	1,344	148,752	8,665,696	8,814,448	2,459,456
Q4	7,626,656	7,181,242	442,881	2,533	159,488	6,614,914	6,774,402	(852,254)
Total 2007	24,998,395	23,524,522	1,468,195	5,678	616,550	31,096,095	31,712,645	6,714,251
Q1_2008	7,593,988	7,173,247	418,598	2,143	244,706	8,892,121	9,136,828	1,542,840
Q2	8,923,256	8,470,437	451,195	1,624	135,141	8,257,836	8,392,977	(530,279)
Q3	9,765,467	9,258,124	500,842	6,501	106,136	10,639,484	10,745,620	980,153
Q4	9,440,872	8,851,832	585,568	3,472	111,593	4,335,925	4,447,518	(4,993,354)
Total 2008	35,723,583	33,753,640	1,956,202	13,741	597,576	32,125,366	32,722,942	(3,000,641)
Q1_2009	7,854,905	7,374,447	478,223	2,236	301,216	3,443,170	3,744,386	(4,110,519)
Q2	8,109,122	7,622,126	483,645	3,352	201,922	6,724,931	6,926,852	(1,182,270)
Q3	8,504,069	8,035,639	466,578	1,853	320,788	6,520,181	6,840,969	(1,663,100)
Q4	9,312,169	8,755,001	555,176	1,992	166,615	6,460,345	6,626,960	(2,685,209)
Total 2009	33,780,266	31,787,212	1,983,622	9,432	990,541	23,148,626	24,139,167	(9,641,098)
Q1_2010	9,368,564	8,870,655	490,596	7,313	6,088	7,788,697	7,794,785	(1,573,780)
Q2	8,895,733	8,379,794	494,367	21,572	1,700	7,343,050	7,344,750	(1,550,983)
Jul	3,403,248	3,208,866	191,405	2,976	332	3,305,118	3,305,450	(97,798)
Aug	2,841,140	2,660,999	178,862	1,278	302	2,225,579	2,225,881	(615,259)
Sep	3,295,406	3,116,764	178,102	541	23	2,659,152	2,659,175	(636,231)
Q3	9,539,794	8,986,629	548,369	4,795	657	8,189,849	8,190,506	(1,349,287)
Oct	3,434,435	3,227,569	205,505	1,361	1,664	3,125,968	3,127,632	(306,803)
Nov	4,254,040	4,054,934	197,778	1,327	1,122	3,440,390	3,441,512	(812,528)
Dec	3,158,877	2,982,679	174,428	1,770	1,532	1,921,396	1,922,928	(1,235,949)
Q4	10,847,352	10,265,182	577,711	4,459	4,318	8,487,754	8,492,072	(2,355,280)
Total 2010	38,651,443	36,502,261	2,111,044	38,139	12,763	31,809,351	31,822,114	(6,829,330)
Jan_2011	3,241,666	3,071,481	168,637	1,548	5,152	3,048,393	3,053,546	(188,120)
Feb	4,382,662	4,162,209	218,449	2,005	1,659	2,077,759	2,079,418	(2,303,244)
Mar	4,684,027	4,422,799	257,797	3,431	1,030	4,215,100	4,216,131	(467,896)
Q1	12,308,355	11,656,489	644,882	6,984	7,841	9,341,253	9,349,094	(2,959,261)
Apr	3,592,360	3,405,487	184,009	2,865	36	2,031,539	2,031,575	(1,560,785)
May	4,114,700	3,899,050	213,603	2,047	332	3,798,682	3,799,014	(315,686)
Jun	4,115,114	3,914,535	199,576	1,004	53	4,872,056	4,872,108	756,994
Q2	11,822,174	11,219,071	597,187	5,916	421	10,702,277	10,702,697	(1,119,477)
Jul	4,497,206	4,289,037	207,385	783	1,274	4,401,408	4,402,682	(94,524)
Aug	4,538,995	4,300,723	237,301	971	276	4,183,494	4,183,770	(355,225)
Sep	3,918,075	3,693,387	223,350	1,338	98	2,454,396	2,454,494	(1,463,581)
Q3	12,954,276	12,283,147	668,036	3,092	1,647	11,039,299	11,040,946	(1,913,330)
Oct	4,815,535	4,596,476	217,504	1,554	2,709	3,321,310	3,324,019	(1,491,516)
Nov	4,359,747	4,106,129	252,339	1,278	401	2,903,933	2,904,333	(1,455,413)
Dec	3,643,042	3,449,414	192,655	973	6,448	2,693,703	2,700,151	(942,891)
Q4	12,818,323	12,152,020	662,498	3,805	9,557	8,918,946	8,928,503	(3,889,820)
Total 2011	49,903,128	47,310,727	2,572,604	19,797	19,466	40,001,774	40,021,241	(9,881,888)
Jan_2012	4,050,420	3,841,986	206,778	1,656	752	3,352,211	3,352,963	(697,457)
Feb	4,288,860	4,070,737	217,315	808	3,663	3,639,708	3,643,370	(645,489)
Mar	4,716,259	4,463,997	251,014	1,248	2,191	3,084,398	3,086,589	(1,629,670)
Q1	13,055,539	12,376,720	675,107	3,712	6,605	10,076,317	10,082,923	(2,972,616)
Apr	3,635,052	3,432,779	201,241	1,032	877	2,424,961	2,425,838	(1,209,215)
May	5,083,467	4,838,245	244,162	1,060	847	3,678,816	3,679,664	(1,403,803)
Jun	4,419,113	4,187,693	230,621	799	239	3,949,236	3,949,475	(469,639)
Q2	13,137,633	12,458,717	676,024	2,891	1,963	10,053,013	10,054,976	(3,082,657)
Jul	8,199,612	7,984,337	214,335	940	353	1,427,255	1,427,608	(6,772,004)
Aug	5,775,499	5,517,841	256,290	1,368	433	4,741,352	4,741,785	(1,033,714)
Sep	5,851,903	5,630,286	220,466	1,151	1,391	7,228,842	7,230,233	1,378,330
Q3	19,827,014	19,132,464	691,091	3,459	2,178	13,397,449	13,399,626	(6,427,387)
Oct	5,961,694	5,699,893	260,711	1,090	719	4,946,226	4,946,945	(1,014,749)
Nov	5,593,336	5,336,798	254,973	1,565	288	5,213,504	5,213,792	(379,544)
Dec	4,289,769	4,103,151	185,255	1,364	1,731	1,866,199	1,867,931	(2,421,839)
Q4	15,844,799	15,139,842	700,939	4,019	2,738	12,025,930	12,028,668	(3,816,132)
Total 2012	61,864,984	59,107,743	2,743,161	14,080	13,484	45,552,709	45,566,193	(16,298,792)
Jan_2013	6,006,817	5,770,394	235,531	892	350	5,328,297	5,328,647	(678,171)
Feb	5,021,095	4,796,804	223,495	796	73	5,305,494	5,305,567	284,472
Mar	5,188,017	4,972,763	214,434	820	308	6,199,269	6,199,577	1,011,561
Q1	16,215,929	15,539,961	673,460	2,508	731	16,833,060	16,833,790	617,862

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Data for March 2013 are from borders with computerized facilities only & constitute 98% of total monthly trade in Value terms.

Chart 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2005 to March 2013 (Million PULA)



Even though **Chart 1** shows a significant trade surplus for March 2013, which is subsequent to another surplus realised in February 2013, it should be noted that trade balance is purely dependent on the value of diamonds traded. Since there are imports and exports of diamonds in Botswana, trade balance during any particular month is dependent on which flow of trade (imports/exports) has recorded a higher value.

2.0 Trade by Principal Commodities

Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters, for example; “*Machinery & Electrical Equipment*” which combines machines and electrical appliances; “*Vehicles & Transport Equipment*” which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In some cases it becomes challenging to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This prevails when commodity groupings’ contributions to the total, remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category coined “*Other*”.

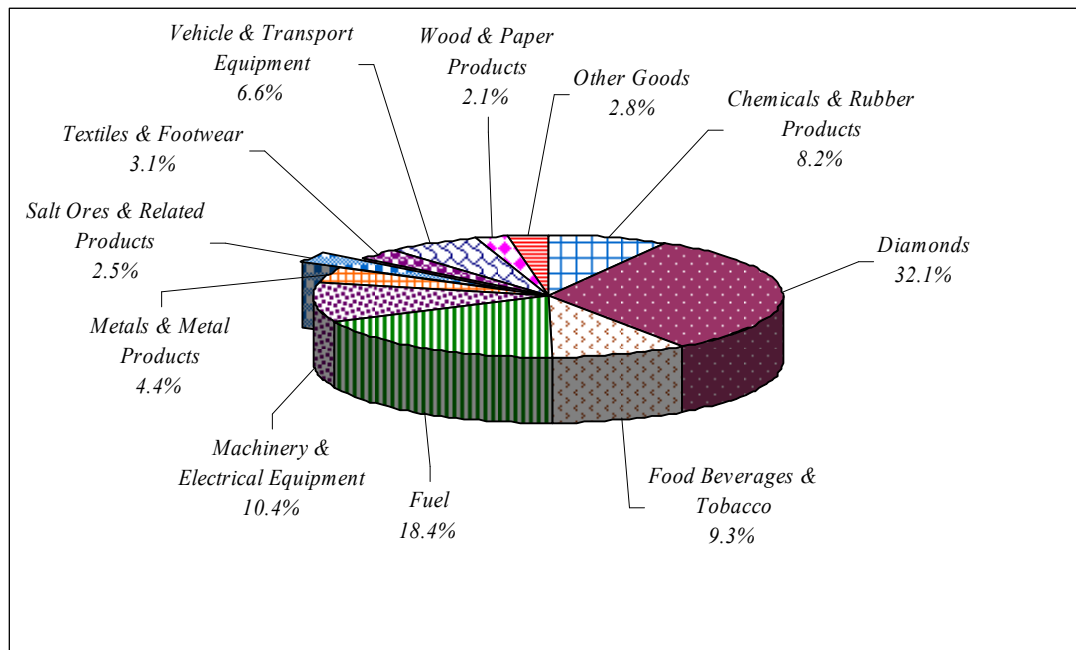
2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with the associated percentage distributions, appear on **Table 2.1**, covering the first quarter of 2008 to March 2013. Percentage distributions are however only shown for 2010, 2011 and 2012 totals, as well as for February and March 2013. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity groups for March 2013 only.

Composition of imports by principal commodities for March 2013 shows that *Diamonds* contributed 32.1 percent (P1, 664.6 million) to total imports (P5, 188.0 million) during the month, followed by *Fuel* with 18.4 percent (P956.8 million). *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* contributed 10.4 percent (P540.8 million) followed by *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* and *Chemicals & Rubber Products*, with 9.3 percent (P484.6 million) and 8.2 percent (P427.7 million) respectively. *Vehicles & Transport Equipment* contributed 6.6 percent (P339.9 million).

Percentage distributions for other import groups can be observed on **Table 2.1**, while **Chart 2.1** displays percentage distributions for March 2013 only.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – March 2013



Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not elsewhere specified as in Table 2.1

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups - First Quarter of 2008 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Q1	782,478	408,636	934,460	1,315,847	88,359	1,391,347	679,399	263,861	286,149	897,807	268,580	277,065	7,593,988
Q2	846,751	959,187	977,703	1,606,089	123,287	1,569,045	746,959	263,221	333,367	963,840	272,971	260,836	8,923,256
Q3	1,015,124	1,230,796	1,218,895	1,698,463	130,177	1,565,839	720,648	271,035	361,472	934,427	314,428	304,162	9,765,467
Q4	1,095,809	543,434	1,323,753	1,386,681	153,308	1,839,826	654,451	207,842	432,358	1,027,029	349,939	426,442	9,440,872
Tot_08	3,740,162	3,142,052	4,454,811	6,007,079	495,131	6,366,057	2,801,457	1,005,960	1,413,346	3,823,104	1,205,918	1,268,506	35,723,583
Q1	905,806	598,480	1,051,303	957,795	118,678	1,362,983	538,383	300,359	328,173	1,216,549	302,815	273,580	7,854,905
Q2	925,755	602,965	1,060,189	1,037,671	152,109	1,529,995	578,970	311,990	368,368	921,069	297,463	322,579	8,109,122
Q3	929,295	828,260	1,138,079	1,256,851	157,401	1,368,837	646,835	267,065	383,037	853,043	356,049	319,317	8,504,069
Q4	993,782	578,246	1,390,473	1,263,712	199,179	1,538,422	628,573	265,949	424,485	1,231,609	378,019	419,719	9,312,169
Tot_09	3,754,638	2,607,950	4,640,044	4,516,029	627,368	5,800,238	2,392,760	1,045,363	1,504,063	4,222,270	1,334,346	1,335,196	33,780,266
Q1	948,318	1,251,060	1,168,604	1,184,411	131,804	1,556,650	616,676	384,782	346,143	1,085,698	293,711	400,706	9,368,564
Q2	1,005,788	1,019,872	1,061,876	1,479,093	134,046	1,525,136	627,500	241,984	372,786	793,075	304,609	329,968	8,895,733
Q3	1,034,519	1,119,797	1,231,516	1,493,103	150,308	1,490,930	751,645	320,754	373,152	858,570	324,307	391,194	9,539,794
Q4	1,224,941	1,080,525	1,518,189	1,364,922	155,110	2,197,611	861,197	179,511	470,702	969,667	392,418	432,558	10,847,352
Tot_10	4,213,566	4,471,255	4,980,185	5,521,530	571,267	6,770,327	2,857,018	1,127,030	1,562,782	3,707,011	1,315,046	1,554,427	38,651,443
Jan_11	284,824	542,693	381,833	724,857	28,225	460,949	168,680	42,289	86,451	323,382	96,631	100,850	3,241,666
Feb	325,421	548,408	378,641	608,876	46,704	1,100,445	463,553	50,366	142,578	510,354	104,070	103,246	4,382,662
Mar	427,817	394,980	462,853	778,270	48,869	1,218,901	412,826	54,061	168,886	426,117	150,806	139,643	4,684,027
Q1	1,038,062	1,486,081	1,223,327	2,112,003	123,797	2,780,296	1,045,060	146,717	397,915	1,259,853	351,507	343,739	12,308,355
Apr	340,784	63,427	365,501	500,144	43,023	1,079,218	358,135	52,491	138,707	407,513	94,508	153,003	3,596,454
May	368,130	510,674	414,942	581,696	44,190	1,133,755	251,399	61,108	158,359	349,913	106,948	136,736	4,117,851
Jun	335,550	611,879	389,595	574,482	53,351	1,147,613	283,024	54,766	119,361	315,629	107,496	127,769	4,120,514
Q2	1,044,464	1,185,981	1,170,038	1,656,322	140,564	3,360,586	892,558	168,365	416,426	1,073,056	308,953	417,507	11,834,819
Jul	399,656	656,056	450,718	619,182	44,003	1,307,837	262,768	53,765	120,716	338,929	111,352	138,285	4,503,266
Aug	435,522	693,308	526,676	846,400	55,994	815,823	334,102	64,779	160,695	339,582	130,402	144,498	4,547,782
Sep	384,110	165,335	491,885	571,914	56,015	967,523	310,704	64,310	182,325	439,635	146,542	145,565	3,925,864
Q3	1,219,288	1,514,699	1,469,280	2,037,496	156,012	3,091,183	907,574	182,854	463,736	1,118,146	388,296	428,349	12,976,912
Oct	405,737	1,187,899	526,076	602,727	58,987	817,580	310,824	50,153	184,650	437,592	115,913	125,568	4,823,705
Nov	447,324	114,222	544,652	1,274,687	57,060	727,923	312,927	53,612	194,328	367,633	130,261	138,678	4,363,306
Dec	415,485	393,229	508,740	607,144	47,369	684,230	235,304	51,561	130,531	312,135	118,643	144,769	3,649,139
Q4	1,268,546	1,695,351	1,579,468	2,484,558	163,416	2,229,732	859,055	155,326	509,509	1,117,359	364,817	409,014	12,836,150
Tot_11	4,570,360	5,882,112	5,442,112	8,290,378	583,788	11,461,797	3,704,247	653,261	1,787,586	4,568,414	1,413,573	1,598,610	49,956,236
Jan_12	399,963	881,929	398,527	750,758	31,981	678,758	253,819	46,634	114,619	265,947	112,228	117,630	4,052,793
Feb	424,529	721,514	441,358	840,879	38,435	655,253	282,692	55,634	151,904	376,770	127,351	175,732	4,292,049
Mar	496,433	131,774	595,832	976,041	40,733	1,197,773	258,612	53,092	164,041	500,711	134,358	172,576	4,721,977
Q1	1,320,924	1,735,217	1,435,717	2,567,677	111,150	2,531,784	795,123	155,360	430,564	1,143,428	373,937	465,938	13,066,819
Apr	364,578	148,605	411,449	724,903	53,177	784,181	217,977	47,040	172,192	500,768	107,083	103,098	3,635,052
May	438,517	1,205,946	491,050	917,753	48,102	804,561	257,764	59,507	153,386	454,601	113,971	138,310	5,083,467
Jun	488,761	647,713	452,578	850,595	49,373	764,130	226,871	53,581	128,062	491,822	113,271	152,358	4,419,113
Q2	1,291,857	2,002,264	1,355,077	2,493,251	150,652	2,352,872	702,612	160,128	453,640	1,447,191	334,324	393,766	13,137,633
Jul	410,261	4,851,639	491,566	749,418	51,769	547,437	233,491	59,882	132,568	418,998	119,129	133,455	8,199,612
Aug	475,368	1,768,139	556,861	1,022,337	55,092	708,915	248,525	62,858	166,238	438,621	134,683	137,861	5,775,499
Sep	441,208	1,919,313	515,488	891,280	42,719	1,009,224	232,225	45,664	152,800	357,083	115,589	129,308	5,851,903
Q3	1,326,837	8,539,092	1,563,915	2,663,036	149,581	2,265,576	714,241	168,404	451,606	1,214,703	369,401	400,624	19,827,014
Oct	504,288	1,580,359	666,048	935,604	54,126	701,109	234,445	53,470	204,754	757,814	152,169	117,508	5,961,694
Nov	573,030	1,392,469	627,162	722,513	84,763	700,127	269,999	109,903	211,727	604,214	140,077	157,351	5,593,336
Dec	406,504	1,263,011	471,200	603,802	41,231	522,206	191,705	102,469	136,717	327,384	112,454	111,087	4,289,769
Q4	1,483,822	4,235,839	1,764,410	2,261,919	180,120	1,923,443	696,149	265,842	553,198	1,689,411	404,700	385,946	15,844,799
Tot_12	5,423,440	16,512,412	6,119,118	9,985,883	591,502	9,073,674	2,908,125	749,734	1,889,008	5,494,733	1,482,362	1,646,274	61,876,265
Jan_13	388,236	2,349,063	510,925	1,076,568	46,620	501,385	209,477	125,795	106,108	483,161	97,699	111,779	6,006,817
Feb	426,946	1,456,548	509,957	1,004,595	48,452	480,326	296,279	59,388	131,630	400,930	104,845	101,198	5,021,095
Mar	427,734	1,664,598	484,626	956,811	43,586	540,783	225,795	131,268	161,371	339,922	108,575	102,949	5,188,017
Q1	1,242,916	5,470,209	1,505,507	3,037,975	138,658	1,522,495	731,551	316,451	399,109	1,224,012	311,119	315,926	16,215,929
% Distribution													
Tot-2010	10.9	11.6	12.9	14.3	1.5	17.5	7.4	2.9	4.0	9.6	3.4	4.0	100.0
Tot-2011	9.1	11.8	10.9	16.6	1.2	22.9	7.4	1.3	3.6	9.1	2.8	3.2	100.0
Tot-2012	8.8	26.7	9.9	16.1	1.0	14.7	4.7	1.2	3.1	8.9	2.4	2.7	100.0
Feb-13	8.5	29.0	10.2	20.0	1.0	9.6	5.9	1.2	2.6	8.0	2.1	2.0	100.0
Mar-13	8.2	32.1	9.3	18.4	0.8	10.4	4.4	2.5	3.1	6.6	2.1	2.0	100.0

Data for March 2013 are from computerized borders only & constitute 98% of total monthly trade in value terms

2.2 Principal Exports

March 2013 total exports were valued at P6, 199.6 million, with 85.4 percent (P5, 292.3 million) attributed to *Diamond* exports. The diamond trade is for both rough and polished diamonds and **Table 2.3** gives trade in diamonds at a disaggregated level from the 1st Quarter 2008 to March 2013.

Copper/Nickel exports and *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* (mainly re-exports) contributed 7.1 percent (P438.4 million) and 2.1 percent (P130.2 million) respectively, while *Meat & Meat Products* contributed 1.1 percent (P66.4 million) to total exports during the month under review.

Percentage distributions for other export groups can be observed on **Table 2.2** while **Chart 2.2** gives the graphical presentation of the extract from this table, for March 2013 only. It should however be noted that total exports discussed here are the sum of domestic exports and re-exports.

Total exports as presented in **Table 2.2** should be understood to mean the value placed on the consignment by the exporter as at the time the consignment crosses the border of the exporting country. This value may not be the same as what is finally received by the exporter in respect of the consignment, taking into account issues of time lag between the date the consignment left the exporting country and the time sales were actually made, as well as exchange rates at the time the consignment crossed the border and the time of sale.

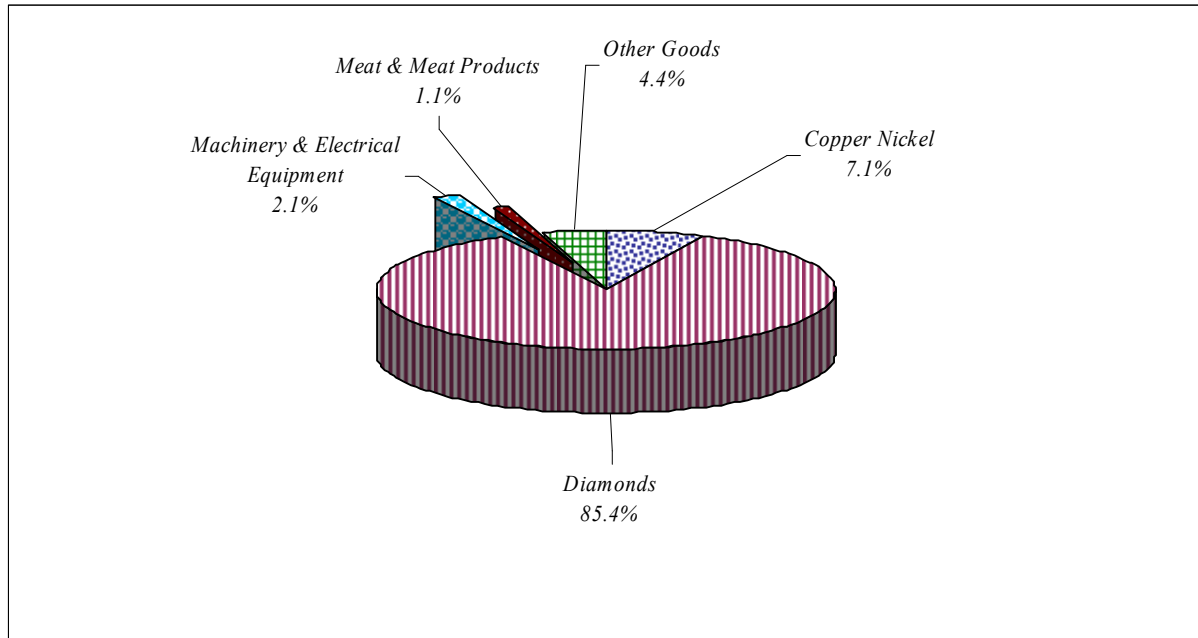
Some goods like *Copper/Nickel* may be sold after some refinements have been made; for example exporting *Copper/Nickel Matte* and receiving values of refined *Copper & Nickel* sales. The consignment that crosses the border of the exporting country in March, for example, may not all be sold during that particular month. As a result there may always be some leftovers and brought forwards that will bring differences between the value of the consignment as it crossed the border of the exporting country during a particular month and the actual sales made during that same month.

Statistics Botswana compiles international merchandise trade statistics using the United Nations Statistics Division Guidelines, whereby foreign trade is recorded as at the time the consignment crosses the border whereas Bank of Botswana compiles Balance of Payments from actual receipts in respect of sales made on exported commodities. Users can expect differences in figures reported by Statistics Botswana (**Table 2.2**) and those reported by Bank of Botswana (**Botswana Financial Statistics; Table 6.3**). This is because the two reports may not necessarily be reporting on the same consignment, even though the same variable names and period of reporting are used.

Users need to note that the values reported by Statistics Botswana are estimates made by exporters as at the time goods are dispatched, whether there is change of ownership or not, while those reported by Bank of Botswana are actual payments received by exporters for sales made during a particular period (change of ownership has occurred in this case). As a result, these two values, though using the same variable names and the same period of reporting, are not necessarily values for the same consignment. The Statistics Botswana value is for the consignment that crossed the border during a particular period while the Bank of Botswana value is for sales that were made during that period.

Bank of Botswana value takes into account change of ownership while compilation of foreign trade statistics is concerned with whether goods have crossed borders of trading partners, regardless of whether there is change of ownership or not.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – March 2013



Note: Other Goods: include all Other Goods not elsewhere specified as in Table 2.2

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups - Quarter 1 2008 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skin	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Soda	Salt & Ash	Textile	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Q1	1,641,910	5,911,134	210,631	10,967	56,252	168,996	100,385	25,833	52,976	432,317	76,809	448,619	9,136,828
Q2	1,653,505	5,194,466	228,178	15,494	54,614	173,340	243,340	29,219	59,915	435,788	77,488	227,629	8,392,977
Q3	1,569,627	7,596,807	180,833	8,987	53,189	193,550	195,718	31,651	43,308	473,284	105,124	293,540	10,745,620
Q4	1,060,345	2,085,708	51,143	4,644	26,817	241,120	69,361	32,895	64,974	476,465	41,837	292,210	4,447,518
Tot_08	5,925,387	20,788,114	670,785	40,092	190,871	777,006	608,804	119,598	221,174	1,817,854	301,258	1,261,998	32,722,942
Q1	749,760	1,881,364	0	8,128	32,065	125,896	89,070	26,468	42,896	500,391	80,676	207,672	3,744,386
Q2	756,731	4,712,515	317,455	6,065	29,116	132,707	284,685	25,067	75,985	260,349	89,134	237,045	6,926,852
Q3	1,116,680	4,329,887	93,515	11,305	29,849	153,080	230,921	26,928	69,396	406,821	122,807	249,781	6,840,969
Q4	998,056	4,307,585	121,018	8,527	65,482	154,288	203,742	26,266	123,300	250,103	96,675	271,920	6,626,960
Tot_09	3,621,226	15,231,351	531,988	34,025	156,511	565,971	808,418	104,728	311,576	1,417,664	389,291	966,418	24,139,167
Q1	858,452	5,644,251	86,877	6,179	34,870	182,453	183,155	29,538	233,949	232,925	66,290	235,844	7,794,785
Q2	949,373	5,020,210	167,737	13,100	48,740	196,248	338,697	29,789	122,106	145,321	58,164	255,265	7,344,750
Q3	1,516,410	5,236,462	128,989	10,281	40,524	157,406	299,036	31,995	154,144	276,579	68,979	269,703	8,190,506
Q4	915,922	5,878,961	151,465	12,701	80,284	173,118	263,102	36,257	113,748	463,699	99,318	303,498	8,492,072
Tot_10	4,240,157	21,779,885	535,068	42,260	204,417	709,225	1,083,990	127,580	623,947	1,118,523	292,750	1,064,311	31,822,114
Jan_11	300,058	2,345,475	42,392	2,362	11,364	50,406	16,381	11,173	39,811	121,632	40,330	72,162	3,053,546
Feb	319,508	1,331,202	28,885	2,635	12,730	50,621	3,911	12,800	42,666	140,180	40,756	93,525	2,079,418
Mar	373,147	3,268,976	40,534	2,082	20,595	88,358	48,626	16,584	44,082	160,879	46,320	105,949	4,216,131
Q1	992,713	6,945,652	111,811	7,078	44,688	189,385	68,918	40,557	126,559	422,691	127,406	271,635	9,349,094
Apr	316,221	1,270,215	36,858	3,478	16,350	91,762	51,459	16,404	40,136	46,109	64,799	77,784	2,031,575
May	340,589	2,870,865	37,494	1,562	20,408	88,681	571	20,182	37,729	175,265	107,067	98,601	3,799,014
Jun	265,760	3,942,776	49,389	1,267	21,092	94,124	37,848	17,578	48,314	113,875	183,117	96,968	4,872,108
Q2	922,571	8,083,855	123,741	6,307	57,850	274,567	89,877	54,164	126,179	335,250	354,983	273,353	10,702,697
Jul	109,782	3,715,813	48,425	4,547	19,212	96,689	37,188	15,846	31,290	117,697	84,352	121,842	4,402,682
Aug	47,007	3,486,275	50,020	3,320	28,059	102,146	40,127	17,729	34,922	198,912	54,437	120,815	4,183,770
Sep	82,375	1,708,927	58,491	4,131	26,440	81,860	34,911	19,484	35,517	186,850	47,533	167,975	2,454,494
Q3	239,164	8,911,016	156,935	11,998	73,711	280,696	112,226	53,059	101,729	503,459	186,322	410,632	11,040,946
Oct	207,363	2,453,110	49,383	6,463	22,465	101,772	25,934	18,471	38,122	224,774	55,845	120,318	3,324,019
Nov	244,008	1,994,241	53,261	4,824	26,138	84,298	35,158	22,968	29,189	227,279	57,654	125,313	2,904,333
Dec	334,448	1,859,840	50,647	1,576	16,840	74,257	24,593	14,384	39,272	104,341	50,824	129,130	2,700,151
Q4	785,818	6,307,191	153,291	12,863	65,442	260,327	85,685	55,824	106,582	556,394	164,323	374,761	8,928,503
Tot_11	2,940,266	30,247,715	545,778	38,247	241,691	1,004,974	356,707	203,604	461,050	1,817,794	833,034	1,330,381	40,021,241
Jan_12	327,774	2,465,580	52,243	2,205	13,277	56,704	21,896	14,946	41,638	138,001	129,286	89,412	3,352,963
Feb	290,983	2,790,858	83,019	5,955	22,247	93,248	24,502	27,088	31,943	129,559	50,656	93,312	3,643,370
Mar	430,476	2,173,392	58,941	3,565	21,971	71,418	56,032	21,088	35,097	63,790	56,629	94,191	3,086,589
Q1	1,049,233	7,429,829	194,203	11,725	57,495	221,371	102,431	63,121	108,678	331,350	236,571	276,915	10,082,923
Apr	307,853	1,665,436	62,298	5,400	18,581	90,137	47,265	17,056	28,718	31,323	64,112	87,659	2,425,838
May	239,198	2,921,813	84,753	8,110	21,885	93,635	47,089	19,067	25,725	25,380	54,396	138,614	3,679,664
Jun	272,170	3,208,934	43,648	7,344	27,002	90,476	47,087	20,090	33,615	22,602	58,049	118,458	3,949,475
Q2	819,221	7,796,182	190,698	20,854	67,467	274,248	141,441	56,213	88,057	79,305	176,557	344,731	10,054,976
Jul	298,687	579,136	40,020	1,863	24,943	69,123	42,154	18,284	48,673	34,040	163,151	107,535	1,427,608
Aug	181,508	3,973,035	68,936	5,830	26,710	94,004	89,796	25,227	49,802	35,640	67,442	123,854	4,741,785
Sep	103,565	6,616,407	38,201	5,421	95,820	90,208	24,447	24,362	42,903	31,471	49,216	108,212	7,230,233
Q3	583,760	11,168,578	147,157	13,115	147,474	253,335	156,397	67,873	141,377	101,152	279,809	339,601	13,399,626
Oct	197,463	4,266,584	34,172	5,571	22,801	93,349	28,478	23,029	37,371	31,819	82,596	123,711	4,946,945
Nov	406,461	4,344,085	44,755	5,183	28,791	101,081	34,526	22,229	38,392	34,308	63,049	90,933	5,213,792
Dec	255,467	1,137,774	30,863	6,516	14,050	73,937	35,639	12,937	37,700	34,495	150,465	78,088	1,867,931
Q4	859,391	9,748,444	109,789	17,270	65,642	268,367	98,643	58,195	113,463	100,623	296,110	292,731	12,028,668
Tot_12	3,311,605	36,143,033	641,847	62,963	338,078	1,017,321	498,912	245,402	451,576	612,430	989,047	1,253,977	45,566,193
Jan_13	408,168	4,461,483	38,786	4,972	15,326	105,040	33,436	19,218	41,396	23,785	64,999	112,037	5,328,647
Feb	243,174	4,520,328	27,772	2,065	19,204	98,571	29,319	17,352	34,547	25,179	93,591	194,465	5,305,567
Mar	438,375	5,292,272	29,244	3,565	19,822	130,201	66,361	17,987	45,275	25,789	51,014	79,672	6,199,577
Q1	1,089,717	14,274,083	95,802	10,602	54,353	333,811	129,116	54,556	121,218	74,753	209,604	386,174	16,833,790
% Distribution													
Tot-2010	13.3	68.4	1.7	0.1	0.6	2.2	3.4	0.4	2.0	3.5	0.9	3.3	100.0
Tot-2011	7.3	75.6	1.4	0.1	0.6	2.5	0.9	0.5	1.2	4.5	2.1	3.3	100.0
Tot-2012	7.3	79.3	1.4	0.1	0.7	2.2	1.1	0.5	1.0	1.3	2.2	2.8	100.0
Feb-13	4.6	85.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.8	3.7	100.0
Mar-13	7.1	85.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.1	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.3	100.0

Differences can be expected between some entries in this Table and the ones in Bank of Botswana (Botswana Financial Statistics Table 6.3) as the two tables may not necessarily be reporting on the same consignment due to methodological issues. Data for March 2013 are from computerized borders only & constitute 98% of total monthly trade in value terms

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - Quarter 1 2008 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Q1_08	0	73	603	402,291	5,668	408,636	0	20,458	6,541	5,646,680	237,456	5,911,134
Q2	0	24	57	928,435	30,671	959,187	0	5,615	0	4,694,747	494,104	5,194,466
Q3	0	217	0	1,228,319	2,259	1,230,796	0	30,556	133	7,040,519	525,599	7,596,807
Q4	0	30	9	532,534	10,861	543,434	0	3,769	0	1,297,297	784,642	2,085,708
Tot_08	0	344	669	3,091,580	49,459	3,142,052	0	60,398	6,674	18,679,242	2,041,800	20,788,114
Q1_09	0	50	82	586,754	11,595	598,480	0	616	0	1,482,827	397,921	1,881,364
Q2	0	106	0	579,578	23,281	602,965	0	0	28	4,362,613	349,873	4,712,515
Q3	0	74	0	819,052	9,134	828,260	0	7,356	0	3,987,387	335,144	4,329,887
Q4	0	7	28	560,261	17,950	578,246	0	12,408	0	3,847,685	447,492	4,307,585
Tot_09	0	238	109	2,545,644	61,959	2,607,950	0	20,380	28	13,680,513	1,530,430	15,231,351
Q1_10	0	204	241	1,244,568	6,046	1,251,060	0	78,615	0	5,118,335	447,302	5,644,251
Q2	0	24	0	987,540	32,308	1,019,872	0	17,914	0	4,176,339	825,956	5,020,210
Jul	0	0	0	457,710	24,803	482,512	0	6,001	0	1,942,006	282,635	2,230,642
Aug	0	0	16	53,477	25,382	78,875	0	1,483	0	908,298	332,074	1,241,856
Sep	0	1,666	0	544,022	12,723	558,410	0	1,328	0	1,448,837	313,800	1,763,965
Q3	0	1,666	16	1,055,208	62,908	1,119,797	0	8,813	0	4,299,141	928,508	5,236,462
Oct	0	90	0	70,288	13,644	84,023	0	1,909	0	1,980,180	331,162	2,313,251
Nov	0	0	0	809,797	18,465	828,262	0	2,234	0	2,116,393	285,401	2,404,028
Dec	0	0	0	115,962	52,279	168,240	0	511	0	879,411	281,760	1,161,682
Q4	0	90	0	996,047	84,388	1,080,525	0	4,654	0	4,975,984	898,323	5,878,961
Tot_10	0	1,984	257	4,283,364	185,650	4,471,255	0	109,996	0	18,569,799	3,100,090	21,779,885
Jan_11	0	136	581	532,678	9,297	542,693	0	3,187	0	2,244,618	97,670	2,345,475
Feb	0	0	0	542,414	5,994	548,408	0	757	0	1,045,738	284,707	1,331,202
Mar	0	0	0	385,814	9,166	394,980	0	4,494	19	2,947,296	317,166	3,268,976
Q1	0	136	581	1,460,906	24,457	1,486,081	0	8,438	19	6,237,652	699,543	6,945,652
Apr	0	16	0	55,231	8,180	63,427	0	1,312	2	898,458	370,442	1,270,215
May	0	79	11	494,755	15,830	510,674	0	9,045	0	2,487,670	374,151	2,870,865
Jun	0	3	0	558,027	53,849	611,879	0	12,979	0	3,497,554	432,243	3,942,776
Q2	0	99	11	1,108,012	77,859	1,186,981	0	23,336	2	6,883,682	1,176,835	8,083,855
Jul	0	79	0	622,403	33,575	656,056	839	17,962	0	3,251,998	445,014	3,715,813
Aug	0	3,500	0	665,762	24,046	693,308	0	46,935	0	2,964,726	474,614	3,486,275
Sep	0	15	0	72,576	92,743	165,335	0	1,526	0	1,186,996	520,405	1,708,927
Q3	0	3,594	0	1,360,741	150,365	1,514,699	839	66,423	0	7,403,720	1,440,033	8,911,016
Oct	0	0	0	1,030,502	157,396	1,187,899	0	5,675	559	1,988,572	458,304	2,453,110
Nov	0	19	0	80,164	34,040	114,222	0	2,234	0	1,441,021	550,987	1,994,241
Dec	0	0	0	363,688	29,542	393,229	0	1,950	0	1,326,711	531,179	1,859,840
Q4	0	19	0	1,474,354	220,978	1,695,351	0	9,858	559	4,756,304	1,540,471	6,307,191
Tot_11	0	3,847	592	5,404,013	473,659	5,882,112	839	108,056	580	25,281,358	4,856,882	30,247,715
Jan_12	3,195	22	0	853,226	25,487	881,929	0	7,658	0	2,250,358	207,563	2,465,580
Feb	0	0	0	708,696	12,818	721,514	0	10,168	0	2,302,025	478,666	2,790,858
Mar	0	0	0	117,017	14,758	131,774	0	2,306	0	1,690,811	480,275	2,173,392
Q1	3,195	22	0	1,678,938	53,062	1,735,217	0	20,132	0	6,243,193	1,166,504	7,429,829
Apr	0	0	0	94,613	53,992	148,605	0	2,960	0	1,277,190	385,286	1,665,436
May	0	0	0	1,174,989	30,957	1,205,946	0	6,024	0	2,342,315	573,473	2,921,813
Jun	7,597	7	0	581,501	58,608	647,713	1,613	5,920	0	2,709,179	492,221	3,208,934
Q2	7,597	7	0	1,851,103	143,557	2,002,264	1,613	14,904	0	6,328,684	1,450,981	7,796,182
Jul	0	0	0	4,820,982	30,657	4,851,639	9,294	5	0	156,704	413,134	579,136
Aug	11,773	459	0	1,700,143	55,764	1,768,139	26,836	15,044	0	3,431,354	499,801	3,973,035
Sep	1,437	287	0	1,890,399	27,191	1,919,313	0	98,406	0	6,143,609	374,392	6,616,407
Q3	13,210	746	0	8,411,524	113,612	8,539,092	36,130	113,455	0	9,731,667	1,287,326	11,168,578
Oct	0	350	0	1,560,374	19,636	1,580,359	0	36,113	0	3,729,551	500,919	4,266,584
Nov	8,495	381	0	1,348,461	35,132	1,392,469	0	13,939	19	3,788,733	541,394	4,344,085
Dec	43	483	0	1,229,148	33,337	1,263,011	0	1,245	0	695,028	441,501	1,137,774
Q4	8,538	1,213	0	4,137,982	88,106	4,235,839	0	51,298	19	8,213,312	1,483,815	9,748,444
Tot_12	32,539	1,988	0	16,079,548	398,337	16,512,412	37,742	199,789	19	30,516,856	5,388,627	36,143,033
Jan_13	0	351	0	2,286,850	61,862	2,349,063	27,004	61,989	18	4,217,753	154,719	4,461,483
Feb	0	1,203	0	1,410,843	44,502	1,456,548	0	40,613	0	4,194,924	284,792	4,520,328
Mar	543	0	0	1,609,916	54,139	1,664,598	0	45,771	0	4,861,000	385,500	5,292,272
Q1	543	1,554	0	5,307,609	160,503	5,470,209	27,004	148,373	18	13,273,677	825,011	14,274,083

Code Description

- 71021000:Unsorted diamonds
- 71022100:Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted
- 71022900:Industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, nes
- 71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted
- 71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, nes

3.0 Trade by Regional and Major Partners

Direction of trade is presented on this section, giving imports by source while exports are presented by destination. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data for the most recent twelve months appear on **Table 3.1** for imports and **Table 3.2** for exports. Monthly data is currently from April 2012 to March 2013.

Trade is presented at country level for trading partners having significant trade with Botswana while others whose trade is not much, are grouped together under one general category per region, for example, "Rest of Africa" or "Others".

3.1 Imports by Region and Major Trading Partners

Imports for March 2013 were valued at P5, 188.0 million, with 59.5 percent (P3, 088.6 million) coming from South Africa while Namibia supplied 12.6 percent (P655.1 million). The European Union (EU) supplied imports valued at P1, 075.7 million during March 2013, representing 20.7 percent of total imports.. Imports from Belgium and the United Kingdom represented 14.4 percent (P747.9 million) and 4.5 percent (P234.3 million) respectively, of total imports from the EU during the month under review.

Imports from Asia were valued at P267.8 million in March 2013, representing 5.2 percent of total imports. The major suppliers of imports from Asia were Israel and China with 2.1 percent (P107.3 million) and 1.0 percent (P54.0 million) respectively.

Imports from the United States of America were valued at P31.2 million in March 2013, which is just under 1.0 percent of total imports during the month.

Imports at regional and country level (for selected countries) are presented on **Table 3.1**; however, percentage distributions do not form part of this table.

3.2 Exports by Region and Major Partner Countries

Total exports for March 2013 were valued at P6, 199.6 million, with 13.1 percent (P810.4 million) of this value destined to SADC. South Africa received 8.7 percent (P542.2 million), Namibia 2.5 percent (P152.2 million) while Zimbabwe got 1.4 percent (P89.5 million) of total exports for the month under review.

Exports destined to the European Union (EU) were valued at P4, 489.8 million, representing 72.4 percent of total exports in March 2013. The United Kingdom and Belgium received 65.6 percent (P4, 066.2 million) and 5.7 percent (P353.0 million) respectively, of total exports from the EU in March 2013.

In March 2013, Asia received exports valued at P441.3 million, which is 7.1 percent of total exports. Israel and India contributed greatly to Asia bound exports, with 3.3 percent (P202.7 million) and 1.8 percent (P108.7 million) respectively.

Exports to Norway were valued at P328.2 million, representing 5.3 percent whereas Switzerland received 1.7 percent (P102.3 million) of total exports during March 2013.

Other destinations for exports can be observed on **Table 3.2**; however, percentage distributions do not form part of the table.

4.0 Most Traded Commodities

This section presents the top most traded commodities during February and March 2013. **Table 4.1 (A)** and **Table 4.1 (B)** present the top 100 imported commodities in February and March 2013 respectively.

The top 50 exported commodities constitute over 90 percent of total exports every month. Data on the top 50 exported commodities during February and March 2013 is presented on **Tables 4.2 (A)** and **(B)** respectively, for the two months while **Table 5** presents trade at Chapter level during February and March 2013.

Table 3.1: Imports by Region and Partner - April 2012 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Year Partner\ Period	2012						2013					
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Lesotho	571	27,621	8,134	53	12,365	779	2,024	8,495	1,497	14,855	1,436	1,043
Namibia	24,664	46,769	29,527	638,796	34,198	1,031,055	483,613	449,212	514,677	660,403	92,806	655,123
Swaziland	636	592	1,292	7,045	10,482	1,677	1,273	12,055	1,508	7,178	6,713	982
South Africa	2,766,517	3,123,379	3,184,948	2,845,347	3,837,216	3,371,607	3,902,868	4,049,077	3,129,266	3,319,250	3,799,616	3,088,633
SACU	2,792,388	3,198,362	3,223,900	3,491,241	3,894,262	4,405,118	4,389,779	4,518,839	3,646,949	4,001,686	3,900,572	3,745,781
Malawi	402	1,096	496	1,094	1,271	753	1,099	3,093	2,973	2,538	3,835	3,334
Mozambique	9,941	39,327	87	481	317	29	216	206	136	0	167	10,889
Zambia	12,358	14,790	14,417	17,909	15,894	16,987	15,307	10,593	14,499	4,671	23,623	10,053
Zimbabwe	25,515	21,228	27,658	17,945	19,962	25,108	23,776	30,112	30,382	27,993	31,271	22,801
Mauritius	6,326	4,504	730	1,023	10,401	1,050	2,896	1,604	452	6,603	4,759	3,015
Tanzania	32	62	4	62	274	1,894	10	38	121	241	8	144
Other SADC	0	0	2	744	345	0	76	0	295	0	0	0
SADC	2,846,962	3,279,368	3,267,295	3,530,497	3,942,726	4,450,939	4,433,158	4,564,484	3,695,806	4,043,731	3,964,235	3,796,017
Ethiopia	50	14	47	44	33	30	28	25	12	152	81	10
Ghana	14	37	9	22	27	60	5	17	39	185	120	21
Kenya	385	1,076	533	378	642	302	438	1,517	50	171	672	367
Nigeria	77	175	80	107	95	150	166	212	154	546	191	162
Other Africa	814	1,797	0	148	50	5,151	0	57	368	24	0	7
Africa	2,848,302	3,282,467	3,267,964	3,531,197	3,943,574	4,456,632	4,433,795	4,566,313	3,696,429	4,044,808	3,965,299	3,796,584
Belgium	31,476	177,512	60,484	86,728	38,614	58,937	35,441	72,462	96,931	169,600	127,437	747,882
Cyprus	15	143	298	51	174	310	17,130	281	2,886	0	2,234	1
Germany	23,250	22,639	28,928	57,775	65,663	37,491	48,193	39,526	12,860	23,635	25,343	27,953
Spain	835	3,921	12,584	1,983	2,235	1,675	732	886	137	5,157	1,343	212
France	14,298	6,483	7,245	5,413	6,698	15,193	7,986	14,647	7,777	16,889	7,162	9,173
Netherlands	5,535	15,958	6,563	6,845	2,583	3,209	3,885	6,732	3,816	8,603	2,772	36,873
Sweden	10,483	18,167	136,518	24,313	10,952	1,432	25,799	17,694	968	1,127	12,582	11,465
Ireland	4,012	1,043	980	3,586	4,378	3,227	5,275	1,073	3,528	8,575	1,351	267
Denmark	552	1,335	1,470	9	114	586	1,315	163	25	760	126	160
Finland	4,849	2,263	3,743	287	3,294	11,734	9	62	0	2,335	91	373
UK	70,554	1,065,903	553,723	4,064,593	1,309,666	532,412	668,561	366,756	163,100	1,099,258	433,906	234,349
Italy	4,824	2,829	7,159	2,221	7,283	6,181	719	1,638	13,406	4,102	8,769	1,761
Other EU	2,876	908	2,646	247	1,485	3,068	5,226	1,345	1,483	2,301	1,013	5,259
EU	173,555	1,319,105	822,340	4,254,051	1,453,137	675,455	820,270	523,265	306,917	1,342,342	624,130	1,075,726
UAE	9,934	12,140	10,066	11,468	10,854	13,791	4,908	16,471	6,850	13,804	10,495	10,977
Hong Kong	6,796	8,475	5,317	5,183	6,744	7,595	6,370	11,072	4,288	9,901	7,112	10,642
Israel	149,957	89,608	64,224	135,732	51,242	56,171	49,137	61,836	41,491	58,765	95,965	107,313
Japan	36,023	52,537	39,008	44,010	42,829	42,474	41,574	39,990	42,297	40,533	28,730	35,633
Thailand	945	300	1,312	2,349	1,243	744	1,657	432	855	669	5,848	2,213
Turkey	654	2,809	757	526	1,014	1,363	128	206	1,163	2,061	416	1,268
China	224,508	136,944	91,659	76,521	126,163	194,876	126,384	59,657	70,385	92,522	110,365	53,980
India	38,083	23,879	55,187	36,591	24,462	316,271	52,697	32,259	55,392	57,296	27,116	26,945
Korea	3,529	3,988	6,717	5,921	5,116	6,106	6,302	5,070	3,145	5,950	4,529	8,432
Malaysia	13,945	12,181	2,515	2,303	1,577	956	3,419	1,828	793	3,280	3,413	4,614
Pakistan	1,866	192	239	496	2,686	2,273	2,286	1,518	1,606	2,058	708	1,082
Singapore	7,404	18,427	3,098	5,771	2,828	3,349	2,630	12,041	4,635	14,126	5,278	3,047
Taiwan	1,229	6,288	2,781	2,403	1,391	3,679	4,398	6,178	3,159	948	2,249	977
Other ASIA	563	1,293	1,839	1,952	347	1,824	494	1,572	1,170	1,224	1,234	698
ASIA	495,435	369,061	284,719	331,226	278,496	651,471	302,383	250,129	237,229	303,137	303,458	267,821
Switzerland	645	1,106	6,354	7,911	26,227	3,840	140,297	95,805	2,501	5,751	2,482	429
USA	113,709	95,792	29,412	60,845	56,947	48,129	253,008	133,218	43,333	262,457	115,353	31,204
Australia	1,707	11,148	7,215	6,820	11,049	12,296	5,379	21,229	565	28,383	7,488	6,840
Canada	894	3,262	74	5,487	4,051	2,245	5,470	2,961	1,486	16,070	980	8,123
Others	805	1,526	1,035	2,075	2,018	1,835	1,093	417	1,309	3,869	1,905	1,289
Total	3,635,052	5,083,467	4,419,113	8,199,612	5,775,499	5,851,903	5,961,694	5,593,336	4,289,769	6,006,817	5,021,095	5,188,017

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Table 3.2: Total Exports by Region and Partner – April 2012 to March 2013 ('000 Pula)

Year Partner\ Period	2012										2013	
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Lesotho	234	431	370	95	2,579	272	89	670	794	0	751	655
Namibia	14,657	18,694	22,444	21,792	153,559	247,263	154,161	26,016	135,617	171,011	149,568	152,213
Swaziland	293	1,447	139	208	1,117	1,038	880	1,448	686	1,094	451	458
South Africa	386,331	429,537	346,773	448,826	718,975	727,507	691,414	429,076	505,173	592,099	677,825	542,238
SACU	401,514	450,109	369,727	470,922	876,229	976,081	846,543	457,211	642,270	764,204	828,596	695,564
Angola	3,627	392	424	35	187	0	24	70	61	1,107	2,005	457
Malawi	1,802	396	1,126	1,718	1,442	563	1,410	620	946	1,040	1,227	905
Mozambique	226	3,903	1,826	6,229	10,682	2,626	5,494	5,669	1,398	2,042	2,574	1,101
Mauritius	0	0	51	31	21	0	35	0	0	0	1	12
Zambia	23,602	38,754	24,297	27,329	37,775	22,728	46,324	30,448	27,110	22,829	19,241	21,668
Zimbabwe	57,199	58,557	64,701	50,047	67,936	62,656	68,440	46,514	73,378	48,988	40,474	89,515
DRC	6,009	2,552	3,400	793	5,577	753	5,436	1,155	11,586	1,002	1,287	751
Tanzania	20,759	13,306	7,039	5,186	5,697	1,247	200	653	1,474	700	1,663	384
Other SADC	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SADC	514,738	567,970	472,596	562,291	1,005,546	1,066,654	973,907	542,340	758,222	841,912	897,068	810,357
Ethiopia	12	1	5	0	0	25	50	0	0	2	0	0
Ghana	4	2	0	3	3	0	1	53	63	0	212	0
Kenya	142	46	59	3	0	1,458	8	210	339	1	1,248	1
Nigeria	34	16	12	34	215	18	105	47	31	9	14	19
Uganda	4	39	63	7	22	66	158	11	45	18	29	57
Other Africa	3,526	7,471	176	1,158	105	265	2,694	1,658	909	20	163	344
AFRICA	518,461	575,546	472,912	563,496	1,005,890	1,068,486	976,923	544,319	759,609	841,961	898,734	810,778
Belgium	97,623	145,613	148,760	214,330	147,224	118,439	223,376	306,223	258,981	296,449	263,021	352,959
Germany	42	181	133	6,154	18,117	29	87	153	445	120	13	27,324
Spain	0	211	7,828	0	154	4,473	935	310	161	57	46	249
France	50	95	114	63	46	607	49	140	111	59	688	40,507
Netherlands	85	954	44	3,330	9,287	156	1,102	137	30	16	1,333	2,459
Sweden	9	156	13	0	48	24	164	19	53	44	12	23
UK	1,185,253	2,279,427	2,581,701	56,369	3,017,300	5,675,323	3,177,104	3,486,324	190,210	3,620,176	3,709,426	4,066,187
Italy	131	0	85	1,134	66	50	1	0	0	0	346	30
Other EU	1	19	229	27	114	4	89	201	23	86	5	22
EU	1,283,195	2,426,655	2,738,907	281,406	3,192,358	5,799,106	3,402,906	3,793,508	450,014	3,917,007	3,974,888	4,489,760
UAE	25,393	26,845	13,865	136	5,735	43	178	6,353	27,619	1,156	198	37,558
Hong Kong	17,320	19,157	22,926	6,817	9,284	7,104	6,178	837	24,730	8,959	8,110	25,911
Israel	207,995	208,041	165,393	197,985	190,635	150,145	232,486	238,723	239,819	93,811	114,316	202,720
Japan	48	18	39	128	118	317	30	35	459	50	63	50
Thailand	14,508	37,281	30,779	37,182	28,900	43,993	12,241	44,254	15,810	7,458	21,183	31,796
China	23,114	56,885	54,167	36,573	37,534	17,346	37,023	42,383	12,527	12,587	23,685	33,529
India	23,204	50,641	35,823	13,879	25,023	53,526	60,464	55,195	41,502	50,256	26,298	108,679
Other ASIA	2,322	3,282	1,215	3,041	1,019	1,949	2,758	154	0	10	3	1,088
ASIA	313,905	402,149	324,207	295,741	298,250	274,423	351,357	387,935	362,468	174,288	193,856	441,331
Australia	55	561	17	16	10	176	7	7	0	10	42,001	15
Canada	98	12	33	1	21	8	37	20	2	46	0	0
Switzerland	53,485	89,406	74,973	13,005	99,231	34,511	96,974	109,906	63,553	67,149	34,727	102,266
Norway	221,487	162,553	240,371	239,751	78,739	15,724	67,577	324,958	174,675	307,255	133,687	328,206
USA	35,115	22,686	97,373	34,172	67,266	37,638	50,976	50,857	57,611	20,750	27,398	25,361
Others	37	95	681	19	21	160	188	2,283	0	180	276	1,861
Total	2,425,838	3,679,664	3,949,475	1,427,608	4,741,785	7,230,233	4,946,945	5,213,792	1,867,931	5,328,647	5,305,567	6,199,577

Data for March 2013 are from computerized borders only & constitute 98% of total monthly trade in value terms

Table 4.1A: Top 100 Imported Commodities – February 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
1	71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,410,842,758	28.1
2	27101202:Petrol	368,665,554	7.3
3	27101230:Distillate fuel	336,507,419	6.7
4	27160000:Electrical energy	236,596,149	4.7
5	87032390:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb	93,134,158	1.9
6	87041090:Other dumpers designed for off-highway use not elsewhere specified	60,688,628	1.2
7	73030000:Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	55,851,781	1.1
8	24022090:Other cigarettes containing tobacco	48,284,843	1.0
9	87043190:Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods with G.V.M. not exceeding 5t NES	46,497,982	0.9
10	71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	44,502,037	0.9
11	25232900:Portland cement (excl. white)	36,858,641	0.7
12	30049000:Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products, for retail sale, NES	35,961,508	0.7
13	30022000:Vaccines for human medicine	32,229,033	0.6
14	87089990: Other parts and accessories of motor vehicles NES	30,648,730	0.6
15	17019900:Cane or beet sugar, in solid form, NES	30,284,021	0.6
16	34012000:Soap in other forms, NES	26,338,796	0.5
17	10019900:Other wheat and meslin	25,617,452	0.5
18	84314990:Other parts of boring or sinking machinery NES	23,443,108	0.5
19	31023000:Ammonium nitrate	22,838,869	0.5
20	87032490:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3000cm3	17,923,650	0.4
21	10059010:Dried kernels or grains fit for human consumption,not further prepared or processed	17,135,231	0.3
22	27101252:Other prepared lubricating oils	16,956,398	0.3
23	87032290:Other vehicles of cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cmsq but not exceeding 1500cmsq	14,783,769	0.3
24	15121990:Other sunflower,safflower,cotton-seed oil & fractions not chemically modified NES	14,345,132	0.3
25	73102900:Other tanks, casks, drums (excl. for gas) of iron or steel of capacity<50l	14,261,793	0.3
26	88023000:Aeroplanes and other aircraft, nes, of an unladen weight 2000-15000kg	14,235,686	0.3
27	26040000:Nickel ores and concentrates	14,006,127	0.3
28	04029900:Sweetened milk and cream (excl. in solid form)	13,921,457	0.3
29	04029100:Concentrated milk and cream, unsweetened (excl. in solid form)	13,563,935	0.3
30	39041000:Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, in primary forms	13,443,982	0.3
31	74081100:Wire of refined copper, maximum cross-sectional dimension >6mm	13,318,637	0.3
32	87042290:Other vehicles for goods with GVM exceeding 5t but not exceeding 20t NES	13,189,650	0.3
33	87021090:Other motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including driver	12,715,819	0.3
34	40111000:New pneumatic tyres, of rubber of a kind used on motor cars	12,397,144	0.2
35	27101215:illuminating kerosene	12,090,601	0.2
36	33049990:Other beauty or makeup preparations	11,244,903	0.2
37	85171210:Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	10,612,357	0.2
38	20099010:Fruit juices of mixtures of juices	10,481,273	0.2
39	34022000:Washing and cleaning preparations, put up for retail sale	10,371,311	0.2
40	73269090:Other articles of iron or steel wire not elsewhere specified	9,830,993	0.2
41	84735000:Parts & accessories equally suitable for use with machines	9,599,908	0.2
42	40119300:Other rubber tyres for construction/industrial machine, of rim < 61 cm	9,429,516	0.2
43	10079000:Other grain sorghum	9,406,072	0.2
44	85442090:Other co-axial cable & other co-axial electric conductors NES	9,292,656	0.2
45	09109900:Other spices, NES	9,273,916	0.2
46	39269090:Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials NES	9,108,298	0.2
47	87042190:Other dumpers for off highway use with G.V.M not exceeding 5t NES	9,021,862	0.2
48	23099092:Other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	9,018,358	0.2
49	49019900:Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, NES	8,981,631	0.2
50	32159000:Other ink, whether or not concentrated or solid, NES	8,765,461	0.2
51	10059090:Other maize	8,754,643	0.2
52	84749000:Parts of machinery	8,753,932	0.2
53	72022900:Ferro-silicon, containing by weight =<55% silicon	8,612,455	0.2

Table 4.1A Continued: Top 100 Imported Commodities – February 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
54	87019090:Other tractors	8,593,834	0.2
55	21039090:Other sauces & preparations thereof not elsewhere specified	8,504,416	0.2
56	48191000:Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	8,161,330	0.2
57	38249090:Other chemical products and mixtures NES or included	8,105,794	0.2
58	21069090:Other food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	8,059,513	0.2
59	22060090:Other fermented beverages (e.g. cider,perry,mead)---other NES	8,058,170	0.2
60	85043400:Transformers, nes, power handling capacity >500kva	7,976,980	0.2
61	84129000:Parts of engines and motors	7,946,472	0.2
62	84718000:Units of automatic data processing machines NES	7,686,811	0.2
63	85444100:Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <=80 V, fitted with connectors	7,555,042	0.2
64	44071000:Coniferous wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, >6mm thick	7,546,734	0.2
65	72081000:Flat/hot-rolled iron/steel, in coils, width >=600mm, with patterns in relief	7,269,379	0.1
66	87033390:Other vehicles of cylinder capacity exceeding 2500cmsq not elsewhere specified	7,162,421	0.1
67	22030090:Other beer made from malt	7,081,287	0.1
68	64041990:Other footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastic not elsewhere specified	7,040,691	0.1
69	27101207:Aviation, kerosene	7,032,408	0.1
70	84713000:Portable digital ADP machines, weight <= 10 kg,comprising at least CPU,keyboard	7,009,948	0.1
71	22029090:Other non-alcoholic beverages not elsewhere specified	6,947,627	0.1
72	40119990:Other pneumatic tyres of rubber NES	6,829,966	0.1
73	17049000:Sugar confectionery (incl. white chocolate), not containing cocoa, NES	6,576,729	0.1
74	84138100:Pumps for liquids, NES	6,499,185	0.1
75	30039000:Other medicaments with >=2 constituents, not for retail sale, nes	6,454,832	0.1
76	85179090:Other parts for electrical apparatus for line telephone/line telegraphy NES	6,453,487	0.1
77	84071000:Aircraft spark-ignition piston engines	6,425,356	0.1
78	73083090:Other doors, windows, frames & thresholds for doors not elsewhere specified	6,385,874	0.1
79	30032000:Medicaments of other antibiotics, not for retail sale	6,323,461	0.1
80	44182000:Doors and their frames and thresholds, of wood	6,308,681	0.1
81	04031000:Yogurt	6,256,058	0.1
82	20098950:Other fruits juices	6,098,717	0.1
83	44031000:Wood in the rough..., treated with paint, stains, creosote, etc.	6,067,913	0.1
84	84139100:Parts of pumps for liquids	5,980,659	0.1
85	87029020:Motor vehicles for transport of ten or more people	5,973,897	0.1
86	84291900:Self-propelled bulldozers and angle dozers, (excl. track laying)	5,935,439	0.1
87	84741000:Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines for earth, stone...	5,904,874	0.1
88	72191200:Hot-rolled stainless steel, in coils, >=600mm by 4.75-10mm	5,817,933	0.1
89	73089090:Other structures of steel/iron not elsewhere specified	5,744,637	0.1
90	85068090:Other primary cells and primary batteries of sub-heading 8506.80 ---other NES	5,707,482	0.1
91	90189000:Instruments and apparatus, nes, for medical, surgical... sciences	5,673,172	0.1
92	84733000:Parts and accessories of office machines	5,630,929	0.1
93	10061000:Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	5,522,492	0.1
94	15121910:Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	5,486,120	0.1
95	19023000:Other pasta, NES	5,415,195	0.1
96	73069000:Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, riveted, of iron or steel, NES	5,392,801	0.1
97	84151090:Other window/wall type self-contained air conditioning machines NES	5,362,691	0.1
98	04012000:Milk and cream of >1% but <=6% fat, not concentrated or sweetened	5,311,027	0.1
99	94041000:Mattress supports	5,291,389	0.1
100	73261100:Grinding balls... for mills, forged or stamped, of iron or steel	5,205,461	0.1
Top 100 Total		3,674,415,337	73.2
Others		1,346,679,616	26.8
Total Imports		5,021,094,953	100.0

NES = Not Elsewhere Specified

Table 4.1B: Top 100 Imported Commodities – March 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
1	71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,609,916,378	31.0
2	27101230:Distillate fuel	359,070,203	6.9
3	27101202:Petrol	306,275,996	5.9
4	27160000:Electrical energy	226,528,505	4.4
5	87032390:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb	88,470,060	1.7
6	26040000:Nickel ores and concentrates	82,225,385	1.6
7	30049000:Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products, for retail sale, NES	56,306,867	1.1
8	71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	54,138,916	1.0
9	25232900:Portland cement (excl. white)	42,660,137	0.8
10	30022000:Vaccines for human medicine	35,920,302	0.7
11	84314990:Other parts of boring or sinking machinery NES	29,683,993	0.6
12	86069900:Railway or tramway goods vans and wagons, not self-propelled, NES	27,558,326	0.5
13	17019900:Cane or beet sugar, in solid form, NES	26,013,347	0.5
14	24022090:Other cigarettes containing tobacco	25,612,606	0.5
15	31023000:Ammonium nitrate	25,112,410	0.5
16	87089990:Other parts and accessories of motor vehicles NES	24,661,407	0.5
17	87043190:Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods with G.V.M. not exceeding 5t NES	23,301,799	0.4
18	10059010:Dried kernels or grains fit for human consumption,not further prepared or processed	21,415,425	0.4
19	34012000:Soap in other forms, NES	17,053,904	0.3
20	87042290:Other vehicles for goods with GVM exceeding 5t but not exceeding 20t NES	16,857,451	0.3
21	27101215:illuminating kerosene	16,099,506	0.3
22	27101252:Other prepared lubricating oils	15,270,495	0.3
23	84714900:Non-portable ADP machines, nes, presented in the form of systems	15,086,780	0.3
24	87032490:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3000cm3	14,874,504	0.3
25	84742000:Crushing or grinding machines for earth, stone, ores, etc.	14,749,692	0.3
26	40111000:New pneumatic tyres, of rubber of a kind used on motor cars	14,719,664	0.3
27	04029100:Concentrated milk and cream, unsweetened (excl. in solid form)	14,632,319	0.3
28	84749000:Parts of machinery	14,195,878	0.3
29	85171210:Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	14,154,310	0.3
30	10079000:Other grain sorghum	14,063,902	0.3
31	84735000:Parts & accessories equally suitable for use with machines	13,747,396	0.3
32	39041000:Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, in primary forms	13,535,606	0.3
33	15121990:Other sunflower,safflower,cotton-seed oil & fractions not chemically modified NES	13,528,275	0.3
34	87032290:Other vehicles of cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cmsq but not exceeding 1500cmsq	12,413,899	0.2
35	23099092:Other preparations of a kind used in animal feed	12,364,584	0.2
36	22030090:Other beer made from malt	12,040,428	0.2
37	85442090:Other co-axial cable & other co-axial electric conductors NES	11,661,237	0.2
38	84295190:Other front-end shovel loaders NES	11,502,091	0.2
39	20099010:Fruit juices of mixtures of juices	11,446,444	0.2
40	87163100:Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers	11,242,351	0.2
41	33049990:Other beauty or make up preparations	11,000,818	0.2
42	48191000:Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	10,784,981	0.2
43	73084010:Mining appliances	10,483,882	0.2
44	87021090:Other motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including driver	9,953,012	0.2
45	84719000:Magnetic or optical readers; machines for transcribing data onto data media...NES	9,563,930	0.2
46	73102900:Other tanks, casks, drums (excl. for gas) of iron or steel of capacity<50l	9,411,337	0.2
47	04029900:Sweetened milk and cream (excl. in solid form)	9,334,932	0.2
48	73269090:Other articles of iron or steel wire not elsewhere specified	9,315,201	0.2
49	44071000:Coniferous wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, >6mm thick	9,309,313	0.2
50	90189000:Instruments and apparatus, nes, for medical, surgical... sciences	9,159,622	0.2
51	84261900:Transporter cranes, gantry cranes and bridge cranes, overhead travelling cranes NES	9,134,440	0.2
52	84713000:Portable digital ADP machines, weight <= 10 kg,comprising at least CPU,keyboard	8,976,148	0.2
53	21069090:Other food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	8,932,589	0.2

Table 4.1B Continued: Top 100 Imported Commodities – March 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
54	39269090:Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials NES	8,511,192	0.2
55	07133390:Other kidney beans including white pea beans	8,298,598	0.2
56	72191200:Hot-rolled stainless steel, in coils, >=600mm by 4.75-10mm	8,280,937	0.2
57	49019900:Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, NES	8,207,684	0.2
58	78011000:Refined lead, unwrought	8,079,842	0.2
59	73089090:Other structures of steel/iron not elsewhere specified	8,077,978	0.2
60	38249090:Other chemical products and mixtures NES or included	7,976,801	0.2
61	84715000:Digital processing m/cs comprising <=2 units storage	7,759,634	0.1
62	48181000:Toilet paper	7,714,069	0.1
63	85447000:Optical fibre cables made up of individually sheathed fibres	7,586,384	0.1
64	44182000:Doors and their frames and thresholds, of wood	7,563,660	0.1
65	10019900:Other wheat and meslin	7,444,170	0.1
66	85444100:Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <=80 V, fitted with connectors	7,231,238	0.1
67	84138100:Pumps for liquids, NES	7,198,486	0.1
68	27111900:Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons, liquefied, NES	7,081,863	0.1
69	72022900:Ferro-silicon, containing by weight =<55% silicon	7,052,577	0.1
70	10059090:Other maize	6,916,300	0.1
71	22029090:Other non-alcoholic beverages not elsewhere specified	6,844,550	0.1
72	87043290:Other motor vehicles for transport of goods of G.V.M.exceeding 5t	6,723,613	0.1
73	87019090:Other tractors	6,684,045	0.1
74	27101207:Aviation, kerosene	6,544,715	0.1
75	17049000:Sugar confectionery (incl. white chocolate), not containing cocoa, NES	6,436,612	0.1
76	32159000:Other ink, whether or not concentrated or solid, NES	6,310,567	0.1
77	22060090:Other fermented beverages (e.g. cider,perry,mead)---other NES	6,256,358	0.1
78	07019000:Other potatoes, fresh or chilled	6,239,113	0.1
79	64041990:Other footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastic not elsewhere specified	6,225,357	0.1
80	20098950:Other fruits juices	6,168,588	0.1
81	84716000:ADP input or output units whether or not containing storage units in same housing	6,167,218	0.1
82	10061000:Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	6,065,182	0.1
83	87042190:Other dumpers for off highway use with G.V.M not exceeding 5t NES	6,041,068	0.1
84	33072000:Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	6,035,326	0.1
85	11011000: Brown wheaten meal produced by the milling of whole grains...	5,967,377	0.1
86	09109900:Other spices, NES	5,931,328	0.1
87	44031000:Wood in the rough..., treated with paint, stains, creosote, etc.	5,786,987	0.1
88	19042090:Other prepared foods from unroasted cereal flakes NES	5,755,370	0.1
89	84834000: Gears and gearing; ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers...	5,708,008	0.1
90	21039090:Other sauces & preparations thereof not elsewhere specified	5,691,944	0.1
91	84717000:Automatic data processing machine storage units	5,678,281	0.1
92	84139100:Parts of pumps for liquids	5,658,103	0.1
93	87088090:Other suspension shock absorbers NES	5,656,826	0.1
94	04031000:Yogurt	5,620,203	0.1
95	84733000:Parts and accessories of the machines of digital processing	5,608,253	0.1
96	36020000:Prepared explosives, (excl. propellant powders)	5,586,818	0.1
97	10063000:Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	5,474,472	0.1
98	32151900:Printing ink, whether or not concentrated or solid (excl. black)	5,409,191	0.1
99	72081000:Flat/hot-rolled iron/steel, in coils, width >=600mm, with patterns in relief	5,342,564	0.1
100	21041090:Other soups & broth & preparation thereof not elsewhere specified	5,194,004	0.1
Top 100 Total		3,805,266,437	73.3
Others		1,382,750,107	26.7
Total Imports		5,188,016,544	100.0

NES = Not Elsewhere Specified

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Table 4.2A: Top 50 Exported Commodities – February 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
1	71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	4,194,923,578	79.1
2	71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	284,791,535	5.4
3	75011000:Nickel mattes	137,303,812	2.6
4	10063000:Semi-milled or wholly milled rice	135,299,330	2.6
5	26030000:Copper ores and concentrates	105,869,800	2.0
6	88023000:Aeroplanes and other aircraft, nes, of an unladen weight 2000-15000kg	41,993,175	0.8
7	71022100:Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	40,613,249	0.8
8	85443000: Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft...	38,570,697	0.7
9	71081200:Unwrought gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	27,772,141	0.5
10	28362000:Disodium carbonate	20,636,334	0.4
11	87032390:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb	19,807,559	0.4
12	02023000:Frozen boneless bovine meat	15,286,297	0.3
13	84295900:Self-propelled bulldozers, excavators..., NES	14,329,616	0.3
14	25010000:Salt and pure sodium chloride, whether or not cont.g anti-caking agents...; sea water	13,910,794	0.3
15	27100026:illuminating kerosene	9,387,570	0.2
16	02013000:Fresh or chilled boneless bovine meat	9,384,135	0.2
17	17041000:Chewing gum	8,952,337	0.2
18	72042100:Waste and scrap of stainless steel	7,924,121	0.1
19	39173990:other tubes,pipes,hoses of plastic not elsewhere specified	7,270,031	0.1
20	87052000:Mobile drilling derricks	6,488,112	0.1
21	63026090:Toilet linen	5,199,600	0.1
22	58081010:Elastic braids	5,067,435	0.1
23	87041090:Other dumpers designed for off-highway use not elsewhere specified	4,426,406	0.1
24	85071000:Lead-acid accumulators for starting piston engines	4,389,640	0.1
25	62034990:Other men's or boys suits	4,227,487	0.1
26	02109000:Other meat, NES, salted... or smoked; flours and meals of meat or offal	4,105,062	0.1
27	48194000:Sacks and bags, including cones of paper, paperboard, nes	3,476,465	0.1
28	87042190:Other dumpers for off highway use with G.V.M not exceeding 5t NES	3,466,104	0.1
29	84716000:ADP input or output units whether or not containing storage units in same housing	3,345,815	0.1
30	39172300:Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of vinyl chloride	3,122,137	0.1
31	61099000:T-shirts, singlet's, etc., of other textiles, nes, knitted or crocheted	2,610,461	0.0
32	87032490:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3000cm3	2,468,722	0.0
33	73089090:Other structures of steel/iron not elsewhere specified	2,457,483	0.0
34	84314990:Other parts of boring or sinking machinery	2,444,164	0.0
35	84281000:Lifts and skip hoists	2,116,762	0.0
36	74040000:Copper waste and scrap	2,114,594	0.0
37	84709000:Postage-franking machines, ticket-issuing machines, etc.	1,995,000	0.0
38	39011000:Polyethylene having a specific gravity <0.94, in primary forms	1,955,182	0.0
39	84749000:Parts of machinery	1,816,406	0.0
40	44152010:Pallets, box pallets and other load boards; pallet collars	1,788,260	0.0
41	84264190:Other machinery,self-propelled:on tyres NES	1,739,715	0.0
42	84099990:Other parts suitable for use solely with engines NES	1,617,753	0.0
43	73259900:Cast articles of iron or steel, NES	1,579,872	0.0
44	84291100:Self-propelled bulldozers and angle dozers, track laying	1,476,776	0.0
45	23023000:Brans, sharps and other residues of wheat	1,399,527	0.0
46	69010000:Bricks, blocks, tiles... of siliceous fossil meals or earths	1,391,286	0.0
47	85444100:Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <=80 V, fitted with connectors	1,389,972	0.0
48	11031310:Maize meal not further processed other than addition of minerals and vitamins	1,348,022	0.0
49	87033390:Other vehicles of cylinder capacity exceeding 2500cmsq not elsewhere specified	1,303,640	0.0
50	39172200:Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of propylene	1,265,008	0.0
Top 50 Exports		5,217,618,979	98.3
Others		87,947,594	1.7
Total Exports		5,305,566,573	100.0

NES = Not Elsewhere Specified

Table 4.2 B: Top 50 Exported Commodities – March 2013 (PULA)

Rank	Commodity Code & Description	Values	% Distribution
1	71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	4,861,000,465	78.4
2	71023900:Non-industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES	385,499,963	6.2
3	75011000:Nickel mattes	374,890,654	6.0
4	26030000:Copper ores and concentrates	63,484,556	1.0
5	71022100:Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	45,771,105	0.7
6	84071000:Aircraft spark-ignition piston engines	40,488,776	0.7
7	02023000:Frozen boneless bovine meat	37,356,731	0.6
8	28362000:Disodium carbonate	29,869,018	0.5
9	71081200:Unwrought gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	29,243,964	0.5
10	85443000: Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft...	28,113,091	0.5
11	02013000:Fresh or chilled boneless bovine meat	26,572,268	0.4
12	87032390:Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500cmcb but not exceeding 3000cmcb	19,542,398	0.3
13	25010000:Salt and pure sodium chloride, whether or not cont.g anti-caking agents...; sea water	15,406,243	0.2
14	27100026:Illuminating kerosene	13,432,842	0.2
15	84304900:Boring or sinking machinery (excl. self-propelled)	12,569,561	0.2
16	17041000:Chewing gum	12,009,949	0.2
17	87041090:Other dumpers designed for off-highway use not elsewhere specified	6,708,588	0.1
18	63026090:Toilet linen	6,404,739	0.1
19	39173990:Other tubes,pipes,hoses of plastic not elsewhere specified	5,923,173	0.1
20	85071000:Lead-acid accumulators for starting piston engines	5,795,475	0.1
21	72042100:Waste and scrap of stainless steel	5,518,467	0.1
22	58081010:Elastic braids	5,274,317	0.1
23	87051000:Crane lorries	4,964,394	0.1
24	62034990:Other men's or boy's suits	4,470,032	0.1
25	39172300:Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of vinyl chloride	4,398,037	0.1
26	01029000:Live bovine animals, other than pure-bred breeding	3,965,364	0.1
27	48194000:Sacks and bags, including cones of paper, paperboard, NES	3,735,542	0.1
28	85444100:Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <=80 V, fitted with connectors	3,596,507	0.1
29	84292000:Graders and levelers	3,221,305	0.1
30	27101202:Petrol	3,202,275	0.1
31	84839000:Parts of transmission shafts, cranks, bearing housings, gears, etc.	2,742,393	0.0
32	87042190:Other dumpers for off highway use with G.V.M not exceeding 5t NES	2,734,390	0.0
33	74040000:Copper waste and scrap	2,727,180	0.0
34	84314990:Other parts of boring or sinking machinery NES	2,658,537	0.0
35	84295900:Self-propelled bulldozers, excavators..., NES	2,654,738	0.0
36	41012900:Hides and skins of bovine animals, fresh or wet-salted, NES	2,410,053	0.0
37	84733000:Parts and accessories of the machines	2,384,799	0.0
38	84291100:Self-propelled bulldozers and angle dozers, track laying	2,193,976	0.0
39	73089090:Other structures of steel/iron not elsewhere specified	2,047,471	0.0
40	84831000:Transmission shafts (incl. cam and crank shafts) and cranks	1,915,730	0.0
41	69049000:Ceramic flooring blocks, support or filler tiles and the like	1,882,979	0.0
42	68101100:Building blocks and bricks, of cement or artificial stone or concrete	1,881,008	0.0
43	39011000:Polyethylene having a specific gravity <0.94, in primary forms	1,785,091	0.0
44	27011200:Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	1,737,318	0.0
45	72041000:Waste and scrap of cast iron	1,718,525	0.0
46	02109000:Other meat, nes, salted... or smoked; flours and meals of meat or offal	1,670,008	0.0
47	39172200:Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of polymers of propylene	1,572,665	0.0
48	94032000:Metal furniture, nes (excl. seats)	1,469,690	0.0
49	72222000:Stainless steel bars & rods, cold-formed/finished	1,469,512	0.0
50	73269090:Other articles of iron or steel wire not elsewhere specified	1,454,770	0.0
Top 50 Exports		6,103,540,632	98.5
Others		96,036,434	1.5
Total Exports		6,199,577,066	100.0

NES = Not Elsewhere Specified

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Table 5: Total Exports and Import – February and March 2013 (PULA)

Flow Type HS \ Period	Total Exports		Imports	
	February	March	February	March
01: Live animals.	1,085	3,965,402	3,168,755	2,747,456
02: Meat and edible meat offal.	29,318,903	66,361,417	8,048,676	6,912,998
03: Fish and crustaceans, mollusc and other aquatic invertebrates	53,866	2,649	2,282,392	2,716,898
04: Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified	182,779	211,153	49,496,310	43,006,352
05: Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	714	0	160,737	164,945
06: Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots, and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	0	83	1,178,811	815,362
07: Edible vegetables and certain root and tubers	95,420	290,432	30,886,186	37,917,501
08: Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	13,816	30,424	17,781,585	17,103,827
09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	205,998	79,772	14,789,715	13,898,357
10: Cereals	135,795,155	1,139,598	75,680,001	68,254,503
11: Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	1,635,139	2,279,739	14,798,324	16,320,785
12: Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants	25,290	1,466	1,761,353	4,395,326
13: Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	246	269	805,528	455,208
14: Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0	0	16,739	46,049
15: Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats, animal waxes	139,150	218,463	27,969,891	24,717,077
16: Preparations of meats, of fish or of crustaceans, mollusc or other aquatic invertebrates	351,511	1,097,934	6,380,108	8,961,626
17: Sugar and sugar confectionery	9,159,654	12,166,628	44,321,809	37,253,607
18: Cocoa and cocoa preparations	543	2,868	5,062,668	4,214,605
19: Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	1,343,020	1,659,093	24,188,822	28,285,120
20: Preparation of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	175,050	8,444	31,461,678	34,705,691
21: Miscellaneous edible preparations	156,878	364,121	35,267,584	33,174,303
22: Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,441,269	1,586,707	43,504,239	41,583,390
23: Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder.	1,738,579	1,669,068	20,387,470	24,857,091
24: Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	9,022	936,175	50,557,324	32,117,510
25: Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	13,971,568	15,545,381	44,032,345	48,596,020
26: Ores, slag and ash	105,869,870	63,484,556	15,355,979	82,671,527
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	13,280,629	21,939,469	1,004,595,494	956,811,361
28: Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals	20,897,655	29,869,532	11,019,953	7,441,547
29: Organic chemicals	0	758	5,782,343	12,655,078
30: Pharmaceutical products	1,299,536	1,763,110	86,139,304	102,680,743
31: Fertilisers	0	114,015	26,998,632	27,678,063
32: Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannin and their derivatives; dyes pigments and other colouring matter;	420,153	522,375	25,200,008	22,114,924
33: Essential oils and resinoid; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	845,476	273,498	35,810,746	40,023,071
34: Soap, organic surface active agents, washing and lubricating prep., artificial or prepared waxes, polishing	938,377	764,161	56,306,007	37,085,782
35: Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	31,678	14,259	3,334,199	3,670,843
36: Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	795,736	722,947	6,007,754	8,325,058
37: Photographic and cinematographic goods	6,960	7,530	1,580,743	895,967
38: Miscellaneous chemical products	173,139	225,121	26,955,816	23,540,700
39: Plastics and articles thereof	17,351,883	17,986,573	72,120,617	82,142,883
40: Rubber and articles thereof	389,774	464,426	69,689,995	59,479,057
41: Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	2,065,270	3,564,534	151,780	85,402
42: Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers	138,086	754,170	3,869,177	4,207,464
43: Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	31	0	7,679	1,368
44: Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	2,877,483	1,766,837	47,651,609	42,020,003
45: Cork and articles of cork	0	0	55,705	109,378
46: Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	0	472	99,402	116,048
47: Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard	627,852	605,893	69,383	21,286
48: Paper or paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or paperboard	5,218,526	5,062,369	43,221,220	52,265,119
49: Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts	430,054	302,891	13,747,663	14,043,044
50: Silk	0	0	47,368	113,945
51: Wool, fine and coarse animal hair, horsehair yarn and woven fabric	0	1,375	28,200	111,007
52: Cotton	6,050	6,972	4,553,428	7,700,871
53: Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	15,758	1,249	835,127	2,707,655

Table 5 Continued: Total Exports and Imports – February and March 2013 (PULA)

Flow Type HS \ Period	Total Exports		Imports	
	February	March	February	March
54:Man-made filaments	8,522	1,575	1,475,807	1,906,089
55:Man-made staple fibres	0	1,268,534	3,042,780	1,785,790
56:Wadding felts and non wovens; special yarn; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	1,231,283	216,078	1,544,897	1,600,257
57:Carpets and other textile floor covering	3,623	18,440	1,678,434	2,272,959
58:Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	5,219,280	5,699,990	1,412,392	3,663,174
59:Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles	24,688	33,401	2,485,517	2,546,222
60:Knitted or crocheted fabrics	161,827	5,672	185,538	942,957
61:Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	6,236,740	3,326,600	33,703,565	41,795,679
62:Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	5,671,666	6,416,287	27,367,636	35,521,932
63:Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	6,599,190	8,793,251	16,405,776	17,603,035
64:Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	360,646	865,486	32,336,037	33,718,968
65:Headgear and parts thereof	57,530	6,886	1,105,056	1,564,310
66:Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat sticks, whips, riding crops and parts thereof	515,816	539,962	905,778	617,148
67:Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers	261,333	2,014	2,516,690	5,199,082
68:Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	1,311,770	2,174,147	5,914,534	6,700,568
69:Ceramic products	2,575,082	2,090,423	18,847,437	16,380,608
70:Glass and glassware	479,714	352,373	12,772,621	8,675,177
71:Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals	4,548,442,255	5,322,067,297	1,458,357,947	1,666,234,183
72:Iron and steel	10,483,523	10,525,703	67,324,653	64,955,930
73:Articles of iron or steel	8,720,464	9,296,722	166,190,061	106,285,038
74:Copper and articles thereof	2,271,396	2,875,284	15,174,683	5,838,540
75:Nickel and articles thereof	137,303,963	374,890,654	54,885	41,498
76:Aluminium and articles thereof	716,779	852,489	12,625,906	11,154,103
78:Lead and articles thereof	795,444	1,305,012	4,139,796	9,416,648
79:Zinc and articles thereof	45,895	22,009	2,880,310	2,242,804
80:Tin and articles thereof	0	0	15,124	5,871
81:Other base metals; cements; articles thereof	0	31,608	110,177	220,950
82:Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	317,150	348,551	15,203,625	15,582,652
83:Miscellaneous articles of base metal	280,386	108,016	12,559,943	10,050,615
84:Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	46,195,946	86,110,396	290,051,692	352,463,824
85:Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image	52,374,937	44,090,141	190,274,701	188,319,404
86:Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures	11,442	28	1,073,530	33,182,488
87:Vehicles others than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	51,357,455	49,796,103	379,802,666	295,808,033
88:Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof	42,210,704	1,084,352	19,734,748	9,073,657
89:Ships, boats and floating structures	11,260	133,691	318,622	1,857,916
90:Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments	980,600	1,247,532	35,777,007	44,693,381
91:Clocks and watches and parts thereof	12,093	3,998	896,193	836,373
92:Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles	1,512	8,002	580,783	1,082,005
93:Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	0	24,492	236,390	1,794,793
94:Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishing; lamps	2,658,690	2,731,261	48,452,404	43,714,453
95:Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof	75,592	14,201	4,094,994	4,054,383
96:Miscellaneous manufactured articles	66,472	225,469	15,029,991	13,575,311
97:Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	19,274	0	501,893	60,530
99:Personal effects	0	136,558	723,379	1,179,374
Total	5,305,566,573	6,199,577,066	5,021,094,953	5,188,016,544

Data for March 2013 are from computerized borders only & constitute 98% of total monthly trade in value terms

6.0 Technical Notes

Botswana International Merchandise Trade Statistics are compiled by International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana. External trade statistics here refers to trade in goods only (International Merchandise Trade Statistics). Trade statistics in services are not compiled by this unit. The primary source of External Trade data is Customs & Excise Division which is part of Botswana Unified Revenue Service. Customs is responsible for data capture for both computerized and manual borders and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing, in electronic form.

Up to April 2009 Monthly Digest, Botswana was practicing Relaxed Special Trade Type. The Relaxed Special Trade Type takes in to account goods that are exported or imported for inward or outward customs processing while the Strict Special Trade Type does not include the same.

In June 2009, the Botswana External Trade database was revised to cater for General Trade Type as per the United Nations Statistics Division recommendations. The General Trade Type gives a complete coverage of External Trade as compared to the Special Trade Type.

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. Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country. Goods are valued as at the time they cross the border of the exporting country.

6.1 Definitions used

Domestic exports: Goods of Botswana origin being exported permanently out of Botswana for consumption in the outside world.

Re-Exports: Goods that were initially imported into Botswana for local consumption, but are now being exported permanently out of the country for reasons best known to individual exporters.

Imports: Goods imported from the outside world, into Botswana for local consumption.

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 importing more than it is exporting.