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Preface

This report is a revised version of the IMTS Digest for February and March 2020 that was released in May 2020. The correction follows identification of an error in the export value of Salt and Soda Ash for March 2020. All sections covering total exports in this digest have been corrected.

International merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) is an account of all transactions of merchandise between the compiling country and the rest of the world and plays a pivotal role in many economies, Botswana included. 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. As a result, international merchandise trade statistics remains one of the major contributing indicators of the performance of a country's economy and its competitiveness on the world market.

The international merchandise trade statistics are used extensively in compilation of national accounts and balance of payments. Furthermore, these statistics are used by government institutions when preparing for trade negotiations. Other stakeholders use IMTS for various purposes like academic and market research.

International merchandise trade statistics uses the month during which the goods crossed the border as a reference period. The month during which the transaction is lodged with customs is used as a proxy for the month during which the goods crossed the border. As a result, data for transactions with late customs duty assessments will update data for the associated months during which they were first lodged with customs.

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 February and March 2020. February 2020 Digest could not be released as planned due to late availability of raw data, hence the need to combine the two months. However, most of the discussions will be centred on March and February will mostly be referenced in comparison.

In March 2020, Botswana's total imports were valued at P6, 311.4 million resulting in an increase of 11.7 percent compared to the February 2020 value of P5, 649.0 million. Total exports for the current month were valued at P4, 480.3 million, registering an increase of 30.6 percent from the February 2020 value of P3, 429.3 million.

Commodities that were imported mostly in March 2020 were Diamonds, contributing 25.2 percent followed by Fuel with a contribution of 17.1 percent. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment made contributions of 13.7 percent and 13.5 percent respectively to the monthly total imports value.

The SACU region supplied 56.5 percent of total imports during the month of March 2020, with South Africa accounting for 55.9 percent of total imports. Imports from Asia and the European Union (EU) regions accounted for 27.8 percent and 4.9 percent respectively. Canada contributed 5.9 percent of imports into Botswana during the period under review.

Botswana exported Diamonds accounting for 83.7 percent of total exports in March 2020. Copper & Nickel, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash exports represented 6.3 percent, 2.8 percent and 1.2 percent of total exports respectively, during the month of March 2020. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) received 32.2 percent and 23.1 percent of total exports respectively. Belgium and South Africa received 21.0 percent and 14.7 percent of total exports respectively, during the same period.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions in this monthly digest are based on March 2020 mainly, while February 2020 will be referenced as comparison. Data on direction of trade will however be provided for February 2020 as well. Where there is reference to the current month, period under review or reporting period, this will be referring to March 2020.

1.1 Data Revisions

Updates to the database are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the system with additional information from previous months. Revisions may be negligible in some cases while significant in others. With regard to the period under review, there were no data revisions.

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued **Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF)**, comprising the value of the goods, costs of transport, and the cost of insurance incurred to deliver such goods to the Customs territory of the importing country, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival.

In March 2020 total imports amounted to P6, 311.4 million, recording an increase of 11.7 percent (P662.4 million) over the February value of P5, 649.0 million. The growth in imports was mainly influenced by the rise in Diamonds, Fuel, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Food, Beverages & Tobacco as can be observed in **Table 2.1**. Diamonds contributed the most to the growth after increasing by 65.8 percent (P632.0 million) from P960.0 million in February to P1, 592.1 million registered in March. Fuel followed with an increase of 47.8 percent (P349.3 million), from P731.1 million registered in February to P1, 080.4 million registered in March. Another noticeable increase was recorded for Chemicals & Rubber Products at 16.4 percent (P86.3 million), from P525.9 million recorded in February to P612.2 million recorded during the period under review. However, imports of Vehicles & Transport Equipment counteracted these increases by dropping by 44.1 percent (P361.8 million) from P819.8 million) to P457.9 million during the same period.

Comparison of total imports value for March 2020 and March 2019, shows an increase of 8.9 percent (P516.2 million) from P5, 795.2 million recorded in March 2019 to P6,311.4 million registered during the period under review. The increase is attributed to the rise in imports of Fuel, Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Chemicals & Rubber products and Machinery and Electrical Equipment. Fuel registered an increase of 84.1 percent (P493.6 million), from the March 2019 figure of P586.8 million to P1, 080.4 million during March 2020. Imports of Food, Beverages & Tobacco went up by 23.4 percent (P163.6 million), from P699.3 million in March 2019 to P862.8 million in March 2020. Another increase was recorded for Chemicals & Rubber Products at 26.9 percent (P129.6 million), from P482.6 million in March 2019 to P612.2 million during the period under review. The commodity group, Machinery & Electrical Equipment also registered a rise of 17.3 percent (P125.8 million), from P725.8 million in March 2019 to P851.6 million recorded during March 2020. These increases were however offset by the fall of 21.2 percent (P427.8 million) in Diamond imports from P2, 019.9 million in March 2019 to P1, 592.1 million in March 2020.

1.3 Total Exports

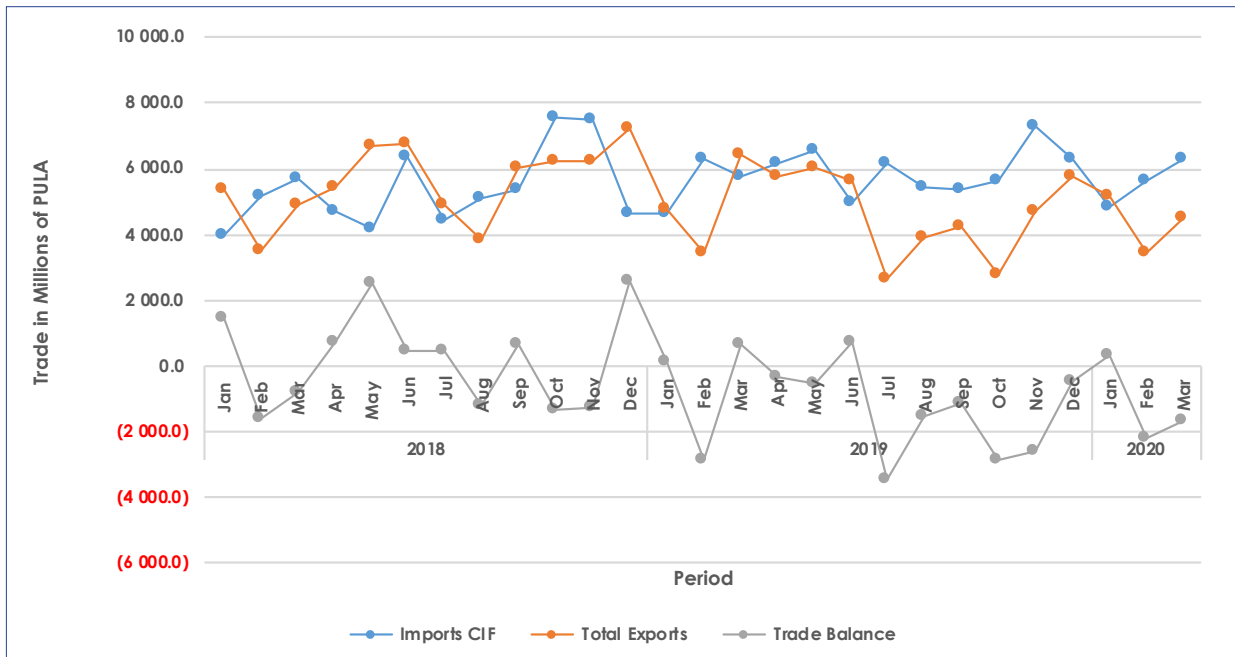
Botswana's total exports were valued at P4, 480.3 million during March 2020, resulting in an increase of 30.6 percent (P1, 051.0 million) from the February value of P3, 429. 3 million. The growth was mainly attributed to the increase in the exportation of Diamonds and Copper & Nickel. Diamond registered an increase of 29.8 percent (P861.8 million), from P2, 888.3 million in February to P3, 750.1 million in March 2020. Copper & Nickel also registered a surge of over 100% (P278.6 million) from P1.7 million in February to P280.3 million during the period under review. Contributions made by other commodities are depicted on **Table 2.2**.

Total exports value for March 2020 compared to the same month in 2019 shows a decline of 30.7 percent (P1, 983.3 million) from P6, 463.5 million recorded in March 2019 to P4, 480.3 million during the period under review. This was mainly attributed to the decrease in the exportation of Diamonds, having declined by 38.0 percent (P2, 301.9 million), from P6, 052.0 million registered in March 2019 to P3, 750.1 million in March 2020.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana registered a trade deficit of P1, 831.1 million in March 2020.

Chart 1.1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2018 to March 2020 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

Principal commodity groups refer to groups of related commodities put together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example, 'Metals & Metal Products' combines metals and their associated products; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In an instance where it becomes a challenge to group related chapters or commodities, the commodities are clustered together under the general category called 'Other'. This occurs when commodity group's contribution to the total remain minimal.

2.1 Principal Imports

Botswana received total imports amounting to P6, 311.4 million during the current month. Diamonds contributed the most to the total imports, at 25.2 percent (P1, 592.1 million) followed by Fuel at 17.1 percent (P1, 080.4 million). Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 13.7 percent (P862.8 million) and 13.5 percent (P851.6 million), respectively. Contributions made by other commodities groups are shown in **Table 2.1** and on **Chart 2.1**. **Chart 2.1A** displays information for February 2020 while March 2020 is displayed in **Chart 2.1B**.

Chart 2.1A: Principal Imports Composition – February 2020

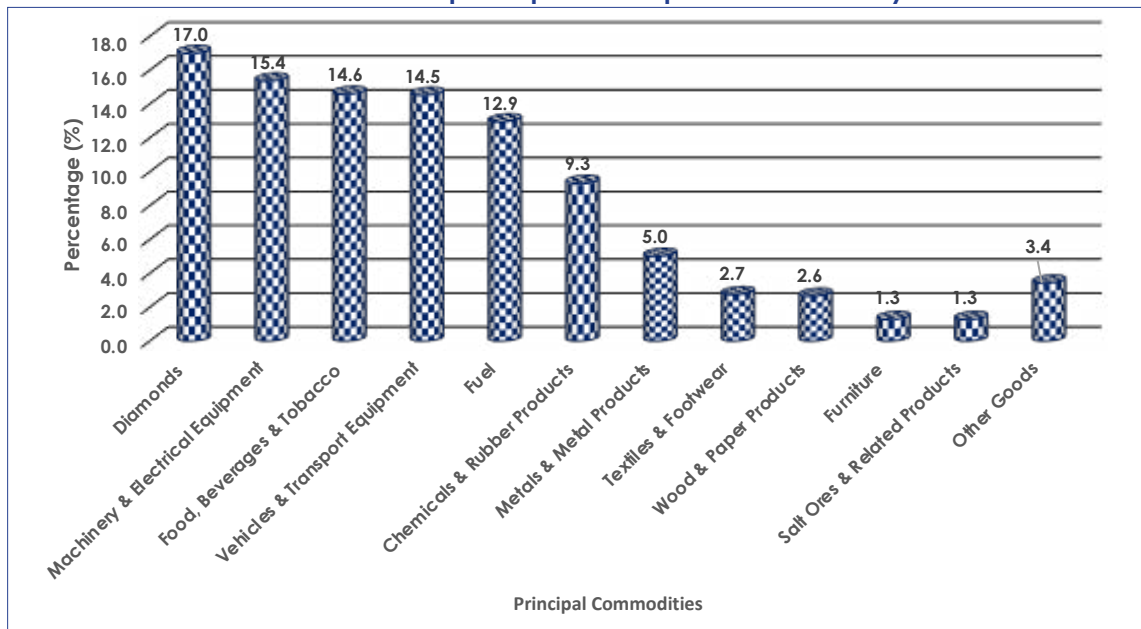
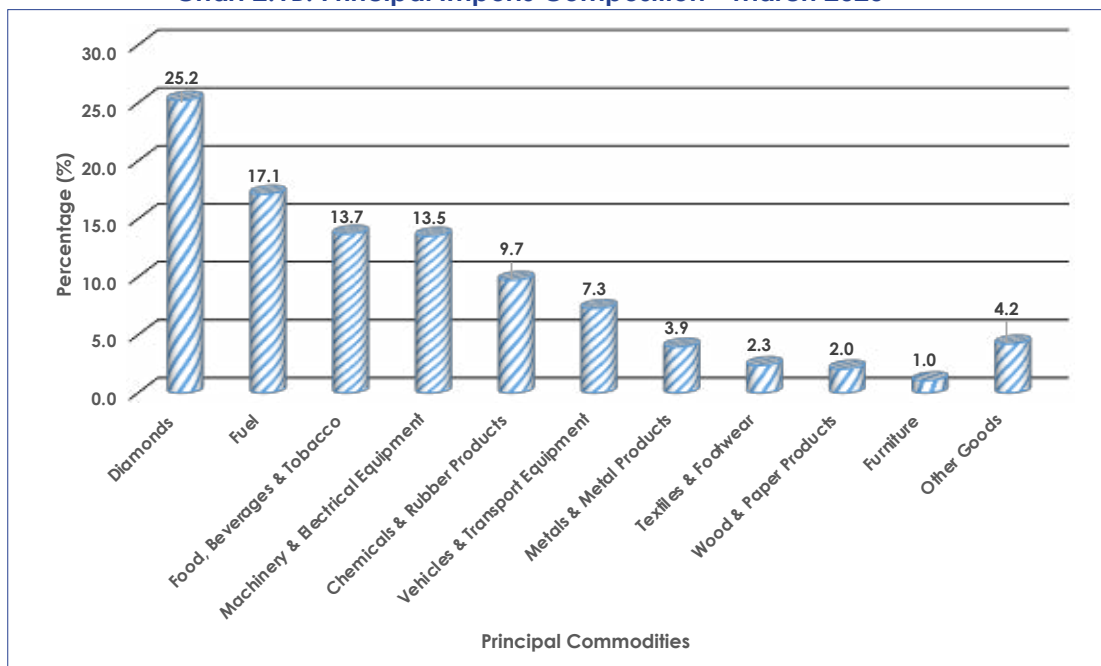


Chart 2.1B: Principal Imports Composition – March 2020

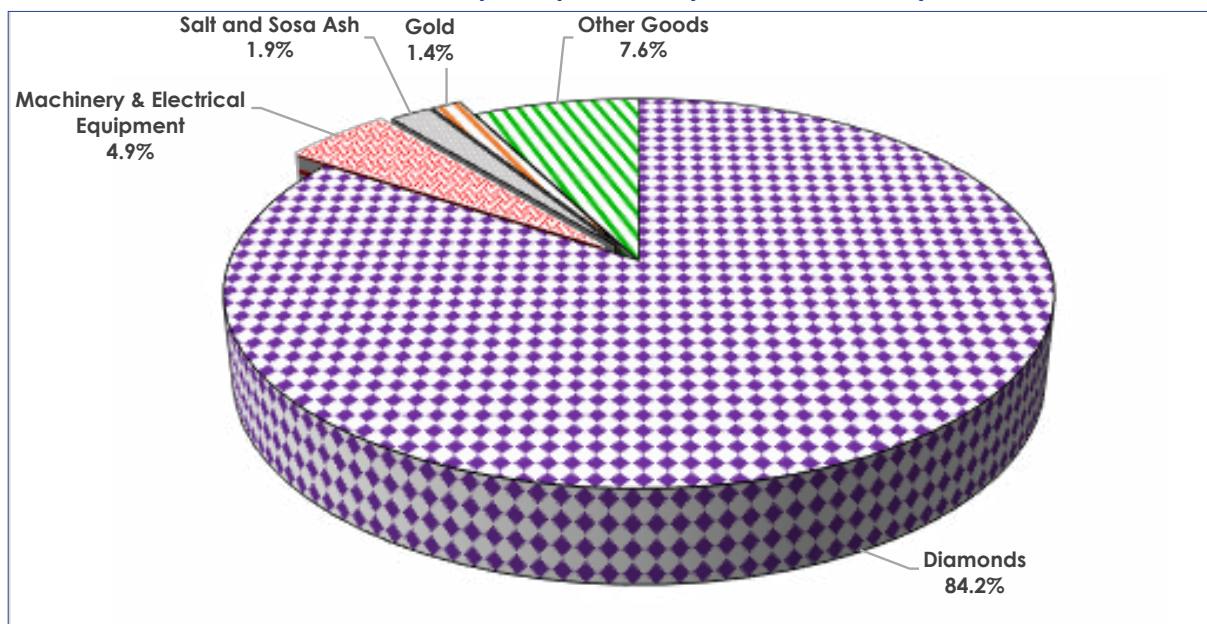


2.2 Principal Exports

In March 2020, total exports from Botswana were valued at P4,480.3 million. Diamonds contributed 83.7 percent (P3,750.1 million). Copper & Nickel accounted for 6.3 percent (P280.3 million) followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 2.8 percent (P126.9 million). Of note is that even though the BCL Mine that was mining and exporting Copper/Nickel is still closed, a new company has started mining copper in some parts of the country. The March 2020 exports of Copper combine some stockpiles and what was mined during the month. As a result exports value of this commodity in the coming months may be lower than the March 2020 value as they may not include stockpiles.

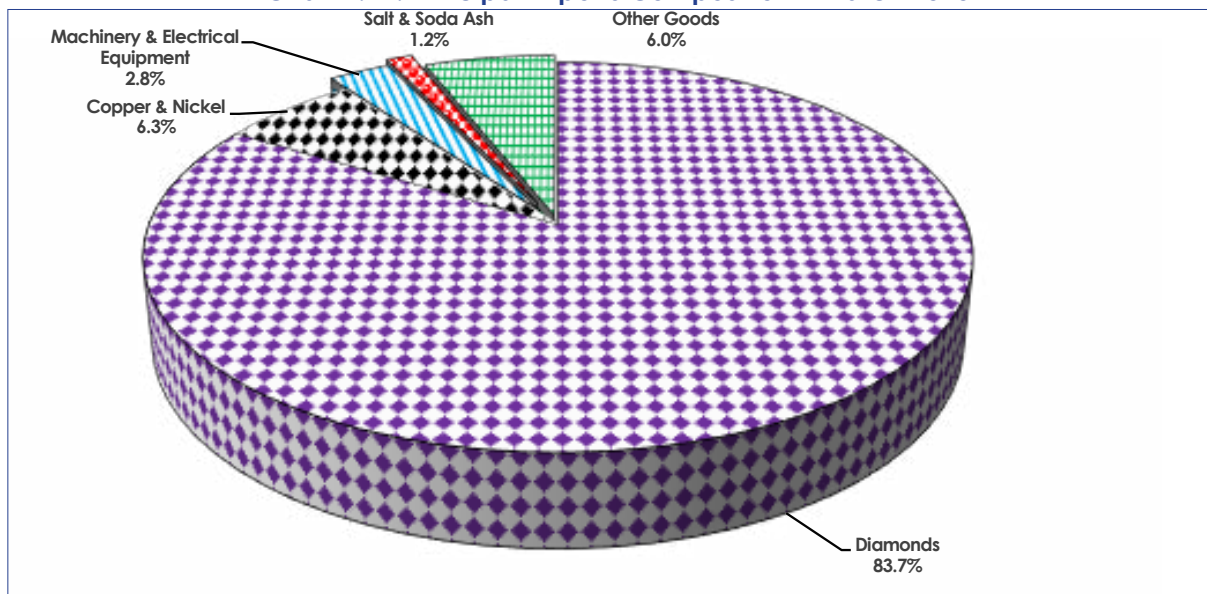
Contributions made by other commodities are shown in [Table 2.2](#) and on [Chart 2.2](#). [Chart 2.2A](#) displays information for February 2020 while March 2020 is displayed in [Chart 2.2B](#).

Chart 2.2A: Principal Exports Composition – February 2020



Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.2

Chart 2.2B: Principal Exports Composition – March 2020



Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.2

3.0 Direction Of Trade

Direction of trade presents **IMTS** by countries and regions that traded with Botswana during a particular period. Thus direction of trade is presented by last known destination for exports and country of origin for imports. 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 February 2020 and March 2020 appear in **tables 3.1** and **3.2**. **Tables 3.1 A, B, C** and **D** are dedicated to imports, with the first two tables carrying data for February while the third and fourth tables display data for March. Exports are displayed in **tables 3.2** and follow the same pattern as imports.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) supplied Botswana with imports valued at P3, 009.0 million, representing 56.5 percent of total imports into the country during March 2020. The top most imported commodity group from the SACU region was Fuel, with a contribution of 25.0 percent (P751.5 million), followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 18.9 percent (P567.5 million) of total imports from the region, refer to **Table 3.1C** and **Table 3.1D**. Machinery & Electrical Equipment made a contribution of 14.2 percent (P428.8 million) to total imports from the region during the month under review.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports with a contribution of 55.9 percent (P2, 979.9 million) to total imports during the period under review. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco were the top most imported commodities from South Africa, representing 24.8 percent (P737.8 million) and 18.8 percent (P559.8 million) respectively, of total imports from that country during March 2020.

Imports from Asia were valued at P1, 479.7 million, representing 27.8 percent of total imports during the month under review. Commodity groups imported from Asia consisted mostly of Diamonds at 88.4 percent (P1, 308.1 million) and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 5.3 percent (P78.9 million). Other commodity groups which made significant contributions can be viewed at tables **3.1C** and **3.1D**. The UAE and India were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 20.4 percent (P1, 086.6 million) and 3.4 percent (P179.9 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Imports accounting for 4.6 percent (P242.8 million) of the monthly total were sourced from the European Union (EU) during March 2020. The main commodities groups imported from the EU were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products, with contributions of 42.8 percent (P104.0 million), 27.1 percent (P65.9 million) and 8.5 percent (P20.7 million) to total imports from the region, respectively. It is of note that the United Kingdom is not included in the EU as from February 2020.

Canada supplied imports accounting for 5.9 percent (P315.5 million) of total imports during the current month, comprising mostly unsorted Diamonds at 99.7 percent (P314.6 million) of total imports from that country. Imports sourced from the USA accounted for 2.6 percent (P138.8 million) of total imports from the country. Other sources of imports can be observed in **Table 3.1C** and **Table 3.1D**.

Chart 3.1A: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – February 2020

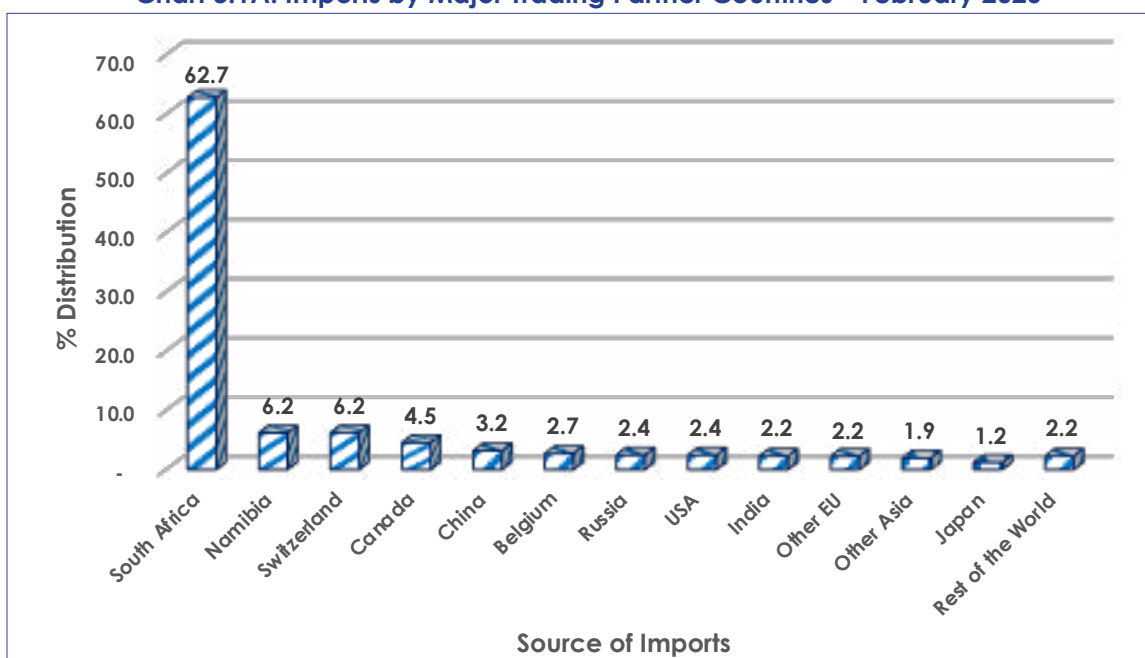
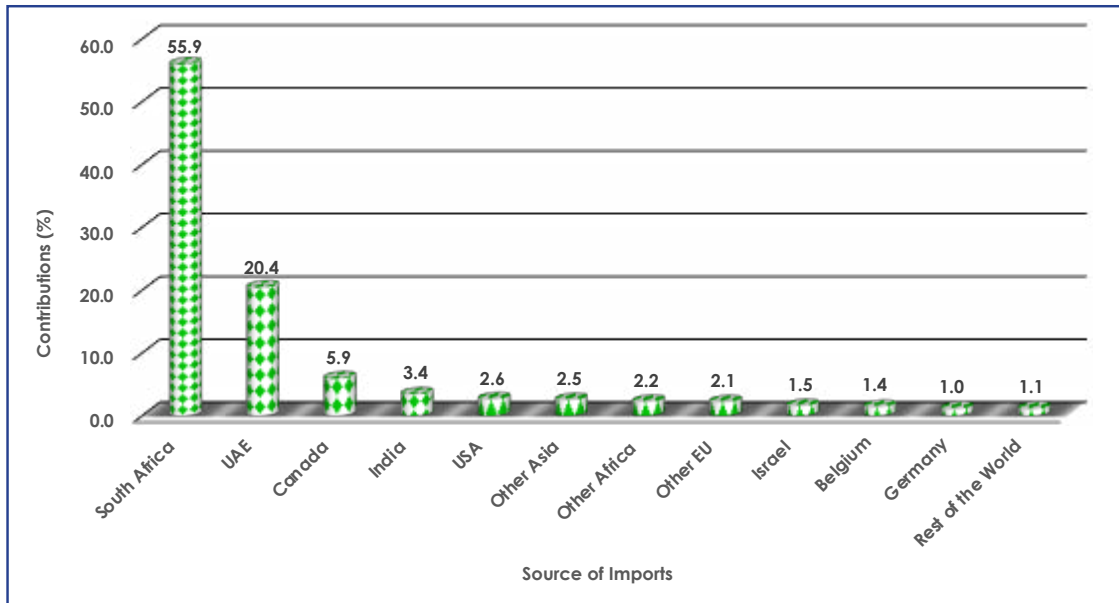


Chart 3.1B: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – March 2020



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

During March 2020, Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 59.9 percent (P2, 683.6 million) of total exports. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were the main destinations within the region, having received 32.2 percent (P1, 444.3 million) and 23.1 percent (P1, 033.5 million) of total exports respectively. The most exported commodity group to Asia was Diamonds as seen in [Table 3.2C](#) and [Table 3.2D](#).

Exports destined to the EU region amounted to P946.1 million, accounting for 21.1 percent of total exports during the month under review. Belgium received most of exports destined for the EU, acquiring 21.0 percent (P940.9 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the EU.

The SACU region received exports valued at P699.3 million, representing 15.6 percent of total exports during the current period. South Africa received most of the exports going to SACU, at 14.7 percent (P658.1 million) of total exports during the period under review. The major commodities exported to the union were Copper & Nickel at 40.1 percent (P280.3 million) and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 16.6 percent (P116.3 million).

During March 2020, the United States of America (USA) received 1.2 percent (P55.9 million) of total exports, comprising mainly Diamonds at 99.3 percent (P55.5 million) of total exports to the country. Other destinations for exports can be observed in [Table 3.2C](#) and [Table 3.2D](#).

Chart 3.2A: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – February 2020

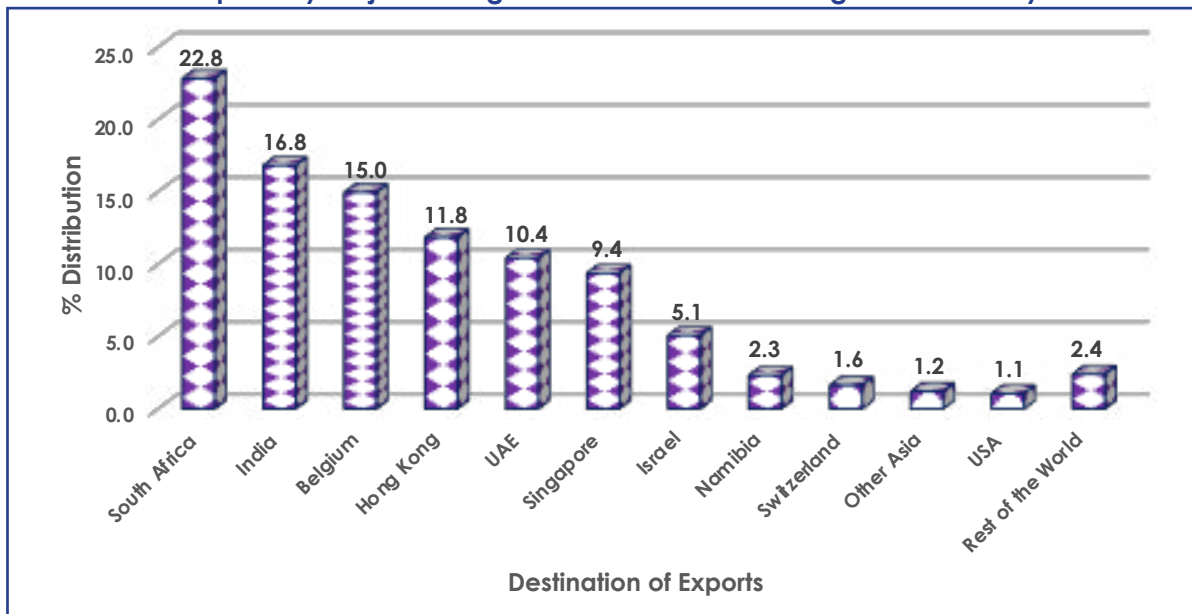
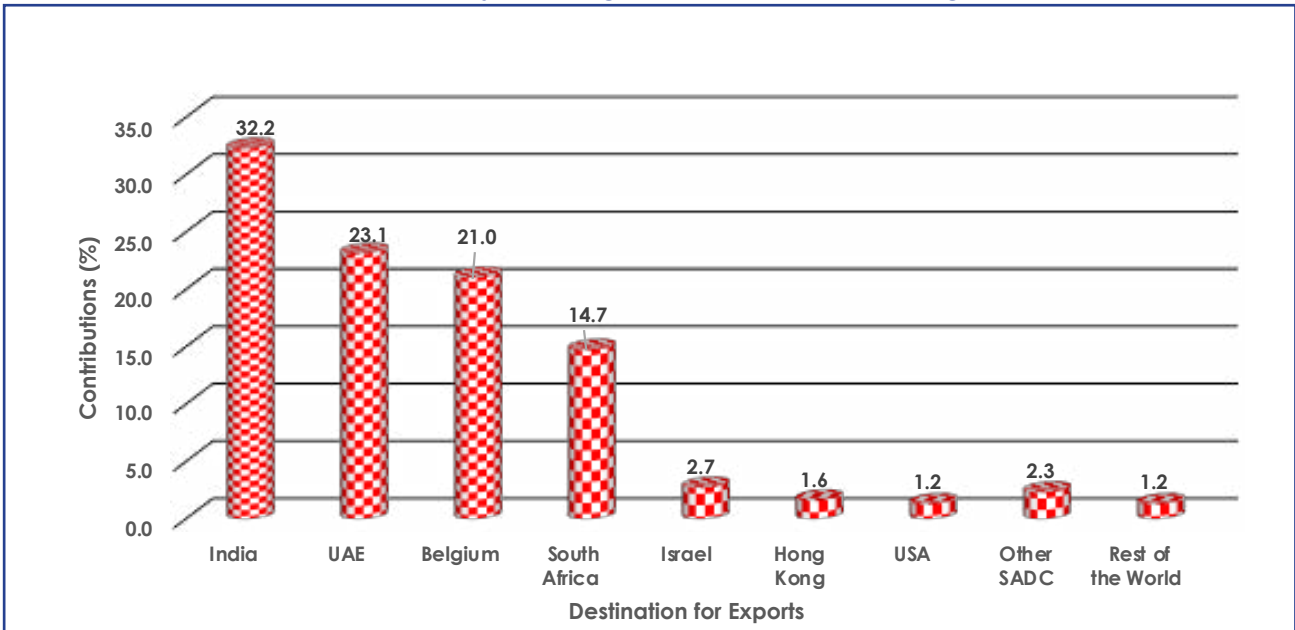


Chart 3.2B: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – March 2020



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

In compilation of international merchandise trade statistics, mode of transport refers to the method of transport with which goods are presumed to leave or arrive in the statistical territory of the country. Being a landlocked country, Botswana predominantly depends on Air, Road and Rail modes of transport for international merchandise trade. **Table B** presents statistics relating to mode of transport while **Chart 4.0** depicts the graphical illustration. The information carried in the table and chart compares March and February 2020.

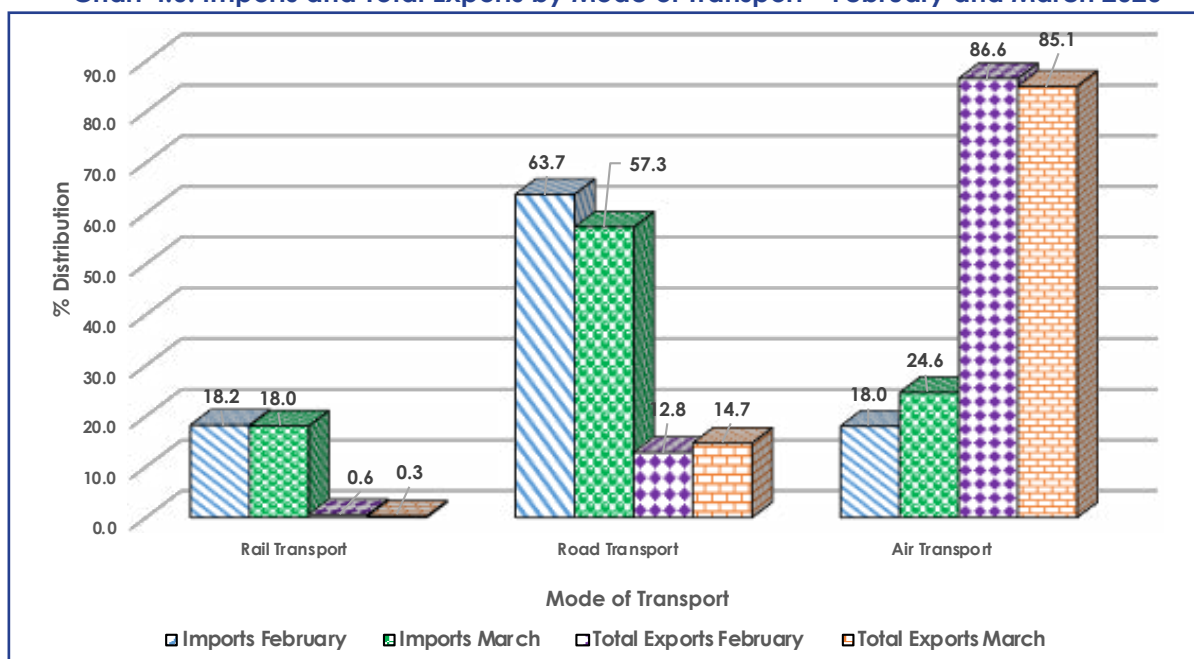
In March 2020, imports valued P3, 615.5 million, representing 57.3 percent of total imports reached the country by Road. Air and rail transport accounted for 24.6 percent (P1, 555.4 million) and 18.0 percent (P1, 138.5 million) respectively.

Total exports accounting for 85.1 percent (P3, 811.6 million) left the country by Air during the period under review. During March 2020, exports that left the country by Road transport accounted for 14.7 percent (P656.9 million) of total exports. Other modes of transport can be observed in **Table B** and **Chart 4.0**.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – February and March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period Transtype \ Flow Type	February				March			
	Imports		Total Exports		Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	1,029.4	18.2	20.0	0.6	1,138.5	18.0	11.3	0.3
Road Transport	3,600.1	63.7	439.3	12.8	3,615.5	57.3	656.9	14.7
Air Transport	1,018.0	18.0	2,969.3	86.6	1,555.4	24.6	3,811.6	85.1
Other Modes	1.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
Total	5,649.0	100	3,429.3	100	6,311.4	100	4,480.3	100

Chart 4.0: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – February and March 2020



5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2018 to March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2018	3,944.9	3,760.4	183.5	0.9	5,363.8	0.1	5,363.9	1,419.0
Feb	5,158.4	4,964.2	193.0	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,623.6)
Mar	5,690.4	5,482.1	207.1	1.2	4,893.7	2.9	4,896.5	(793.9)
Q1	14,793.7	14,206.8	583.7	3.3	13,790.9	4.3	13,795.2	(998.5)
Apr	4,677.4	4,495.5	180.9	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	731.4
May	4,143.9	3,937.6	205.3	1.0	6,663.5	8.2	6,671.7	2,527.8
Jun	6,347.8	6,146.8	200.2	0.8	6,788.8	0.0	6,788.9	441.0
Q2	15,169.1	14,579.9	586.4	2.8	18,859.5	9.8	18,869.4	3,700.3
Jul	4,467.7	4,275.6	191.0	1.0	4,910.5	1.6	4,912.0	444.3
Aug	5,090.0	4,864.3	224.7	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,864.0	(1,226.1)
Sep	5,393.6	5,171.3	220.8	1.6	6,060.6	0.5	6,061.1	667.4
Q3	14,951.3	14,311.2	636.5	3.6	14,834.9	2.2	14,837.0	(114.3)
Oct	7,545.2	7,298.4	245.4	1.4	6,212.8	2.8	6,215.7	(1,329.5)
Nov	7,499.3	7,238.4	258.7	2.2	6,232.2	0.7	6,232.9	(1,266.4)
Dec	4,610.5	4,378.9	230.5	1.1	7,221.3	0.0	7,221.3	2,610.8
Q4	19,655.0	18,915.8	734.5	4.7	19,666.3	3.6	19,669.9	14.9
Total_2018	64,569.1	62,013.6	2,541.1	14.5	67,151.6	19.9	67,171.5	2,602.4
Jan_2019	4,658.7	4,434.2	223.2	1.3	4,787.4	0.0	4,787.4	128.8
Feb	6,282.5	6,076.8	204.4	1.2	3,414.1	4.1	3,418.2	(2,864.3)
Mar	5,795.2	5,579.2	215.0	0.9	6,463.5	0.1	6,463.5	668.3
Q1	16,736.4	16,090.3	642.6	3.5	14,665.1	4.1	14,669.2	(2,067.2)
Apr	6,148.1	5,936.8	209.3	2.0	5,793.4	5.2	5,798.5	(349.6)
May	6,589.9	6,360.8	228.0	1.0	6,041.4	5.6	6,047.0	(542.9)
Jun	4,944.9	4,701.5	242.5	0.9	5,643.4	10.5	5,653.9	709.0
Q2	17,682.9	16,999.1	679.8	4.0	17,478.1	21.3	17,499.4	(183.5)
Jul	6,139.2	5,892.0	245.6	1.5	2,660.7	0.4	2,661.2	(3,478.0)
Aug	5,444.2	5,200.5	241.7	1.9	3,903.4	0.2	3,903.6	(1,540.6)
Sep	5,383.5	5,152.7	229.8	1.0	4,259.1	1.7	4,260.8	(1,122.7)
Q3	16,966.8	16,245.2	717.2	4.4	10,823.2	2.3	10,825.6	(6,141.3)
Oct	5,628.6	5,395.8	231.7	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.2)
Nov	7,309.5	7,038.8	269.5	1.1	4,728.5	0.5	4,729.0	(2,580.4)
Dec	6,270.4	6,024.4	244.6	1.5	5,788.8	0.4	5,789.2	(481.2)
Q4	19,208.5	18,459.0	745.7	3.7	13,288.7	0.9	13,289.6	(5,918.8)
Total_2019	70,594.6	67,793.7	2,785.3	15.6	56,255.1	28.7	56,283.8	(14,310.8)
Jan_2020	4,876.4	4,653.6	222.0	0.9	5,266.5	9.2	5,275.7	399.3
Feb	5,649.0	5,398.5	249.1	1.4	3,428.7	0.6	3,429.3	(2,219.7)
Mar	6,311.4	6,050.9	259.1	1.4	4,480.0	0.2	4,480.3	(1,831.1)
Q1	16,836.8	16,102.9	730.2	3.7	13,175.2	10.1	13,185.3	(3,651.5)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2018 to March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2018	396.5	779.0	628.8	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	84.6	293.6	110.6	154.3	3,944.9
Feb	427.0	1,597.8	620.2	606.1	60.0	682.9	215.9	34.1	128.2	473.7	123.4	189.1	5,158.4
Mar	432.0	1,904.0	663.4	676.3	68.0	708.0	230.9	48.3	157.7	478.9	138.9	184.0	5,690.4
Q1	1,255.5	4,280.8	1,912.4	1,926.1	163.2	2,008.0	606.3	124.5	370.5	1,246.2	372.9	527.4	14,793.7
Apr	403.3	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	549.0	207.7	40.3	139.0	362.1	118.6	194.3	4,677.4
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.7	54.0	123.3	362.3	142.0	188.2	4,143.9
Jun	439.5	2,726.4	595.2	654.7	69.7	661.7	274.2	45.2	126.8	484.5	111.8	158.2	6,347.8
Q2	1,336.8	4,577.0	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.8	1,874.6	723.6	139.5	389.1	1,208.8	372.4	540.7	15,169.1
Jul	447.7	986.8	590.8	665.4	50.4	607.6	227.6	38.3	134.6	412.2	117.9	188.4	4,467.7
Aug	507.6	1,016.1	676.5	728.8	68.9	772.6	260.7	45.7	158.7	484.1	117.4	253.0	5,090.0
Sep	494.8	1,372.7	656.0	757.7	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.6	138.6	170.6	5,393.6
Q3	1,450.0	3,375.6	1,923.4	2,151.9	186.3	2,251.3	745.5	147.5	457.2	1,276.9	373.9	612.0	14,951.3
Oct	605.1	2,978.1	756.8	891.4	81.8	831.8	272.6	63.8	211.9	510.2	158.2	183.3	7,545.2
Nov	601.6	2,766.1	829.9	844.9	85.2	849.5	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.2	153.8	210.1	7,499.3
Dec	478.9	370.2	641.4	741.1	61.2	618.8	225.1	48.6	141.5	532.1	148.1	603.5	4,610.5
Q4	1,685.6	6,114.5	2,228.1	2,477.4	228.2	2,300.1	836.2	178.3	572.2	1,577.4	460.1	996.9	19,655.0
Total_2018	5,727.9	18,347.8	7,918.7	8,515.4	769.4	8,433.9	2,911.6	589.9	1,788.9	5,309.3	1,579.4	2,677.0	64,569.1
Jan_2019	441.7	800.3	691.0	590.1	47.3	615.3	240.2	50.9	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,658.7
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,713.5	171.0	1,975.2	814.9	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,736.4
Apr	424.7	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.1
May	504.5	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.3	139.6	212.7	6,589.9
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.8	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.0	129.6	162.7	4,944.9
Q2	1,420.8	5,460.7	1,936.8	2,165.7	181.3	2,184.7	1,114.3	174.1	343.0	1,784.1	389.7	527.6	17,682.9
Jul	530.5	1,671.6	700.1	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.3	66.0	134.4	508.6	127.5	340.9	6,139.2
Aug	551.2	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	139.5	437.5	157.3	211.5	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	820.7	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	191.9	5,383.5
Q3	1,639.9	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.5	830.0	190.6	436.9	1,336.4	432.2	744.2	16,966.8
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.2	158.5	233.4	5,628.6
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.8	646.9	68.1	908.8	294.8	58.0	160.5	1,010.7	144.7	212.9	7,309.5
Dec	635.2	1,599.3	1,060.8	1,056.6	67.8	638.2	233.2	57.1	122.6	437.5	145.0	217.2	6,270.4
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,760.8	2,398.2	210.3	2,274.0	789.6	174.8	454.3	1,908.3	448.2	663.5	19,208.5
Total_2019	6,342.7	20,033.6	9,002.7	8,860.0	769.2	8,773.5	3,548.9	690.3	1,628.6	6,819.1	1,623.0	2,503.0	70,594.6
Jan_2020	518.1	666.8	800.1	1,034.0	53.6	744.6	206.9	60.6	93.6	378.8	116.3	171.7	4,845.3
Feb	525.9	960.0	823.1	731.1	71.8	867.3	282.2	71.5	154.2	819.8	149.2	192.7	5,649.0
Mar	612.2	1,592.1	862.8	1,080.4	65.0	851.6	248.3	53.9	147.6	457.9	128.4	211.3	6,311.4
Q1	1,656.3	3,218.9	2,486.1	2,845.6	190.3	2,463.5	737.4	186.0	395.4	1,656.5	393.9	575.7	16,805.6
% Distribution													
2018	8.9	28.4	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.2	2.4	4.1	100.0
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
Feb_2020	9.3	17.0	14.6	12.9	1.3	15.4	5.0	1.3	2.7	14.5	2.6	3.4	100.0
Mar	9.7	25.2	13.7	17.1	1.0	13.5	3.9	0.9	2.3	7.3	2.0	3.3	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2018 to March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period \ 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
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	5,363.9
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	89.8	4,896.5
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.2	13,795.2
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	6,277.5	41.8	2.3	12.8	114.4	141.2	20.8	33.9	18.2	34.1	77.1	6,788.9
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.7	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	301.9	18,869.4
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	138.0	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	25.3	79.2	4,912.0
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	3,864.0
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	33.6	82.2	6,061.1
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.8	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	87.6	266.6	14,837.0
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.6	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.1	6,215.7
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	26.0	98.7	116.3	6,232.9
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	86.0	8.7	51.8	18.3	35.2	104.8	7,221.3
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	510.5	214.5	59.8	174.9	67.8	277.4	375.2	19,669.9
Total_2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,938.4	970.4	246.7	885.2	233.9	613.1	1,171.0	67,171.5
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	8.6	53.5	13.6	24.1	132.1	4,787.4
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.0	39.3	9.8	44.7	14.2	24.0	79.3	3,418.2
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.8	54.5	13.1	44.0	71.8	6,463.5
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.1	93.0	32.2	152.6	40.9	92.1	283.1	14,669.2
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	12.0	135.1	41.7	14.1	42.8	13.8	30.8	79.1	5,798.5
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.5	140.7	75.5	20.2	55.8	12.2	24.8	114.6	6,047.0
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	138.0	101.0	13.8	30.4	11.6	31.8	108.1	5,653.9
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.4	413.8	218.2	48.1	129.0	37.6	87.4	301.7	17,499.4
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.1	11.0	130.7	59.1	14.0	56.4	10.2	23.5	79.4	2,661.2
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.3	17.4	159.3	63.0	16.8	46.2	13.2	30.9	85.1	3,903.6
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	0.8	20.4	148.5	89.2	17.8	61.1	12.9	41.3	83.5	4,260.8
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.2	48.8	438.5	211.3	48.6	163.7	36.2	95.7	248.0	10,825.6
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.5	22.6	124.7	94.6	21.4	35.6	12.1	30.8	96.4	2,771.4
Nov	0.2	4,293.1	29.1	0.3	13.9	160.3	24.0	28.4	33.5	16.4	41.6	88.3	4,729.0
Dec	0.1	5,398.8	34.9	0.2	7.1	79.8	16.0	17.5	45.9	14.8	45.6	128.3	5,789.2
Q4	0.5	11,989.7	97.8	2.0	43.5	364.8	134.6	67.3	115.0	43.3	118.1	313.0	13,289.6
Total_2019	2.6	51,009.5	436.5	5.0	175.0	1,544.2	657.2	196.2	560.3	158.1	393.3	1,145.9	56,283.8
Jan_2020	0.2	4,801.5	20.5	0.1	13.0	158.1	12.4	23.1	64.1	15.6	27.9	139.2	5,275.7
Feb	1.7	2,888.3	46.7	0.1	15.8	167.8	14.8	21.9	65.4	14.9	28.9	163.1	3,429.3
Mar	280.3	3,750.1	22.6	0.1	11.0	126.9	8.3	19.1	53.8	12.9	32.5	162.6	4,480.3
Q1	282.2	11,439.9	89.8	0.2	39.8	452.7	35.6	64.1	183.3	43.4	89.4	464.9	13,185.3
% Distribution													
2018	0.1	89.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.7	100.0
2019	0.0	90.6	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.7	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.0	100.0
Feb_2020	0.1	84.2	1.4	0.0	0.5	4.9	0.4	0.6	1.9	0.4	0.8	4.8	100.0
Mar	6.3	83.7	0.5	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.7	3.6	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2018 to March 2020 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ Indicators	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
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	438.9	2,726.4	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	807.2	6,277.5
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	870.0	4,577.0	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.4	17,253.3
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	109.0	986.8	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	145.0	1,016.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	253.0	1,372.7	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	507.0	3,375.6	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,316.4	456.0	2,978.1	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,169.4	354.0	2,766.1	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	3,604.8	1,061.2	6,114.5	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total_2018	5,252.2	5.3	0.0	10,279.8	2,810.5	18,347.8	128.1	83.9	0.0	51,508.6	8,690.5	60,411.1
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	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
Jun	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.0
Sep	223.5	0.0	0.0	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.5
Q3	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,420.0	573.5	3,947.0	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.7
Oct	247.7	0.0	0.0	1,041.7	115.6	1,405.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.7
Nov	36.4	0.1	0.0	1,539.9	689.5	2,265.9	0.3	8.7	0.0	3,684.9	599.2	4,293.1
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,832.2	560.2	5,398.8
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,422.1	1,552.1	11,989.7
Total_2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,934.3	8,981.2	51,009.5
Jan_2020	191.6	0.0	0.0	179.0	299.3	669.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,329.8	470.9	4,801.5
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	250.3	960.0	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,078.6	798.0	2,888.3
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,084.6	196.2	1,592.1	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,067.0	675.0	3,750.1
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,721.9	745.7	3,221.9	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,475.4	1,943.9	11,439.9

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
71021000: Unsorted diamonds

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – February 2020 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	454.8	39.4	778.6	645.1	61.0	491.9	65.5	119.4	350.6	127.7	409.7	3,543.7
Namibia	0.1	281.0	20.6	38.6	0.0	0.7	4.4	0.3	2.4	0.4	0.3	348.8
Eswatini	4.3	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.3	10.8
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
SACU	459.2	320.4	803.5	683.6	61.1	492.6	69.9	122.1	353.0	128.9	410.4	3,904.6
Other SADC	0.7	4.1	12.9	6.9	0.1	1.2	1.6	0.3	1.3	6.5	15.7	51.3
SADC	459.9	324.5	816.4	690.5	61.2	493.8	71.5	122.4	354.3	135.4	426.1	3,955.9
Other Africa	3.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	9.9
Africa	463.5	324.5	816.5	690.5	61.2	499.4	71.5	122.5	354.7	135.4	426.2	3,965.8
China	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	99.2	0.1	11.7	17.6	3.0	32.6	178.3
Russia	0.0	136.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	136.6
India	6.4	83.5	1.3	14.5	0.1	15.3	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.2	2.7	126.1
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.3	66.2
Hong Kong	1.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	0.0	2.5	0.1	0.0	5.3	29.7
Other Asia	2.4	11.3	2.3	25.8	1.1	21.9	0.0	0.3	6.5	0.3	6.4	78.4
Asia	16.8	232.1	3.7	40.6	8.8	161.8	0.1	16.6	84.2	3.5	47.3	615.3
Belgium	3.9	145.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	150.9
Germany	6.9	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	19.5	0.0	7.2	1.2	2.8	1.9	40.3
Other EU	16.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.2	55.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	4.9	6.6	85.6
EU	27.6	145.7	1.1	0.0	1.3	75.3	0.0	7.2	1.8	7.7	9.0	276.8
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	343.6	0.0	0.1	350.5
Canada	0.2	251.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	254.9
USA	4.8	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.2	93.5	0.0	0.4	31.5	0.2	3.4	135.3
UK	9.2	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	15.5	0.0	0.2	3.7	0.7	0.8	36.3
Rest of the World	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.5	13.9
Total	522.5	960.0	822.4	731.1	71.8	867.2	71.5	147.0	819.8	147.5	488.2	5,649.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – February 2020

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.8	1.1	22.0	18.2	1.7	13.9	1.8	3.4	9.9	3.6	11.6	100.0
Namibia	0.0	80.6	5.9	11.1	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	100.0
Eswatini	40.1	0.0	39.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	10.3	0.0	6.9	3.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	96.5	2.7	0.0	0.3	100.0
SACU	11.8	8.2	20.6	17.5	1.6	12.6	1.8	3.1	9.0	3.3	10.5	100.0
Other SADC	1.4	8.0	25.2	13.4	0.3	2.3	3.0	0.6	2.5	12.6	30.6	100.0
SADC	11.6	8.2	20.6	17.5	1.5	12.5	1.8	3.1	9.0	3.4	10.8	100.0
Other Africa	36.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	56.1	0.0	1.2	4.4	0.2	0.7	100.0
Africa	11.7	8.2	20.6	17.4	1.5	12.6	1.8	3.1	8.9	3.4	10.7	100.0
China	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	55.6	0.0	6.5	9.9	1.7	18.3	100.0
Russia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	5.1	66.2	1.1	11.5	0.1	12.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.1	2.2	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	90.6	0.0	0.4	100.0
Hong Kong	4.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	66.5	0.0	8.5	0.2	0.0	17.8	100.0
Other Asia	3.1	14.4	3.0	33.0	1.4	28.0	0.0	0.4	8.3	0.4	8.1	100.0
Asia	2.7	37.7	0.6	6.6	1.4	26.3	0.0	2.7	13.7	0.6	7.7	100.0
Belgium	2.6	96.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Germany	17.2	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.2	48.4	0.0	17.8	3.0	7.0	4.8	100.0
Other EU	19.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.4	64.3	0.0	0.1	0.6	5.7	7.7	100.0
EU	10.0	52.7	0.4	0.0	0.5	27.2	0.0	2.6	0.6	2.8	3.3	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	98.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Canada	0.1	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	3.5	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	69.1	0.0	0.3	23.3	0.1	2.5	100.0
UK	25.4	16.2	0.1	0.0	0.7	42.6	0.0	0.5	10.3	2.1	2.2	100.0
Rest of the World	2.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	84.2	0.0	0.4	1.6	0.1	10.6	100.0
Total	9.3	17.0	14.6	12.9	1.3	15.4	1.3	2.6	14.5	2.6	8.6	100.0

Table 3.1C: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	287.1	35.4	559.8	737.8	46.2	428.6	148.4	32.0	164.5	344.8	94.1	101.1	2,979.9
Namibia	0.0	0.0	5.4	13.6	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	21.0
Eswatini	3.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.1	7.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
SACU	290.8	35.4	567.5	751.4	46.2	428.8	149.0	32.8	166.1	345.0	94.6	101.4	3,009.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.1	57.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.4
Other SADC	0.5	0.0	11.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	3.2	2.1	23.2
SADC	291.4	35.4	579.1	808.6	46.3	429.2	154.2	32.9	166.3	345.1	97.8	103.5	3,089.7
Other Africa	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	7.2
Africa	292.6	35.4	579.1	808.6	46.3	434.6	154.2	32.9	166.3	345.5	97.8	103.7	3,096.9
UAE	0.3	1,081.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	1,086.6
India	6.3	162.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.5	4.1	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.0	179.9
Israel	0.1	45.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	81.7
Other Asia	3.7	18.7	1.0	0.0	1.8	41.9	3.4	0.0	4.4	46.5	2.1	7.8	131.4
Asia	10.4	1,308.1	1.4	0.3	1.9	78.9	7.5	0.1	5.9	47.3	2.5	15.5	1,479.7
Belgium	5.3	65.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	73.1
Germany	8.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	38.2	3.8	0.0	1.4	2.5	0.3	0.5	55.5
Other EU	7.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.1	65.3	1.2	0.0	1.7	4.8	0.1	32.3	114.3
EU	20.7	65.9	2.8	0.0	0.2	104.0	5.2	0.0	3.1	7.3	0.4	33.2	242.8
UK	1.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.3	0.0	0.4	2.7	1.3	1.1	16.9
Canada	0.0	314.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	315.5
USA	7.3	64.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	51.4	1.3	0.0	0.3	9.5	0.4	3.9	138.8
Rest of the World	2.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.3	0.3	0.0	5.0	3.8	1.4	1.9	56.4
Total	333.4	1,789.9	583.5	808.9	48.4	709.7	168.5	33.0	180.6	413.4	102.4	158.5	5,330.1

Table 3.1D: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – March 2020

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	9.6	1.2	18.8	24.8	1.6	14.4	5.0	1.1	5.5	11.6	3.2	3.4	100.0
Namibia	0.1	0.0	25.6	64.8	0.0	0.6	2.9	3.7	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.2	100.0
Eswatini	50.9	0.0	32.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.7	0.0	5.9	1.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	97.2	2.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	9.7	1.2	18.9	25.0	1.5	14.2	5.0	1.1	5.5	11.5	3.1	3.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	99.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	2.3	0.0	49.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	22.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	13.7	9.1	100.0
SADC	9.4	1.1	18.7	26.2	1.5	13.9	5.0	1.1	5.4	11.2	3.2	3.4	100.0
Other Africa	16.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	74.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.2	0.0	2.4	100.0
Africa	9.4	1.1	18.7	26.1	1.5	14.0	5.0	1.1	5.4	11.2	3.2	3.3	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	3.5	90.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.3	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	100.0
Israel	0.1	55.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	100.0
Other Asia	2.8	14.2	0.8	0.0	1.4	31.9	2.6	0.0	3.4	35.4	1.6	5.9	100.0
Asia	0.7	88.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.3	0.5	0.0	0.4	3.2	0.2	1.0	100.0
Belgium	7.2	90.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
Germany	15.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	68.8	6.8	0.0	2.5	4.5	0.5	0.9	100.0
Other EU	6.2	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.1	57.1	1.0	0.0	1.5	4.2	0.1	28.2	100.0
EU	8.5	27.1	1.2	0.0	0.1	42.8	2.1	0.0	1.3	3.0	0.2	13.7	100.0
UK	11.2	8.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	45.8	1.5	0.0	2.3	16.0	7.9	6.5	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	5.3	46.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	37.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	6.9	0.3	2.8	100.0
Rest of the World	4.1	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	71.4	0.5	0.0	8.9	6.7	2.5	3.3	100.0
Total	6.3	33.6	10.9	15.2	0.9	13.3	3.2	0.6	3.4	7.8	1.9	3.0	100.0

Table 3.2A: Principal Exports Commodity Groups By Country and Region of Destination – February 2020 (Million Pula)

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	1.5	405.7	0.0	0.0	8.7	142.1	2.2	19.8	52.7	13.1	4.7	132.4	783.0
Namibia	0.0	52.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	7.2	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.6	7.2	9.7	79.5
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
SACU	1.5	458.5	0.0	0.0	9.3	149.3	2.3	21.2	52.7	13.7	11.9	142.2	862.7
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.1	2.9	2.8	21.1
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.7	4.5	0.0	6.8	6.8	22.5
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	1.1	10.2
Other SADC	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.6	4.4
SADC	1.7	458.5	0.0	0.0	15.5	161.1	3.3	21.9	65.4	13.8	26.1	153.5	920.8
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0
Africa	1.7	458.5	0.0	0.0	15.5	166.1	3.3	21.9	65.4	13.8	26.1	154.5	926.8
India	0.0	576.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	577.0
Hong Kong	0.0	406.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	406.4
UAE	0.0	357.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	357.9
Singapore	0.0	321.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	321.6
Israel	0.0	173.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	173.9
Other Asia	0.0	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.6	41.0
Asia	0.0	1,873.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.6	1,877.8
Belgium	0.0	513.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	513.2
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.5
EU	0.0	513.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	529.0
Switzerland	0.0	9.0	46.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	56.0
USA	0.0	34.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.2	36.6
Rest of the World	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.4	3.2
Total	1.7	2,888.3	46.7	0.1	15.8	167.8	14.8	21.9	65.4	14.9	28.9	163.1	3,429.3

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – February 2020

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	0.2	51.8	0.0	0.0	1.1	18.1	0.3	2.5	6.7	1.7	0.6	16.9	100.0
Namibia	0.0	66.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	9.1	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.8	9.0	12.2	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	87.0	100.0
SACU	0.2	53.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	17.3	0.3	2.5	6.1	1.6	1.4	16.5	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.9	15.1	0.0	0.1	37.6	0.4	13.6	13.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	8.7	0.0	3.2	19.9	0.0	30.1	30.2	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.3	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.5	10.4	100.0
Other SADC	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	63.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.3	8.4	14.5	100.0
SADC	0.2	49.8	0.0	0.0	1.7	17.5	0.4	2.4	7.1	1.5	2.8	16.7	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	17.2	100.0
Africa	0.2	49.5	0.0	0.0	1.7	17.9	0.4	2.4	7.1	1.5	2.8	16.7	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	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	0.0	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	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	90.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.1	6.3	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	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	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	93.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	98.9	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	49.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	49.3	100.0
EU	0.0	97.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	16.1	83.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
USA	0.0	93.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	5.9	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	79.0	11.2	100.0
Total	0.1	84.2	1.4	0.0	0.5	4.9	0.4	0.6	1.9	0.4	0.8	4.8	100.0

Table 3.2C: Principal Exports Commodity Groups by Country and Region of Destination – March 2020 (Million Pula)

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	280.3	47.4	0.0	0.1	8.4	109.0	1.0	16.3	39.5	11.4	4.9	139.8	658.1
Namibia	0.0	14.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	7.4	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.7	5.2	11.5	41.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SACU	280.3	62.3	0.0	0.1	8.7	116.3	1.0	17.4	39.5	12.2	10.2	151.3	699.3
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	8.7	1.8	1.7	14.3	0.7	22.2	9.0	60.5
SADC	280.3	62.3	0.0	0.1	10.8	125.0	2.9	19.1	53.8	12.9	32.3	160.3	759.9
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2
Africa	280.3	62.3	0.0	0.1	10.8	125.0	2.9	19.1	53.8	12.9	32.4	161.4	761.1
India	0.0	1,444.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,444.3
UAE	0.0	1,033.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,033.5
Israel	0.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	120.0
Hong Kong	0.0	69.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.8
Other Asia	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9
Asia	0.0	2,683.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,683.6
Belgium	0.0	940.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	940.9
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.2
EU	0.0	940.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	946.1
USA	0.0	55.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	55.9
Switzerland	0.0	5.0	22.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.6
Rest of the World	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.0
Total	280.3	3,750.1	22.6	0.1	11.0	126.9	8.3	19.1	53.8	12.9	32.5	162.6	4,480.3

Table 3.2D: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – March 2020

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	42.6	7.2	0.0	0.0	1.3	16.6	0.1	2.5	6.0	1.7	0.8	21.2	100.0
Namibia	0.0	36.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	17.9	0.1	2.7	0.0	1.7	12.7	27.9	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	40.1	8.9	0.0	0.0	1.2	16.6	0.1	2.5	5.6	1.7	1.5	21.6	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	14.4	3.0	2.8	23.7	1.2	36.6	14.8	100.0
SADC	36.9	8.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	16.5	0.4	2.5	7.1	1.7	4.3	21.1	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	3.6	93.2	100.0
Africa	36.8	8.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	16.4	0.4	2.5	7.1	1.7	4.3	21.2	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	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	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.6	66.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	100.0
EU	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	18.0	82.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	54.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.9	33.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	100.0
Total	6.3	83.7	0.5	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.7	3.6	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

- i. **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.
- ii. **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.
- iii. **Total exports:** This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports
- iv. **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.
- v. **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.