



STATISTICS BOTSWANA

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

Monthly Digest – May 2019

Copyrights © Statistics Botswana 2019



Contact Statistician: Lakidzane Bikane
Email: lbikane@statsbots.org.bw
Tel: (+267) 367 1300

Statistics Botswana, Private Bag 0024 Gaborone Botswana
Tel: (+267) 367 1300. **Fax:** (+267) 395 2201. **Toll Free:** 0800 600 200
Email: info@statsbots.org.bw **Website:** www.statsbots.org.bw

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Preface	3
Executive Summary	4
1.0 Total Trade	5
1.1 Data Revisions	5
1.2 Imports	5
1.3 Total Exports	5
1.4 Trade Balance	6
2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups	6
2.1 Principal Imports	6
2.2 Principal Exports	7
3.0 Direction Of Trade	7
3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions	8
3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions	9
4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport	9
5.0 Annexure	11
6.0 Concepts, Sources And Methods	19
6.1 Time of Recording of Trade.....	19
6.2 Concepts and Definitions	19
6.3 Exclusions from IMTS	20

LIST OF TABLES

Table A : Data Revision April 2019 (Million Pula)	5
Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – May 2019 (Million Pula)	10
Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)	11
Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)	12
Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)	13
Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)	14
Table 3.1A: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – May 2019 (Million Pula)	15
Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level- May 2019	16
Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – May 2019 (Million Pula)	17
Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – May 2019	18

LIST OF CHARTS

Chart 1.1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)	6
Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – May 2019	7
Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – May 2019.....	7
Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – May 2019	8
Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries And Regions – May 2019.....	9
Chart 4.0: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – May 2019	10

Preface

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


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

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.

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 month during which the goods cross the border. As a result data for these late transactions will update data for the associated months.

For more information, contact the Directorate of Stakeholder Relations at 3671300. All Statistics Botswana publications are available on the website at www.statsbots.org.bw and at the Statistics Botswana Library (Head Office, Gaborone)

I sincerely thank all stakeholders involved in the formulation of this monthly digest, for their continued support and feedback, as we strive to serve users of our products and services.


Dr Burton S. Mguni
Statistician General
July 2019

Executive Summary

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

During May 2019, Botswana's exports were valued at P6, 028.9 million, representing an increase of 3.9 percent (P228.3 million) when compared to the revised April 2019 value of P5, 800.7 million. The country's imports amounted to P6, 460.5 million, showing an increase of 5.2 percent (P320.3 million) from the April 2019 revised value of P6, 140.2 million. The country recorded a trade deficit of P431.6 million.

South Africa was the major source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 52.7 percent to the country's total imports. Canada followed with a contribution of 20.1 percent while France, Russian Federation and Singapore made contributions of 5.8 percent, 5.6 percent and 3.1 percent respectively. The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) contributed 53.7 percent to the country's total imports during the period under review. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) regions made contributions of 14.5 percent and 9.4 percent, respectively.

Belgium was the largest destination for Botswana exports, having received 23.6 percent of total exports during May 2019. India and the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) followed with 19.6 percent and 17.4 percent respectively. South Africa and Singapore received 8.4 percent and 8.0 percent of total exports respectively. Asia as a regional block received 58.4 percent of Botswana's total exports. The **EU** as a region received 25.1 percent while the SACU received exports accounting to 11.0 percent.

Botswana mostly exported Diamonds, representing 92.1 percent of total exports during the month under review. With regards to the country's imports, the Diamonds commodity group made a contribution of 34.7 percent of total imports. Vehicles & Transport Equipment made a contribution of 12.2 percent of total imports during the month, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 10.6 percent and 10.5 percent respectively. Fuel accounted for 10.1 percent of total imports during the month under review.

1.0 Total Trade

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

1.1 Data Revisions

Revisions on data are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, with additional information from previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while in other cases they are significant. The current digest carries revisions for April 2019 only as presented in **Table A**. This table presents revised data comparing figures as at the April 2019 Digest and the current situation.

April 2019 imports show a revision of P9.8 million, from P6, 130.4 million recorded during compilation of the April 2019 digest to P6, 140.2 million registered during the current period.

Table A: Data Revisions – April 2019 (Million Pula)

	As at April 2019 Digest			As at May 2019 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Apr_19	6,130.4	5,737.9	(392.5)	6,140.2	5,800.7	(339.5)	9.8	62.8	53.0	0.2	1.1	(13.5)

() Denotes negative numbers

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued **Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF)**, which includes the cost of the commodity plus insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duty paid on arrival. Botswana's imports were valued at P6, 460.5 million, showing a rise of 5.2 percent (P320.3 million) from the revised April 2019 value of P6, 140.2 million. The increase was mainly attributed to the increase in Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports, which rose by 29.1 percent (P177.3 million), from P609.1 million in April 2019 to P786.3 million during the period under review. Chemicals & Rubber Products recorded an increase of 19.7 percent (P82.8 million) from P420.5 million recorded in April 2019 to P503.3 million registered during the reporting period. Food, Beverages & Tobacco also made a significant contribution to total imports through an increase of 12.2 percent (P73.7 million) from P604.4 million to P678.1 million.

Comparison of imports value for May 2019 and May 2018 shows an increase of 56.0 percent (P2, 318.2 million) from P4, 142.3 million recorded in May 2018 to P6, 460.5 million registered in May 2019. The rise in total imports was mainly as a result of Diamonds imports, which increased from P426.2 million to P2, 240.0 million in May 2019. Vehicles & Transport Equipment also contributed to the increase by rising from P362.3 million during May 2018 to P786.3 million in May 2019.

1.3 Total Exports

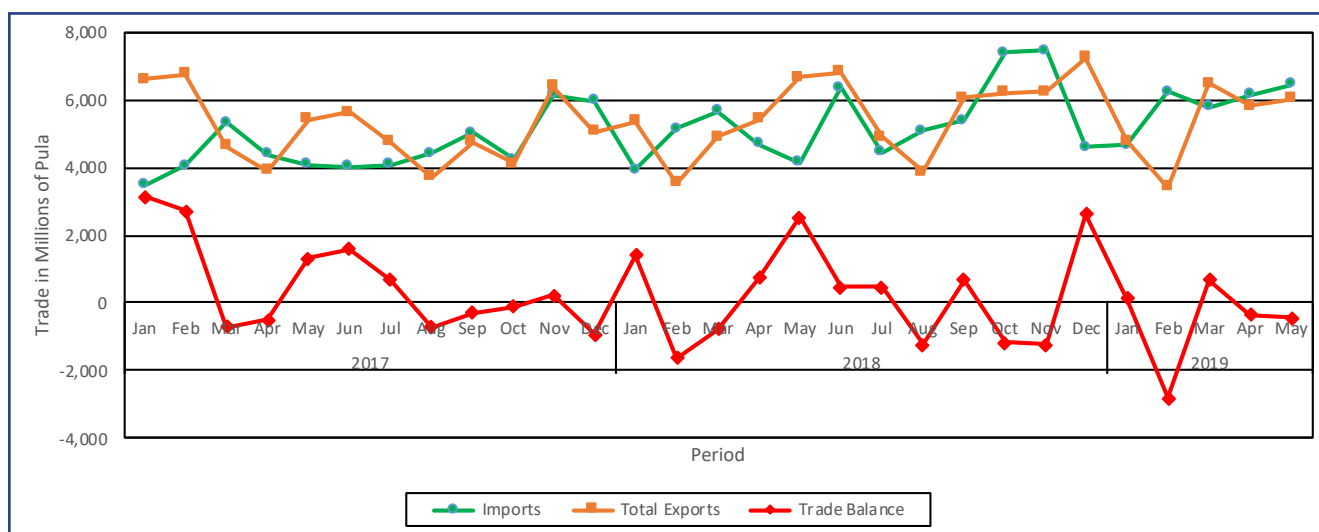
During May 2019, Botswana's total exports amounted to P6, 028.9 million, resulting in an increase of 3.9 percent (P228.3 million) compared to the revised April 2019 value of P5, 800.7 million. The increase is associated with the rise of 3.1 percent (P165.7 million) in Diamonds exports during May 2019 compared to the value recorded for the previous month as shown on **Table 2.2**. Meat & Meat Products also registered an increase of 81.1 percent (P33.8 million) from P41.7 million recorded during April 2019 to P75.5 million registered during the current period.

Comparison of total exports value for May 2019 and May 2018 displays a fall of 9.6 percent (P642.8 million) in total exports from P6, 671.7 million recorded in May 2018. The decline in total exports was as a result of Diamonds exports, which decreased by 8.3 percent (P505.5 million) during the current period. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment also registered decreases of 26.8 percent (P50.4 million) and 49.9 percent (P21.5 million), respectively.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana registered a trade deficit of P431.6 million during May 2019.

Chart 1.1 Total Merchandise Trade - January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

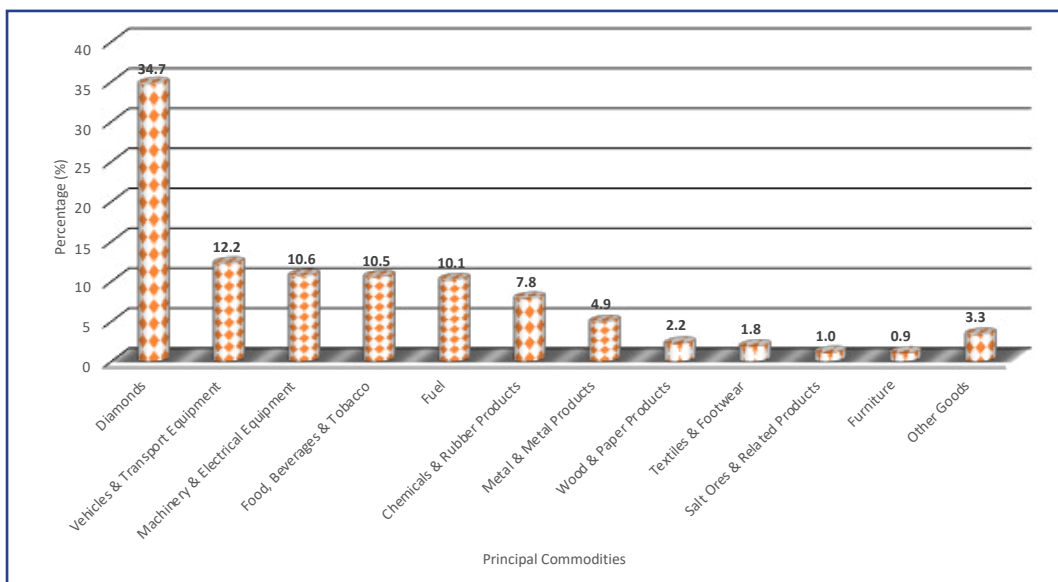
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Textiles & Footwear' which combines textiles and footwear articles; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines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

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

2.1 Principal Imports

Botswana received total imports amounting to P6, 460.5 million during May 2019. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 34.7 percent (P2, 240.0 million), followed by Vehicles & Transport Equipment with 12.2 percent (P786.3 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco followed with contributions of 10.6 percent (P687.2 million) and 10.5 percent (P678.1 million), respectively. Fuel made a contribution of 10.1 percent (P654.3 million) while Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 7.8 percent (P503.3 million) to total imports during the month under review. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in **Table 2.1 (refer to 5.0 Annexure page 14)** and on **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – May 2019

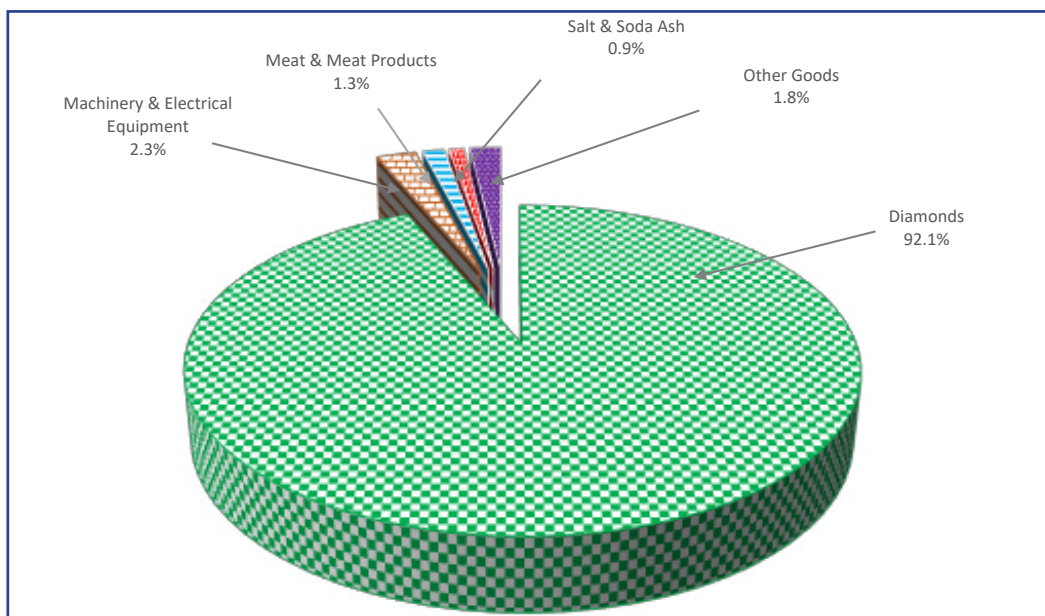


Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for May 2019 were valued at P6, 028.9 million, with 92.1 percent (P5, 554.2 million) attributed to Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Meat & Meat Products exports contributed 2.3 percent (P137.4 million) and 1.3 percent (P 75.5 million) respectively to total exports during the period under review. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in **Table 2.2** and on **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – May 2019



3.0 Direction of Trade

Direction of trade presents **IMTS** by the 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 May 2019 appear in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A**, respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations, respectively, by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana received imports worth P6, 460.5 million during May 2019, with 53.7 percent (P3, 469.9 million) sourced from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**). The top most imported commodity groups from the SACU region was Food, Beverages & Tobacco, with a contribution of 19.0 percent (P658.8 million) followed by Fuel with 17.9 percent (P620.1 million) of total imports from the region. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products made contributions of 13.9 percent (P481.0 million) and 13.0 percent (P451.2 million) respectively to total imports from SACU during May 2019.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports, with a contribution of 52.7 percent (P3, 402.8 million) to total imports during the month under review. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the top most imported commodities from South Africa with contributions of 19.0 percent (P646.5 million) and 17.8 percent (P605.3 million), respectively to total imports from that country.

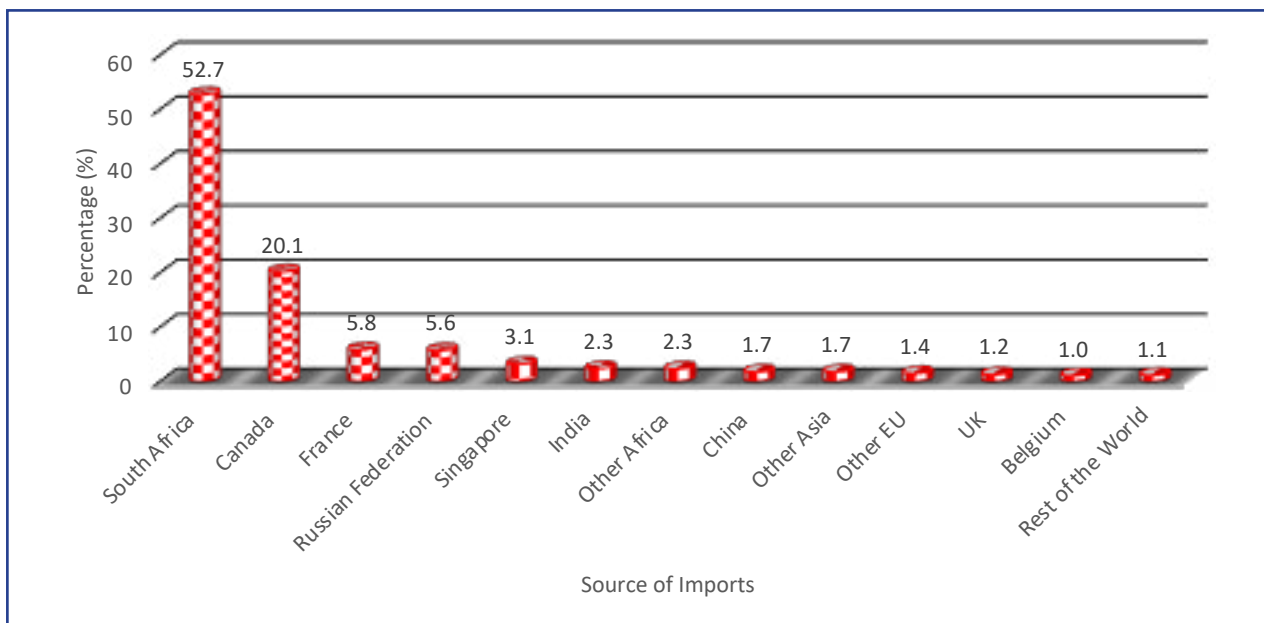
Asia as a regional block supplied Botswana with imports worth P935.6 million, representing 14.5 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main commodities imported from Asia were Diamonds with a contribution of 69.0 percent (P645.2 million) of total imports from the region during May 2019, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Metals & Metals Products with contributions of 10.7 percent (P100.3 million) and 5.3 percent (P49.5 million), respectively. Vehicles & Transport Equipment constituted 5.2 percent (P48.5 million) of total imports from Asia during May 2019.

The Russian Federation, Singapore, India and China were the main sources of imports from Asia having supplied 5.6 percent (P363.5 million), 3.1 percent (P201.8 million), 2.3 percent (P149.5 million) and 1.7 percent (P110.7 million) respectively, of total imports during the period under review.

Imports worth P608.1 million were sourced from the EU, representing 9.4 percent of total imports during the current period. France, the United Kingdom and Belgium were the main sources of imports from the regional community, having contributed 5.8 percent (P372.5 million), 1.2 percent (P78.8 million) and 1.0 percent (P65.1 million) respectively to the total imports during the month under review.

Botswana received imports amounting to P1, 298.5 million from Canada, representing 20.1 percent of total imports during May 2019. Imports from Canada comprised mainly unsorted rough Diamonds, with a contribution of 99.9 percent (P1, 297.7 million) of total imports from that country. Other sources of imports can be observed in **Tables 3.1A** and **3.1B**.

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



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Asia was Botswana's major exports destination during the period under review. The regional block holistically received 58.4 percent (P3, 522.2 million) of total exports. India, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), and Singapore received 19.6 percent (P1, 183.3 million), 17.4 percent (P1, 048.5 million) and 8.0 percent (P485.3 million) respectively of total exports during May 2019. Israel and Hong Kong each received 6.2 percent of total exports during May 2019, at values of P374.8 million and P374.6 million respectively. The main commodity group exported to Asia was Diamonds, as seen from **Table 3.2B**.

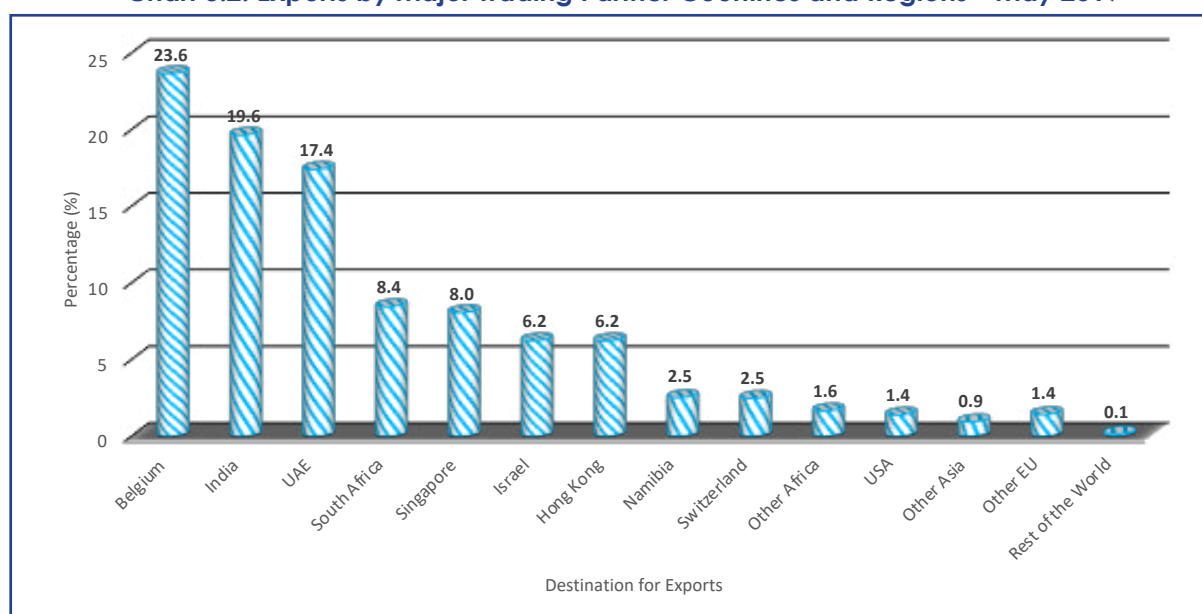
The **EU** received exports valued at P1, 511.4 million, representing 25.1 percent of total exports during May 2019. Belgium received most of exports destined for **EU**, representing 23.6 percent (P1, 425.3 million) of total exports during the reporting period.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region amounted to P661.8 million, representing 11.0 percent of total exports. South Africa was the main destination for exports to the customs union, having received exports accounting for 8.4 percent (P508.7 million) of total exports during the period under review. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **SACU** region, at 56.4 percent (P373.1 million) of all goods destined to the customs union.

Switzerland and the **USA** received 2.5 percent (P148.0 million) and 1.4 percent (P82.4 million) of total exports during May 2019. Exports to these countries consisted mainly of Diamonds.

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

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – May 2019



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

Imports amounting to P3, 255.7 million, translating 50.4 percent of total imports reached the country by road during May 2019. Air and Rail transport accounted for 35.2 percent (P2, 275.7 million) and 14.4 percent (P927.9 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 93.8 percent (P5, 652.4 million) of total exports left the country by air. Road transport accounted for 5.9 percent (P357.8 million).

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	Value	%	Value	%
Air Transport	2,275.7	35.2	5,652.4	93.8
Road Transport	3,255.7	50.4	357.8	5.9
Rail Transport	927.9	14.4	17.9	0.3
Other Modes	1.2	0.0	0.8	0.0
Total	6,460.5	100.0	6,028.9	100.0

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

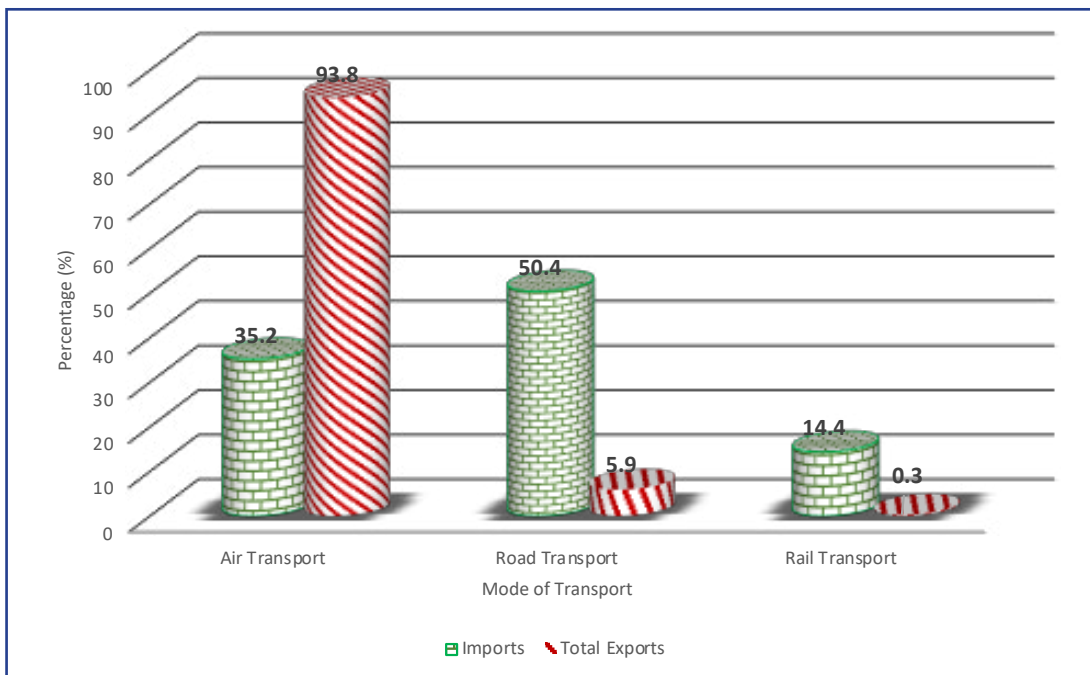


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to May 2019 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2017	3,459.5	3,296.4	161.7	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,131.7
Feb	4,042.2	3,868.5	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,763.0	2,720.8
Mar	5,329.4	5,105.9	220.9	2.6	4,511.6	117.4	4,629.0	(700.4)
Q1	12,831.1	12,270.8	555.2	5.1	17,651.8	331.3	17,983.2	5,152.1
Apr	4,388.3	4,234.5	152.6	1.3	3,891.6	0.1	3,891.6	(496.6)
May	4,085.9	3,923.3	161.2	1.3	5,410.5	0.5	5,411.0	1,325.1
Jun	4,027.0	3,869.7	156.1	1.1	5,629.4	0.2	5,629.6	1,602.6
Q2	12,501.2	12,027.5	469.9	3.7	14,931.5	0.7	14,932.2	2,431.0
Jul	4,083.9	3,910.9	171.9	1.1	4,751.8	0.4	4,752.2	668.3
Aug	4,418.4	4,240.1	177.3	1.0	3,701.0	1.9	3,702.8	(715.6)
Sep	5,032.4	4,835.9	195.6	1.0	4,752.7	1.8	4,754.5	(277.9)
Q3	13,534.7	12,986.9	544.8	3.0	13,205.4	4.0	13,209.5	(325.3)
Oct	4,226.4	4,017.8	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(117.4)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,961.5	5,748.0	212.0	1.5	5,044.1	3.2	5,047.2	(914.2)
Q4	16,343.4	15,691.6	647.7	4.1	15,534.3	13.0	15,547.3	(796.1)
Total_2017	55,210.3	52,976.8	2,217.7	15.9	61,323.0	349.1	61,672.2	6,461.8
Jan_2018	3,939.5	3,755.2	183.4	0.9	5,363.7	0.1	5,363.8	1,424.4
Feb	5,145.9	4,952.2	192.5	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,611.1)
Mar	5,667.9	5,460.1	206.6	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(771.5)
Q1	14,753.2	14,167.5	582.4	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.0	(958.2)
Apr	4,674.1	4,492.3	180.8	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	734.7
May	4,142.3	3,936.1	205.2	1.0	6,663.4	8.2	6,671.7	2,529.3
Jun	6,342.0	6,141.1	200.1	0.8	6,817.5	0.0	6,817.6	475.5
Q2	15,158.4	14,569.5	586.2	2.8	18,888.2	9.8	18,898.0	3,739.6
Jul	4,450.6	4,258.7	190.9	1.0	4,909.4	1.5	4,910.8	460.2
Aug	5,085.8	4,860.2	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,221.9)
Sep	5,386.1	5,163.8	220.7	1.6	6,057.4	0.5	6,057.8	671.8
Q3	14,922.5	14,282.7	636.2	3.6	14,830.5	2.1	14,832.6	(89.9)
Oct	7,392.3	7,146.0	244.9	1.4	6,212.9	2.3	6,215.2	(1,177.1)
Nov	7,450.1	7,189.2	258.6	2.2	6,231.6	0.7	6,232.3	(1,217.8)
Dec	4,608.9	4,377.4	230.4	1.1	7,220.0	0.0	7,220.0	2,611.2
Q4	19,451.3	18,712.6	733.9	4.7	19,664.5	3.0	19,667.5	216.3
Total_2018	64,285.4	61,732.2	2,538.8	14.4	67,173.9	19.3	67,193.2	2,907.7
Jan_2019	4,656.7	4,432.3	223.1	1.3	4,784.3	0.0	4,784.4	127.6
Feb	6,230.9	6,025.3	204.4	1.2	3,409.5	4.1	3,413.6	(2,817.3)
Mar	5,768.7	5,552.8	215.0	0.9	6,474.8	0.1	6,474.9	706.2
Q1	16,656.3	16,010.4	642.4	3.5	14,668.3	4.1	14,672.4	(1,983.5)
Apr	6,140.2	5,929.1	209.1	2.0	5,795.5	5.2	5,800.7	(339.5)
May	6,460.5	6,232.6	226.9	1.0	6,023.3	5.6	6,028.9	(431.6)

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

Period / HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2017	322.9	707.2	543.1	677.5	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	97.1	211.2	97.5	95.4	3,459.5
Feb	399.8	885.6	552.5	563.0	56.1	603.0	238.4	46.8	152.7	277.1	115.8	151.5	4,042.2
Mar	333.4	1,789.9	583.5	808.7	48.4	709.7	168.1	33.0	180.6	413.4	102.4	158.5	5,329.4
Q1	1,056.1	3,382.7	1,679.1	2,049.2	138.2	1,802.1	562.0	108.7	430.3	901.7	315.7	405.4	12,831.1
Apr	322.8	1,590.5	465.9	592.9	41.5	529.0	171.4	42.0	105.3	318.4	89.3	119.4	4,388.3
May	423.5	1,139.3	528.3	559.8	53.3	487.2	189.1	40.6	133.0	286.2	104.2	141.4	4,085.9
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	516.1	527.2	48.1	465.7	185.3	37.4	85.7	275.4	97.8	181.4	4,027.0
Q2	1,096.9	3,986.1	1,510.3	1,679.9	142.9	1,481.9	545.8	119.9	323.9	880.0	291.3	442.2	12,501.2
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.4	571.3	50.7	555.4	220.7	49.4	130.4	290.7	112.8	178.7	4,083.9
Aug	1,081.6	514.1	573.5	627.4	65.2	594.4	209.3	43.5	152.6	267.0	131.6	158.3	4,418.4
Sep	489.9	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	134.1	389.9	125.1	171.5	5,032.4
Q3	1,964.5	3,014.8	1,707.0	1,788.2	168.0	1,866.1	645.4	138.3	417.1	947.6	369.5	508.5	13,534.7
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	185.3	4,226.4
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.8	160.7	207.5	6,155.5
Dec	483.0	1,738.9	693.2	1,185.1	67.6	665.7	218.6	43.2	128.3	403.3	138.7	195.7	5,961.5
Q4	1,562.4	4,035.2	2,061.2	2,581.7	202.4	2,101.3	725.4	135.1	479.9	1,435.3	434.9	588.6	16,343.4
Total_2017	5,679.8	14,418.8	6,957.6	8,099.0	651.6	7,251.3	2,478.6	502.0	1,651.2	4,164.6	1,411.4	1,944.6	55,210.3
Jan_2018	396.2	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.2	293.6	110.6	148.7	3,939.5
Feb	424.7	1,597.8	619.8	606.1	60.0	681.2	215.7	34.1	127.8	473.5	123.1	182.2	5,145.9
Mar	431.2	1,904.0	661.0	676.0	67.8	707.3	230.0	48.3	155.9	478.6	138.8	168.8	5,667.9
Q1	1,252.1	4,280.8	1,909.5	1,925.8	163.0	2,005.7	605.1	124.5	369.0	1,245.7	372.5	499.7	14,753.2
Apr	403.2	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	548.8	207.5	40.3	138.7	362.0	118.6	192.0	4,674.1
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.4	54.0	122.4	362.3	142.0	187.8	4,142.3
Jun	439.5	2,720.7	595.2	654.7	69.7	661.7	274.2	45.2	126.8	484.5	111.8	158.1	6,342.0
Q2	1,336.7	4,571.2	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.7	1,874.4	723.2	139.5	387.9	1,208.8	372.4	537.9	15,158.4
Jul	447.6	973.9	590.5	665.4	50.4	607.4	227.5	38.3	134.4	412.0	117.9	185.3	4,450.6
Aug	507.5	1,015.0	676.3	728.8	68.9	772.0	260.4	45.7	158.7	484.0	117.3	251.3	5,085.8
Sep	494.8	1,366.6	656.0	756.2	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.8	138.6	170.6	5,386.1
Q3	1,449.8	3,355.5	1,922.8	2,150.4	186.2	2,250.5	745.0	147.5	457.0	1,276.9	373.7	607.3	14,922.5
Oct	604.6	2,835.3	756.6	891.4	81.8	824.1	272.4	63.8	211.5	510.0	158.2	182.6	7,392.3
Nov	601.5	2,718.3	829.6	844.9	85.2	849.4	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.1	153.3	209.6	7,450.1
Dec	478.8	370.2	641.1	741.1	61.1	620.3	225.5	48.6	141.0	529.7	148.1	603.2	4,608.9
Q4	1,684.9	5,923.8	2,227.4	2,477.4	228.1	2,293.9	836.4	178.3	571.3	1,574.8	459.6	995.4	19,451.3
Total_2018	5,723.4	18,131.3	7,914.4	8,513.6	769.0	8,424.4	2,909.6	589.8	1,785.2	5,306.1	1,578.2	2,640.3	64,285.4
Jan_2019	441.6	800.3	690.8	589.9	47.3	614.5	240.1	50.9	95.8	763.6	103.3	218.7	4,656.7
Feb	501.4	2,485.0	633.6	536.4	56.8	634.0	268.3	47.4	137.5	647.5	119.6	163.4	6,230.9
Mar	482.4	1,994.7	699.1	586.7	66.9	725.7	306.2	52.4	161.1	378.8	129.3	185.5	5,768.7
Q1	1,425.5	5,280.0	2,023.4	1,713.0	171.0	1,974.2	814.6	150.8	394.3	1,789.8	352.2	567.6	16,656.3
Apr	420.5	2,310.5	604.4	603.0	62.0	716.9	359.9	51.4	126.4	609.1	120.4	155.9	6,140.2
May	503.3	2,240.0	678.1	654.3	61.2	687.2	315.1	65.8	117.0	786.3	139.5	212.7	6,460.5
% Distribution													
2017	10.3	26.1	12.6	14.7	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	3.0	7.5	2.6	3.5	100.0
2018	8.9	28.2	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.3	2.5	4.1	100.0
Apr_19	6.8	37.6	9.8	9.8	1.0	11.7	5.9	0.8	2.1	9.9	2.0	2.5	100.0
May_19	7.8	34.7	10.5	10.1	0.9	10.6	4.9	1.0	1.8	12.2	2.2	3.3	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to May 2019 (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_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.6	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.2
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.8	17.1	181.6	17.8	17.4	64.8	17.8	34.1	52.2	6,763.0
Mar	0.2	4,256.6	34.1	4.5	10.4	136.8	34.3	21.6	35.9	12.3	25.2	57.1	4,629.0
Q1	2.4	16,529.4	72.0	9.9	36.1	528.4	84.0	53.0	180.2	42.6	284.8	160.4	17,983.2
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.8	45.0	9.4	41.2	14.4	25.8	56.1	3,891.6
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	13.1	87.6	65.5	5,411.0
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.5	13.0	14.3	51.0	5,629.6
Q2	15.0	13,682.6	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.7	40.5	127.6	172.7	14,932.2
Jul	9.2	4,251.1	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.7	14.6	22.9	57.0	4,752.2
Aug	1.6	3,246.3	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.4	104.0	15.5	56.9	13.7	32.9	61.1	3,702.8
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	14.5	138.8	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	21.0	73.7	4,754.5
Q3	14.3	11,721.5	120.8	9.0	42.1	392.4	330.9	63.4	200.4	46.0	76.8	191.8	13,209.5
Oct	4.6	3,607.5	16.0	3.0	15.0	182.0	91.7	20.4	47.6	17.9	27.4	76.1	4,109.1
Nov	3.2	5,747.1	41.1	3.0	29.1	226.1	127.6	24.6	52.0	18.1	21.4	97.7	6,391.0
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	10.5	113.5	58.5	13.6	58.2	17.1	39.6	79.9	5,047.2
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.7	157.8	53.1	88.3	253.8	15,547.3
Total 2017	40.9	55,904.0	372.2	37.7	168.6	1,850.3	887.5	230.3	642.1	182.2	577.5	778.8	61,672.2
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.8
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	38.1	89.7	4,896.4
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.1	13,795.0
Apr	0.3	4,916.1	49.6	2.9	13.3	127.5	60.4	20.7	55.0	18.6	50.0	94.4	5,408.8
May	4.3	6,059.7	42.1	2.2	13.1	187.8	75.7	24.9	63.9	24.6	43.1	130.4	6,671.7
Jun	14.8	6,277.5	41.8	2.3	12.8	114.4	141.2	20.8	33.9	18.2	34.1	105.8	6,817.6
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	330.6	18,898.0
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	24.4	79.1	4,910.8
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	30.4	82.2	6,057.8
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	83.4	266.5	14,832.6
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.0	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.2	6,215.2
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	26.0	98.3	116.1	6,232.3
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	85.3	8.6	51.8	18.3	34.9	104.8	7,220.0
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	509.9	213.8	59.7	174.8	67.8	276.6	375.1	19,667.5
Total 2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,937.7	969.7	246.5	885.1	233.8	608.1	1,199.3	67,193.2
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	7.8	53.4	13.6	22.1	131.9	4,784.4
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.0	39.3	9.8	44.6	14.2	19.5	79.3	3,413.6
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.5	54.5	13.1	44.0	83.5	6,474.9
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.1	93.0	31.1	152.5	40.9	85.5	294.7	14,672.8
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	11.9	132.5	41.7	14.1	42.8	13.8	30.1	84.6	5,800.7
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.0	137.4	75.5	19.4	52.5	10.8	21.6	109.1	6,028.9
% Distribution													
2017	0.1	90.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.0	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	100.0
2018	0.1	89.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.8	100.0
Apr_19	0.0	92.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.5	100.0
May_19	0.0	92.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	2.3	1.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.4	1.8	100.0

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

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1,410.9	78.4	1,789.9	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,665.6	574.4	4,256.6
Q1	834.4	4.5	0.0	2,420.7	123.1	3,382.7	10.5	57.6	0.0	15,441.2	1,020.2	16,529.4
Apr	654.5	511.5	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,590.5	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,131.2	395.8	3,556.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.4	4,965.7
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	209.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	5,160.8
Q2	1,628.8	511.6	0.0	1,339.3	506.3	3,986.1	20.4	508.3	0.0	11,929.9	1,224.1	13,682.6
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	204.9	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,251.1
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	128.3	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,246.3
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1,395.2	103.4	1,500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3,718.4	492.1	4,224.2
Q3	645.8	1.5	0.0	1,981.6	385.9	3,014.8	0.0	347.0	0.0	9,705.4	1,669.2	11,721.5
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	196.5	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,607.5
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	133.9	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,747.1
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,244.3	475.3	4,035.2	0.0	336.1	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,970.4
Total_2017	4,423.9	518.3	0.0	7,985.9	1,490.6	14,418.8	30.9	1,248.9	0.0	49,035.3	5,588.9	55,904.0
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
Mar	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
Q1	998.9	1.9	0.0	2,907.7	372.3	4,280.8	117.8	10.5	0.0	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.7
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,058.1	133.6	1,424.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	4,443.3	469.1	4,916.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	297.5	426.2	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,295.7	433.1	2,720.7	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	807.2	6,277.5
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	864.3	4,571.2	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.4	17,253.3
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	96.0	973.9	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	143.9	1,015.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	247.0	1,366.6	0.2	10.0	0.0	4,636.5	651.3	5,297.9
Q3	1,581.4	2.2	0.0	1,285.0	487.0	3,355.5	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,242.1	387.5	2,835.3	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,167.4	308.2	2,718.3	0.0	13.1	0.0	4,492.7	1,090.7	5,596.6
Dec	0.0	0.1	0.0	119.0	251.2	370.2	0.0	19.7	0.0	5,922.3	805.4	6,747.4
Q4	1,447.6	0.8	0.0	3,528.5	946.9	5,923.8	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total_2018	5,252.2	5.3	0.0	10,203.5	2,670.4	18,131.3	128.1	83.9	0.0	51,508.6	8,690.5	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	368.4	2,485.0	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,280.5	423.9	1,994.7	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,558.3	1,100.3	5,280.0	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,084.6	2,310.5	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	494.6	447.7	2,240.0	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2

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

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	425.1	217.0	646.5	605.3	54.3	480.3	220.6	62.1	102.6	339.7	116.9	132.6	3,402.8
Namibia	0.2	0.0	3.7	14.8	0.0	0.7	1.0	2.8	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.8	27.8
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
Swaziland	25.9	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.3	36.6
SACU	451.2	217.0	658.8	620.1	54.3	481.0	221.6	64.9	105.3	343.4	118.7	133.7	3,469.9
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.6	0.0	0.0	24.1
Zambia	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	22.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5
Other SADC	2.2	0.0	8.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	4.2	0.0	19.7
SADC	453.5	217.0	671.7	620.3	54.6	482.3	246.7	65.8	105.3	367.5	122.8	133.8	3,541.2
Kenya	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.2
Morocco	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Africa	457.5	217.1	671.7	620.3	54.6	485.1	246.7	65.8	105.3	367.6	122.8	133.9	3,548.4
Russian Federation	0.0	363.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	363.5
Singapore	0.0	181.1	0.0	19.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	201.8
India	14.3	78.5	0.8	3.3	0.1	22.9	26.6	0.0	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	149.5
China	6.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	5.0	50.3	21.6	0.0	3.5	7.6	3.0	13.0	110.7
Other Asia	2.3	22.1	0.8	11.0	0.0	27.1	1.3	0.0	1.9	39.7	0.3	3.8	110.1
Asia	23.2	645.2	1.7	34.0	5.1	100.3	49.5	0.0	6.9	48.5	3.4	17.6	935.6
France	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	360.2	0.0	0.3	372.5
UK	4.0	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	17.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	3.5	0.9	50.3	78.8
Belgium	0.1	64.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	65.1
Other EU	15.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.4	44.9	18.4	0.0	3.7	2.0	1.2	3.5	91.7
EU	19.2	65.7	2.8	0.0	1.5	74.1	18.6	0.0	4.1	365.7	2.2	54.2	608.1
Canada	0.4	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,298.5
USA	2.7	14.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	22.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	3.3	0.2	2.1	45.3
Rest of the World	0.2	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.2	10.9	4.8	24.8
Total	503.3	2,240.0	678.1	654.3	61.2	687.2	315.1	65.8	117.0	786.3	139.5	212.7	6,460.5

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.5	6.4	19.0	17.8	1.6	14.1	6.5	1.8	3.0	10.0	3.4	3.9	100.0
Namibia	0.8	0.0	13.2	53.1	0.0	2.6	3.7	10.1	0.1	13.3	0.1	2.9	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	70.7	0.0	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.9	100.0
SACU	13.0	6.3	19.0	17.9	1.6	13.9	6.4	1.9	3.0	9.9	3.4	3.9	100.0
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.9	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.1	0.0	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	82.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other SADC	11.4	0.0	43.5	1.0	1.4	3.3	12.8	2.8	0.2	2.6	21.1	0.1	100.0
SADC	12.8	6.1	19.0	17.5	1.5	13.6	7.0	1.9	3.0	10.4	3.5	3.8	100.0
Kenya	92.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	1.9	100.0
Morocco	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	6.6	24.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	61.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	4.9	100.0
Africa	12.9	6.1	18.9	17.5	1.5	13.7	7.0	1.9	3.0	10.4	3.5	3.8	100.0
Russian Federation	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	89.7	0.0	9.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	9.6	52.5	0.5	2.2	0.1	15.3	17.8	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	100.0
China	6.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.5	45.4	19.6	0.0	3.1	6.8	2.7	11.7	100.0
Other Asia	2.1	20.0	0.7	10.0	0.0	24.6	1.2	0.0	1.8	36.1	0.2	3.4	100.0
Asia	2.5	69.0	0.2	3.6	0.5	10.7	5.3	0.0	0.7	5.2	0.4	1.9	100.0
France	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.7	0.0	0.1	100.0
United Kingdom	5.1	1.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	21.6	0.2	0.0	0.5	4.4	1.2	63.8	100.0
Belgium	0.1	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other EU	16.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	49.0	20.1	0.0	4.0	2.2	1.3	3.8	100.0
EU	3.2	10.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	12.2	3.1	0.0	0.7	60.1	0.4	8.9	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	5.9	31.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	48.9	0.4	0.0	0.8	7.4	0.4	4.6	100.0
Rest of the World	0.9	0.4	7.7	0.0	0.2	21.1	0.1	0.0	1.3	4.8	44.2	19.4	100.0
Total	7.8	34.7	10.5	10.1	0.9	10.6	4.9	1.0	1.8	12.2	2.2	3.3	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – May 2019 (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	0.1	249.3	0.0	0.0	10.4	102.3	30.1	16.0	38.0	10.3	2.6	49.7	508.7
Namibia	0.0	123.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.7	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.2	5.1	14.5	151.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
SACU	0.1	373.1	0.0	0.0	12.4	108.2	30.2	17.1	38.0	10.5	7.8	64.5	661.8
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	8.2	0.0	0.3	6.5	0.2	9.5	10.1	39.8
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.7	0.0	2.1	7.5	0.1	2.5	14.3	37.3
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	5.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.4	1.1	10.6
SADC	0.1	373.1	0.0	0.0	17.5	129.7	35.2	19.4	52.5	10.8	21.1	90.0	749.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	8.9	9.0
Africa	0.1	373.1	0.0	0.0	17.5	129.7	35.2	19.4	52.5	10.8	21.2	98.9	758.4
India	0.0	1,182.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,183.3
UAE	0.0	1,047.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,048.5
Singapore	0.0	485.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	485.3
Hong Kong	0.0	374.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	374.6
Israel	0.0	374.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	374.8
Other Asia	0.0	53.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	55.7
Asia	0.0	3,518.0	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	3,522.2
Belgium	0.0	1,424.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,425.3
UK	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	39.2
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.8
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	11.2
EU	0.0	1,458.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	40.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.5	1,511.4
Switzerland	0.0	117.7	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	148.0
USA	0.0	81.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	82.4
Rest of World	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.4
Total	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.0	137.4	75.5	19.4	52.5	10.8	21.6	109.1	6,028.9

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

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.0	49.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	20.1	5.9	3.1	7.5	2.0	0.5	9.8	100.0
Namibia	0.0	81.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.8	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.1	3.4	9.6	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	4.9	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	46.8	100.0
SACU	0.0	56.4	0.0	0.0	1.9	16.3	4.6	2.6	5.7	1.6	1.2	9.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	20.7	0.0	0.6	16.3	0.5	23.8	25.3	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	28.7	0.0	5.5	20.2	0.3	6.7	38.5	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.2	47.6	0.0	5.2	0.0	12.9	10.1	100.0
SADC	0.0	49.8	0.0	0.0	2.3	17.3	4.7	2.6	7.0	1.4	2.8	12.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	99.0	100.0
Africa	0.0	49.2	0.0	0.0	2.3	17.1	4.6	2.6	6.9	1.4	2.8	13.0	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	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	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
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
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	95.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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
UK	0.0	84.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.4	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.6	40.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.9	100.0
EU	0.0	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	79.5	19.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
USA	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	100.0
Rest of World	0.0	83.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	100.0
Total	0.0	92.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	2.3	1.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.4	1.8	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 by-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.