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# Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measures the movement of goods across the border of a country, hence has a vital role in the world economy as it accounts for all transactions of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value and quantity of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports), the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics remain one of the major indicators of the performance of a country's economy and its competitiveness in the world market.

The monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics are used extensively in the compilation of national accounts and balance of payments. Furthermore, these statistics are used by government institutions and other stakeholders for trade negotiations and other various purposes.

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for May 2023. It shows summaries of total international merchandise trade as presented in **Table 1.0**. Trade by principal commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports, while **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at the region or country level, for May 2023 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Tables 4.1A** and **4.1B** present statistics on the most imported and most exported commodities (excluding Diamonds) during May 2023 respectively.

Changes in data for the corresponding months in the current versus previous digests may be attributed to data from transactions that had deferred customs duty assessments. The data for such transactions would only be available at a later stage after customs duty assessments have been completed.

International trade statistics by mode of transport are collected for the 'active modes of transport (road, rail, air) with which goods are presumed to leave or enter the statistical territory of the country. Such data may be used to formulate transport policy, monitor international transport routes or assess the impact of international trade on the environment.

The top traded commodities (excluding Diamonds) for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

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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.



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# Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest provides a summary of trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods for May 2023.

In May 2023, Botswana's merchandise imports stood at P6, 623.0 million, a 6.7 percent increase compared to the revised April 2023 value of P6, 204.3 million. Total exports amounted to P8, 537.5 million, an increase of 30.8 percent from the revised April 2023 value of P6, 525.7 million.

The leading import commodity groups were Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with a contribution of 19.8 percent and 15.2 percent to total imports, respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with 14.7 percent while Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds contributed 13.1 and 12.9 percent in that order. Diamonds and Copper contributed 84.4 percent and 6.2 percent to total exports respectively, during the period under consideration.

During the current month, imports from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) made a contribution of 71.1 percent, whilst those from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 13.8 percent and 5.2 percent of total imports respectively. South Africa supplied 66.2 percent of total imports followed by Namibia and Armenia with 4.6 percent each. China and Canada contributed 4.0 percent and 3.7 percent respectively.

Exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** represented 70.7 percent, 17.3 percent and 7.3 percent of the total exports, respectively. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), Belgium, India and South Africa received exports accounting for 37.3 percent, 17.3 percent, 16.5 percent and 6.9 percent of the monthly total, respectively. China received 5.8 percent of total export in May 2023.

During the current period, imports transported by Road accounted for 75.6 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 15.8 percent and 8.6 percent, respectively. Exports by Air accounted for 85.3 percent of total exports, while those by Road and Rail transport represented 14.3 percent and 0.4 percent respectively.

Merchandise worth P47, 164.2 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 45.4 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Kazungula Bridge. Martins Drift border post followed with 35.7 percent of the total transiting goods.



## 1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on May 2023, which is also referred to as the reference period, the period under review or the current month, throughout the digest.

### 1.1 Data Revision

The current monthly digest is based on preliminary figures as regards the reference period. Revisions to the monthly data are subsequently made when new information becomes available or when there are late customs duty assessments. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, bringing additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

Transactions for April 2023 had significant revisions brought by late customs duty assessments which were carried out in May 2023. **Table A** shows revised data, comparing figures as at the April 2023 Digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised significantly upwards for April 2023, that is; Imports by 2.4 percent (P143.6 million) and Total exports by 5.3 percent (P329.1 million).

**Table A: Data Revision: April 2023 (Million Pula)**

Period/ Indicators	As at April 2023 Digest			As at May 2023 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
April	6,060.7	6,196.6	135.9	6,204.3	6,525.7	321.5	143.6	329.1	185.5	2.4	5.3	136.5

( ) denotes negative

### 1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country. In May 2023, the value of total imports was P6, 623.0 million, registering an increase of 6.7 percent (P418.8 million) from the revised April 2023 figure of P6, 204.3 million. The increase was attributable to rise in the importation of all commodity groups except three (Food, Beverages & Tobacco; Fuel and Textiles & Foot wear). Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Vehicle & Transport Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber products increased by P163.6 million (20.1 percent), 115.1 million (30.2 percent) and P 101.1 million (13.2 percent), respectively as derived from **Table 2.1**.

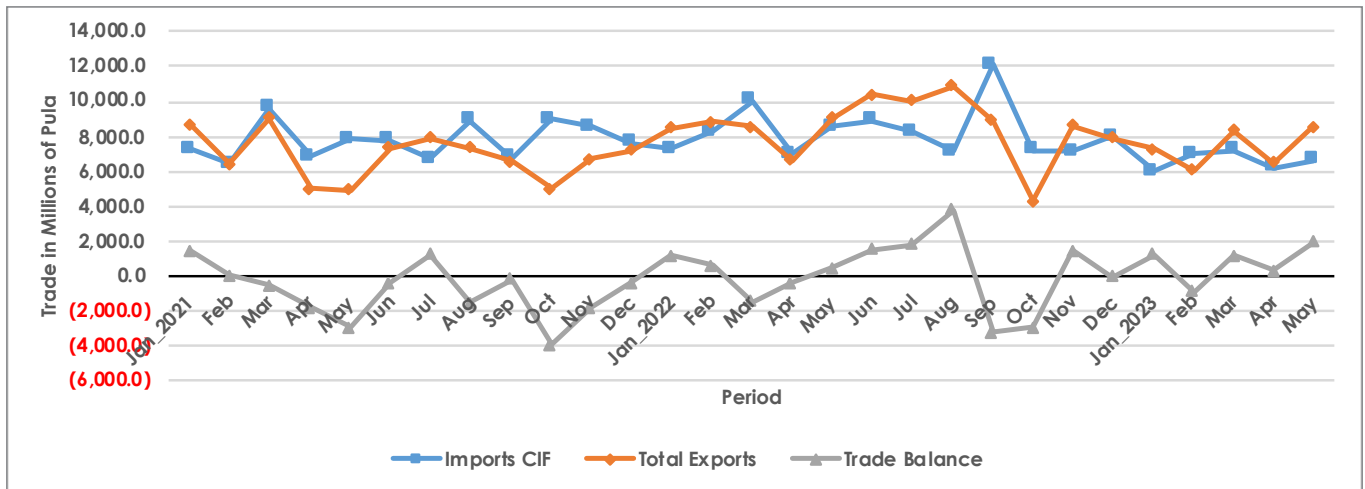
### 1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's value of total exports increased by 30.8 percent (P2, 011.7 million), from the revised April 2023 figure of P6, 525.7 million to P8, 537.5 million in May 2023. The major contributor to the increase in total exports was Diamonds. Diamonds went up by 30.6 percent (P1, 690.7 million) from the revised April 2023 value of P5, 519.0 million to P7, 209.7 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

### 1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P1, 914.4 million, the third consecutive after P1, 149.2 million and P321.5 million registered in March and April 2023, respectively. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to May 2023.

**Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to May 2023 (Million Pula)**



## 2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

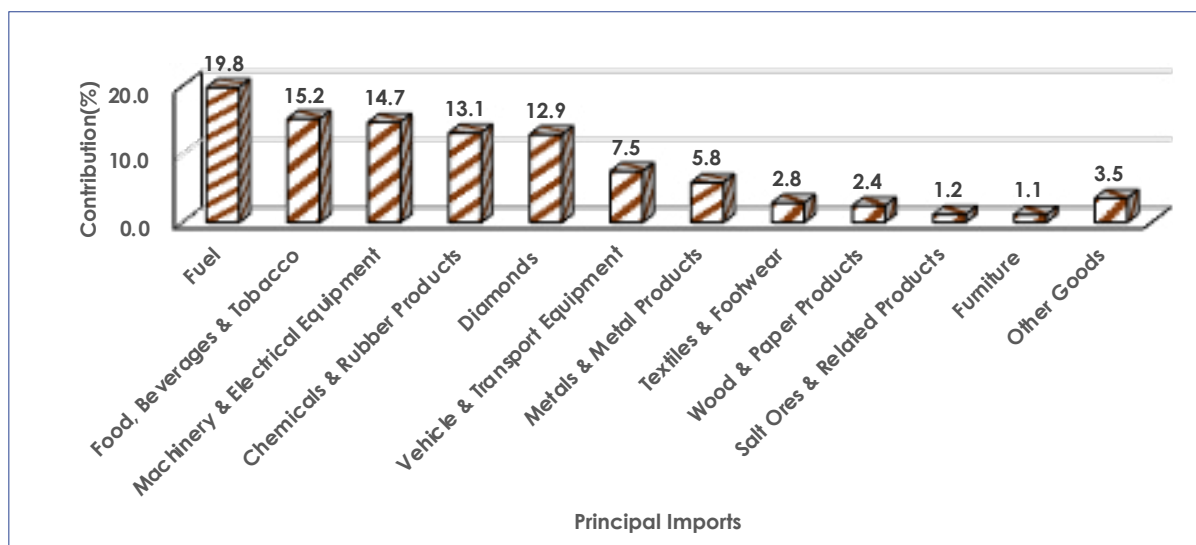
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

### 2.1 Principal Imports

During May 2023, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 623.0 million. The top three commodity groups, Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 19.8 percent (P1, 310.9 million), 15.2 percent (P1, 005.2 million) and 14.7 percent (P972.4 million) to total imports respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds contributed 13.1 percent at P868.9 million) and 12.9 percent (P852.5 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

**Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports-May 2023 (Percentage)**

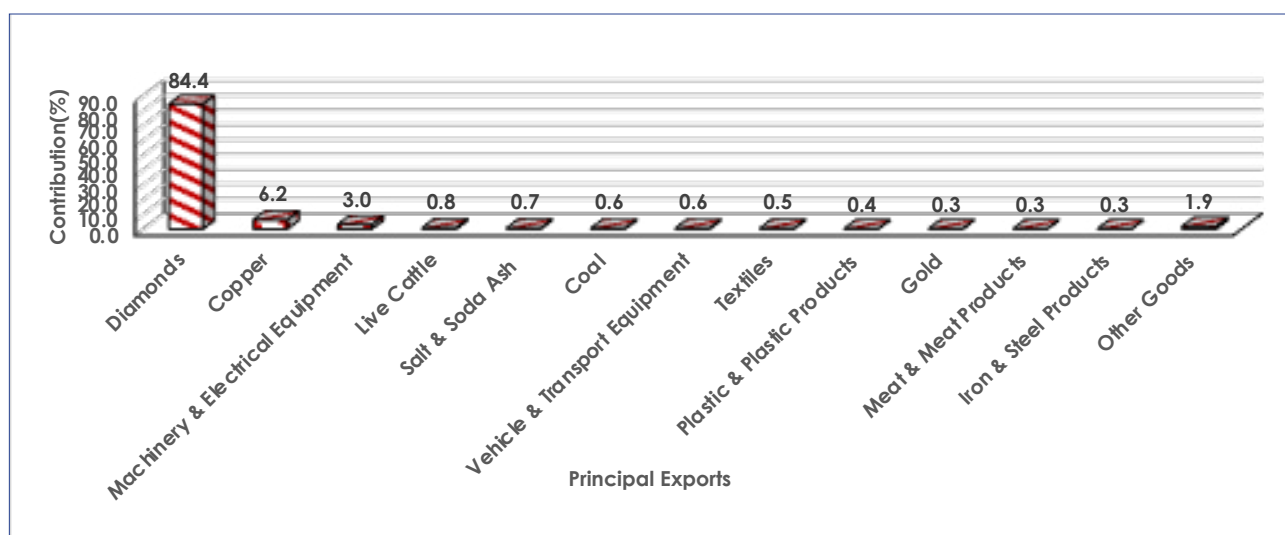


**Note:** 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

## 2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P8, 537.5 million in May 2023 with the Diamonds group dominant at 84.4 percent (P7, 209.7 million), followed by Copper at 6.2 percent (P532.0 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

**Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports –May 2023**



**Note:** 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.2



## 3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during May 2023 appears 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 by principal commodity groups during the same month.

### 3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

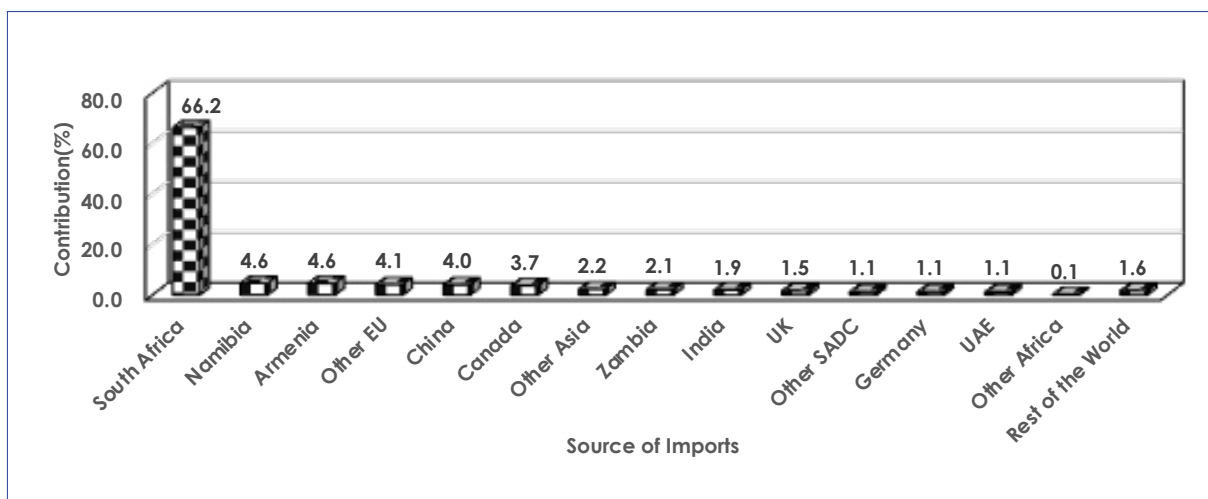
Botswana imported goods worth P6, 623.0 million in May 2023. The **SACU** region was the top supplier at 71.1 percent (P4, 706.3 million) of total imports. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 24.6 percent (P1, 159.9 million), 20.3 percent (P953.5 million) and 13.6 percent (P641.8 million), respectively. Machinery & Electrical equipment accounted for 11.8 percent (P556.4 million) of total imports to the union. During the reporting period, South Africa and Namibia were Botswana's main sources of imports in the **SACU** region and supplied 66.2 percent (P4, 386.8 million) and 4.6 percent (P306.5 million) of Botswana's total imports in that order.

Asia supplied imports worth P917.2 million, representing 13.8 percent of Botswana's total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Diamonds; Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products, with contributions of 47.1 percent (P431.6 million), 23.6 percent (P216.7 million) and 10.0 percent (P91.5 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. Imports from Armenia and China made up 4.6 percent (P301.8 million) and 4.0 percent (P267.1 million) of total imports respectively, during the month under review.

Botswana received imports worth P341.8 million (5.2 percent) from the **EU** in May 2023. The major commodity groups imported from the **EU** were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products at 39.6 percent (P135.2 million) and 29.2 percent (P99.9million) of total imports from the union, respectively. Germany supplied 1.1 percent (P72.6 million) of total imports.

In May 2023, Canada contributed 3.7 percent (P242.6 million) of total imports, of which 98.0 percent (P237.7 million) were Diamonds. The United Kingdom (UK) supplied imports valued at P101.7 million (1.5 percent) of total imports. Sources of imports during May 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

**Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – May 2023**



*'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.1A*  
*"Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart*

## 3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

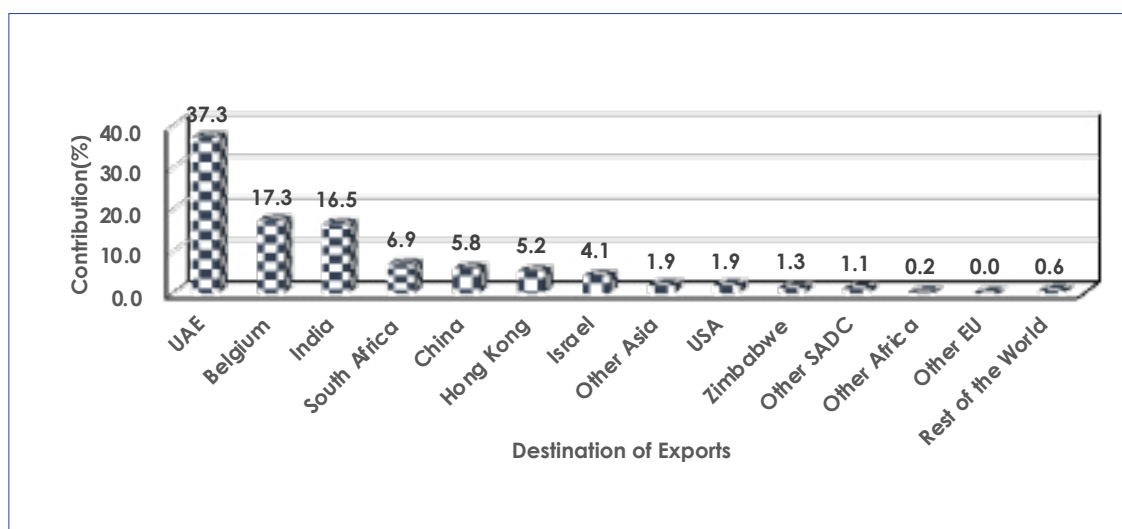
Botswana exported merchandise valued at P8, 537.5 million in May 2023. Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 70.7 percent (P6, 036.3 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined for the **UAE** and India at 37.3 percent (P3, 181.6 million) and 16.5 percent (P1, 406.2 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 91.5 percent (P5, 525.7 million) and 8.2 percent (P495.2 million) respectively, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

The **EU** received exports amounting to P1, 476.5 million, translating to 17.3 percent of total exports during the month. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 17.3 percent (P1, 476.1 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.9 percent (P1, 475.5 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region amounted to P620.1 million, accounting for 7.3 percent of total exports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Live Cattle were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 36.3 percent (P225.0 million) and 10.2 percent (P63.1 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports within SACU, at 6.9 percent (P585.4 million).

The **USA** received exports worth P162.4 million, representing 1.9 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to the USA was Diamonds at 99.8 percent (P162.0 million) of exports to that country. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

**Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – May 2023**



**'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.2**

**"Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart**

## 4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports. This is intended to present the most traded goods (excluding Diamonds) with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution, possible exportation and economic diversification.

## 5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For purposes of the compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics, the mode of transport refers to the method used for the mobility of goods in and out of the country. These statistics are predominantly collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring international transport routes or assess the impact of international trade on the environment, as transport is critical for trade facilitation. Active modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for movement of international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to modes of transport while **Chart B** gives the graphical illustration.

During the month under review Imports accounting for 75.6 percent (P5, 006.4 million) of the monthly total value were transported into the country by Road, while those carried by Rail and Air represented 15.8 percent (P1, 043.8 million) and 8.6 percent (P570.5 million) respectively.

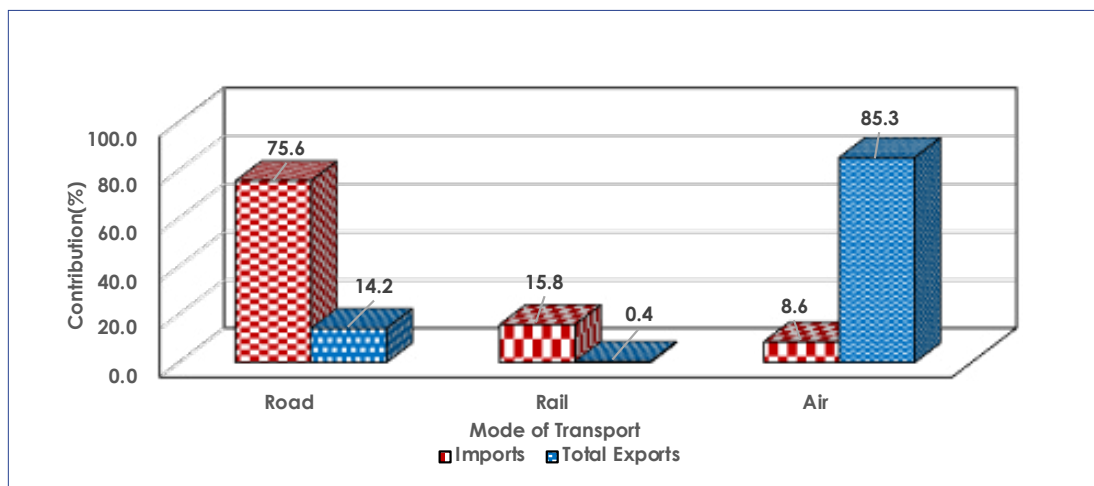
Goods that left the country by Air were valued at P7, 286.1 million, representing 85.3 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail accounted for 14.3 percent (P1, 212.2 million) and 0.4 percent (P38.3 million) in that order.

**Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Trans type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Road	5,006.4	75.6	1,212.2	14.2
Rail	1,043.8	15.8	38.3	0.4
Air	570.5	8.6	7,286.1	85.3
Other	2.3	0.0	0.8	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,623.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,537.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

"Other Modes..." includes Inland water ways and Postal service transport

**Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – May 2023**



## 6.0 Transit Trade

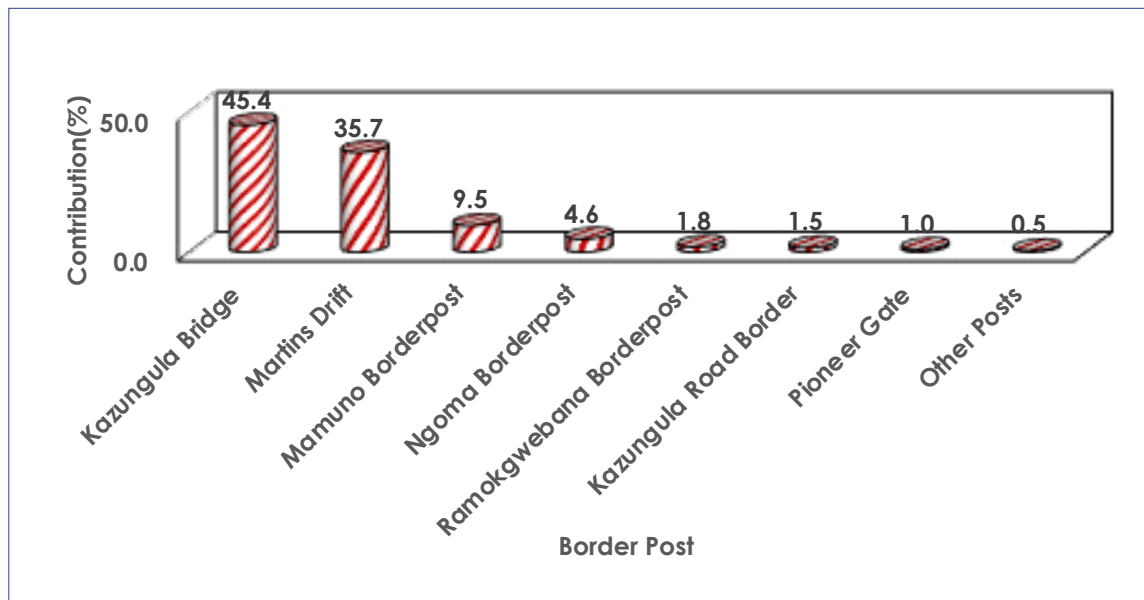
Transit trade is a customs procedure used to move goods between two points of a customs territory, via another customs territory or between two or more different customs territories. International transit can include one or more border crossings when goods are carried from the origin country to destination country. Botswana serves as a gateway to Southern Africa. Transit trade is exempted from all kinds of duties and taxes because the goods are not consumed in the country of transit.

**Table C1** and **Chart C1** show that for the month of May 2023, goods worth P47, 164.2 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Kazungula Bridge and Martins Drift border posts handled goods accounting for 45.4 percent (P21, 415.0 million) and 35.7 percent (P16, 832.8 million) respectively. The top most transiting goods were chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof), Chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals) at 25.2 percent (P11, 880.3 million), 18.5 percent (P8, 743.1 million) and 16.2 percent (P7, 638.8 million) respectively, as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

**Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Kazungula Bridge	21,415.0	45.4
Martins Drift	16,832.8	35.7
Mamuno Borderpost	4,472.8	9.5
Ngoma Borderpost	2,192.1	4.6
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	860.0	1.8
Kazungula Road Border	715.2	1.5
Pioneer Gate	454.8	1.0
Other Posts	221.5	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,164.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Chart C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – May 2023 (Percentage)**



**Table C2: Top Transit Goods - May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	74	Copper and articles thereof	11,880.3	25.2
2	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	8,743.1	18.5
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	7,638.8	16.2
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	3,959.3	8.4
5	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	3,785.2	8.0
6	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	1,444.2	3.1
7	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,420.9	3.0
8	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	910.1	1.9
9	73	Iron or steel articles	906.7	1.9
10	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, parts and accessories of such articles	672.1	1.4
11	39	Plastics and articles thereof	613.4	1.3
12	31	Fertilizers	546.1	1.2
13	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	504.0	1.1
<b>Top Transit Goods</b>			<b>43,024.4</b>	<b>91.2</b>
<b>Other Transit Goods</b>			<b>4,139.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Total Transit Goods</b>			<b>47,164.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Chart C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – May 2023 (Percentage)**

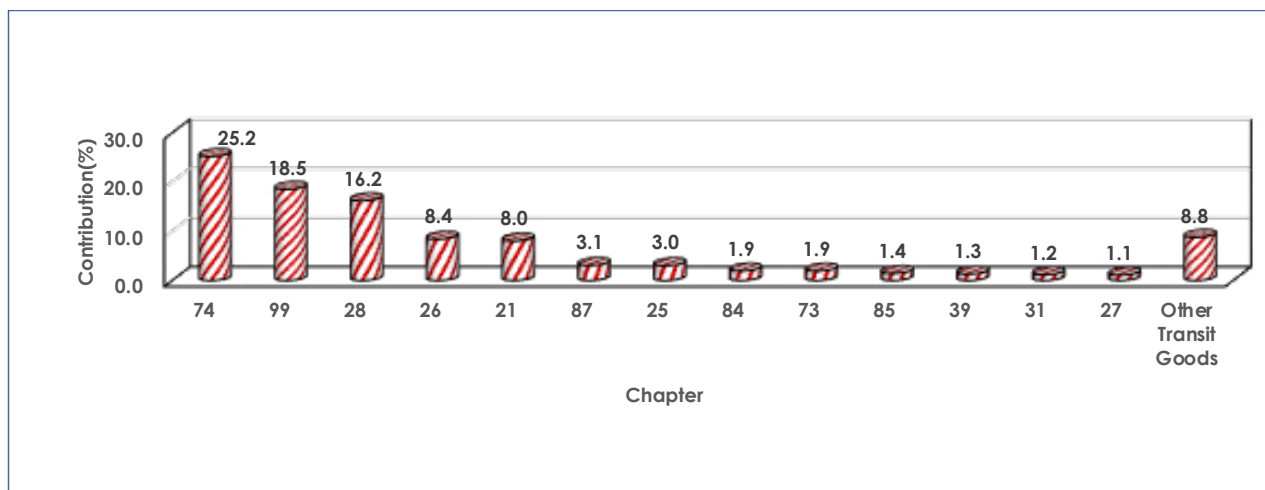




Table 1.0 : Total Merchandise Trade - January 2021 to May 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.8	261.6	1.4	8,689.1	0.3	8,689.4	1,438.6
Feb	6,402.0	6,130.6	269.7	1.6	6,449.1	0.0	6,449.1	47.1
Mar	9,580.1	9,228.0	350.7	1.4	9,039.7	0.0	9,039.7	(540.4)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>23,232.9</b>	<b>22,346.4</b>	<b>882.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>24,177.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>24,178.2</b>	<b>945.3</b>
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.5	0.0	5,030.5	(1,825.8)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.8)
Jun	7,738.1	7,465.5	270.9	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(368.6)
<b>Q2</b>	<b>22,410.3</b>	<b>21,553.3</b>	<b>852.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>17,297.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>17,298.1</b>	<b>(5,112.2)</b>
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.5	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.7	8,561.2	340.9	1.7	7,374.1	0.0	7,374.1	(1,529.6)
Sep	6,751.7	6,473.4	276.7	1.6	6,553.6	1.9	6,555.5	(196.1)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>22,361.0</b>	<b>21,463.0</b>	<b>893.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21,857.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>21,859.9</b>	<b>(501.1)</b>
Oct	9,003.2	8,649.6	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.8)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.2	4.3	6,706.5	(1,841.4)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>25,158.7</b>	<b>24,109.4</b>	<b>1,042.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>18,931.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>18,941.7</b>	<b>(6,217.0)</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>93,162.8</b>	<b>89,472.1</b>	<b>3,671.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>82,264.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>82,277.9</b>	<b>(10,884.9)</b>
Jan_2022	7,288.4	6,974.4	312.1	1.9	8,446.3	0.0	8,446.3	1,157.9
Feb	8,276.4	7,935.9	338.2	2.2	8,841.6	0.1	8,841.6	565.3
Mar	10,020.4	9,625.8	392.2	2.4	8,548.8	0.3	8,549.1	(1,471.4)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>25,585.2</b>	<b>24,536.1</b>	<b>1,042.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>25,836.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>25,837.0</b>	<b>251.8</b>
Apr	6,978.8	6,671.9	304.9	1.9	6,606.8	0.0	6,606.8	(372.0)
May	8,577.3	8,252.8	322.8	1.7	9,045.0	0.1	9,045.1	467.8
Jun	8,882.4	8,348.1	532.6	1.8	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,521.9
<b>Q2</b>	<b>24,438.5</b>	<b>23,272.8</b>	<b>1,160.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>26,054.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>26,056.2</b>	<b>1,617.7</b>
Jul	8,285.8	7,935.1	349.1	1.6	10,059.8	0.9	10,060.7	1,774.9
Aug	7,153.6	6,812.0	339.0	2.5	10,910.9	1.7	10,912.7	3,759.1
Sep	12,081.9	11,748.1	331.7	2.0	8,880.5	0.0	8,880.5	(3,201.4)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>27,521.3</b>	<b>26,495.3</b>	<b>1,019.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>29,851.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>29,853.9</b>	<b>2,332.6</b>
Oct	7,231.1	6,918.8	310.8	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,964.5)
Nov	7,138.4	6,801.4	335.3	1.7	8,565.8	22.6	8,588.4	1,449.9
Dec	7,958.4	7,660.5	295.7	2.2	7,897.7	0.7	7,898.3	(60.1)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>22,327.9</b>	<b>21,380.7</b>	<b>941.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>20,730.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>20,753.3</b>	<b>(1,574.6)</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>99,872.9</b>	<b>95,684.9</b>	<b>4,164.5</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>102,472.4</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>102,500.4</b>	<b>2,627.5</b>
Jan_2023	6,028.5	5,747.9	279.1	1.6	7,247.2	0.0	7,247.2	1,218.7
Feb	6,961.5	6,667.2	292.6	1.6	6,085.8	6.0	6,091.8	(869.6)
Mar	7,221.7	6,904.7	315.1	1.9	8,365.9	5.0	8,370.9	1,149.2
<b>Q1</b>	<b>20,211.7</b>	<b>19,319.8</b>	<b>886.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>21,698.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>21,709.9</b>	<b>1,498.3</b>
Apr	6,204.3	5,927.4	275.5	1.4	6,525.7	0.0	6,525.7	321.5
May	6,623.0	6,320.8	301.2	1.1	8,537.5	0.0	8,537.5	1,914.4

**Table 2.1 : Principal Imports Commodity Groups - January 2021 to May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Soft Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.9	274.7	75.1	123.3	381.4	117.7	219.6	7,250.8
Feb	550.5	2,086.4	795.1	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	152.6	438.3	129.8	246.8	6,402.0
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	929.0	399.4	69.1	174.6	918.2	194.2	321.1	9,580.1
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,099.1</b>	<b>9,126.1</b>	<b>2,537.8</b>	<b>2,342.1</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>2,279.6</b>	<b>1,019.3</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>450.5</b>	<b>1,737.9</b>	<b>441.7</b>	<b>787.5</b>	<b>23,232.9</b>
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	836.0	148.7	236.8	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	62.2	868.1	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.9	159.8	225.0	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	866.5	860.0	67.5	891.1	384.6	78.8	133.6	459.9	147.7	228.6	7,738.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>2,085.3</b>	<b>7,655.5</b>	<b>2,511.0</b>	<b>2,526.1</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>2,497.9</b>	<b>1,143.5</b>	<b>219.0</b>	<b>446.4</b>	<b>1,984.8</b>	<b>456.2</b>	<b>690.4</b>	<b>22,410.3</b>
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	53.8	810.6	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.2	154.0	219.0	6,705.6
Aug	748.7	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	81.9	962.9	432.1	75.8	156.6	517.2	195.8	264.1	8,903.7
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	957.0	389.7	76.2	189.6	454.9	181.8	256.5	6,751.7
<b>Q3</b>	<b>2,107.2</b>	<b>7,360.3</b>	<b>2,628.5</b>	<b>2,839.6</b>	<b>221.0</b>	<b>2,730.5</b>	<b>1,179.8</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>464.7</b>	<b>1,331.3</b>	<b>531.7</b>	<b>739.6</b>	<b>22,361.0</b>
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	86.4	960.9	321.8	70.4	236.5	512.2	162.9	225.2	9,003.2
Nov	796.2	3,014.2	1,036.0	1,110.1	85.1	931.2	392.4	67.9	224.9	480.3	174.4	235.2	8,547.9
Dec	814.7	2,090.8	966.8	1,213.1	61.4	832.4	307.2	61.6	153.8	724.7	151.6	229.4	7,607.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>2,492.0</b>	<b>8,518.6</b>	<b>3,044.1</b>	<b>3,414.2</b>	<b>232.9</b>	<b>2,724.5</b>	<b>1,021.4</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>615.2</b>	<b>1,717.2</b>	<b>488.9</b>	<b>689.9</b>	<b>25,158.7</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>8,783.6</b>	<b>32,660.5</b>	<b>10,721.4</b>	<b>11,122.0</b>	<b>849.1</b>	<b>10,232.5</b>	<b>4,364.1</b>	<b>855.5</b>	<b>1,976.9</b>	<b>6,771.2</b>	<b>1,918.5</b>	<b>2,907.4</b>	<b>93,162.8</b>
Jan_2022	1,075.4	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	132.1	429.8	130.9	159.0	7,288.4
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,045.5	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	185.0	429.1	142.2	198.3	8,276.4
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	68.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	212.3	514.2	165.7	241.5	10,020.4
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,563.2</b>	<b>9,233.3</b>	<b>2,936.6</b>	<b>3,572.4</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>2,845.3</b>	<b>1,141.8</b>	<b>183.0</b>	<b>529.4</b>	<b>1,373.1</b>	<b>438.8</b>	<b>598.9</b>	<b>25,585.2</b>
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	902.9	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	165.3	392.5	140.8	194.2	6,978.8
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	105.4	1,105.5	409.1	70.1	182.1	388.9	150.8	234.7	8,577.3
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.1	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	166.4	720.3	148.4	242.5	8,882.4
<b>Q2</b>	<b>2,331.1</b>	<b>5,545.6</b>	<b>4,117.1</b>	<b>4,572.3</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>3,174.2</b>	<b>1,138.0</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>513.8</b>	<b>1,501.8</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>671.4</b>	<b>24,438.5</b>
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.5	2,295.6	89.4	1,022.1	369.4	67.9	204.4	619.9	163.7	231.4	8,285.8
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.9	965.3	384.0	78.5	215.9	514.8	183.1	328.7	7,153.6
Sep	854.0	5,769.1	1,037.9	1,469.3	74.9	1,100.7	391.2	65.2	215.9	629.4	194.8	279.6	12,081.9
<b>Q3</b>	<b>2,287.3</b>	<b>8,207.8</b>	<b>3,063.8</b>	<b>5,499.2</b>	<b>237.2</b>	<b>3,088.1</b>	<b>1,144.6</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>636.2</b>	<b>1,764.1</b>	<b>541.6</b>	<b>839.7</b>	<b>27,521.3</b>
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,030.7	1,499.6	80.9	1,067.9	326.6	61.3	203.7	470.0	160.9	270.0	7,231.1
Nov	969.1	641.5	1,173.5	1,521.8	83.0	1,069.5	381.6	63.0	265.5	484.0	193.9	292.2	7,138.4
Dec	767.0	2,351.7	1,013.3	1,670.7	77.3	750.8	313.2	50.5	167.2	367.4	157.9	271.3	7,958.4
<b>Q4</b>	<b>2,486.4</b>	<b>4,302.3</b>	<b>3,217.5</b>	<b>4,692.0</b>	<b>241.3</b>	<b>2,888.2</b>	<b>1,021.4</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>636.3</b>	<b>1,321.4</b>	<b>512.8</b>	<b>833.5</b>	<b>22,327.9</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>9,668.0</b>	<b>27,289.0</b>	<b>13,334.9</b>	<b>18,336.0</b>	<b>884.5</b>	<b>11,995.8</b>	<b>4,445.8</b>	<b>766.0</b>	<b>2,315.8</b>	<b>5,960.4</b>	<b>1,933.3</b>	<b>2,943.5</b>	<b>99,872.9</b>
Jan_2023	640.2	988.8	905.4	1,338.4	46.5	850.4	279.7	56.3	133.4	418.8	134.9	235.7	6,028.5
Feb	771.5	1,314.7	1,258.0	1,288.5	57.3	893.2	376.9	46.6	180.7	420.7	142.6	210.7	6,961.5
Mar	795.4	792.9	1,221.3	1,511.1	68.1	1,110.2	394.4	65.4	235.3	564.2	179.3	284.1	7,221.7
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,207.1</b>	<b>3,096.4</b>	<b>3,384.6</b>	<b>4,138.0</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>2,853.8</b>	<b>1,051.0</b>	<b>168.3</b>	<b>549.4</b>	<b>1,403.7</b>	<b>456.8</b>	<b>730.5</b>	<b>20,211.7</b>
Apr	767.8	765.9	1,093.2	1,366.8	55.9	808.8	351.8	63.6	197.4	380.6	140.3	212.0	6,204.3
May	868.9	852.5	1,005.2	1,310.9	73.1	972.4	386.1	76.3	187.9	495.7	160.1	233.7	6,623.0
<b>%Contribution</b>													
<b>2021</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Apr</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2021 to May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	14.7	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	12.4	56.0	169.8	0.6	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	63.8	8,689.4
Feb	14.1	0.0	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	60.8	151.7	2.1	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	85.7	6,449.1
Mar	25.1	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	65.3	9,039.7
<b>Q1</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>22,653.0</b>	<b>112.3</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>478.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>214.8</b>	<b>24,178.2</b>
Apr	22.9	0.1	4,471.4	0.0	20.5	63.0	182.3	9.0	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	126.7	5,030.5
May	31.3	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	18.2	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	107.6	4,898.1
Jun	33.1	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	34.8	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	111.9	7,369.5
<b>Q2</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>15,461.5</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>251.2</b>	<b>498.0</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>346.1</b>	<b>17,298.1</b>
Jul	33.1	86.8	7,210.0	0.0	18.3	80.5	183.3	12.7	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	125.5	7,930.3
Aug	22.7	398.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	165.9	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	35.7	130.4	7,374.1
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.4	26.0	92.7	6,555.5
<b>Q3</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>732.7</b>	<b>19,307.2</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>190.8</b>	<b>545.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>348.6</b>	<b>21,859.9</b>
Oct	30.6	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	9.8	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	79.6	5,030.5
Nov	25.4	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.7	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	85.7	6,706.5
Dec	21.0	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	15.0	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	101.9	7,204.7
<b>Q4</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>490.7</b>	<b>16,707.8</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>221.2</b>	<b>411.3</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>234.4</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>210.3</b>	<b>267.2</b>	<b>18,941.7</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>1,225.3</b>	<b>74,129.5</b>	<b>387.7</b>	<b>241.9</b>	<b>876.7</b>	<b>1,932.6</b>	<b>163.2</b>	<b>357.4</b>	<b>808.5</b>	<b>216.6</b>	<b>459.8</b>	<b>1,176.7</b>	<b>82,277.9</b>
Jan_2022	29.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	3.8	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	118.7	8,446.3
Feb	18.2	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	8.4	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	80.3	8,841.6
Mar	35.1	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	15.8	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.7	96.7	8,549.1
<b>Q1</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>653.5</b>	<b>23,288.6</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>318.0</b>	<b>571.9</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>295.7</b>	<b>25,837.0</b>
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.9	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.2	69.0	84.3	6,606.8
May	66.9	314.6	7,882.7	0.0	22.8	133.9	241.4	19.4	30.9	75.2	34.0	34.5	188.9	9,045.1
Jun	46.3	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	22.2	37.3	93.2	25.5	57.9	156.9	10,404.4
<b>Q2</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>939.8</b>	<b>22,730.1</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>359.6</b>	<b>690.9</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>430.1</b>	<b>26,056.2</b>
Jul	60.2	414.9	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	35.4	186.0	10,060.7
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,645.7	30.1	20.1	85.1	217.0	8.8	31.3	125.4	33.1	55.9	145.7	10,912.7
Sep	71.3	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	272.9	3.5	36.2	109.1	25.4	115.8	133.1	8,880.5
<b>Q3</b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>1,169.3</b>	<b>26,225.7</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>733.2</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>307.1</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>207.1</b>	<b>464.8</b>	<b>29,853.9</b>
Oct	85.7	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.2	4.4	33.7	89.7	29.8	30.0	138.1	4,266.6
Nov	65.1	319.3	7,384.8	16.3	19.9	85.3	295.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	185.2	8,588.4
Dec	62.1	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.8	82.7	129.9	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	182.3	7,898.3
<b>Q4</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>1,254.2</b>	<b>17,051.9</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>308.9</b>	<b>635.8</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>282.9</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>185.7</b>	<b>505.6</b>	<b>20,753.3</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>645.9</b>	<b>4,016.9</b>	<b>89,296.3</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>249.1</b>	<b>1,183.0</b>	<b>2,631.8</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>360.6</b>	<b>1,005.7</b>	<b>319.4</b>	<b>650.7</b>	<b>1,696.2</b>	<b>102,500.4</b>
Jan_2023	68.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	112.0	198.7	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	24.0	96.6	7,247.2
Feb	52.5	454.0	4,857.5	23.1	24.8	111.1	292.2	7.3	28.4	65.7	19.5	63.8	91.7	6,091.8
Mar	46.6	465.9	7,201.5	33.5	18.5	74.2	247.5	12.8	35.4	86.4	22.0	37.6	89.0	8,370.9
<b>Q1</b>	<b>167.7</b>	<b>1,443.8</b>	<b>18,087.1</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>297.3</b>	<b>738.4</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>277.3</b>	<b>21,709.9</b>
Apr	39.5	388.2	5,519.0	40.0	16.8	62.1	176.3	19.9	24.8	87.7	27.2	39.9	84.3	6,525.7
May	52.7	532.0	7,209.7	27.8	23.5	65.4	255.2	23.8	31.8	56.8	44.1	51.5	163.1	8,537.5
<b>%Contribution</b>														
<b>2021</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Apr</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2021 to May 2023 (Million Pula)**

FlowType	IMPORTS						TOTAL EXPORTS					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
<b>Q1</b>	<b>407.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,314.4</b>	<b>1,388.1</b>	<b>9,126.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21,143.4</b>	<b>1,459.3</b>	<b>22,653.0</b>
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,630.9	838.6	4,471.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,951.3	746.6	6,710.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>561.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,505.7</b>	<b>1,578.8</b>	<b>7,655.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13,112.7</b>	<b>2,328.2</b>	<b>15,461.5</b>
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,423.2	774.1	7,210.0
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	5,072.8	1,252.0	6,326.1
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,755.2	992.2	5,771.1
<b>Q3</b>	<b>514.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,988.4</b>	<b>845.2</b>	<b>7,360.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16,251.2</b>	<b>3,018.4</b>	<b>19,307.2</b>
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	280.8	3,413.6	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,805.5	193.6	3,014.2	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	1,235.2	589.6	2,090.8	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,039.5	6,565.1
<b>Q4</b>	<b>614.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6,801.5</b>	<b>1,064.0</b>	<b>8,518.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13,983.8</b>	<b>2,583.0</b>	<b>16,707.8</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>2,098.1</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>25,609.9</b>	<b>4,876.0</b>	<b>32,660.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>249.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>64,491.2</b>	<b>9,388.9</b>	<b>74,129.5</b>
Jan_2022	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,922.0	291.4	2,225.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	6,726.8	967.7	7,702.8
Feb	0.0	18.6	0.0	2,756.0	521.1	3,295.7	0.0	53.2	0.0	6,729.9	1,276.9	8,060.0
Mar	512.4	14.4	0.0	2,526.8	658.7	3,712.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	5,919.0	1,578.5	7,525.8
<b>Q1</b>	<b>512.4</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,204.8</b>	<b>1,471.3</b>	<b>9,233.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19,375.8</b>	<b>3,823.1</b>	<b>23,288.6</b>
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	851.9	822.8	1,674.8	0.0	29.1	0.0	4,311.7	1,245.5	5,586.4
May	0.0	295.3	0.0	1,619.3	828.0	2,742.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	6,034.3	1,827.7	7,882.7
Jun	374.7	1.6	0.0	183.0	568.9	1,128.2	0.0	41.0	0.0	7,577.3	1,642.7	9,261.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>374.8</b>	<b>296.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,654.3</b>	<b>2,219.7</b>	<b>5,545.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17,923.4</b>	<b>4,715.9</b>	<b>22,730.1</b>
Jul	371.6	0.0	0.0	239.7	936.9	1,548.2	0.0	44.3	0.0	7,382.3	1,392.8	8,819.4
Aug	323.3	0.4	0.0	155.0	411.8	890.5	0.0	62.0	0.0	7,572.9	2,010.9	9,645.7
Sep	415.3	0.8	0.0	5,088.8	264.3	5,769.1	0.0	37.8	0.0	5,827.4	1,895.4	7,760.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,110.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,483.4</b>	<b>1,613.0</b>	<b>8,207.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,782.5</b>	<b>5,299.0</b>	<b>26,225.7</b>
Oct	349.2	0.1	0.0	591.5	368.4	1,309.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,644.0	1,353.5	2,997.5
Nov	21.2	7.0	0.0	321.7	291.6	641.5	2.4	55.4	0.0	5,649.5	1,677.5	7,384.8
Dec	534.2	4.8	0.0	1,092.2	720.5	2,351.7	5.9	36.7	0.0	5,405.1	1,221.9	6,669.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>904.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,005.3</b>	<b>1,380.5</b>	<b>4,302.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,698.5</b>	<b>4,253.0</b>	<b>17,051.9</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>2,902.0</b>	<b>354.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17,347.8</b>	<b>6,684.4</b>	<b>27,289.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>70,780.2</b>	<b>18,091.0</b>	<b>89,296.3</b>
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	5,101.8	891.5	6,028.1
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	109.3	280.1	1,314.7	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	65.7	300.6	792.9	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,506.4	1,661.8	7,201.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,671.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>310.3</b>	<b>1,113.6</b>	<b>3,096.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14,128.4</b>	<b>3,858.5</b>	<b>18,087.1</b>
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	561.2	204.7	765.9	0.0	47.5	0.0	4,247.1	1,224.4	5,519.0
May	237.7	0.8	0.0	200.6	413.2	852.5	0.0	27.8	0.0	5,700.1	1,481.8	7,209.7

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

**Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Partner \ 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	% Contribution
South Africa	640.6	33.2	939.1	909.0	56.2	556.0	336.5	63.9	145.7	407.9	142.7	155.8	4,386.8	66.2
Namibia	0.2	30.7	5.7	250.9	0.4	0.4	2.7	11.8	0.0	3.2	0.4	0.1	306.5	4.6
Eswatini	0.9	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	12.9	0.2
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	0.1	0.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>641.8</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>953.5</b>	<b>1,159.9</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>556.4</b>	<b>339.2</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>145.8</b>	<b>411.2</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>4,706.3</b>	<b>71.1</b>
Zambia	0.3	0.0	10.2	101.4	0.1	3.2	20.1	0.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	2.6	139.7	2.1
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>645.8</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>978.6</b>	<b>1,293.5</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>560.4</b>	<b>361.5</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>146.5</b>	<b>412.7</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>4,905.9</b>	<b>74.1</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>646.9</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>978.7</b>	<b>1,295.6</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>565.0</b>	<b>361.5</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>146.5</b>	<b>412.7</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>4,914.0</b>	<b>74.2</b>
Armenia	0.0	301.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	301.8	4.6
China	17.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	5.3	174.9	14.7	0.6	20.2	12.3	4.9	15.9	267.1	4.0
India	61.6	23.4	1.9	7.7	0.0	15.9	2.4	0.0	7.4	0.4	0.6	7.3	128.5	1.9
UAE	0.4	59.6	0.3	3.8	0.0	7.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	72.1	1.1
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>431.6</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>917.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Germany	19.8	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.9	27.9	0.9	0.0	11.2	3.8	2.9	2.5	72.6	1.1
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>269.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>341.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Canada	3.8	237.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	242.6	3.7
UK	1.7	85.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	9.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.9	0.6	101.7	1.5
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>868.9</b>	<b>852.5</b>	<b>1,005.2</b>	<b>1,310.9</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>972.4</b>	<b>386.1</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>187.9</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>160.1</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>6,623.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.1B: Principal Import Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – May 2023**

Partner \ 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	14.6	0.8	21.4	20.7	1.3	12.7	7.7	1.5	3.3	9.3	3.3	3.6	100.0
Namibia	0.1	10.0	1.9	81.9	0.1	0.1	0.9	3.8	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	7.3	0.0	66.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	25.7	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	17.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	76.8	100.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Zambia	0.2	0.0	7.3	72.6	0.1	2.3	14.4	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.0	1.9	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Armenia	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
China	6.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.0	65.5	5.5	0.2	7.5	4.6	1.8	6.0	100.0
India	47.9	18.2	1.4	6.0	0.0	12.4	1.8	0.0	5.8	0.3	0.5	5.6	100.0
UAE	0.6	82.7	0.5	5.3	0.0	9.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	100.0
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Germany	27.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	1.2	38.5	1.2	0.0	15.4	5.3	4.1	3.5	100.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Canada	1.6	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
UK	1.7	84.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	9.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.9	0.6	100.0
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Table 3.2 A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	46.7	0.4	35.5	27.8	19.0	63.1	217.9	19.5	22.6	49.2	17.7	13.0	53.1	585.4	6.9
Namibia	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	7.1	0.1	1.3	0.0	1.1	6.3	9.4	33.3	0.4
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>620.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	21.7	0.0	2.3	4.1	24.2	16.1	40.8	110.7	1.3
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>254.4</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>793.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>254.4</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>811.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>
UAE	0.0	0.0	3,178.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	3,181.6	37.3
India	0.0	0.0	1,395.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	1,406.2	16.5
China	0.0	495.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	495.2	5.8
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	442.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	442.3	5.2
Israel	0.0	0.0	347.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	347.4	4.1
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>495.2</b>	<b>5,525.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>6,036.3</b>	<b>70.7</b>
Belgium	0.0	0.0	1,475.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1,476.1	17.3
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,475.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1,476.5</b>	<b>17.3</b>
USA	0.0	0.0	162.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	162.4	1.9
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>532.0</b>	<b>7,209.7</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>255.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>8,537.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.2B: Principal Export Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – May 2023**

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	8.0	0.1	6.1	4.7	3.2	10.8	37.2	3.3	3.9	8.4	3.0	2.2	9.1	100.0
Namibia	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	21.3	0.2	3.8	0.0	3.4	18.9	28.4	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.0	43.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	38.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	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
<b>SACU</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	19.6	0.0	2.1	3.7	21.9	14.5	36.9	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
UAE	0.0	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
India	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
China	0.0	100.0	0.0	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	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	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
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Belgium	0.0	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
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
USA	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	100.0
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	613.3	10.6	9.3
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	464.9	8.1	7.0
3	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	137.4	2.4	2.1
4	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	130.0	2.3	2.0
5	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	100.1	1.7	1.5
6	85177900	Other Telephone sets, including smartphones and other telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks;	76.5	1.3	1.2
7	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines, having a rim size of 91 cm or more	75.6	1.3	1.1
8	25232900	Other Portland cement	69.8	1.2	1.1
9	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	67.5	1.2	1.0
10	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin )	64.7	1.1	1.0
11	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	55.8	1.0	0.8
12	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	52.1	0.9	0.8
13	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof. Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	51.1	0.9	0.8
14	84314990	OTHER Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	49.6	0.9	0.7
15	85444990	"OTHER electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified"	43.3	0.7	0.7
16	30024190	Other Vaccines for human medicine Against coronavirus	42.5	0.7	0.6
17	72081000	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, cold-rolled (cold reduced), not clad, plated or coated:In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	42.3	0.7	0.6
18	30039090	"Other - Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail"	37.3	0.6	0.6
19	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	34.4	0.6	0.5
20	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	34.3	0.6	0.5
21	84295190	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	34.1	0.6	0.5
22	84749000	Parts; Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste) form;	33.5	0.6	0.5
23	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	32.3	0.6	0.5
24	84713090	Other portable automatic data processing machines, of a mass not exceeding 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	31.8	0.6	0.5
25	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	30.4	0.5	0.5

**Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2023 (Million Pula) Continued**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	29.7	0.5	0.4
27	34012000	Soap in other forms	28.8	0.5	0.4
28	69032000	Other refractory ceramic goods (e.g., retorts, crucibles, muffles, nozzles, plugs, supports, tubes, pipes, sheaths and rods), containing by mass more than 50 per cent of alumina (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) or of a mixture or compound of alumina and of silic	26.5	0.5	0.4
29	87032290	Other vehicles Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc :	26.4	0.5	0.4
30	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01)	26.3	0.5	0.4
31	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil	25.0	0.4	0.4
32	87041090	Other Motor vehicles for the transport of goods :	24.2	0.4	0.4
33	84304100	Self-propelled-Other moving, grading, levelling, strapping, excavating, tamping, compacting, extracting	23.3	0.4	0.4
34	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	23.2	0.4	0.4
35	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	22.7	0.4	0.3
36	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	21.8	0.4	0.3
37	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	21.7	0.4	0.3
38	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	21.5	0.4	0.3
39	85176290	"Other- Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus"	21.3	0.4	0.3
40	85171310	Smartphones: Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	20.9	0.4	0.3
41	87043190	Other (excluding double-cab), of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg,	20.4	0.4	0.3
42	74081100	Copper wire-Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	19.9	0.3	0.3
43	87033390	Other vehicles Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cc	18.9	0.3	0.3
44	22021090	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	18.8	0.3	0.3
45	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	18.4	0.3	0.3
46	48181000	TOILET PAPER	18.3	0.3	0.3
47	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.)	17.9	0.3	0.3
48	84295900	Other Self-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers, mechanical shovels, excavators, shovel loaders, tamping machines and road rollers :	17.6	0.3	0.3
49	39012000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more	17.6	0.3	0.3
50	19011000	Preparations suitable for infants or young children, put up for retail sale	17.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods</b>			<b>2,952.9</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>44.6</b>
<b>Other Non Diamond Imports Goods</b>			<b>2,817.7</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>42.5</b>
<b>Total Non-Diamond Goods</b>			<b>5,770.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>
<b>Diamonds Imports</b>			<b>852.5</b>		<b>12.9</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>			<b>6,623.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	532.0	40.1	6.2
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	153.4	11.6	1.8
3	28362000	DISODIUM CARBONATE	47.1	3.5	0.6
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	46.9	3.5	0.5
5	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	34.2	2.6	0.4
6	27011900	Other coal	32.8	2.5	0.4
7	85444290	"Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified"	29.5	2.2	0.3
8	71081200	Other unwrought forms	27.8	2.1	0.3
9	27011200	Bituminous coal	19.9	1.5	0.2
10	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	19.8	1.5	0.2
11	01022900	Other (cattle)	18.6	1.4	0.2
12	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	18.3	1.4	0.2
13	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	13.9	1.0	0.2
14	78020000	Lead waste and scrap	12.5	0.9	0.1
15	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	11.2	0.8	0.1
16	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	9.5	0.7	0.1
17	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	8.9	0.7	0.1
18	64059090	Other footwear	8.6	0.7	0.1
19	62171090	Other clothing accessories	8.5	0.6	0.1
20	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	8.5	0.6	0.1
21	84264190	Other machinery :	8.4	0.6	0.1
22	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	7.8	0.6	0.1
23	34039100	Preparations for the treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials	6.5	0.5	0.1
24	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	6.0	0.5	0.1
25	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel,	5.9	0.4	0.1

**Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2023 (Million Pula) Continued**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	5.7	0.4	0.1
27	61121900	Track suits, Of other textile materials	5.6	0.4	0.1
28	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	5.5	0.4	0.1
29	87163100	Tankers and tanker semi- trailers	5.3	0.4	0.1
30	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	5.2	0.4	0.1
31	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	4.6	0.3	0.1
32	87032390	Other used vehicles	4.5	0.3	0.1
33	42034000	Other clothing accessories	4.4	0.3	0.1
34	87041025	G.V.M. Not exceeding 50 T	4.1	0.3	0.0
35	72042100	Ferrous waste and scrap;Of stainless steel	3.9	0.3	0.0
36	84292000	Graders and levellers	3.3	0.2	0.0
37	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	3.2	0.2	0.0
38	02022090	Other (other cuts with bone in of bovine animals, frozen)	3.1	0.2	0.0
39	07133190	Other (Beans of the species Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper or Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek)	3.0	0.2	0.0
40	48202000	Exercise books	3.0	0.2	0.0
41	85287290	Other, colour	3.0	0.2	0.0
42	11031310	Maize meal not further processed other than by the addition of minerals and vitamins not exceeding 1 per cent by mass of the final product, solely for the purpose of increasing the nutritional value	2.9	0.2	0.0
43	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	2.9	0.2	0.0
44	84291100	Track laying	2.8	0.2	0.0
45	87042310	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	2.8	0.2	0.0
46	87042110	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	2.7	0.2	0.0
47	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.7	0.2	0.0
48	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.7	0.2	0.0
49	07133990	Other (other beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp.) )	2.6	0.2	0.0
50	71123000	Ash containing precious metal or precious metal compounds	2.5	0.2	0.0
<b>Top 50 Exported Non Diamond Goods</b>			<b>1,188.6</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Other Non Diamond Exports Goods</b>			<b>139.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Total Non-Diamond Exports Goods</b>			<b>1,327.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Diamonds Exports</b>			<b>7,209.7</b>		<b>84.4</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>			<b>8,537.5</b>		<b>100.0</b>



## 8.0 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.

### 8.1 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.

### 8.2 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.

## 8.3 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.

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