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List of Acronyms

CIF	: Cost, Insurance and Freight
EU	: European Union
FOB	: Free On Board
IMTS	: International Merchandise Trade Statistics
NES	: Not Elsewhere Specified
SACU	: Southern Africa Customs Union
SADC	: Southern Africa Development Community
UAE	: United Arab Emirates
UK	: United Kingdom
USA	: United States of America

PREFACE

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measure the flow of goods across national borders and can be used to spot emerging markets, gauge competition, and identify export and import opportunities. As a result, it is integral to the process of globalisation by keeping track of all exchanges of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports), the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics continue to be one of the key indicators of economic performance and global competitiveness.

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 December 2025. The report provides summaries of international trade in goods, as shown in **Table 1.0**. **Tables 2.1** and **2.2** show trade by Principal commodity groupings for imports and exports, respectively, whereas **Table 2.3** solely shows trade in diamonds. 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 regional or country level, for the current period are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. The top traded import and export commodities excluding diamonds for the month under review are presented in **Tables 4.1 & 4.2** respectively. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

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 or delayed customs processes. 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) through which goods are presumed to enter or leave 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.

This publication also reflects the value of Goods in Transit. Transit trade is vital in facilitating economic transformation and regional trade, while contributing to the growth of employment, incomes, tax revenues, and directly to improving the balance of payments through export of services.

For more information, contact the Directorate of Stakeholder Relations at **367 1300**. All Statistics Botswana publications are available on the website at **www.statsbots.org.bw** and at the Statistics Botswana Information Resource Centre (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 effectively.



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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 December 2025. International Merchandise Trade Statistics records all goods which add to, or subtract from, the stock of material resources of a country by entering (as imports) or leaving (as exports) its economic territory.

In December 2025, Botswana's imported goods valued at P6, 396.1 million reflecting a decrease of 15.0 percent from the revised November 2025 value of P7, 527.8 million. The leading import commodity groups were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Fuel at 19.6 percent and 18.2 percent of the total, respectively. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 17.3 percent and 10.5 percent respectively. The main source of imports was the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) at 66.8 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 13.4 percent and 4.5 percent of total imports, correspondingly. At country level, South Africa was the main supplier of imports at 61.3 percent of the total, followed by China and Canada at 8.2 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively. Namibia and Mozambique contributed 4.7 percent and 3.5 percent to Botswana's imports, respectively, during the same period (**Table 3.1A**).

The value of Botswana's exports in December 2025 amounted to P4, 635.1 million, registering a 47.1 percent decrease compared to the revised export value of P8, 762.6 million recorded in November 2025. Diamonds and Copper were the most exported commodities accounting for 65.0 percent and 20.4 percent of total exports respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash contributed 2.8 percent each, to the total export value.

During the period under review, Botswana's exports were mostly absorbed by Asia and **SACU** with market shares of 66.2 percent and 12.6 percent respectively. The **EU** regional block received 7.9 percent. At country level, Botswana's top export destinations were the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), India and China at 31.0 percent, 17.9 percent and 12.1 percent of total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**). South Africa, Australia and Belgium also contributed significantly by receiving 10.2 percent, 7.8 percent, and 7.6 percent of Botswana's exports, respectively.

In December 2025, imports amounting to 78.8 percent were transported into the country by Road. Air and Rail transport contributed 11.3 percent and 9.9 percent of total imports, respectively. Goods exported by Air accounted for 65.9 percent of total exports, while those transferred by Road and Rail represented 33.1 percent and 1.0 percent respectively (**Table B**).

Merchandise worth P28, 253.7 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 32.5 percent transited through Martins Drift border post. Kazungula Road Border and Kazungula Bridge handled 32.0 percent and 23.3 percent of goods in transit, respectively (**Table C1**). The top transiting goods were classified under, Chapter 85 (Electrical machinery & equipment & parts thereof; television image; sound recorders & reproducers and parts and accessories of such articles) at 34.4 percent. Chapter 74 (copper & articles thereof) and Chapter 84 (nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliances; parts thereof) followed with 32.0 percent and 6.1 percent of all goods in transit, respectively (**Table C2**).

IMPORTS P6, 396.1 million

reflecting a decrease of 15.0 percent from the revised November 2025 value of P7, 527.8 million

EXPORTS P4, 635.1 million

from the revised November 2025 figure of P8, 762.6 million to P4, 635.1 million registered in December 2025. The significant decrease was mainly driven by Diamond exports which went down by 57.8 percent (P4, 121.5 million).

1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance between countries or regions over a specific period. The discussions are based on December 2025, 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 with regard to the reference period. Revisions to the monthly trade statistics data are a standard practice necessary to allow for the incorporation of the additional and refined data that were not available at the previous release date, or when there are late customs duty assessments or processes. Revisions are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, thereby enriching the information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible, while notably significant in others.

The inclusion of additional data for the previous month, incorporated in December 2025, resulted in the upward revision to both trade flows for November 2025. A growth of 2.9 percent (P211.2 million) and 126.9 percent (P4, 901.3 million) was recorded for imports and total exports for November 2025, respectively. The increase in total exports is attributable to the revision of 211.8 percent in Diamond exports, from P2, 288.8 million in November 2025 to P7, 135.4 million in December 2025. **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures from the previous digest with those of the month under review.

TABLE A: Data Revision: November 2025 (Million Pula)

Period	As at November 2025 Digest (P Million)			As at December 2025 Digest (P Million)			Difference (P Million)			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
Nov	7,316.6	3,861.3	(3,455.3)	7,527.8	8,762.6	1,234.9	211.2	4,901.3	4,690.2	2.9	126.9	(135.7)

() Denotes negative

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance and freight costs required for delivering the commodities to the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country. In December 2025, Botswana's total imports were valued at P6, 396.1 million, recording a decrease of 15.0 percent (P1, 131.7 million) from the revised November 2025 figure of P7, 527.8 million. The overall decline was driven by reductions across most commodity groups. Although the decrease was widespread, the largest contributors were Fuel, Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products imports which dropped by 20.4 percent (P298.8 million), 17.5 percent (P235.5 million) and 24.6 percent (P218.4 million), respectively, as displayed in **Table 2.1**.

1.3 Total Exports

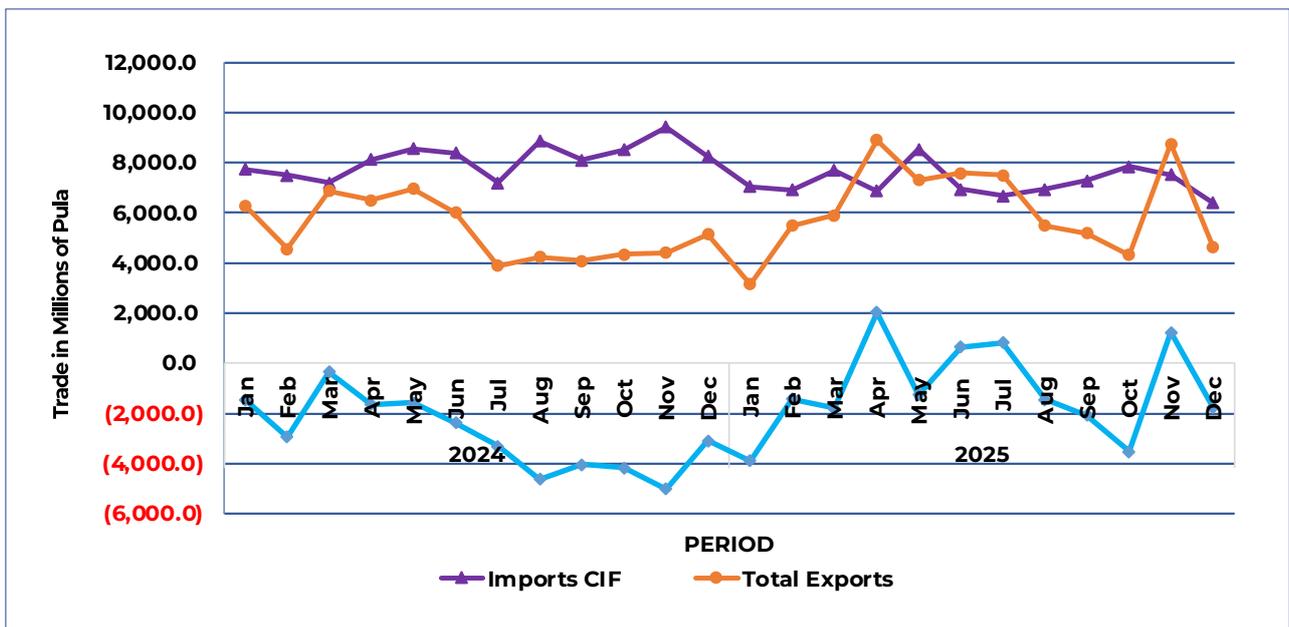
Botswana 's export earnings declined by 47.1 percent (P4, 127.5 million) from the revised November 2025 figure of P8, 762.6 million to P4, 635.1 million registered in December 2025. The significant decrease was mainly driven by Diamond exports which went down by 57.8 percent (P4, 121.5 million).

1.4 Trade Balance

The inclusion of data that was not available at the time of the November 2025 digest, resulted in the upward revision of total exports for that month. As a result, the Trade balance was revised from a deficit of P 3, 455.3 million to a surplus of P1, 234.9 million. The adjustment was mainly driven by a substantial increase in Diamond exports by 211.8 percent (P4, 846.6 million), from P2, 288.8 million reported in the November 2025 digest to P7, 135.4 million in the current monthly digest, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

In December 2025, Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P1, 761.0 million, (**Table 1.0**). **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2024 to December 2025.

CHART 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2024 to December 2025 (Million Pula)



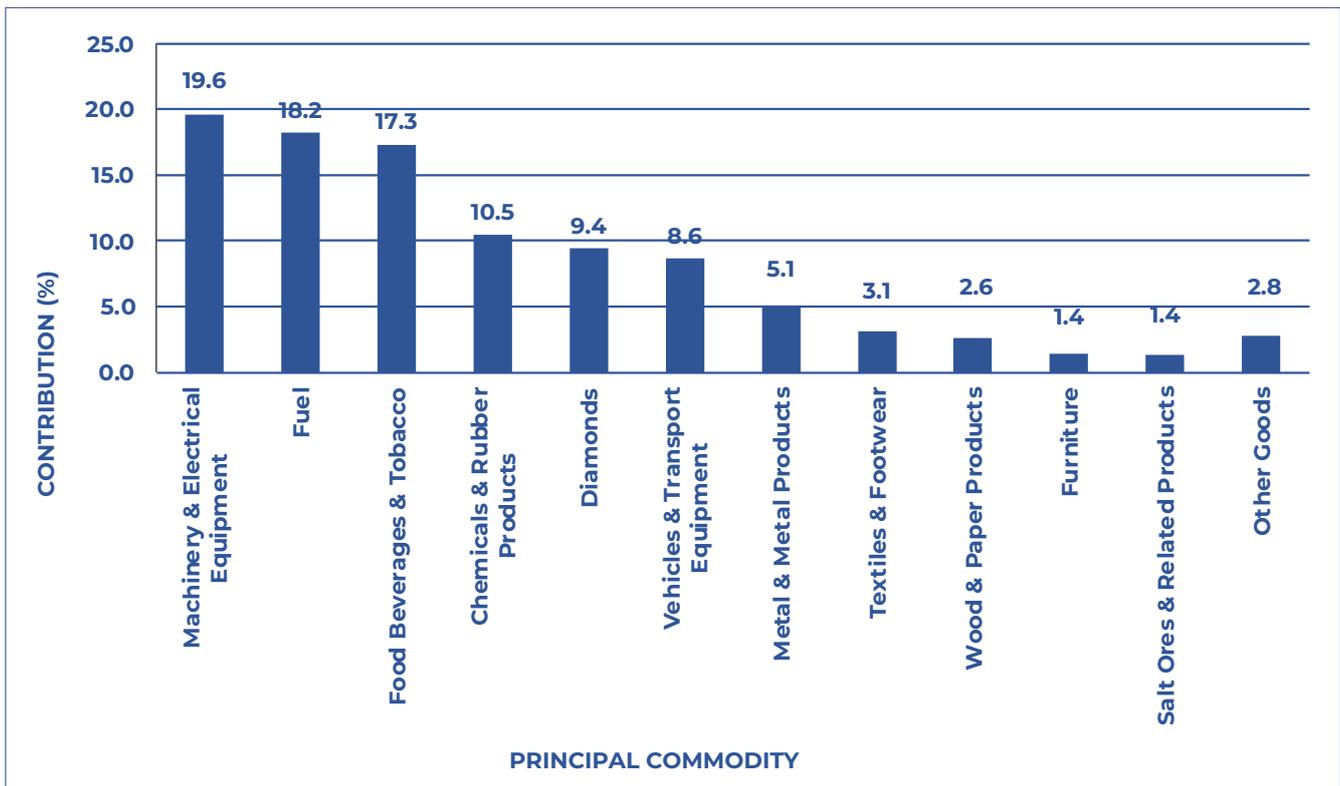
2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS

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

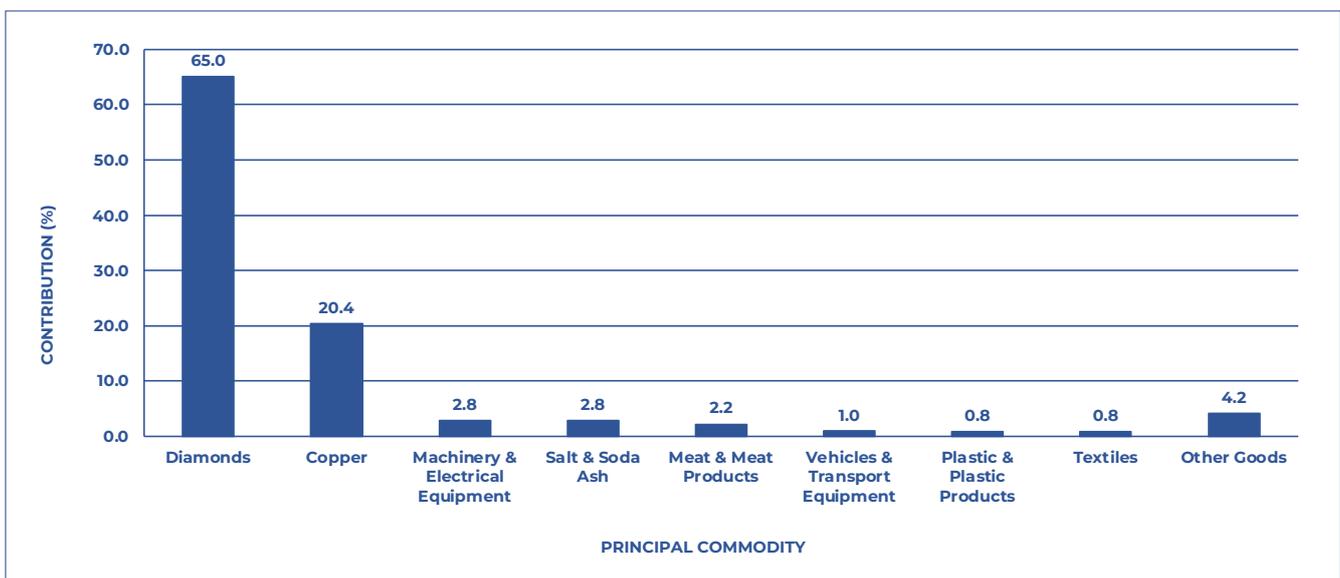
In December 2025, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 396.1 million. The top imported commodity groups were Machinery & Electrical Equipment; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products. Machinery & Electrical Equipment was the leading imported commodity group accounting for 19.6 percent (P1, 253.5 million) of total imports, followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 18.2 percent (P1, 165.6 million) and 17.3 percent (P1, 107.2 million), respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 10.5 percent (P669.3 million) to total imports. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

CHART 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports – December 2025 (Percentage)

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

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise amounting to P4, 635.1 million to the external markets. Diamonds was the dominant export commodity group, followed by Copper with contributions of 65.0 percent (P3, 013.9 million) and 20.4 percent (P944.9 million) of total exports respectively. Salt & Soda Ash and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with equal contributions of 2.8 percent each, amounting to P130.5 million and P129.7 million respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

CHART 2.2: Composition of Principal Exports – December 2025 (Percentage)

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 outlines 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 partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during December 2025 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, 396.1 million in December 2025. The **SACU** region was the largest source supplying 66.8 percent (P4, 273.2 million) to total imports. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the most imported commodity groups from the customs union at 21.9 percent (P936.1 million) and 20.9 percent (P892.3 million) in that sequence. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with 12.3 percent each at P526.0 million and P524.1 million, respectively. Among the **SACU** member states, South Africa was the largest source of imports, accounting for 61.3 percent (P3, 919.2 million) of the total. Namibia was the second largest source, contributing 4.7 percent (P297.5 million) of total imports as displayed in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

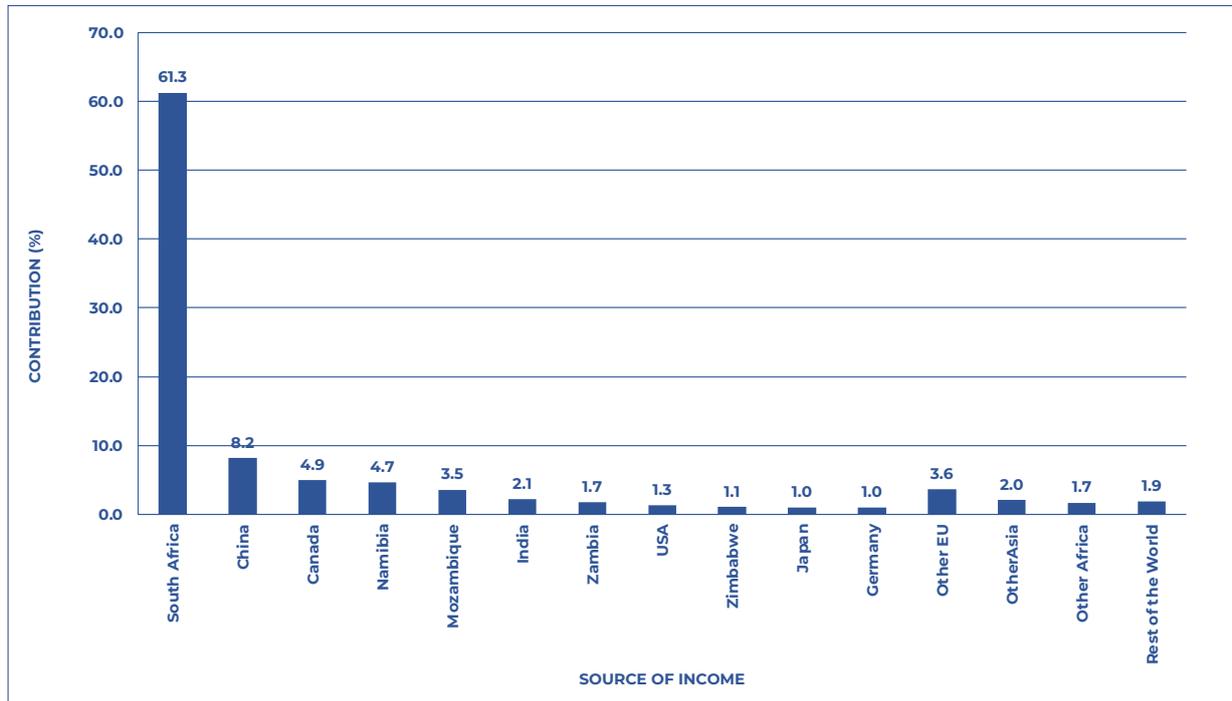
During the period under review, Botswana imported goods valued at P855.0 million from the Asia region, accounting for 13.4 percent of total imports. The main commodity group imported from the region was Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 52.5 percent (P448.5 million) of total imports from the region. Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Chemical & Rubber Products followed at 14.5 percent (P123.9 million) and 9.3 percent (P79.5 million), respectively. In Asia, China contributed highest at 8.2 percent (P521.9 million), followed by India and Japan at 2.1 percent (P137.4 million) and 1.0 percent (P65.1 million) to total imports, respectively. Figures are shown in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

Botswana imported goods valued at P290.8 million, reflecting a 4.5 percent of total imports from the **EU**, in December 2025. Machinery & Electrical Equipment was the key commodity group imported from the union at 39.7 percent (P15.5 million). Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 23.2 percent (P67.6 million) and 16.9 percent (P49.2 million) to total imports from that region, respectively. Within the EU, Germany was the main source, with a contribution of 1.0 percent (P63.3 million) to the total imports (**Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**).

Imports accounting for 4.9 percent (P315.1 million) of total imports were sourced from Canada during the month under review. The main import commodity groups were Diamonds at 78.5 percent (P247.4 million) and Vehicles & Transport Equipment at 19.3 percent (P60.9 million) of total imports from that country.

In December 2025, Mozambique supplied imports worth P227.1 million accounting for 3.5 percent of total imports. The main commodity group supplied was Fuel which constituted 93.9 percent (P213.3 million). Imports accounting for 1.7 percent (P108.2 million) of total imports were sourced from Zambia during the month under review. The main import commodity groups were fuel (electricity) and Metal & Metal Products at 46.7 percent (P50.5 million) and 27.5 percent (P29.7 million) total imports from that country.

The USA supplied imports worth P83.7 million to Botswana, accounting for 1.3 percent of the country's total imports. The main commodity groups supplied were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment constituting 71.8 percent (P60.1 million) and 14.1 percent (P11.8 million) of the imports from that country. Sources of imports during December 2025 can be viewed in **Table 3.1A** and **Chart 3.1**.

CHART 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – December 2025

'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.1A

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

In December 2025, Botswana exported merchandise worth P4, 635.1 million, with majority destined for Asian markets, followed by shares to **SACU** and Europe region (**EU**).

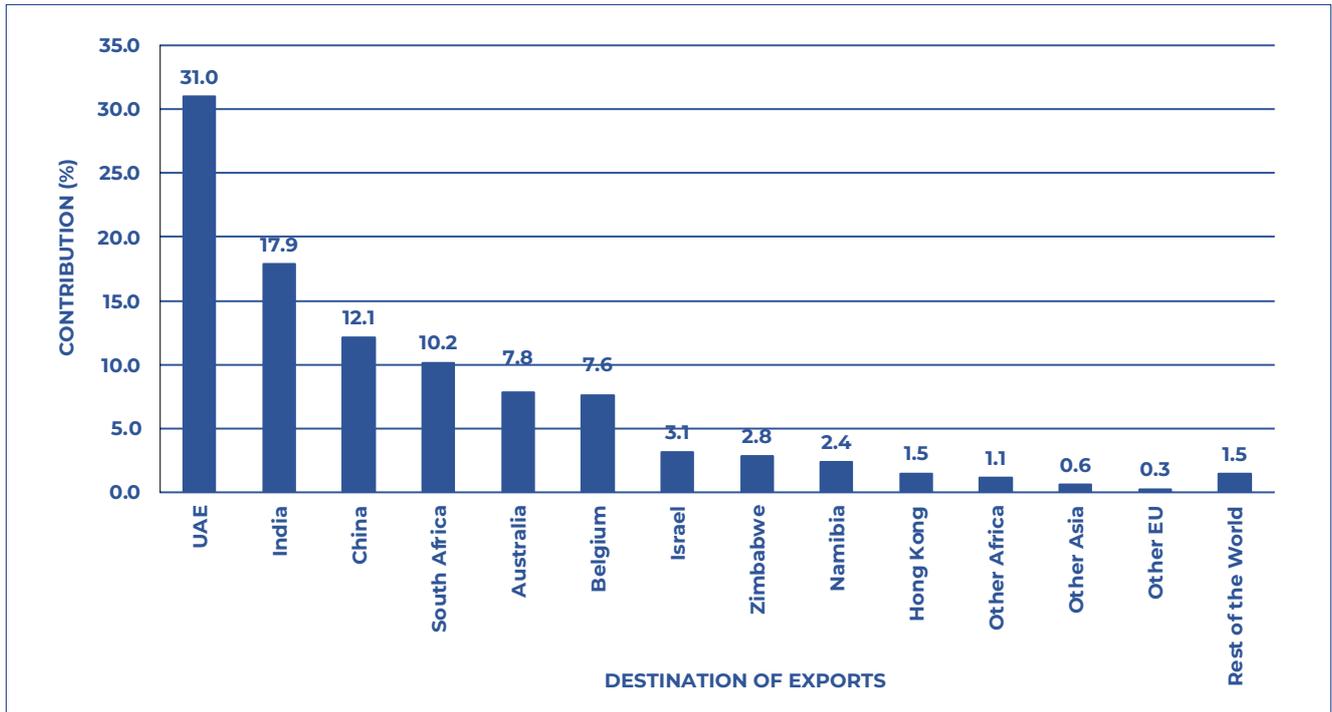
Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 66.2 percent (P3, 070.1 million) of total exports. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to the region, at 81.2 percent (P2, 493.8 million) and 18.3 percent (P562.0 million), respectively. Top export destinations within Asia were the **UAE**, India and China, which received 31.0 percent (P1, 436.4 million), 17.9 percent (P827.5 million) and 12.1 percent (P562.1 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds was the major commodity group destined to both the **UAE** and India at 99.2 percent (P1, 424.9 million) and 99.9 percent (P826.9 million) of exports to those countries respectively. Copper was the sole commodity group exported to China, valued at P562.0 million, as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During the assessment period, exports to the **SACU** region represented 12.6 percent (P585.3 million) of Botswana's total exports. Diamonds, Salt & Soda Ash, Meat & Meat Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. Diamonds and Salt & Soda Ash, accounted for 22.9 percent (P133.9 million) and 18.2 percent (P106.5 million) respectively. Meat & Meat Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 16.8 percent (P98.5 million) and 14.6 percent (P85.7 million) in that order. Within SACU, South Africa was the main recipient of exports at 10.2 percent (P471.3 million) of total exports. Salt & Soda Ash and Meat & Meat Products were the key commodity groups exported to South Africa at 22.6 percent (P106.5 million) and 20.5 percent (P96.6 million), respectively, as in **Table 3.2A**.

In December 2025, exports to the European Union (EU) amounted to P367.5 million, representing 7.9 percent of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU**, valued at P358.4 million, representing 97.5 percent of all exports to the region. Belgium was the main destination within the **EU**, receiving P354.3 million worth of exports equivalent to 7.6 percent of total exports, all of which consisted of diamonds, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Australia received exports worth P363.5 million, representing 7.8 percent of Botswana's total exports in December 2025. Copper was the main commodity group exported to that country at P356.1 million accounting for 98.0 percent. Contributions made by other countries are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

CHART 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – December 2025



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

4.0 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY TOP IMPORTED AND EXPORTED COMMODITIES

The top traded commodities for both import and export flows for December 2025 are summarized in [Table 4.1](#) and [Table 4.2](#), respectively. These tables highlight the most actively traded goods (excluding diamonds) to help users identify opportunities for import substitution, potential export expansion, and broader economic diversification.

4.1 Top Imported commodities (excluding Diamonds)

The country's top fifty imported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 42.5 percent (P2,721.3 million) of total imports during December 2025. Distillate fuel ranked as the leading import among the top fifty commodities during the month under review, contributing 10.0 percent (P576.7 million) to total non-diamond imports. Petrol and Other Portland cement ranked second and third, with shares of 7.2 percent (P416.1 million) and 1.4 percent (P78.6 million), respectively. Other aerials and aerial reflectors of all kind and Electricity generating sets of an output exceeding 375 KVA followed in fourth and fifth place each with a share of 1.3 percent (P72.9 million) and 1.2 percent (P69.5 million), respectively.

4.2 Top Exported commodities (excluding Diamonds)

In December 2025, the country's top fifty exported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 31.9 percent (P1,480.8 million) of total exports. Among the top fifty, Copper ores & concentrates was leading export commodity accounting for 58.3 percent (P944.9 million) of total non-diamonds exports. Other boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen and Disodium carbonate followed in second and third positions, with contributions of 6.2 percent each valued at P100.5 million and P100.4 million, respectively. Other salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water ranked fourth with contribution of 1.6 percent (P26.0 million). Dried fish, whether or not salted but not smoked completed the top five, with a share of 1.3 percent (P21.0 million).

5.0 TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

Trade by mode of transport refers to trade classification activities based on the method of transportation used to move goods between countries or regions. This helps in understanding the flow of goods across borders and can provide insights into trade patterns, identifying bottlenecks and infrastructure needs and can be used as guidance in formulating transport policies. 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.

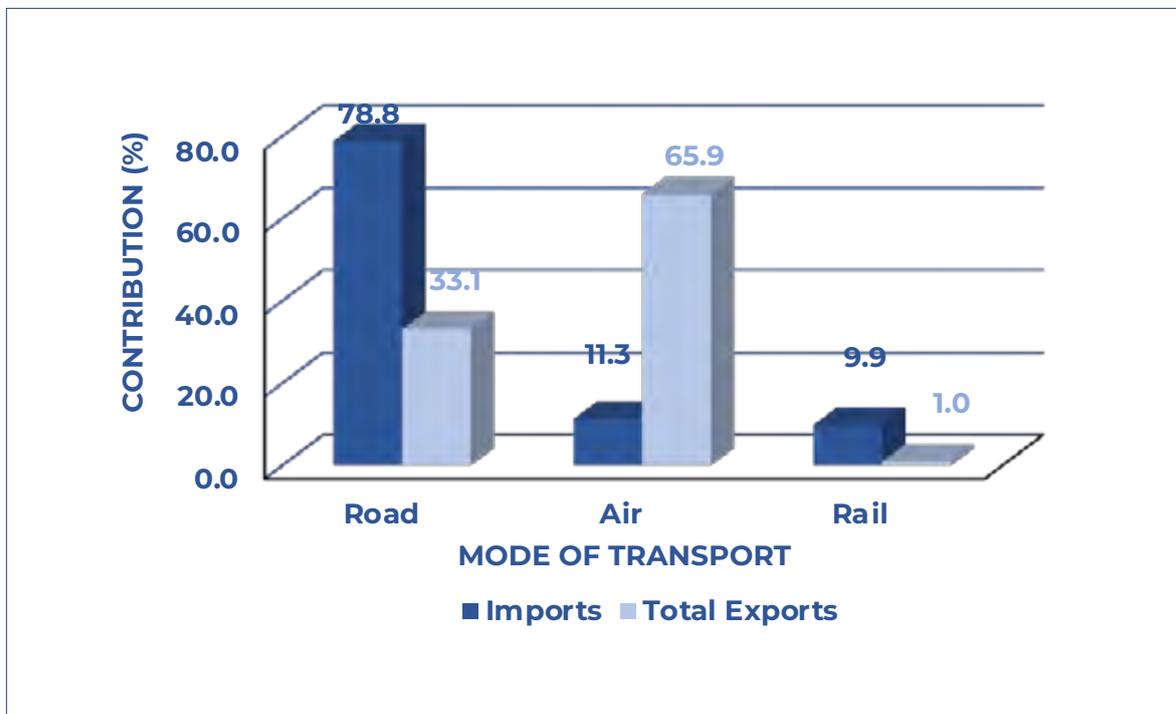
During the month under review, imports representing 78.8 percent (P5, 041.6 million) were transported into the country by Road, whereas those imported by Air and Rail accounted for 11.3 percent (P723.5 million) and 9.9 percent (P631.0 million) of total imports respectively.

In December 2025, goods valued at P3, 055.2 million, reflecting 65.9 percent of total exports left the country by Air. Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 33.1 percent (P1, 535.5 million) and 1.0 percent (P44.4 million) of total exports, respectively.

TABLE B: Trade by Mode of Transport – December 2025 (Million Pula)

FlowType	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Road Transport	5,041.6	78.8	1,535.5	33.1
Air Transport	723.5	11.3	3,055.2	65.9
Rail Transport	631.0	9.9	44.4	1.0
Total	6,396.1	100.0	4,635.1	100.0

CHART B: Trade by Mode of Transport – December 2025 (Percentage)



6.0 TRANSIT TRADE

Transit trade refers to the movement of goods from one country to another through a third country, without the goods being subject to customs duties and other import restrictions in the intermediary country. Essentially, it involves the transportation of goods across a country that lies between the country of origin and the final destination. Countries that serve as transit hubs often provide infrastructure and services to facilitate transit trade. These countries may benefit economically from transit trade through fees, tariffs, or other charges associated with transportation services or by stimulating economic activity related to trade and transportation.

Overall, the purpose of transit trade is to overcome geographical, logistical, and economic constraints to facilitate the movement of goods between countries or regions efficiently, cost-effectively and securely. It plays a crucial role in promoting international trade, economic development, and regional integration.

Countries involved in transit trade typically have agreements and protocols in place to govern the movement of goods through their territory without the imposition of customs duties and other trade barriers. This helps to streamline the transportation of goods and reduce logistical challenges for businesses engaged in international trade.

Transit trade is subject to compliance with specific regulations and documentation requirements to ensure the proper monitoring and control of the movement of goods. Violations or misuse of transit trade arrangements can lead to penalties and legal consequences.

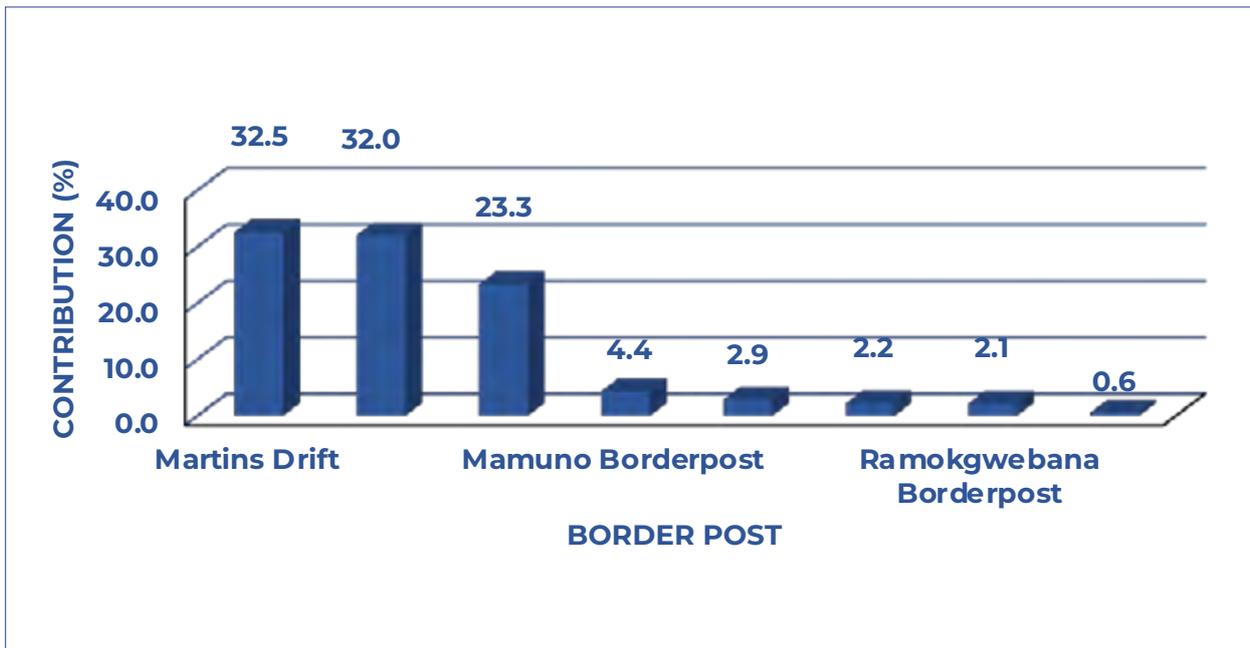
6.1 Transit Trade by Border Post

During December 2025, goods amounting to P28, 253.7 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift, Kazungula Road Border and Kazungula bridge handled goods accounting for 32.5 percent (P9, 191.1 million), 32.0 percent (P9, 044.6 million) and 23.3 percent (P6, 583.0 million) respectively, as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**.

TABLE C1: Transit Trade by Border Post-December 2025 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Martins Drift	9,191.1	32.5
Kazungula Road Border	9,044.6	32.0
Kazungula Bridge	6,583.0	23.3
Mamuno Borderpost	1,230.7	4.4
Pioneer Gate	819.7	2.9
Tlokweng Gate	622.6	2.2
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	604.4	2.1
Other	157.6	0.6
Total	28,253.7	100.0

"Other Border Posts..." includes all border posts in Botswana not displayed on Table C1

CHART C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – December 2025 (Percentage)

"Other Border Posts..." includes all border posts in Botswana not displayed on Chart C1

6.2 Transit by Chapter

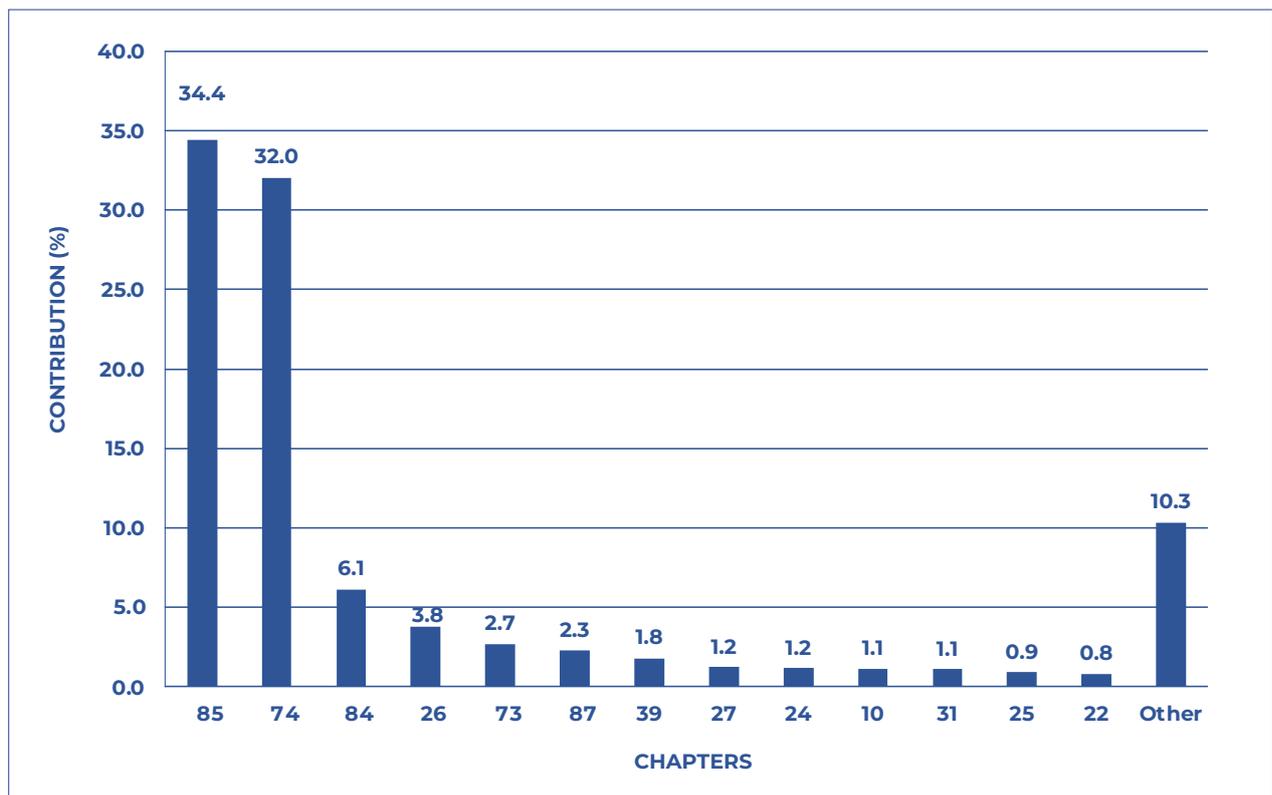
The top most transiting goods were Chapter 85 (Electrical machinery & equipment & parts thereof; television image; sound recorders & reproducers and parts and accessories of such articles) at 34.4 percent (P9, 730.4 million). Chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) and Chapter 84 (nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof) followed at 32.0 percent (P9, 054.2 million) and 6.1 percent (P1, 733.2 million) of all goods in transit, respectively as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

TABLE C2: Transit Trade by Chapter- December 2025 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
1	85	Electrical machinery & equipment & parts thereof; television image; sound recorders & reproducers and parts and accessories of such articles	9,730.4	34.4
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	9,054.2	32.0
3	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,733.2	6.1
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	1,075.9	3.8
5	73	Iron or steel articles	761.8	2.7
6	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	648.0	2.3
7	39	Plastics and articles thereof	510.2	1.8
8	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	352.1	1.2
9	24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	327.8	1.2
10	10	Cereals	322.5	1.1
11	31	Fertilizers	318.0	1.1
12	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	259.6	0.9
13	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	235.8	0.8
Other			2,924.2	10.3
Total			28,253.7	100.0

Other..." includes all chapters not displayed on Table C2

CHART C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – December 2025 (Percentage)



Other..." includes all chapters not displayed on Chart C

7.0 Annexure

TABLE 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2024 to December 2025 (Million Pula)

Period\ Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2024	7,745.6	7,425.3	318.1	2.2	6,299.8	0.0	6,299.8	(1,445.8)
Feb	7,497.2	7,164.0	331.5	1.8	4,557.0	0.2	4,557.2	(2,940.0)
Mar	7,209.0	6,905.3	301.8	1.9	6,853.8	14.4	6,868.1	(340.8)
Q1	22,451.8	21,494.5	951.4	5.9	17,710.6	14.6	17,725.2	(4,726.7)
Apr	8,138.0	7,752.6	382.9	2.5	6,484.5	14.4	6,498.9	(1,639.1)
May	8,553.4	8,206.0	345.1	2.3	6,967.9	0.1	6,967.9	(1,585.5)
Jun	8,391.8	8,051.7	337.1	3.0	6,018.4	0.4	6,018.8	(2,373.1)
Q2	25,083.2	24,010.3	1,065.1	7.8	19,470.8	14.8	19,485.6	(5,597.6)
Jul	7,192.1	6,834.5	355.6	2.0	3,845.3	52.4	3,897.7	(3,294.4)
Aug	8,864.6	8,481.5	381.4	1.7	4,246.4	0.0	4,246.4	(4,618.3)
Sep	8,117.9	7,776.5	339.6	1.7	4,081.4	1.6	4,083.0	(4,034.8)
Q3	24,174.6	23,092.6	1,076.6	5.4	12,173.1	54.1	12,227.1	(11,947.5)
Oct	8,507.8	8,104.5	401.4	1.9	4,341.4	0.0	4,341.4	(4,166.4)
Nov	9,415.6	8,994.8	418.4	2.4	4,408.0	0.7	4,408.7	(5,006.9)
Dec	8,253.1	7,891.6	358.4	3.1	5,156.5		5,156.5	(3,096.6)
Q4	26,176.5	24,990.9	1,178.2	7.3	13,905.9	0.7	13,906.6	(12,269.8)
Total_2024	97,886.1	93,588.3	4,271.3	26.5	63,260.3	84.2	63,344.5	(34,541.6)
Jan_2025	7,058.3	6,705.1	351.2	2.0	3,165.1	0.0	3,165.1	(3,893.2)
Feb	6,908.4	6,556.7	349.7	2.0	5,485.0	0.0	5,485.0	(1,423.4)
Mar	7,696.3	7,334.7	359.6	1.9	5,905.2		5,905.2	(1,791.1)
Q1	21,663.0	20,596.6	1,060.5	5.9	14,555.3	0.0	14,555.4	(7,107.6)
Apr	6,871.6	6,507.1	360.3	4.1	8,911.6	1.4	8,913.0	2,041.4
May	8,546.4	8,180.7	362.1	3.6	7,295.6	1.6	7,297.2	(1,249.2)
Jun	6,929.9	6,598.5	328.8	2.6	7,578.9		7,578.9	649.0
Q2	22,347.9	21,286.4	1,051.1	10.3	23,786.1	3.0	23,789.1	1,441.2
Jul	6,676.4	6,356.4	316.7	3.3	7,503.4		7,503.4	827.0
Aug	6,936.1	6,580.9	352.1	3.0	5,484.4	1.3	5,485.7	(1,450.4)
Sep	7,277.2	6,927.7	347.1	2.3	5,196.8	0.4	5,197.2	(2,080.0)
Q3	20,889.6	19,865.0	1,015.9	8.7	18,184.6	1.7	18,186.3	(2,703.3)
Oct	7,852.0	7,467.3	381.1	3.5	4,320.6	9.9	4,330.5	(3,521.5)
Nov	7,527.8	7,158.2	366.4	3.2	8,758.6	4.1	8,762.6	1,234.9
Dec	6,396.1	6,086.7	307.4	2.1	4,634.5	0.6	4,635.1	(1,761.0)
Q4	21,775.8	20,712.1	1,054.9	8.8	17,713.7	14.6	17,728.3	(4,047.6)
Total_2025	86,676.3	82,460.1	4,182.5	33.7	74,239.7	19.3	74,259.0	(12,417.3)
Change	(1,131.7)	(1,071.5)	(59.0)	(1.1)	(4,124.1)	(3.5)	(4,127.5)	(2,995.9)
% Change	(15.0)	(15.0)	(16.1)	(35.5)	(47.1)	(85.7)	(47.1)	(242.6)

12.
International Merchandise Trade Statistics
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TABLE 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2024 to December 2025 (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_2024	914.8	1,826.0	1,107.4	1,355.3	45.9	835.1	324.6	94.2	140.2	765.6	147.1	189.4	7,745.6
Feb	879.2	795.9	1,115.8	1,622.8	88.8	1,263.3	429.8	76.1	204.6	592.6	177.0	251.2	7,497.2
Mar	746.2	1,235.7	1,170.3	1,342.4	91.8	1,043.2	370.6	79.0	209.3	510.0	194.9	215.5	7,209.0
Q1	2,540.2	3,857.5	3,393.5	4,320.5	226.6	3,141.6	1,125.0	249.3	554.2	1,868.3	519.0	656.1	22,451.8
Apr	788.5	1,283.0	1,175.6	1,361.0	90.0	1,511.9	432.0	83.9	257.1	695.5	187.9	271.6	8,138.0
May	748.4	2,030.7	1,285.4	1,394.3	100.9	1,220.5	443.7	89.3	231.3	598.5	181.5	228.9	8,553.4
Jun	861.6	2,011.3	1,147.4	1,291.7	94.0	1,195.6	408.3	88.1	197.1	683.6	190.4	222.7	8,391.8
Q2	2,398.5	5,324.9	3,608.4	4,047.0	284.9	3,928.0	1,284.0	261.3	685.6	1,977.6	559.7	723.3	25,083.2
Jul	847.5	539.4	1,244.0	1,474.7	86.8	1,180.4	405.1	96.4	210.6	647.3	179.7	280.1	7,192.1
Aug	888.6	1,625.7	1,332.5	1,603.2	98.2	1,198.3	502.0	87.2	250.1	761.3	207.2	310.2	8,864.6
Sep	888.6	1,583.9	1,226.4	1,382.2	82.5	1,115.0	395.6	87.2	244.3	651.5	179.6	281.1	8,117.9
Q3	2,624.8	3,749.0	3,803.0	4,460.1	267.5	3,493.8	1,302.7	270.8	704.9	2,060.1	566.6	871.5	24,174.6
Oct	864.0	1,354.7	1,324.2	1,241.3	147.3	1,381.0	515.7	91.5	308.5	710.5	205.6	363.4	8,507.8
Nov	904.3	1,960.0	1,479.9	1,503.9	109.1	1,459.1	472.3	77.4	256.1	678.5	202.3	312.9	9,415.6
Dec	738.6	2,017.1	1,349.5	1,234.2	89.5	1,018.7	399.3	91.0	196.6	621.1	191.1	306.3	8,253.1
Q4	2,506.9	5,331.8	4,153.6	3,979.4	346.0	3,858.7	1,387.3	259.9	761.1	2,010.1	599.0	982.6	26,176.5
Total_2024	10,070.4	18,263.2	14,958.5	16,807.0	1,125.0	14,422.1	5,099.0	1,041.3	2,705.8	7,916.0	2,244.3	3,233.4	97,886.1
Jan_2025	646.9	1,046.4	1,113.6	1,292.7	62.7	1,261.5	327.0	67.5	167.3	679.2	157.8	235.7	7,058.3
Feb	808.3	542.4	1,266.7	1,163.2	85.1	1,166.8	414.4	74.9	206.0	727.8	181.8	271.0	6,908.4
Mar	818.3	1,091.3	1,232.9	1,355.9	89.0	1,190.3	444.7	88.7	235.0	727.3	179.2	243.6	7,696.3
Q1	2,273.6	2,680.1	3,613.2	3,811.9	236.7	3,618.6	1,186.1	231.1	608.3	2,134.3	518.8	750.2	21,663.0
Apr	669.2	376.5	1,076.5	1,809.9	87.6	986.8	395.6	96.2	226.6	727.6	191.7	227.4	6,871.6
May	784.1	1,818.4	1,281.2	1,534.2	92.5	1,242.5	454.7	101.1	233.2	586.1	187.1	231.2	8,546.4
Jun	724.5	714.3	1,111.8	1,438.9	103.8	1,120.9	381.2	97.8	165.8	644.2	181.4	245.3	6,929.9
Q2	2,177.8	2,909.2	3,469.5	4,783.1	283.9	3,350.2	1,231.5	295.0	625.6	1,958.0	560.2	703.9	22,347.9
Jul	664.7	645.1	1,024.2	1,506.9	94.8	1,062.3	382.6	110.7	188.0	574.1	177.0	246.0	6,676.4
Aug	730.6	381.6	1,240.0	1,544.8	100.6	1,129.9	407.4	99.6	238.4	597.5	219.4	246.2	6,936.1
Sep	796.5	743.4	1,195.8	1,302.8	116.7	1,449.4	410.0	98.0	219.6	460.5	191.3	293.2	7,277.2
Q3	2,191.7	1,770.2	3,460.0	4,354.4	312.1	3,641.7	1,200.0	308.3	646.0	1,632.1	587.7	785.5	20,889.6
Oct	926.0	669.1	1,228.7	1,358.3	119.3	1,599.4	429.9	97.2	260.4	654.4	210.1	299.0	7,852.0
Nov	887.7	699.5	1,342.6	1,464.4	112.3	1,338.7	408.7	90.7	228.5	455.8	220.3	278.4	7,527.8
Dec	669.3	601.2	1,107.2	1,165.6	90.5	1,253.5	325.4	87.2	199.0	553.1	166.3	178.0	6,396.1
Q4	2,483.1	1,969.7	3,678.6	3,988.3	322.2	4,191.6	1,164.0	275.1	687.9	1,663.3	596.8	755.3	21,775.8
Total_2025	9,126.2	9,329.2	14,221.3	16,937.7	1,154.8	14,802.1	4,781.6	1,109.6	2,567.8	7,387.6	2,263.5	2,994.9	86,676.3
Change	(218.4)	(98.3)	(235.5)	(298.8)	(21.8)	(85.3)	(83.3)	(3.6)	(29.5)	97.3	(54.1)	(100.4)	(1,131.7)
% Change	(24.6)	(14.1)	(17.5)	(20.4)	(19.4)	(6.4)	(20.4)	(3.9)	(12.9)	21.3	(24.5)	(36.1)	(15.0)
% Contribution													
2024	10.3	18.7	15.3	17.2	1.1	14.7	5.2	1.1	2.8	8.1	2.3	3.3	100.0
Nov_2025	11.8	9.3	17.8	19.5	1.5	17.8	5.4	1.2	3.0	6.1	2.9	3.7	100.0
Dec_2025	10.5	9.4	17.3	18.2	1.4	19.6	5.1	1.4	3.1	8.6	2.6	2.8	100.0

TABLE 2.2: Principal Exports Commodity Groups – January 2024 to December 2025 (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	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2024	25.8	885.7	4,733.1	20.5	14.7	32.2	214.2	21.4	26.0	141.8	27.2	71.2	85.9	6,299.8
Feb	23.1	674.4	3,184.0	6.1	23.6	42.5	309.6	16.5	33.5	87.9	28.3	28.8	99.1	4,557.2
Mar	26.1	775.0	5,335.4	3.4	33.3	50.0	241.3	38.4	39.7	131.6	28.3	24.7	140.9	6,868.1
Q1	75.1	2,335.0	13,252.6	30.0	71.6	124.7	765.1	76.3	99.2	361.3	83.7	124.7	325.9	17,725.2
Apr	26.9	686.0	5,053.7	0.4	23.2	42.8	279.0	34.4	37.8	119.6	50.6	40.8	103.5	6,498.9
May	51.1	1,025.7	5,140.9	0.0	33.5	48.1	249.1	59.6	43.7	108.2	55.8	21.8	130.3	6,967.9
Jun	40.2	985.0	4,139.8	0.0	38.9	48.1	264.9	34.3	39.3	97.2	49.9	118.0	163.1	6,018.8
Q2	118.3	2,696.7	14,334.5	0.4	95.7	139.0	793.0	128.3	120.8	325.0	156.4	180.5	396.9	19,485.6
Jul	44.6	869.9	2,176.1	0.0	38.0	54.9	244.5	33.6	107.2	99.9	33.7	72.8	122.6	3,897.7
Aug	37.9	904.3	2,595.7	0.0	32.2	47.2	208.0	31.2	56.0	97.1	36.4	45.7	154.8	4,246.4
Sep	34.6	852.8	2,545.2	0.0	37.7	39.3	233.3	39.8	35.9	103.8	33.2	24.1	103.3	4,083.0
Q3	117.2	2,627.0	7,317.1	0.0	107.8	141.4	685.8	104.5	199.0	300.8	103.2	142.6	380.7	12,227.1
Oct	40.8	823.0	2,705.4	0.0	51.0	27.1	273.9	48.9	45.0	107.3	30.6	46.3	142.1	4,341.4
Nov	47.0	798.9	2,621.2	0.0	104.7	28.5	268.6	38.5	147.2	121.7	39.2	43.3	149.9	4,408.7
Dec	30.5	783.7	3,724.9	0.0	55.5	62.2	142.2	7.0	33.9	120.0	40.0	43.7	112.9	5,156.5
Q4	118.3	2,405.6	9,051.5	0.0	211.2	117.8	684.7	94.4	226.1	349.1	109.8	133.3	404.9	13,906.6
Total_2024	428.8	10,064.3	43,955.5	30.5	486.3	522.9	2,928.6	403.6	645.2	1,336.2	453.1	581.1	1,508.4	63,344.5
Jan_2025	31.7	995.1	1,531.4	0.0	27.4	4.4	210.7	5.8	31.4	146.8	34.6	56.9	88.8	3,165.1
Feb	31.3	907.9	3,903.8	0.0	31.4	15.0	247.8	5.9	32.7	90.5	29.6	45.7	143.5	5,485.0
Mar	42.2	995.5	4,177.2	0.0	35.0	23.2	267.0	17.3	40.7	88.2	30.3	71.9	116.7	5,905.2
Q1	105.2	2,898.5	9,612.4	0.0	93.8	42.6	725.5	29.0	104.9	325.5	94.5	174.5	349.0	14,555.4
Apr	34.6	865.1	7,323.1	0.0	29.3	30.6	232.2	27.0	30.5	93.6	44.7	81.3	121.0	8,913.0
May	25.8	1,056.7	5,502.3	0.0	30.2	0.0	250.3	10.0	37.0	94.7	59.7	54.5	176.1	7,297.2
Jun	21.7	1,074.9	5,687.0	0.0	36.8	0.0	257.1	45.2	38.1	121.1	42.6	88.6	165.8	7,578.9
Q2	82.1	2,996.7	18,512.3	0.0	96.3	30.6	739.6	82.2	105.5	309.4	147.0		462.9	23,789.1
Jul	21.3	773.8	5,993.4	0.0	32.0	1.6	259.5	14.7	39.8	124.9	28.4	59.0	155.0	7,503.4
Aug	25.0	865.7	3,683.0	0.0	31.3	0.0	316.7	50.4	38.2	161.0	34.0	68.9	211.6	5,485.7
Sep	32.9	797.8	3,582.4	0.0	35.8	0.4	295.9	47.6	57.3	133.0	28.1	45.0	141.0	5,197.2
Q3	79.1	2,437.3	13,258.8	0.0	99.2	2.0	872.1	112.7	135.4	418.8	90.5	172.9	507.6	18,186.3
Oct	32.3	930.4	2,390.3	0.0	40.9	0.0	339.6	57.6	58.3	89.8	36.2	97.0	258.2	4,330.5
Nov	31.2	817.8	7,135.4	0.0	36.0	0.0	259.6	40.5	58.0	122.6	37.8	60.4	163.5	8,762.6
Dec	22.6	944.9	3,013.9	0.0	19.6	0.1	129.7	102.5	36.8	130.5	38.6	44.6	151.3	4,635.1
Q4	86.0	2,693.1	12,539.6	0.0	96.4	0.1	728.9	200.6	153.2	342.8	112.6	202.0	573.0	17,728.3
Total_2025	352.4	11,025.6	53,923.2	0.0	385.6	75.3	3,066.1	424.4	498.9	1,396.6	444.6	773.7	1,892.5	74,259.0
Change	(8.6)	127.2	(4,121.5)	0.0	(16.4)	0.1	(129.8)	62.0	(21.3)	8.0	0.8	(15.7)	(12.3)	(4,127.5)
% Change	(27.6)	15.5	(57.8)	0.0	(45.6)	0.0	(50.0)	153.1	(36.7)	6.5	2.0	(26.1)	(7.5)	(47.1)
% Contribution														
2024	0.7	15.9	69.4	0.0	0.8	0.8	4.6	0.6	1.0	2.1	0.7	0.9	2.4	100.0
Oct_2025	0.4	9.3	81.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.7	1.9	100.0
Nov_2025	0.5	20.4	65.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.8	2.2	0.8	2.8	0.8	1.0	3.3	100.0

TABLE 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2024 to December 2025 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports					Total Exports				
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2024	373.2	0.0	1,268.5	184.3	1,826.0	0.0	19.4	4,335.9	377.9	4,733.1
Feb	283.8	0.2	357.6	154.4	795.9	0.0	38.6	2,824.1	321.3	3,184.0
Mar	370.1	0.0	807.7	57.8	1,235.7	0.0	9.4	4,488.8	837.2	5,335.4
Q1	1,027.1	0.2	2,433.8	396.5	3,857.5	0.0	67.4	11,648.8	1,536.4	13,252.6
Apr	226.5	0.4	721.0	335.2	1,283.0	0.0	14.1	4,133.9	905.7	5,053.7
May	252.7	0.0	1,607.0	171.0	2,030.7	0.0	19.7	4,164.9	956.3	5,140.9
Jun	2.1	0.2	1,658.7	350.3	2,011.3	12.7	71.7	3,366.3	689.0	4,139.8
Q2	481.2	0.6	3,986.7	856.5	5,324.9	12.7	105.6	11,665.2	2,551.0	14,334.5
Jul	304.5	0.4	66.6	167.9	539.4	0.0	0.0	1,515.6	660.5	2,176.1
Aug	251.8	4.1	1,279.5	90.3	1,625.7	0.0	11.3	1,583.2	1,001.2	2,595.7
Sep	238.1	0.0	1,122.5	223.2	1,583.9	0.0	10.5	1,858.5	676.2	2,545.2
Q3	794.4	4.4	2,468.6	481.4	3,749.0	0.0	21.9	4,957.3	2,337.9	7,317.1
Oct	196.6	0.1	783.3	374.7	1,354.7	0.0	9.9	2,165.7	529.8	2,705.4
Nov	0.0	0.2	1,665.7	294.1	1,960.0	0.0	2.6	1,769.9	848.7	2,621.2
Dec	174.0	0.2	1,610.3	232.6	2,017.1	0.0	0.3	3,138.7	585.9	3,724.9
Q4	370.6	0.5	4,059.2	901.4	5,331.8	0.0	12.8	7,074.3	1,964.4	9,051.5
Total_2024	2,673.3	5.7	12,948.4	2,635.8	18,263.2	12.7	207.7	35,345.5	8,389.7	43,955.5
Jan_2025	128.1	0.1	604.1	314.1	1,046.4	0.0	1.5	976.9	553.0	1,531.4
Feb	131.0	0.4	275.4	135.7	542.4	0.0	2.1	3,201.4	700.3	3,903.8
Mar	0.0	0.2	948.2	142.9	1,091.3	0.2	78.6	3,492.5	605.9	4,177.2
Q1	259.1	0.6	1,827.7	592.6	2,680.1	0.2	82.2	7,670.8	1,859.3	9,612.4
Apr	208.8	0.0	57.1	110.6	376.5	0.0	9.8	6,656.4	656.9	7,323.1
May	145.7	0.3	1,396.1	276.3	1,818.4	0.3	25.7	4,646.5	829.8	5,502.3
Jun	0.0	0.3	571.9	142.1	714.3	118.1	17.3	4,879.0	672.6	5,687.0
Q2	354.5	0.6	2,025.1	529.0	2,909.2	118.4	52.8	16,181.9	2,159.3	18,512.4
Jul	4.2	0.1	382.1	258.7	645.1	4.0	9.0	5,382.3	598.0	5,993.4
Aug	109.4	0.0	66.1	206.1	381.6	0.5	0.4	2,735.2	946.8	3,683.0
Sep	123.4	0.2	380.9	238.8	743.4	0.0	14.6	2,869.2	698.5	3,582.4
Q3	237.1	0.3	829.1	703.7	1,770.2	4.6	24.1	10,986.8	2,243.3	13,258.8
Oct	189.3	0.1	303.6	176.1	669.1	0.0	11.8	1,650.2	728.2	2,390.3
Nov	13.1	0.2	630.9	55.3	699.5	0.0	9.7	6,303.4	822.3	7,135.4
Dec	247.3	0.2	323.1	30.6	601.2	0.0	9.1	2,504.9	500.0	3,013.9
Q4	449.7	0.4	1,257.6	262.0	1,969.7	0.0	30.6	10,458.5	2,050.5	12,539.6
Total_2025	1,300.4	1.9	5,939.6	2,087.3	9,329.2	123.2	189.7	45,298.0	8,312.4	53,923.2

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: Principal Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups– December 2025 (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	% Contribution
South Africa	485.7	259.6	911.6	643.4	63.1	522.0	246.1	72.1	148.9	299.9	151.9	114.8	3,919.2	61.3
Namibia	0.5	12.4	15.5	248.8	0.0	2.7	1.6	14.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	297.5	4.7
Eswatini	37.9	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.2	0.0	1.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	55.2	0.9
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.2	0.0
SACU	524.1	272.0	936.1	892.3	63.1	526.0	249.9	87.0	150.5	300.3	156.4	115.6	4,273.2	66.8
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	12.1	213.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	227.1	3.5
Zambia	1.7	0.0	15.3	50.5	0.2	4.4	29.7	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	5.2	108.2	1.7
Zimbabwe	0.1	0.0	31.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	2.4	0.0	3.9	27.6	1.2	3.0	69.8	1.1
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	10.1	0.2
SADC	525.9	272.0	1,000.9	1,156.1	63.5	531.1	282.0	87.0	157.6	330.2	157.6	124.5	4,688.3	73.3
Other Africa	1.6	26.9	0.1	1.4	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.7	41.1	0.6
Africa	527.5	298.9	1,001.0	1,157.5	63.5	541.0	282.0	87.0	157.9	330.2	157.7	125.2	4,729.4	73.9
China	39.0	0.0	1.5	0.6	24.3	343.0	26.7	0.0	27.4	28.8	3.8	26.7	521.9	8.2
India	20.9	17.5	13.8	0.0	0.9	69.2	3.6	0.0	5.4	3.2	0.2	2.7	137.4	2.1
Japan	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	7.7	0.1	0.0	2.0	43.6	0.0	0.5	65.1	1.0
Other Asia	8.7	13.9	11.8	6.6	1.5	28.7	2.0	0.0	4.3	48.2	0.6	4.5	130.7	2.0
Asia	79.5	31.4	27.2	7.5	26.7	448.5	32.4	0.0	39.0	123.9	4.5	34.4	855.0	13.4
Germany	16.9	0.0	3.6	0.1	0.0	31.2	0.9	0.0	0.7	6.1	0.4	3.4	63.3	1.0
Lithuania	0.0	0.0	54.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.2	0.8
Other EU	32.3	23.2	9.8	0.1	0.1	84.3	5.2	0.0	0.7	10.5	0.3	6.8	173.2	2.7
EU	49.2	23.2	67.6	0.2	0.2	115.5	6.1	0.0	1.4	16.6	0.6	10.2	290.8	4.5
Canada	0.7	247.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	60.9	0.5	1.9	315.1	4.9
USA	5.6	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	60.1	1.1	0.0	0.1	11.8	0.2	4.2	83.7	1.3
Rest of the World	6.9	0.3	10.8	0.1	0.1	85.4	3.4	0.1	0.5	9.8	2.7	2.1	122.1	1.9
Total	669.3	601.2	1,107.2	1,165.6	90.5	1,253.5	325.4	87.2	199.0	553.1	166.3	178.0	6,396.1	100.0

TABLE 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – December 2025

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
South Africa	12.4	6.6	23.3	16.4	1.6	13.3	6.3	1.8	3.8	7.7	3.9	2.9	100.0
Namibia	0.2	4.2	5.2	83.6	0.0	0.9	0.5	5.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	100.0
Eswatini	68.6	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.9	0.0	1.8	0.0	7.4	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	15.8	0.0	0.0	49.8	24.1	3.3	6.1	100.0
SACU	12.3	6.4	21.9	20.9	1.5	12.3	5.8	2.0	3.5	7.0	3.7	2.7	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	5.3	93.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	1.6	0.0	14.2	46.7	0.2	4.0	27.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	4.8	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.2	0.0	44.4	0.0	0.1	0.8	3.4	0.0	5.6	39.6	1.7	4.3	100.0
Other SADC	0.1	0.0	62.7	0.0	1.1	1.6	0.1	0.0	26.9	0.4	0.0	7.0	100.0
SADC	11.2	5.8	21.3	24.7	1.4	11.3	6.0	1.9	3.4	7.0	3.4	2.7	100.0
Other Africa	3.9	65.6	0.3	3.5	0.0	24.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.7	100.0
Africa	11.2	6.3	21.2	24.5	1.3	11.4	6.0	1.8	3.3	7.0	3.3	2.6	100.0
China	7.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	4.7	65.7	5.1	0.0	5.3	5.5	0.7	5.1	100.0
India	15.3	12.7	10.1	0.0	0.7	50.3	2.6	0.0	3.9	2.3	0.1	2.0	100.0
Japan	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	11.8	0.1	0.0	3.0	67.1	0.0	0.8	100.0
Other Asia	6.6	10.6	9.0	5.1	1.1	21.9	1.5	0.0	3.3	36.9	0.4	3.4	100.0
Asia	9.3	3.7	3.2	0.9	3.1	52.5	3.8	0.0	4.6	14.5	0.5	4.0	100.0
Germany	26.7	0.0	5.7	0.2	0.0	49.3	1.5	0.0	1.2	9.6	0.6	5.3	100.0
Lithuania	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	18.6	13.4	5.7	0.1	0.1	48.6	3.0	0.0	0.4	6.0	0.1	3.9	100.0
EU	16.9	8.0	23.2	0.1	0.1	39.7	2.1	0.0	0.5	5.7	0.2	3.5	100.0
Canada	0.2	78.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	19.3	0.2	0.6	100.0
USA	6.6	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	71.8	1.3	0.0	0.2	14.1	0.2	5.0	100.0
Rest of the World	5.6	0.2	8.8	0.0	0.1	69.9	2.8	0.1	0.4	8.0	2.2	1.7	100.0
Total	10.5	9.4	17.3	18.2	1.4	19.6	5.1	1.4	3.1	8.6	2.6	2.8	100.0

TABLE 3.2A: Principal Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups– December 2025 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	20.2	0.0	70.2	7.8	0.1	70.4	96.6	23.5	106.5	18.5	10.5	46.9	471.3	10.2
Namibia	2.1	0.0	63.7	2.7	0.0	15.0	0.5	2.3	0.0	1.0	12.6	10.8	110.8	2.4
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	2.7	0.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.0
SACU	22.3	0.0	133.9	10.5	0.1	85.7	98.5	25.8	106.5	19.6	24.6	58.0	585.3	12.6
Zimbabwe	0.2	0.0	0.0	7.4	0.0	25.5	0.0	6.5	8.1	17.8	7.2	59.3	131.8	2.8
Zambia	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	3.5	16.0	0.2	1.1	4.0	35.8	0.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	8.9	12.9	0.3
SADC	22.6	0.0	133.9	19.0	0.1	121.7	99.8	36.8	130.5	37.6	33.8	130.1	765.9	16.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.0
Africa	22.6	0.0	133.9	19.0	0.1	121.7	99.8	36.8	130.5	37.6	34.2	130.6	766.8	16.5
UAE	0.0	0.0	1,424.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	1,436.4	31.0
India	0.0	0.0	826.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	827.5	17.9
China	0.0	562.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	562.1	12.1
Israel	0.0	0.0	145.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	145.2	3.1
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	69.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.4	1.5
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	27.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	28.5	0.6
Asia	0.0	562.0	2,493.8	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9	3,070.1	66.2
Belgium	0.0	0.0	354.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	354.3	7.6
Other EU	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.2	3.4	13.2	0.3
EU	0.0	0.0	358.4	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.2	3.4	367.5	7.9
Australia	0.0	356.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	0.0	363.5	7.8
USA	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.3	19.1	0.4
Rest of the World	0.0	26.8	12.9	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	48.2	1.0
Total	22.6	944.9	3,013.9	19.6	0.1	129.7	102.5	36.8	130.5	38.6	44.6	151.3	4,635.1	100.0

TABLE 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – December 2025

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	4.3	0.0	14.9	1.7	0.0	14.9	20.5	5.0	22.6	3.9	2.2	9.9	100.0
Namibia	1.9	0.0	57.5	2.4	0.0	13.5	0.5	2.0	0.0	0.9	11.4	9.8	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	9.9	48.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	39.0	2.6	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	62.0	33.0	100.0
SACU	3.8	0.0	22.9	1.8	0.0	14.6	16.8	4.4	18.2	3.3	4.2	9.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	19.3	0.0	4.9	6.1	13.5	5.5	45.0	100.0
Zambia	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	27.8	0.0	9.7	44.7	0.7	3.0	11.2	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4.3	10.4	7.9	0.0	0.0	7.2	68.6	100.0
SADC	2.9	0.0	17.5	2.5	0.0	15.9	13.0	4.8	17.0	4.9	4.4	17.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	44.6	51.1	100.0
Africa	2.9	0.0	17.5	2.5	0.0	15.9	13.0	4.8	17.0	4.9	4.5	17.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	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	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	95.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	18.3	81.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
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	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	31.1	0.0	0.0	14.9	20.2	0.0	0.0	6.9	1.2	25.7	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	97.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	100.0
Australia	0.0	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	78.6	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	15.4	1.8	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	55.6	26.7	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	100.0
Total	0.5	20.4	65.0	0.4	0.0	2.8	2.2	0.8	2.8	0.8	1.0	3.3	100.0

TABLE 4.1: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – December 2025 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel	576.7	10.0	9.0
2	27101202	Petrol	416.1	7.2	6.5
3	25232900	Other Portland cement	78.6	1.4	1.2
4	85177900	Other aerials and aerial reflectors of all kind	72.9	1.3	1.1
5	85021300	Electricity Generating sets of an output exceeding 375 kVA	69.5	1.2	1.1
6	85044090	Other Static converters	66.7	1.2	1.0
7	27160000	Electrical energy	61.3	1.1	1.0
8	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	60.5	1.0	0.9
9	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	57.7	1.0	0.9
10	22030090	Other Beer made from malt	55.5	1.0	0.9
11	87089990	Other safety airbags with inflater system	45.0	0.8	0.7
12	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))	44.3	0.8	0.7
13	85414300	Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels	42.0	0.7	0.7
14	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength. of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by vol.	41.6	0.7	0.7
15	84714190	Other automatic data processing machines, comprising in the same housing at least a central processing unit and an input ;and output unit, whether or not combined	41.2	0.7	0.6
16	85176290	Other machines for the rception,conversion and transmission	38.9	0.7	0.6
17	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	38.5	0.7	0.6
18	84818090	Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, including pressure reducing valves and thermostatically controlled valves other appliances other	37.2	0.6	0.6
19	88021100	Of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg 1 x new r44 raven ii helicopter reg no zt hjs s n 14781 year 2024 weight 1134kg	36.5	0.6	0.6
20	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	36.3	0.6	0.6
21	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	34.5	0.6	0.5
22	87042181	New-G.V.M. not exceeding 5 t: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,	34.3	0.6	0.5
23	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	32.9	0.6	0.5
24	87032390	Other, used, of more than 10 years, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm ³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm ³	32.7	0.6	0.5
25	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	32.6	0.6	0.5

TABLE 4.1 : Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – December 2025 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
26	87032390	Other, new, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm ³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm ³	32.2	0.6	0.5
27	85444990	Other, electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V	31.8	0.5	0.5
28	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	30.1	0.5	0.5
29	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	29.6	0.5	0.5
30	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	28.7	0.5	0.4
31	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.)	27.9	0.5	0.4
32	17011300	Cane sugar specified in subheading note 2	27.8	0.5	0.4
33	84295900	Self-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers, mechanical shovels, excavators,	27.5	0.5	0.4
34	84749000	Parts of machinery	27.2	0.5	0.4
35	38249999	Other mixtures	26.6	0.5	0.4
36	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of heading 84.26, 84.29 or 84.30	25.8	0.4	0.4
37	62171090	Other clothing accessories	25.0	0.4	0.4
38	84219990	Other parts for Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers; filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus, for liquids or gases	24.8	0.4	0.4
39	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	24.3	0.4	0.4
40	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	23.9	0.4	0.4
41	84295190	Other front end shovel loaders	23.9	0.4	0.4
42	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	23.8	0.4	0.4
43	87041090	Dumpers designed for off-highway use: new	23.6	0.4	0.4
44	87042183	G.V.M. not exceeding 5 t:Other (excluding 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, new	23.5	0.4	0.4
45	84082000	Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	23.1	0.4	0.4
46	87032290	Other, used, of more than 10 years, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cm ³ but not exceeding 1 500 cm ³	22.8	0.4	0.4
47	23040000	Soya meal/oilcake	22.0	0.4	0.3
48	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	20.9	0.4	0.3
49	09109900	Other spices	20.5	0.4	0.3
50	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	19.7	0.3	0.3
Top 50 Imported Non-Diamond Goods			2,721.3	47.0	42.5
Other Non-Diamond Imports Goods			3,073.7	53.0	48.1
Total Non-Diamond Imports			5,795.0	100.0	90.6
Diamond Imports			601.2		9.4
Total Imports			6,396.1		100.0

Table 4.2 : Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – December 2025 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non- Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
1	26030000	Copper ores & concentrates	944.9	58.3	20.4
2	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	100.5	6.2	2.2
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	100.4	6.2	2.2
4	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	26.0	1.6	0.6
5	03057110	Dried Fish, whether or not salted but not smoked	21.0	1.3	0.5
6	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	18.2	1.1	0.4
7	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	17.5	1.1	0.4
8	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	14.1	0.9	0.3
9	94038900	Other furniture of bamboo	13.4	0.8	0.3
10	84303100	Self-propelled	13.0	0.8	0.3
11	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	12.5	0.8	0.3
12	27011900	Other coal	11.5	0.7	0.2
13	27011200	Bituminous coal	11.0	0.7	0.2
14	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	10.9	0.7	0.2
15	62171090	Other clothing accessories	10.6	0.7	0.2
16	84292000	Graders and levellers	8.6	0.5	0.2
17	84295900	Self-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers, mechanical shovels,	8.5	0.5	0.2
18	25232900	Other Portland cement	7.4	0.5	0.2
19	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	7.3	0.5	0.2
20	48202000	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard REGISTERS, ACCOUNT BOOKS, NOTE BOOKS, ORDER BOOKS, RECEIPT BOOKS, LETTER PADS, MEMORANDUM PADS, DIARIES AND SIMILAR ARTICLES, EXERCISE BOOKS, BLOTTING-PADS, BINDERS (LOOSE-LEAF	7.0	0.4	0.2
21	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.9	0.4	0.1
22	84089090	Other engines	5.8	0.4	0.1
23	87059000	Other special purpose motor vehicles	5.7	0.3	0.1
24	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	5.2	0.3	0.1
25	85285905	Monitors and projectors, not incorporating television reception apparatus;	5.0	0.3	0.1

Table 4.2 : Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – December 2025 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
26	90158000	Other instruments and appliances	4.8	0.3	0.1
27	39233090	Other carboys,bottles,flasks and similar articles	4.7	0.3	0.1
28	87089990	Other parts and accessories:NES	4.7	0.3	0.1
29	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	4.4	0.3	0.1
30	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	4.3	0.3	0.1
31	85285990	Other monitors not incorporating television reception apparatus	4.1	0.3	0.1
32	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	4.1	0.3	0.1
33	72071900	Other semi finished products of iron or non alloy steel	4.1	0.2	0.1
34	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	3.8	0.2	0.1
35	83016000	Parts of clasps and frames with clasps	3.7	0.2	0.1
36	85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	3.6	0.2	0.1
37	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.3	0.2	0.1
38	74031900	Other refined copper	3.3	0.2	0.1
39	84314990	Other parts of radiators	3.3	0.2	0.1
40	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects, new or used	3.3	0.2	0.1
41	84112100	Turbo-propellers: Of a power not exceeding 1100 kW	3.3	0.2	0.1
42	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	3.3	0.2	0.1
43	87032390	Other, used, of more than 10 years, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm ³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm ³	3.2	0.2	0.1
44	88073000	Part of goods of heading 88.01, 88.02 or 88.06 - under parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft beacon	3.1	0.2	0.1
45	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.8	0.2	0.1
46	64059090	Other footwear	2.7	0.2	0.1
47	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	2.6	0.2	0.1
48	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.5	0.2	0.1
49	17011400	Other Cane Sugar	2.5	0.2	0.1
50	23011090	Other Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal; greaves	2.4	0.1	0.1
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,480.8	91.3	31.9
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			140.4	8.7	3.0
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,621.2	100.0	35.0
Diamond Exports			3,013.9		65.0
Total Exports			4,635.1		100.0

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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