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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 African Customs Union
SADC : Southern African Development Community
UAE : United Arab Emirates
UK : United Kingdom
USA : United States of America

PREFACE

International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS**) measure the value of goods entering and leaving Botswana's economic territory. These statistics support the compilation of national accounts and balance of payments statistics and are used in trade negotiations, policy analysis and market research.

This digest presents Botswana's merchandise trade statistics for September 2026. It covers imports, domestic exports, re-exports and the trade balance, with breakdowns by principal commodity group, trading partner and mode of transport. It also presents diamond trade, the leading import and export commodities excluding diamonds, and the value of goods transiting through Botswana.

The September figures are preliminary. Statistics Botswana revises previously published figures as additional customs records become available, including records from transactions for which duty assessments or other customs procedures were completed after the initial release.

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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 September 2026. 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 September 2026, Botswana's imports amounted to P7, 234.7 million, representing a 15.9 percent decrease from the revised value of P8, 603.2 million recorded in August 2026. Fuel was the leading import commodity group, accounting for 22.8 percent of total imports, followed by Machinery and Electrical Equipment, which contributed 17.8 percent. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 15.6 percent and 11.3 percent respectively. The main source of imports was the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) at 65.0 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 14.5 percent and 7.8 percent of total imports, correspondingly. At country level, South Africa was the main supplier of imports at 57.9 percent of the total, followed by China and Namibia at 6.6 percent and 6.3 percent respectively

Botswana's exports were valued at P4, 745.9 million registering a 35.7 percent decline from the revised export value of P7, 385.6 million recorded in August 2026. Diamonds and Copper were the main exported commodities accounting for 56.6 percent and 27.5 percent of total exports respectively.

During the reference period, Asia was the top destination for Botswana's exports, having received 59.4 percent, followed by **SACU** with a market share of 13.3 percent. The **EU** block received 10.0 percent. At country level, Botswana's top export destinations were the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), and China at 29.0 percent and 16.4 percent of total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**). South Africa, India and Belgium also contributed significantly by receiving 11.9 percent, 10.6 percent and 10.0 percent of Botswana's exports, respectively.

Imports amounting to 80.7 percent were transported into the country by Road. Goods imported by Rail and Air made up 10.7 percent and 8.6 percent of total imports, respectively.

During the period under review, goods exported by Air accounted for 57.5 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail represented 41.5 percent and 1.0 percent respectively (**Table B**).

Merchandise worth P35, 427.3 million transited through the country to various destinations. Martins Drift and Tlokweng Gate processed the highest of transiting goods at 41.4 percent and 24.3 percent respectively. Kazungula Bridge handled 20.7 percent of goods in transit. (**Table C1**).

The top transiting goods were classified under Chapter 74 (Copper & articles thereof) at 61.2 percent, followed by Chapter 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic & inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements & of isotopes) and Chapter 84 (nuclear reactors, boilers machinery and mechanical appliances thereof) at 5.9 percent and 5.2 percent of all goods in transit, (**Table C2**).



IMPORTS
P7, 234.7 million

registering a decrease of 15.9 percent **(P1, 368.5 million)** from the revised August 2026 value of **P8, 603.2 million**

EXPORTS
P4, 745.9 million

Botswana's export earnings declined by **35.7 percent (P2, 639.7 million)** from the revised August 2026 figure of **P7, 385.6 million** to **P4, 745.9 million** registered in September 2026

1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and the trade balance between countries or regions over a specific period. The discussions are based on September 2026, 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 incorporate additional and more comprehensive information that was unavailable at the time of the initial release, as a result of late customs duty assessments or Customs 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 months, incorporated in September 2026, resulted in the upward revision of both trade flows for July and August 2026. A growth of 4.7 percent (P388.7 million) and 28.1 percent (P1, 232.9 million) was recorded for imports and total exports for August 2026 respectively. For July 2026, imports experienced growth of 0.1 percent (P4.7 million) while total exports increased by 9.6 percent (P590.3 million). **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures from the previous digest with those of the month under review.

TABLE A: Data Revision: July and August 2026 (Million Pula)

Period	As at August 2026 Digest (P Million)			As at September 2026 Digest (P Million)			Difference (P Million)			Difference as %		
Indicators	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
July_2026	7,249.2	6,148.3	(1,100.8)	7,253.8	6,738.7	(515.2)	4.7	590.3	585.7	0.1	9.6	(53.2)
Aug_2026	8,214.5	5,764.0	(2,450.5)	8,603.2	7,385.6	(1,217.5)	388.7	1,621.7	1,232.9	4.7	28.1	(50.3)

() Denotes negative

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued on a Cost, Insurance, and Freight (**CIF**) basis. This means the price includes the value of the goods, as well as the insurance and freight costs incurred in transporting them to their destination. However, it excludes customs duties and any other charges paid upon arrival at the importing country's border.

In September 2026, Botswana's total imports were valued at P7, 234.7 million registering a decrease of 15.9 percent (P1, 368.5 million) from the revised August 2026 value of P8, 603.2 million. The overall decline was driven by reductions across all commodity groups, except for Metal & Metal Products. Although the decrease was widespread, the largest contributors was by Diamonds imports which dropped by 54.2 percent (P789.3 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Fuel also contributed significantly to the overall decline, accounting for 15.4 percent (P234.7 million) and 8.6 percent (P155.2 million) respectively. More details are displayed in **Table 2.1**.

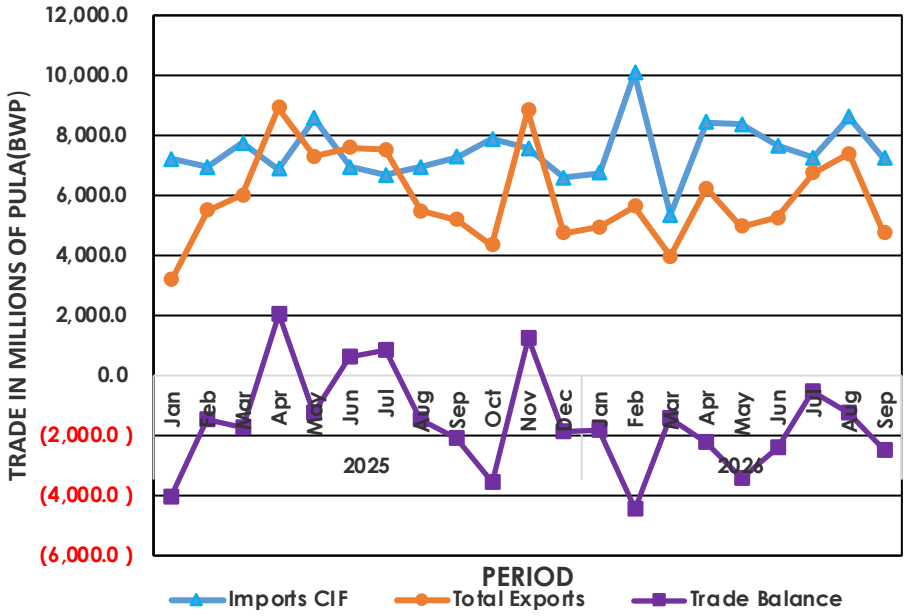
1.3 Total Exports

During the period under review, Botswana's export earnings declined by 35.7 percent (P2, 639.7 million) from the revised August 2026 figure of P7, 385.6 million to P4, 745.9 million registered in September 2026. The decrease was mainly driven by Diamond exports which went down by 47.6 percent (P2, 441.4 million).

1.4 Trade Balance

In September 2026, Botswana recorded a trade deficit amounting to P2, 488.8 million, (**Table 1.0**). **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2025 to September 2026.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2025 to September 2026 (Million Pula)



2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS

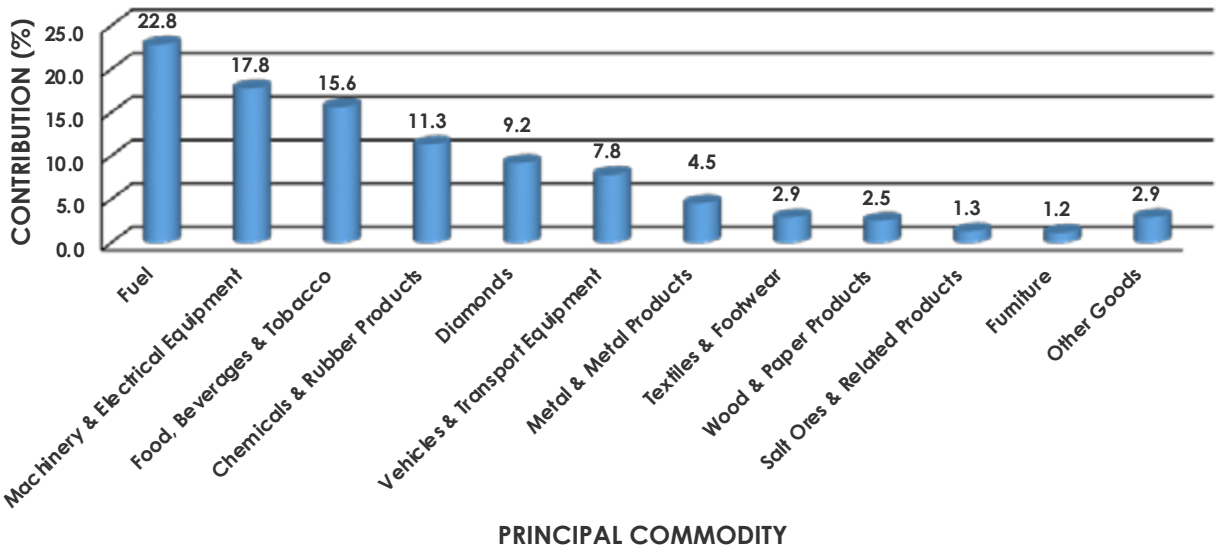
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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 September 2026, Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the leading imported commodity categories, accounting for 22.8 percent (P1,650.9 million) and 17.8 percent (P1,288.0 million) of total imports, respectively Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 15.6 percent (P1, 132.0 million) and 11.3 percent (P818.0 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 – September 2026 (Percentage)

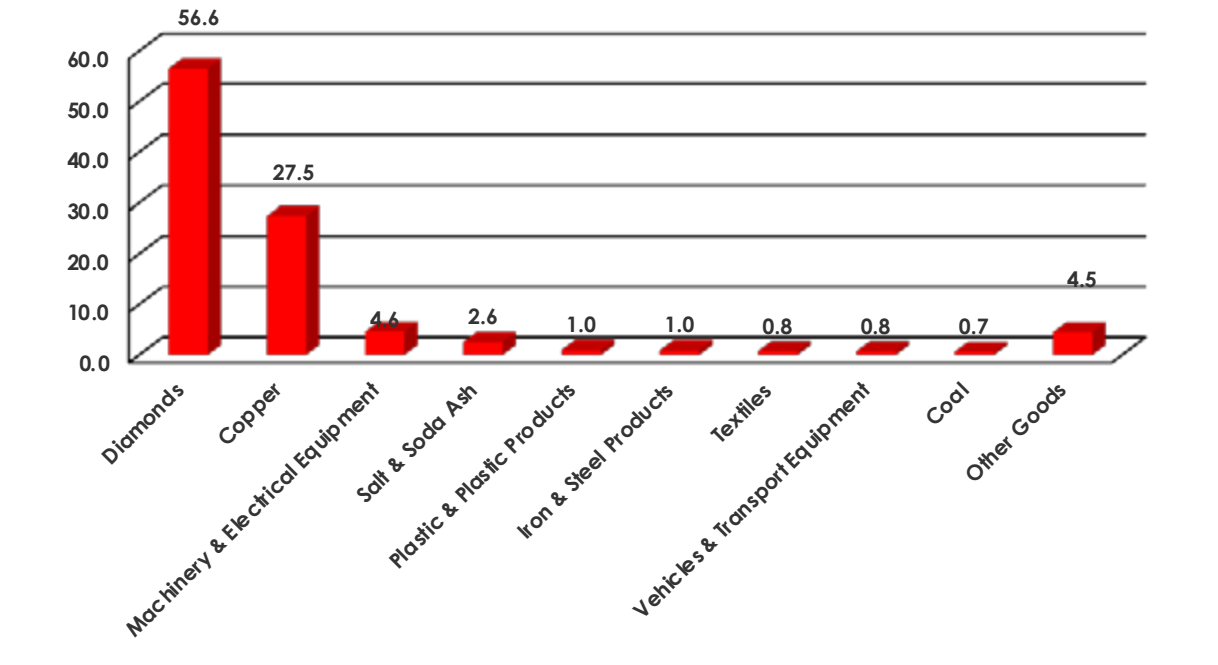


Note: 'Other Goods' *here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1*

2.2 Principal Exports

During the period under review, Diamonds was the dominant export commodity group, followed by Copper, with contributions of 56.6 percent (P2, 683.8 million) and 27.5 percent (P1, 303.3 million) to total exports respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment ranked third, with a contribution of 4.6 percent (P219.4 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2: Composition of Principal Exports – September 2026 (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 the month under review 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

The SACU region remained the largest source of imports, accounting for 65.0 percent (P4, 705.5 million) of total imports in September 2026. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco were the most imported commodity groups, at 25.5 percent (P1, 198.2 million) and 21.9 percent (P1, 031.7 million) in that order. Chemicals & Rubber Products followed at 12.1 percent (P568.8 million). Among the **SACU** member states, South Africa was the largest source of imports, accounting for 57.9 percent (P4, 191.5 million) of the total. Namibia was the second largest supplier, contributing 6.3 percent (P457.9 million) of total imports as displayed in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

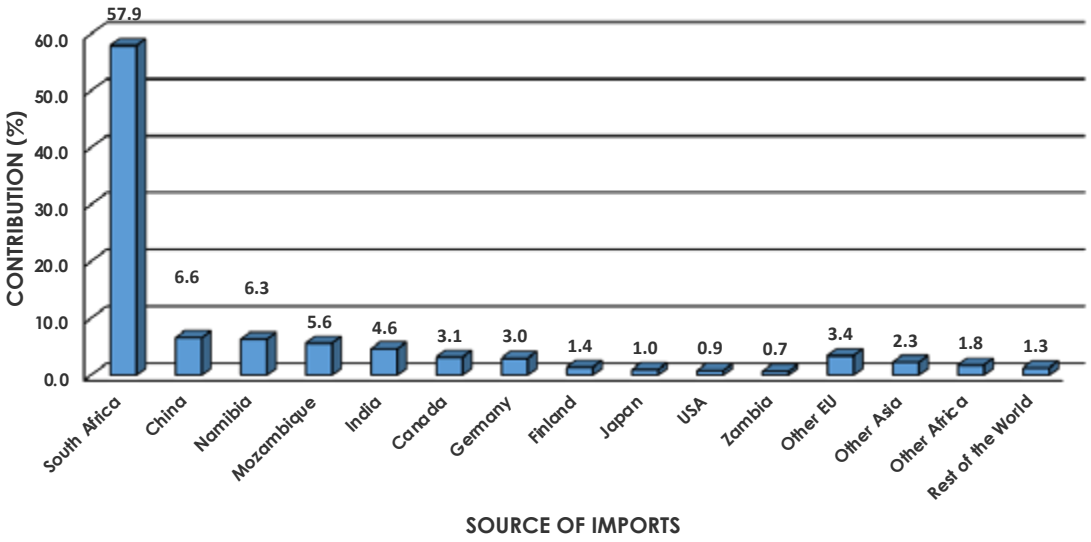
During the reference period, Botswana imported goods valued at P1, 048.8 million from the Asia region, representing 14.5 percent of total imports. The main commodity group imported from the region was Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 48.2 percent (P505.4 million) to total imports from the region. Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed at 13.5 percent (P141.1 million) and 11.1 percent (P115.9 million) respectively. In Asia, China contributed highest to total imports at 6.6 percent (P476.6 million), followed by India at 4.6 percent (P335.4 million). Figures are shown in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

Botswana's imports from the European Union (EU) were valued at P564.9 million, accounting for 7.8 percent of total imports. Machinery and Electrical Equipment dominated the import basket, contributing 55.3 percent (P312.2 million) of total imports from the EU. 8m Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Chemical & Rubber Products contributed 17.7 percent (P100.0 million) and 14.6 percent (P82.7 million) of the total imports from the region respectively. Within the **EU**, Germany contributed highest, at 3.0 percent (P214.9 million) to the total imports (**Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**).

In September 2026, Mozambique supplied Botswana with goods valued at P407.0 million representing 5.6 percent of total imports. Fuel was the dominant commodity, accounting for 99.4 percent (P404.4 million) of imports from that country.

Botswana imported goods valued at P227.4 million from Canada, accounting for 3.1 percent of total imports. Diamonds dominated the imports, contributing 96.2 percent (P218.7 million). Sources of imports during September 2026 can be viewed in **Table 3.1A** and **Chart 3.1**.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – September 2026



'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

Botswana exported merchandise worth P4, 745.9 million in September 2026, with the majority destined for Asian markets, followed by shares to **SACU** and the European Union (**EU**).

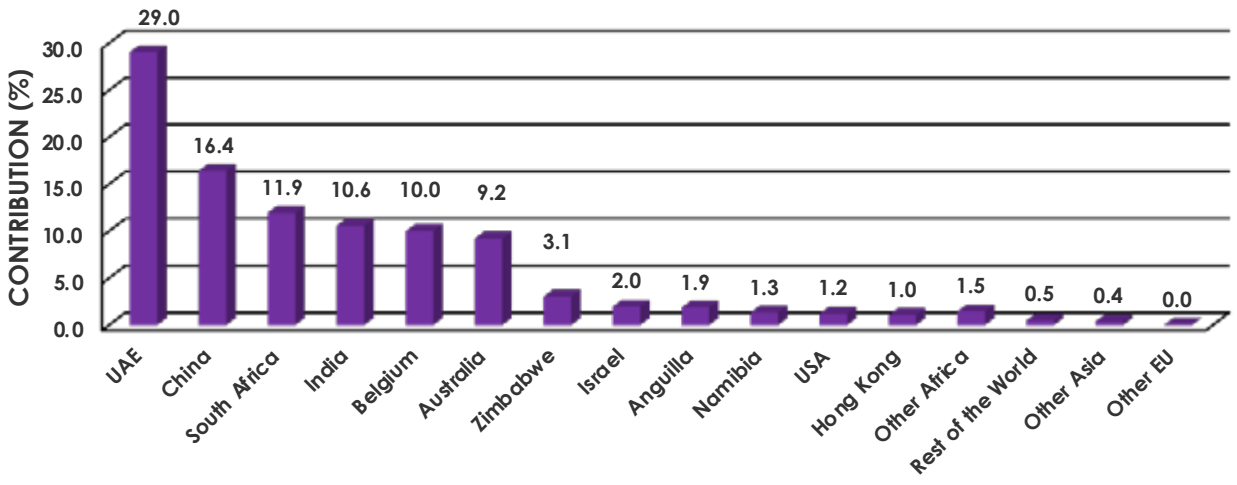
During September 2026, Asia was Botswana's largest export market, accounting for 59.4 percent (P2, 818.9 million) of total exports. Diamonds and Copper were the leading commodity groups exported to the region, accounting for 71.9 percent (P2, 026.2 million) and 27.5 percent (P774.9 million), respectively. Top export destinations within Asia were the **UAE** and China which received 29.0 percent (P1, 376.8 million) and 16.4 percent (P778.5 million) of total exports, respectively. India followed at 10.6 percent (P502.2 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the major commodity group destined to both the **UAE** and India at 99.7 percent (P1, 372.3 million) and 98.6 percent (P495.0 million) of exports to those countries accordingly. Copper was the major commodity group exported to China at 99.5 percent, valued at P774.9 million, as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

In September 2026, exports to the **SACU** region accounted for 13.3 percent (P632.1 million) of Botswana's total exports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Salt & Soda Ash were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds accounted for 29.7 percent (P187.7 million) and 16.9 percent (P106.6 million), respectively. Salt & Soda Ash contributed 14.6 percent (P92.0 million). South Africa was the main recipient of exports within **SACU**, at 11.9 percent (P566.1 million) of total exports, as in **Table 3.2A**.

The EU received exports valued at P476.1 million, representing 10.0 percent of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU, at 99.6 percent (P474.0 million). Belgium was the main destination for exports to the union, accounting for 10.0 percent (P474.0 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the sole commodity exported to Belgium, as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Australia received exports worth P437.5 million, representing 9.2 percent of Botswana's total exports. Copper was the sole commodity group exported to that country. 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 – September 2026



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

4.0 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY TOP IMPORTED AND EXPORTED COMMODITIES

The top traded commodities for both import and export flows for September 2026 are summarized in **Table 4.1** and **Table 4.2**, respectively. These tables highlight the most 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)

In September 2026, the country's top 50 imported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 45.3 percent (P3, 275.4 million) of total imports. Distillate fuel was the leading imported commodity among the top 50 commodities, contributing 14.1 percent (P929.1 million) to total non-diamond imports. Petrol and Other Static converters ranked second and third, with shares of 6.2 percent (P405.0 million) and 2.5 percent (P162.2 million), respectively. Electrical energy and Other Portland Cement followed in fourth and fifth place with shares of 2.1 percent (P135.9 million) and 1.3 percent (P85.2 million), respectively.

4.2 Top Exported commodities (excluding Diamonds)

The country's top 50 exported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 39.7 percent (P1, 886.5 million) of total exports in September 2026. Among these commodities, Copper ores & concentrates emerged as the leading export, contributing 63.2 percent (P1, 303.3 million) of total non-diamonds exports. Disodium carbonate and Ignition wiring sets & other wiring sets (used in vehicles, aircraft or ships) followed in second and third positions, with contributions of 4.3 percent (P89.6 million) and 3.0 percent (P62.1 million), respectively. Other co- axial cable electric conductors ranked fourth at 2.7 percent (P55.2 million), while and Other Salt, pure sodium chloride completed the top five, with a share of 1.5 percent (P31.2 million).

5.0 TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

Trade by mode of transport refers to the classification of international trade activities according to the means of transportation used to move goods between countries or regions, such as road, rail, air, and sea transport. This helps in understanding the flow of goods across borders and can provide insights into trade patterns, identifying bottlenecks and infrastructure needs and the extent to which the country relies on each mode for international trade. It 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.

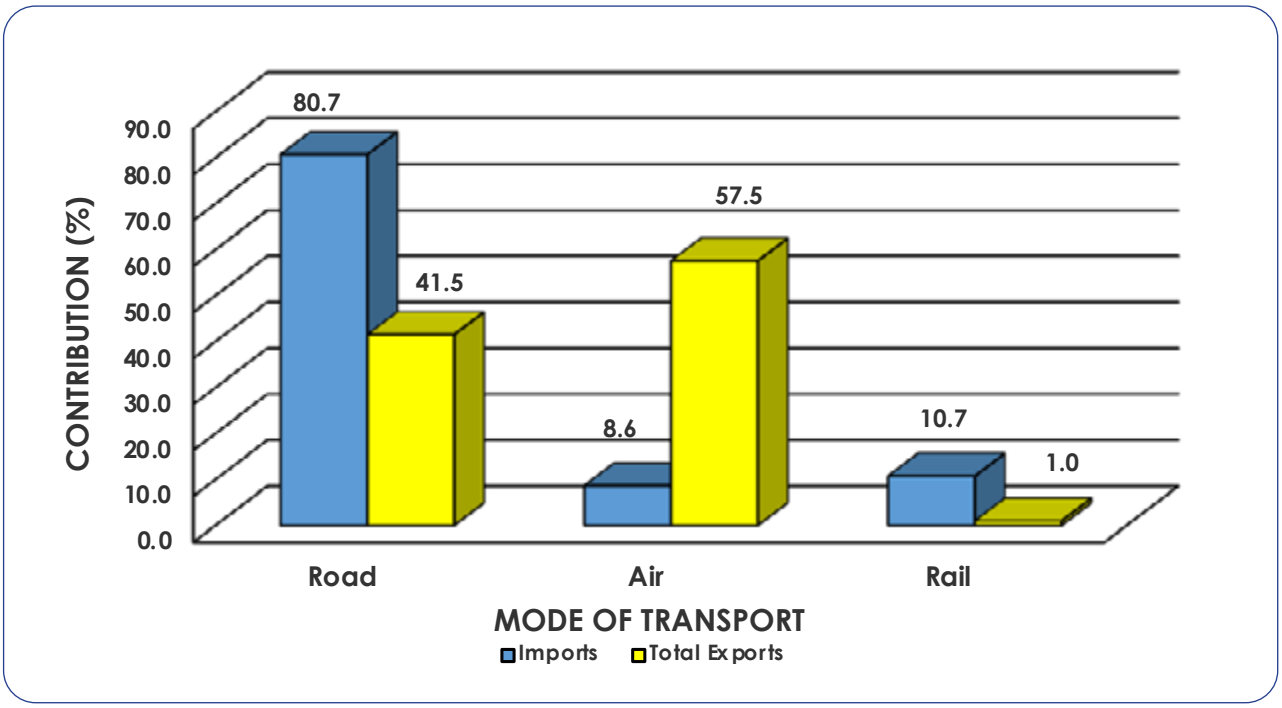
During the month under review, imports representing 80.7 percent (P5, 836.5 million) were transported into the country by Road. Goods transported by Rail and Air accounted for 10.7 percent (P774.4 million) and 8.6 percent (P623.8 million) of total imports, correspondingly.

Goods valued at P2,730.2 million, representing 57.5 percent of total exports, were transported out of the country by air in September 2026 Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 41.5 percent (P1, 969.8 million) and 1.0 percent (P45.9 million) of total exports, respectively.

TABLE B: Trade by Mode of Transport – September 2026 (Million Pula)

FlowType	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Road Transport	5,836.5	80.7	1,969.8	41.5
Air Transport	623.8	8.6	2,730.2	57.5
Rail Transport	774.4	10.7	45.9	1.0
Total	**7,234.7**	**100.0**	**4,745.9**	**100.0**

Chart B: Trade by Mode of Transport – September 2026 (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

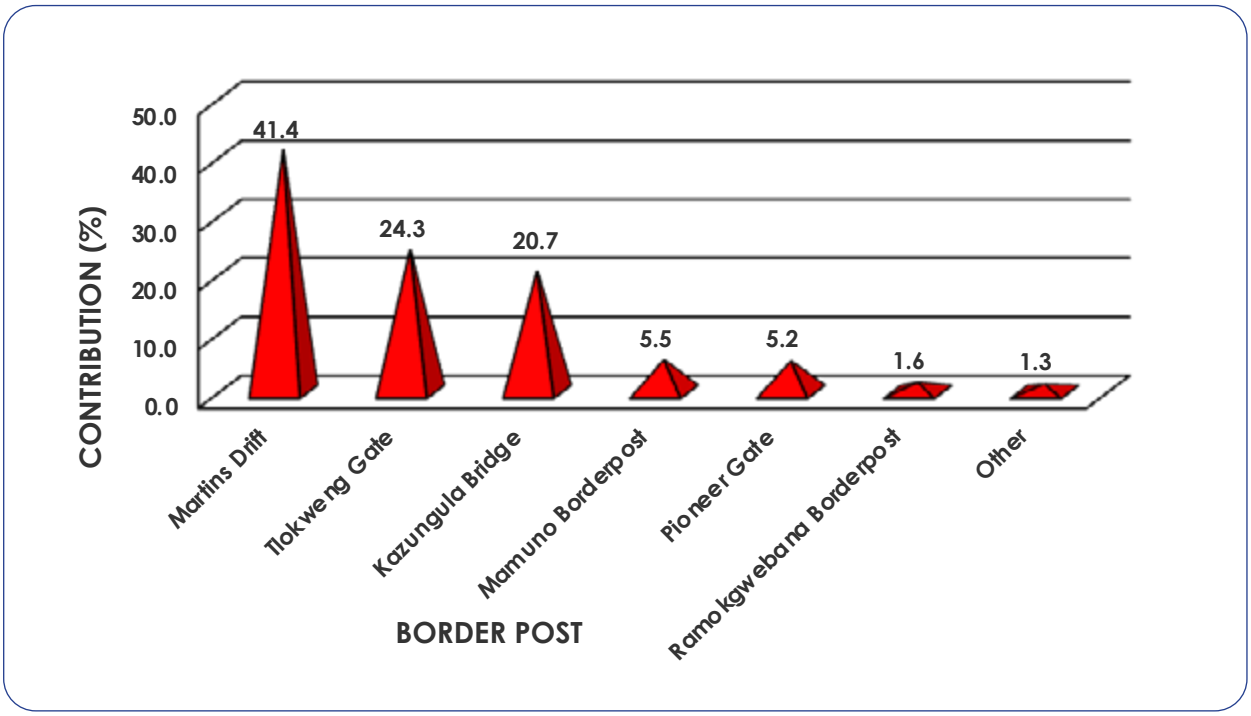
Goods amounting to P35, 427.3 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift handled goods accounting for 41.4 percent (P14, 654.0 million). Tlokweng Gate and Kazungula Bridge followed with 24.3 percent (P8, 616.6 million) and 20.7 percent (P7, 332.3 million) respectively. Contributions made by other Border Post are displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**.

Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – September 2026 (Million Pula)

Border Post/ Customs Office	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Martins Drift	14,654.0	41.4
Tlokweng Gate	8,616.6	24.3
Kazungula Bridge	7,332.3	20.7
Mamuno Borderpost	1,935.6	5.5
Pioneer Gate	1,859.0	5.2
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	569.4	1.6
Other	**460.5**	**1.3**
Total	**35,427.3**	**100.0**

'Other....' *Includes all other Border Posts*

CHART C1: : Transit Trade by Border Post – September 2026 (Percentage)



'Other....' *Includes all other Border Posts*

6.2 Transit by Chapter

Chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof) was the main transiting good, contributing 61.2 percent (P21, 699.0 million). Chapter 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic &inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements & of isotopes) and Chapter 84 (Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliances; parts thereof) followed at 5.9 percent (P2, 080.3 million) and 5.2 percent (P1, 845.6 million) of all goods in transit, respectively, as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

7.0 Conclusion

Botswana's merchandise trade deficit widened from a revised P1, 217.5 million in August 2026 to P2, 488.8 million in September 2026. Total exports fell by 35.7 percent to P4, 745.9 million, while imports declined by 15.9 percent to P7, 234.7 million. Lower diamond exports accounted for approximately 92.5 percent of the net decline in total exports.

Diamonds and copper together accounted for 84.1 percent of total exports, and Asia was Botswana's largest export market, receiving 59.4 percent. Fuel was the largest import commodity group, accounting for 22.8 percent of total imports, while the Southern African Customs Union supplied 65.0 percent.

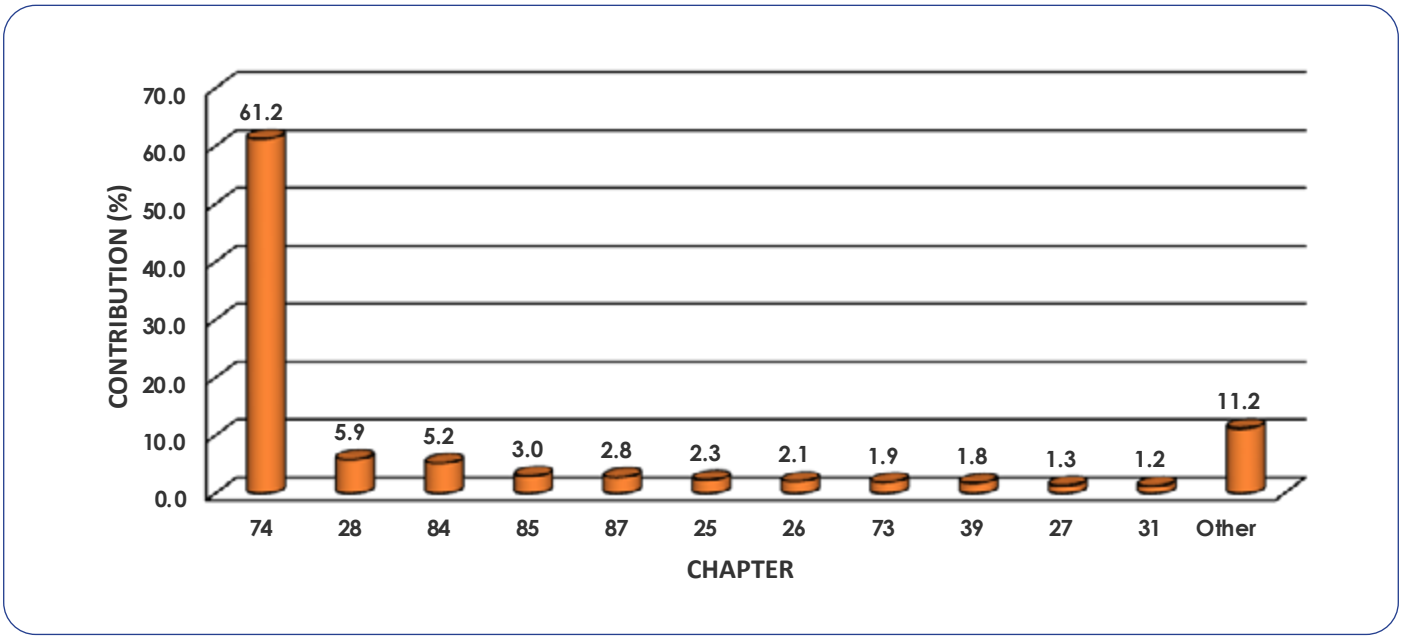
Road accounted for the largest share of merchandise imports by value, while air accounted for the largest share of exports. Goods valued at P35, 427.3 million transited through Botswana during the month, with Martins Drift handling the largest share at 41.4 percent. The September figures are preliminary and may be revised as additional customs records become available.

TABLE C2: Transit by Chapter – September 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
1	74	Copper and articles thereof	21,699.0	61.2
2	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	2,080.3	5.9
3	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,845.6	5.2
4	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	1,054.7	3.0
5	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	983.4	2.8
6	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	826.9	2.3
7	26	Ores, slag and ash	730.9	2.1
8	73	Iron or steel articles	682.2	1.9
9	39	Plastics and articles thereof	632.4	1.8
10	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	474.3	1.3
11	31	Fertilizers	440.4	1.2
12		**Other**	**3,977.4**	**11.2**
		Total	**35,427.3**	**100.0**

***'Other...'** includes all chapters not displayed on Table C2*

CHART C2: : Transit Trade by Chapter – Septmber 2026 (Percentage)



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8.0 Annexure

TABLE 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2025 to September 2026 (Million Pula)

Period\ Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2025	7,198.8	6,841.5	355.3	2.0	3,188.1	0.0	3,188.1	(4,010.7)
Feb	6,945.6	6,593.9	349.7	2.0	5,495.8	0.0	5,495.8	(1,449.8)
Mar	7,734.3	7,372.4	360.0	1.9	6,002.5	0.0	6,002.5	(1,731.7)
Q1	**21,878.7**	**20,807.8**	**1,065.0**	**5.9**	**14,686.4**	**0.0**	**14,686.4**	**(7,192.3)**
Apr	6,872.2	6,507.7	360.3	4.1	8,912.5	1.4	8,913.9	2,041.7
May	8,555.6	8,189.9	362.1	3.6	7,301.2	1.6	7,302.8	(1,252.8)
Jun	6,943.3	6,611.8	329.0	2.6	7,583.1	0.0	7,583.1	639.8
Q2	**22,371.1**	**21,309.4**	**1,051.5**	**10.3**	**23,796.8**	**3.0**	**23,799.8**	**1,428.7**
Jul	6,677.7	6,357.5	316.8	3.3	7,513.1	0.0	7,513.1	835.4
Aug	6,939.9	6,584.5	352.4	3.0	5,486.9	1.3	5,488.2	(1,451.7)
Sep	7,278.4	6,928.9	347.2	2.3	5,198.9	0.4	5,199.3	(2,079.1)
Q3	**20,896.0**	**19,870.9**	**1,016.3**	**8.7**	**18,198.8**	**1.7**	**18,200.5**	**(2,695.4)**
Oct	7,878.0	7,492.5	381.9	3.6	4,335.8	9.9	4,345.7	(3,532.2)
Nov	7,574.3	7,203.8	367.3	3.2	8,824.0	4.1	8,828.1	1,253.8
Dec	6,584.8	6,263.3	319.4	2.1	4,748.0	0.6	4,748.5	(1,836.3)
Q4	**22,037.1**	**20,959.7**	**1,068.6**	**8.8**	**17,907.8**	**14.6**	**17,922.4**	**(4,114.7)**
Total_2025	**87,182.8**	**82,947.8**	**4,201.3**	**33.7**	**74,589.8**	**19.3**	**74,609.1**	**(12,573.7)**
Jan_2026	6,742.2	6,404.3	335.7	2.3	4,934.5	0.8	4,935.3	(1,806.9)
Feb	10,077.3	9,790.2	285.8	1.3	5,639.2	0.0	5,639.2	(4,438.1)
Mar	5,352.4	5,134.8	216.7	0.9	3,962.0	0.6	3,962.7	(1,389.7)
Q1	**22,171.8**	**22,171.8**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**(22,171.8)**
Apr	8,423.3	8,016.5	404.6	2.2	6,225.6	0.6	6,226.3	(2,197.1)
May	8,361.6	7,997.6	362.1	1.8	4,970.7	0.9	4,971.6	(3,390.0)
Jun	7,645.7	7,277.7	366.0	2.0	5,261.5	3.1	5,264.7	(2,381.1)
Q2	**24,430.7**	**23,291.9**	**1,132.8**	**6.0**	**16,457.9**	**4.6**	**16,462.5**	**(7,968.2)**
Jul	7,253.8	6,880.8	370.8	2.2	6,737.5	1.1	6,738.7	(515.2)
Aug	8,603.2	8,242.9	358.5	1.7	7,384.9	0.7	7,385.6	(1,217.5)
Sep	7,234.7	6,891.3	341.6	1.8	4,745.9	0.0	4,745.9	(2,488.8)
Q3	23,091.7	22,015.0	1,070.9	5.8	18,868.4	1.9	18,870.2	(4,221.4)
Change	**(1,368.5)**	**(1,351.7)**	**(16.9)**	**0.1**	**(2,639.0)**	**(0.7)**	**(2,639.7)**	**(1,271.2)**
% Change	**(15.9)**	**(16.4)**	**(4.7)**	**4.9**	**(35.7)**	**(100.0)**	**(35.7)**	**104.4**

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups – January 2025 to September 2026 (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_2025	646.9	1,186.8	1,113.6	1,292.7	62.7	1,261.5	327.0	67.5	167.3	679.3	157.8	235.7	7,198.8
Feb	808.3	579.6	1,266.7	1,163.2	85.1	1,166.8	414.4	74.9	206.0	727.8	181.8	271.0	6,945.6
Mar	818.3	1,129.3	1,232.9	1,355.9	89.0	1,190.3	444.7	88.7	235.0	727.3	179.2	243.6	7,734.3
Q1	**2,273.6**	**2,895.8**	**3,613.2**	**3,811.9**	**236.7**	**3,618.6**	**1,186.1**	**231.1**	**608.3**	**2,134.4**	**518.8**	**750.2**	**21,878.7**
Apr	669.3	376.5	1,076.6	1,809.9	87.6	987.1	395.6	96.2	226.6	727.7	191.8	227.4	6,872.2
May	784.2	1,827.5	1,281.2	1,534.2	92.5	1,242.6	454.7	101.1	233.2	586.1	187.1	231.2	8,555.6
Jun	724.5	724.3	1,112.0	1,438.9	103.8	1,123.9	381.2	97.8	165.8	644.4	181.4	245.4	6,943.3
Q2	**2,178.0**	**2,928.3**	**3,469.8**	**4,783.1**	**283.9**	**3,353.5**	**1,231.5**	**295.0**	**625.6**	**1,958.3**	**560.2**	**703.9**	**22,371.1**
Jul	665.1	645.2	1,024.3	1,506.9	94.8	1,062.5	382.6	110.8	188.0	574.2	177.3	246.0	6,677.7
Aug	731.0	381.6	1,241.5	1,545.2	100.6	1,130.2	407.6	99.7	238.4	598.1	219.4	246.7	6,939.9
Sep	796.6	743.4	1,195.8	1,302.8	117.1	1,449.7	410.2	98.0	219.6	460.7	191.3	293.3	7,278.4
Q3	**2,192.7**	**1,770.2**	**3,461.5**	**4,354.8**	**312.5**	**3,642.4**	**1,200.4**	**308.5**	**646.0**	**1,633.0**	**588.1**	**786.0**	**20,896.0**
Oct	926.2	681.8	1,229.0	1,358.3	119.3	1,610.4	430.1	97.2	260.5	656.1	210.1	299.0	7,878.0
Nov	887.8	733.7	1,342.8	1,464.4	112.3	1,342.7	408.9	90.7	228.9	456.5	220.6	285.0	7,574.3
Dec	677.8	657.3	1,126.3	1,169.3	91.8	1,311.4	334.9	87.5	201.4	574.5	171.5	181.1	6,584.8
Q4	**2,491.7**	**2,072.8**	**3,698.1**	**3,992.0**	**323.5**	**4,264.5**	**1,173.8**	**275.5**	**690.8**	**1,687.0**	**602.2**	**765.1**	**22,037.1**
Total_2025	**9,135.9**	**9,667.0**	**14,242.7**	**16,941.8**	**1,156.5**	**14,878.9**	**4,791.8**	**1,110.1**	**2,570.8**	**7,412.7**	**2,269.3**	**3,005.3**	**87,182.8**
Jan_2026	786.9	502.1	1,278.5	1,593.1	61.8	1,177.5	266.9	74.6	160.7	515.7	133.9	190.4	6,742.2
Feb	788.2	4,725.4	1,061.1	1,045.0	60.6	1,002.2	315.7	75.4	216.0	423.7	166.7	197.3	10,077.3
Mar	471.6	1,468.6	664.7	826.2	46.9	917.6	177.7	47.3	130.7	369.7	111.4	119.9	5,352.4
Q1	**2,046.7**	**6,696.1**	**3,004.2**	**3,464.3**	**169.4**	**3,097.2**	**760.4**	**197.4**	**507.4**	**1,309.2**	**412.0**	**507.5**	**22,171.8**
Apr	734.3	985.6	932.2	1,898.0	79.9	1,447.3	316.9	76.0	220.5	1,365.2	156.5	211.0	8,423.3
May	737.7	1,679.9	1,120.3	1,977.0	65.3	1,315.8	323.5	89.4	192.8	472.4	174.7	212.7	8,361.6
Jun	779.2	1,081.8	1,119.7	1,563.9	77.5	1,540.9	382.8	105.1	160.1	459.8	172.8	202.1	7,645.7
Q2	**2,251.2**	**3,747.3**	**3,172.3**	**5,438.9**	**222.7**	**4,304.0**	**1,023.2**	**270.5**	**573.3**	**2,297.4**	**504.0**	**625.8**	**24,430.7**
Jul	826.1	548.9	1,140.0	1,677.5	75.1	1,416.4	387.4	98.6	204.7	479.7	187.9	211.5	7,253.8
Aug	860.1	1,454.9	1,221.3	1,806.1	93.3	1,522.8	323.3	99.3	212.9	583.3	210.5	215.4	8,603.2
Sep	818.0	665.6	1,132.0	1,650.9	84.0	1,288.0	327.3	95.9	210.8	566.2	184.3	211.6	7,234.7
Q3	**2,504.2**	**2,669.4**	**3,493.3**	**5,134.6**	**252.4**	**4,227.2**	**1,038.0**	**293.8**	**628.4**	**1,629.2**	**582.7**	**638.5**	**23,091.7**
Change	**(42.1)**	**(789.3)**	**(89.3)**	**(155.2)**	**(9.4)**	**(234.7)**	**4.1**	**(3.4)**	**(2.1)**	**(17.1)**	**(26.2)**	**(3.8)**	**(1,368.5)**
% Change	**(4.9)**	**(54.2)**	**(7.3)**	**(8.6)**	**(10.1)**	**(15.4)**	**1.3**	**(3.4)**	**(1.0)**	**(2.9)**	**(12.4)**	**(1.8)**	**(15.9)**
% Contribution													
2025	10.5	11.1	16.3	19.4	1.3	17.1	5.5	1.3	2.9	8.5	2.6	3.4	100.0
Aug_2026	10.0	16.9	14.2	21.0	1.1	17.7	3.8	1.2	2.5	6.8	2.4	2.5	100.0
Sep_2026	11.3	9.2	15.6	22.8	1.2	17.8	4.5	1.3	2.9	7.8	2.5	2.9	100.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2025 to September 2026 (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_2025	31.7	995.1	1,554.4	0.0	27.4	4.4	210.7	5.8	31.4	146.8	34.6	56.9	88.8	3,188.1
Feb	31.3	907.9	3,914.5	0.0	31.4	15.0	247.8	5.9	32.7	90.5	29.6	45.7	143.5	5,495.8
Mar	42.2	995.5	4,274.6	0.0	35.0	23.2	267.0	17.3	40.7	88.2	30.3	71.9	116.7	6,002.5
Q1	**105.2**	**2,898.5**	**9,743.5**	**0.0**	**93.8**	**42.6**	**725.5**	**29.0**	**104.9**	**325.5**	**94.5**	**174.5**	**349.0**	**14,686.4**
Apr	35.5	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	8,913.9
May	25.8	1,056.7	5,507.2	0.0	30.2	0.0	250.5	10.0	37.0	94.7	60.1	54.5	176.2	7,302.8
Jun	21.7	1,074.9	5,687.0	0.0	36.8	0.0	257.1	49.4	38.1	121.1	42.6	88.6	165.8	7,583.1
Q2	**83.0**	**2,996.7**	**18,517.2**	**0.0**	**96.3**	**30.6**	**739.8**	**86.4**	**105.5**	**309.4**	**147.3**	**224.4**	**463.1**	**23,799.8**
Jul	22.2	773.8	5,993.4	0.0	32.0	1.6	267.5	14.7	39.8	124.9	28.8	59.0	155.2	7,513.1
Aug	25.9	865.7	3,683.0	0.0	31.3	0.0	316.8	51.6	38.2	161.0	34.0	69.0	211.7	5,488.2
Sep	32.9	797.8	3,583.4	0.0	35.8	0.4	296.0	47.6	57.3	133.0	28.2	45.7	141.1	5,199.3
Q3	**81.0**	**2,437.3**	**13,259.8**	**0.0**	**99.2**	**2.0**	**880.3**	**113.9**	**135.4**	**418.8**	**91.0**	**173.7**	**508.1**	**18,200.5**
Oct	32.4	930.4	2,394.0	0.0	40.9	0.0	340.0	64.1	58.3	89.8	36.4	100.6	258.8	4,345.7
Nov	31.2	817.8	7,188.7	0.0	36.2	0.0	260.4	48.1	58.1	122.6	38.6	60.5	165.9	8,828.1
Dec	23.4	985.8	3,055.9	0.0	21.4	0.1	134.8	102.5	43.3	134.2	39.5	49.5	158.0	4,748.5
Q4	**87.0**	**2,734.0**	**12,638.7**	**0.0**	**98.5**	**0.1**	**735.2**	**214.7**	**159.8**	**346.6**	**114.5**	**210.6**	**582.7**	**17,922.4**
Total_2025	**356.2**	**11,066.5**	**54,159.2**	**0.0**	**387.6**	**75.3**	**3,080.9**	**444.1**	**505.6**	**1,400.3**	**447.4**	**783.2**	**1,902.8**	**74,609.1**
Jan_2026	21.8	1,236.2	2,925.4	0.0	29.1	0.0	270.5	55.0	41.9	118.8	32.0	75.1	129.4	4,935.3
Feb	18.7	945.6	3,871.4	0.0	31.0	0.0	371.0	27.5	41.0	107.2	34.5	53.6	137.9	5,639.2
Mar	18.8	762.2	2,580.1	0.0	20.1	0.0	263.7	24.5	38.8	58.4	30.6	70.0	95.4	3,962.7
Q1	**59.3**	**2,944.1**	**9,376.9**	**0.0**	**80.2**	**0.0**	**905.1**	**107.0**	**121.8**	**284.4**	**97.1**	**198.7**	**362.7**	**14,537.2**
Apr	14.4	1,721.7	3,700.5	0.0	28.4	0.0	302.1	2.9	55.7	91.9	52.8	54.7	201.3	6,226.3
May	29.4	1,259.5	2,913.6	0.0	25.6	0.0	288.9	1.4	64.4	69.4	55.2	63.1	201.1	4,971.6
June	30.0	1,376.8	2,977.6	0.0	39.6	0.0	330.1	1.8	53.5	122.8	47.5	55.8	229.1	5,264.7
Q2	**73.9**	**4,358.1**	**9,591.7**	**0.0**	**93.5**	**0.0**	**921.0**	**6.1**	**173.6**	**284.0**	**155.5**	**173.6**	**631.4**	**16,462.5**
Jul	29.7	1,224.4	4,598.7	0.0	41.2	0.0	334.4	1.6	50.9	121.7	36.6	74.3	225.1	6,738.7
August	33.8	1,292.3	5,125.2	0.0	45.9	0.0	309.7	2.8	51.1	150.2	38.2	63.2	273.3	7,385.6
Sep	31.7	1,303.3	2,683.8	2.5	46.1	0.0	219.4	4.6	49.1	122.8	38.8	36.4	207.5	4,745.9
Q3	**95.1**	**3,820.0**	**12,407.8**	**2.5**	**133.3**	**0.0**	**863.5**	**9.0**	**151.1**	**394.7**	**113.6**	**173.8**	**705.9**	**18,870.2**
Change	**(2.1)**	**11.0**	**(2,441.4)**	**2.5**	**0.2**	**0.0**	**(90.4)**	**1.8**	**(2.1)**	**(27.4)**	**0.6**	**(26.8)**	**(65.8)**	**(2,639.7)**
% Change	**(6.1)**	**0.9**	**(47.6)**	**0.0**	**0.5**	**0.0**	**(29.2)**	**65.0**	**(4.0)**	**(18.3)**	**1.6**	**(42.4)**	**(24.1)**	**(35.7)**
% Contribution														
2025	0.5	14.8	72.6	0.0	0.5	0.1	4.1	0.6	0.7	1.9	0.6	1.0	2.6	100.0
Aug_2026	0.5	17.5	69.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.7	2.0	0.5	0.9	3.7	100.0
Sep_2026	0.7	27.5	56.6	0.1	1.0	0.0	4.6	0.1	1.0	2.6	0.8	0.8	4.4	100.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2025 to September 2026 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2025	128.1	0.1	0.0	629.1	429.6	1,186.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	976.9	575.9	1,554.4
Feb	131.0	0.4	0.0	290.9	157.3	579.6	0.0	2.1	0.0	3,201.5	711.0	3,914.5
Mar	0.0	0.2	0.0	953.9	175.3	1,129.3	0.2	78.6	0.0	3,589.8	605.9	4,274.6
Q1	**259.1**	**0.6**	**0.0**	**1,873.8**	**762.2**	**2,895.8**	**0.2**	**82.2**	**0.0**	**7,768.3**	**1,892.9**	**9,743.5**
Apr	208.8	0.0	0.0	57.1	110.6	376.5	0.0	9.8	0.0	6,656.4	656.9	7,323.1
May	145.7	0.3	0.0	1,396.1	285.4	1,827.5	0.3	25.7	0.0	4,651.4	829.8	5,507.2
Jun	0.0	0.3	0.0	579.0	145.0	724.3	118.1	17.3	0.0	4,879.0	672.6	5,687.0
Q2	**354.5**	**0.6**	**0.0**	**2,032.2**	**541.0**	**2,928.3**	**118.4**	**52.8**	**0.0**	**16,186.8**	**2,159.3**	**18,517.2**
Jul	4.2	0.1	0.0	382.2	258.7	645.2	4.0	9.0	0.0	5,382.3	598.0	5,993.4
Aug	109.4	0.0	0.0	66.1	206.1	381.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	2,735.2	946.8	3,683.0
Sep	123.4	0.2	0.0	380.9	238.8	743.4	0.0	15.7	0.0	2,869.2	698.5	3,583.4
Q3	**237.1**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**829.2**	**703.7**	**1,770.2**	**4.6**	**25.1**	**0.0**	**10,986.8**	**2,243.3**	**13,259.8**
Oct	189.3	0.1	0.7	308.2	183.5	681.8	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,650.2	731.9	2,394.0
Nov	13.1	0.2	0.0	630.9	89.5	733.7	0.0	9.7	0.0	6,356.7	822.3	7,188.7
Dec	247.3	0.2	0.0	323.1	86.8	657.3	0.0	9.1	0.0	2,519.3	527.6	3,056.0
Q4	**449.7**	**0.4**	**0.7**	**1,262.2**	**359.8**	**2,072.8**	**0.0**	**30.6**	**0.0**	**10,526.3**	**2,081.8**	**12,638.7**
Total_2025	**1,300.4**	**1.9**	**0.7**	**5,997.4**	**2,366.6**	**9,667.0**	**123.2**	**190.7**	**0.0**	**45,468.1**	**8,377.3**	**54,159.2**
Jan_2026	242.3	0.1	0.0	155.4	104.4	502.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,411.0	514.3	2,925.4
Feb	169.4	0.0	0.0	4,294.0	262.0	4,725.4	0.0	12.9	0.0	1,988.2	1,870.2	3,871.4
Mar	277.8	0.3	0.0	1,120.7	69.8	1,468.6	0.0	17.7	0.0	2,269.3	293.1	2,580.1
Q1	**689.4**	**0.5**	**0.0**	**5,570.1**	**436.2**	**6,696.1**	**0.0**	**30.7**	**0.0**	**6,668.6**	**2,677.6**	**9,376.9**
Apr	186.8	0.1	0.0	523.5	275.2	985.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,198.3	502.1	3,700.5
May	176.4	0.7	0.0	1,319.2	183.6	1,679.9	0.2	22.0	0.0	2,421.5	469.9	2,913.6
Jun	11.9	0.4	0.0	864.5	205.0	1,081.8	0.6	19.9	0.0	2,148.4	808.7	2,977.6
Q2	**375.0**	**1.2**	**0.0**	**2,707.3**	**663.8**	**3,747.3**	**0.9**	**41.9**	**0.0**	**7,768.2**	**1,780.7**	**9,591.7**
Jul	218.8	0.2	0.2	206.2	123.4	548.9	0.0	19.2	0.0	3,768.9	810.6	4,598.7
Aug	224.4	0.4	0.0	874.4	355.7	1,454.9	0.0	15.5	0.0	4,618.0	491.7	5,125.2
Sep	218.7	0.0	0.0	178.6	268.3	665.6	0.0	19.8	0.0	2,072.4	591.6	2,683.8
Q3	**661.9**	**0.7**	**0.3**	**1,259.2**	**747.4**	**2,669.4**	**0.0**	**54.5**	**0.0**	**10,459.4**	**1,893.9**	**12,407.8**

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 3.1 A: Principal Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups - September 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles Imports	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	529.2	361.2	1,020.7	785.6	60.7	399.4	249.1	72.9	123.2	296.0	162.4	131.3	4,191.5	57.9
Namibia	0.2	5.2	9.1	412.6	0.0	1.1	1.2	22.9	0.1	4.3	0.5	0.6	457.9	6.3
Eswatini	39.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	51.0	0.7
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.1
SACU	**568.8**	**366.4**	**1,031.7**	**1,198.2**	**60.8**	**402.7**	**250.4**	**95.7**	**129.2**	**300.4**	**169.4**	**131.9**	**4,705.5**	**65.0**
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	404.4	0.0	0.4	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	407.0	5.6
Zambia	3.1	0.0	10.2	0.5	0.0	6.6	20.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.3	7.6	49.3	0.7
Zimbabwe	2.4	0.0	16.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	11.2	0.0	5.1	0.6	0.5	1.7	38.2	0.5
Other SADC	**0.3**	**7.3**	**2.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**4.9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**14.9**	**0.2**
SADC	**574.7**	**373.7**	**1,060.5**	**1,603.2**	**61.0**	**410.0**	**283.5**	**95.8**	**140.2**	**301.0**	**170.1**	**141.2**	**5,214.9**	**72.1**
Other Africa	**2.2**	**0.0**	**7.3**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**10.8**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.7**	**21.6**	**0.3**
Africa	**576.8**	**373.7**	**1,067.8**	**1,603.2**	**61.2**	**420.9**	**283.5**	**95.8**	**140.4**	**301.0**	**170.2**	**141.9**	**5,236.4**	**72.4**
China	47.3	0.0	2.1	0.3	16.3	251.1	25.5	0.1	52.2	49.5	3.1	29.3	476.6	6.6
India	38.8	70.7	4.3	12.6	1.3	169.3	1.1	0.0	4.1	29.7	0.2	3.5	335.4	4.6
Japan	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	13.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	48.7	0.0	0.9	72.3	1.0
Other Asia	**22.1**	**1.0**	**24.7**	**10.4**	**1.1**	**71.2**	**1.1**	**0.0**	**9.7**	**13.2**	**2.0**	**8.1**	**164.5**	**2.3**
Asia	**115.9**	**71.7**	**31.0**	**23.5**	**18.7**	**505.4**	**28.3**	**0.1**	**66.0**	**141.1**	**5.3**	**41.7**	**1,048.8**	**14.5**
Germany	31.1	0.0	2.4	0.4	1.0	114.2	1.0	0.0	2.9	56.4	1.0	4.5	214.9	3.0
Finland	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	83.2	2.5	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.2	102.3	1.4
Other EU	**50.2**	**1.5**	**10.4**	**23.0**	**1.7**	**114.8**	**4.8**	**0.0**	**0.6**	**28.6**	**0.2**	**11.8**	**247.7**	**3.4**
EU	**82.7**	**1.5**	**12.8**	**23.4**	**2.8**	**312.2**	**8.3**	**0.0**	**3.5**	**100.0**	**1.3**	**16.5**	**564.9**	**7.8**
Canada	1.4	218.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	1.3	227.4	3.1
USA	12.8	0.0	1.0	0.1	1.2	25.5	3.8	0.0	0.2	10.9	0.2	5.8	61.5	0.9
Rest of the World	**28.4**	**0.0**	**19.4**	**0.3**	**0.1**	**20.5**	**1.9**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**12.8**	**7.1**	**4.4**	**95.7**	**1.3**
Total	**818.0**	**665.6**	**1,132.0**	**1,650.9**	**84.0**	**1,288.0**	**327.3**	**95.9**	**210.8**	**566.2**	**184.3**	**211.6**	**7,234.7**	**100.0**

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – September 2026

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles Imports	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.6	8.6	24.4	18.7	1.4	9.5	5.9	1.7	2.9	7.1	3.9	3.1	100.0
Namibia	0.0	1.1	2.0	90.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	5.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.1	100.0
Eswatini	77.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	12.8	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	0.0	0.0	64.9	0.5	0.0	0.6	100.0
SACU	**12.1**	**7.8**	**21.9**	**25.5**	**1.3**	**8.6**	**5.3**	**2.0**	**2.7**	**6.4**	**3.6**	**2.8**	**100.0**
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.1	99.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	6.4	0.0	20.7	1.0	0.0	13.3	40.6	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.6	15.4	100.0
Zimbabwe	6.2	0.0	42.9	0.4	0.5	0.2	29.4	0.0	13.3	1.4	1.2	4.3	100.0
Other SADC	**2.3**	**48.7**	**13.2**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**2.2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**33.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**100.0**
SADC	**11.0**	**7.2**	**20.3**	**30.7**	**1.2**	**7.9**	**5.4**	**1.8**	**2.7**	**5.8**	**3.3**	**2.7**	**100.0**
Other Africa	**10.1**	**0.0**	**33.7**	**0.0**	**1.0**	**50.3**	**0.2**	**0.0**	**1.0**	**0.2**	**0.3**	**3.1**	**100.0**
Africa	**11.0**	**7.1**	**20.4**	**30.6**	**1.2**	**8.0**	**5.4**	**1.8**	**2.7**	**5.7**	**3.3**	**2.7**	**100.0**
China	9.9	0.0	0.4	0.1	3.4	52.7	5.3	0.0	11.0	10.4	0.6	6.1	100.0
India	11.6	21.1	1.3	3.8	0.4	50.5	0.3	0.0	1.2	8.8	0.1	1.0	100.0
Japan	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	19.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	67.4	0.0	1.2	100.0
Other Asia	**13.4**	**0.6**	**15.0**	**6.3**	**0.7**	**43.2**	**0.7**	**0.0**	**5.9**	**8.0**	**1.2**	**4.9**	**100.0**
Asia	**11.1**	**6.8**	**3.0**	**2.2**	**1.8**	**48.2**	**2.7**	**0.0**	**6.3**	**13.5**	**0.5**	**4.0**	**100.0**
Germany	14.5	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.5	53.1	0.5	0.0	1.3	26.2	0.5	2.1	100.0
Finland	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	81.3	2.5	0.0	0.0	14.7	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other EU	**20.3**	**0.6**	**4.2**	**9.3**	**0.7**	**46.4**	**1.9**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**11.6**	**0.1**	**4.7**	**100.0**
EU	**14.6**	**0.3**	**2.3**	**4.1**	**0.5**	**55.3**	**1.5**	**0.0**	**0.6**	**17.7**	**0.2**	**2.9**	**100.0**
Canada	0.6	96.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	100.0
USA	20.8	0.0	1.6	0.2	2.0	41.5	6.1	0.0	0.4	17.7	0.4	9.4	100.0
Rest of the World	**29.7**	**0.0**	**20.3**	**0.4**	**0.1**	**21.4**	**2.0**	**0.1**	**0.7**	**13.4**	**7.4**	**4.6**	**100.0**
Total	**11.3**	**9.2**	**15.6**	**22.8**	**1.2**	**17.8**	**4.5**	**1.3**	**2.9**	**7.8**	**2.5**	**2.9**	**100.0**

Table 3.2A: Principal Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – September 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ 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	% Contribution
South Africa	23.6	0.0	100.7	0.0	27.6	0.0	170.2	1.8	34.8	92.0	22.7	18.1	74.6	566.1	11.9
Namibia	7.2	1.4	5.9	0.0	4.8	0.0	17.5	0.2	1.9	0.0	0.3	8.0	15.7	63.0	1.3
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.1	1.3	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	1.3	0.4	1.7	0.0
SACU	**30.9**	**1.4**	**106.6**	**0.0**	**32.4**	**0.0**	**187.7**	**2.0**	**36.6**	**92.0**	**23.1**	**28.7**	**90.8**	**632.1**	**13.3**
Zimbabwe	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	24.0	0.0	6.8	13.2	15.2	4.8	70.9	145.6	3.1
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.2	0.0	1.8	17.6	0.1	1.2	7.7	33.0	0.7
Other SADC	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.9**	**0.0**	**1.4**	**2.6**	**3.8**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**1.2**	**19.5**	**29.6**	**0.6**
SADC	**31.7**	**1.4**	**106.6**	**0.0**	**43.6**	**0.0**	**217.3**	**4.6**	**49.1**	**122.8**	**38.6**	**35.8**	**188.9**	**840.3**	**17.7**
Other Africa	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2.5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**3.3**	**0.1**
Africa	**31.7**	**1.4**	**106.6**	**2.5**	**43.6**	**0.0**	**217.3**	**4.6**	**49.1**	**122.8**	**38.7**	**35.8**	**189.6**	**843.7**	**17.8**
UAE	0.0	0.0	1,372.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	1,376.8	29.0
China	0.0	774.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	778.5	16.4
India	0.0	0.0	495.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	502.2	10.6
Israel	0.0	0.0	94.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.0	2.0
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	49.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.5	1.0
Other Asia	**0.0**	**0.0**	**15.5**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**17.9**	**0.4**
Asia	**0.0**	**774.9**	**2,026.2**	**0.0**	**2.6**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**15.1**	**2,818.9**	**59.4**
Belgium	0.0	0.0	474.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	474.0	10.0
Other EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**1.2**	**2.1**	**0.0**
EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**474.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**1.2**	**476.1**	**10.0**
Anguilla	0.0	437.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	437.5	9.2
Australia	0.0	89.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.5	1.9
USA	0.0	0.0	54.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	56.9	1.2
Rest of the World	**0.0**	**0.0**	**22.5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.5**	**23.4**	**0.5**
Total	**31.7**	**1,303.3**	**2,683.8**	**2.5**	**46.1**	**0.0**	**219.4**	**4.6**	**49.1**	**122.8**	**38.8**	**36.4**	**207.5**	**4,745.9**	**100.0**

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – September 2026

Partner \ 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
South Africa	4.2	0.0	17.8	0.0	4.9	0.0	30.1	0.3	6.1	16.3	4.0	3.2	13.2	100.0
Namibia	11.5	2.2	9.3	0.0	7.6	0.0	27.8	0.4	2.9	0.0	0.5	12.8	24.9	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	91.5	5.2	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	73.9	24.0	100.0
SACU	**4.9**	**0.2**	**16.9**	**0.0**	**5.1**	**0.0**	**29.7**	**0.3**	**5.8**	**14.6**	**3.6**	**4.5**	**14.4**	**100.0**
Zimbabwe	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	16.5	0.0	4.7	9.0	10.4	3.3	48.7	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	12.8	0.0	5.6	53.3	0.3	3.7	23.4	100.0
Other SADC	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3.0**	**0.0**	**4.7**	**8.8**	**12.8**	**0.0**	**1.0**	**4.1**	**65.7**	**100.0**
SADC	**3.8**	**0.2**	**12.7**	**0.0**	**5.2**	**0.0**	**25.9**	**0.5**	**5.8**	**14.6**	**4.6**	**4.3**	**22.5**	**100.0**
Other Africa	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**76.7**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.4**	**0.0**	**20.8**	**100.0**
Africa	**3.8**	**0.2**	**12.6**	**0.3**	**5.2**	**0.0**	**25.8**	**0.5**	**5.8**	**14.6**	**4.6**	**4.2**	**22.5**	**100.0**
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
China	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	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
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
Other Asia	**0.0**	**0.0**	**86.5**	**0.0**	**2.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**11.2**	**100.0**
Asia	**0.0**	**27.5**	**71.9**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.5**	**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	0.0	100.0
Other EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**31.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.3**	**12.7**	**54.6**	**100.0**
EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**99.6**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.2**	**100.0**
Anguilla	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
Australia	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
USA	0.0	0.0	96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	2.0	100.0
Rest of the World	**0.0**	**0.0**	**96.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**0.0**	**2.1**	**100.0**
Total	**0.7**	**27.5**	**56.6**	**0.1**	**1.0**	**0.0**	**4.6**	**0.1**	**1.0**	**2.6**	**0.8**	**0.8**	**4.4**	**100.0**

Table 4.1: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel	929.1	14.1	12.8
2	27101202	Petrol	405.0	6.2	5.6
3	85044090	Other Static converters	162.2	2.5	2.2
4	27160000	Electrical energy	135.9	2.1	1.9
5	25232900	Other Portland cement	85.2	1.3	1.2
6	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	79.7	1.2	1.1
7	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))	78.6	1.2	1.1
8	22030090	Other Beer made from malt	70.0	1.1	1.0
9	85444990	Other, electric conductors, for a voltagenot exceeding 1000V	64.9	1.0	0.9
10	84303100	Self-propelled	63.9	1.0	0.9
11	84304100	Other self propelled boring or sinking machinery	62.3	0.9	0.9
12	84295190	Other Front - end shovel loaders	54.8	0.8	0.8
13	87041090	Other G.V M not exceeding 50t	54.8	0.8	0.8
14	87042181	motor vehicles for the transport of goods -other, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) - 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 exceed	48.8	0.7	0.7
15	87059000	Other special purpose motor vehichles	43.6	0.7	0.6
16	84741000	Sorting screen, separating or washing machines	42.0	0.6	0.6
17	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	41.5	0.6	0.6
18	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	41.5	0.6	0.6
19	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.	37.6	0.6	0.5
20	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	35.1	0.5	0.5
21	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with machinery of heading 84.26, 84.29 or 84.30	33.8	0.5	0.5
22	87089990	Other Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	33.0	0.5	0.5
23	87032390	Other vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm^3 but not exceeding 3 000 cm^3	31.7	0.5	0.4
24	84295900	Other machinery with a 360 revolving	29.7	0.5	0.4
25	38249999	Other mixtures	28.4	0.4	0.4

Table 4.1 : Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2026 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
26	84713090	Other portable automatic data processing machine	27.7	0.4	0.4
27	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	27.3	0.4	0.4
28	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.)	26.8	0.4	0.4
29	87043181	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 chasis fitted with a cab	26.0	0.4	0.4
30	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	25.4	0.4	0.4
31	27101201	Aviation spirit, as defined in Additional Note 1(a)	25.0	0.4	0.3
32	84292000	Other graders and levellers	24.9	0.4	0.3
33	33021000	Mixture of odoriferous of a kind used in food or drink industries	24.8	0.4	0.3
34	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	24.3	0.4	0.3
35	84749000	Parts of Mixing or kneading machines	24.3	0.4	0.3
36	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 sal"	24.0	0.4	0.3
37	62171090	Other clothing accessories	23.4	0.4	0.3
38	87033390	Other of cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cc	23.2	0.4	0.3
39	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	23.2	0.4	0.3
40	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	23.2	0.4	0.3
41	34029090	Other organic surface active agents	22.8	0.3	0.3
42	09109900	Other spices	22.7	0.3	0.3
43	88079000	Other parts of goods heading 88.01 , 88.02, 88.06	21.3	0.3	0.3
44	87032290	Other vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cm^3 but not exceeding 1 500 cm^3	21.1	0.3	0.3
45	85171310	"Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person, with a value for duty purposes "	21.1	0.3	0.3
46	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	20.9	0.3	0.3
47	85414300	Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels	20.0	0.3	0.3
48	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	19.6	0.3	0.3
49	85176290	"Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus"	19.5	0.3	0.3
50	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	19.4	0.3	0.3
		Top 50 Imported Non-Diamond Goods	**3,275.4**	**49.9**	**45.3**
		Other Non-Diamond Imports Goods	**3,293.6**	**50.1**	**45.5**
		Total Non-Diamond Imports	**6,569.1**	**100.0**	**90.8**
		Diamond Imports	**665.6**		**9.2**
		Total Imports	**7,234.7**		**100.0**

Table 4.2: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
1	26030000	Copper ores & concentrates	1,303.3	63.2	27.5
2	28362000	Disodium carbonate	89.6	4.3	1.9
3	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	62.1	3.0	1.3
4	85444290	Other co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	55.2	2.7	1.2
5	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	31.2	1.5	0.7
6	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	23.3	1.1	0.5
7	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	21.7	1.1	0.5
8	72071900	Other semi-finished products or iron or non-alloy steel, containing by weight. less than 0,25 per cent of carbon	17.1	0.8	0.4
9	27011900	Other coal	17.0	0.8	0.4
10	12060000	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	16.7	0.8	0.4
11	27011200	Bituminous coal	14.7	0.7	0.3
12	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	13.8	0.7	0.3
13	87059000	Other special purpose motor vehicles	12.0	0.6	0.3
14	94038900	Other furrniture of rattan	11.3	0.5	0.2
15	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	11.3	0.5	0.2
16	84122100	Linear acting (cylinders)	11.1	0.5	0.2
17	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	10.5	0.5	0.2
18	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	10.4	0.5	0.2
19	84304100	Other boring or sinking self propelled machinery	9.8	0.5	0.2
20	25232900	Other Portland cement	9.0	0.4	0.2
21	26011100	Non-agglomerated Iron ores and concentrates, other than roasted iron pyrites	8.6	0.4	0.2
22	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	6.9	0.3	0.1
23	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects, new or used	6.8	0.3	0.1
24	84303100	Self-propelled	6.0	0.3	0.1
25	62171090	Other clothing accessories	6.0	0.3	0.1

Table 4.2 : Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2026 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
26	85442090	Other co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	5.8	0.3	0.1
27	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	5.7	0.3	0.1
28	72165000	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded	5.5	0.3	0.1
29	74031900	Other refined copper	5.5	0.3	0.1
30	64059090	Other footwear	5.5	0.3	0.1
31	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	5.3	0.3	0.1
32	07133190	Other (other beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp.))	4.7	0.2	0.1
33	68129100	Clothing , clothing accessories , footwear and headgear	4.6	0.2	0.1
34	42034000	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4.5	0.2	0.1
35	07133990	Other (other beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp.))	4.4	0.2	0.1
36	27101202	Petrol	4.1	0.2	0.1
37	07082000	Beans (Vigna spp, Phaseeolus spp)	4.0	0.2	0.1
38	94049090	Other blankets as defined in Additional Note 1 to Chapter 94	3.9	0.2	0.1
39	84295900	Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	3.8	0.2	0.1
40	84292000	Graders and levellers	3.5	0.2	0.1
41	84291100	Other bulldoers and angle dozers	3.4	0.2	0.1
42	85285990	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.4	0.2	0.1
43	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	3.2	0.2	0.1
44	23021000	Bran of maize(corn)	3.2	0.2	0.1
45	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	3.1	0.2	0.1
46	73143900	Other plated or coated with zinc	3.1	0.1	0.1
47	83016000	Parts of padlocks and locks	3.0	0.1	0.1
48	85444990	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V fitted with connectors	2.9	0.1	0.1
49	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	2.7	0.1	0.1
50	02031100	carcasses and half - carcasses	2.6	0.1	0.1
		Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods	**1,886.5**	**91.5**	**39.7**
		Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods	**175.6**	**8.5**	**3.7**
		Total Non-Diamond Exports	**2,062.1**	**100.0**	**43.4**
		Diamond Exports	**2,683.8**		**56.6**
		Total Exports	**4,745.9**		**100.0**

9.0 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.

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 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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