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Preface

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

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

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during September 2020. It shows summaries of total international merchandise trade as presented in **Table 1.0**. Trade by principal commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports, and **Table 2.2** for exports, while **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at the region or country level, for September 2020 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Table 4.1A** presents statistics on commodities which were mostly imported during September 2020, while exports are given in **Table 4.1B**.

Changes in data for the corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments. The data for such transactions would only be available at a later stage after customs duty assessments had been completed.

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



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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest provides trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during September 2020.

Botswana's overall exports amounted to P6, 831.8 million, a rise of more than 100 percent (P3, 650.2 million) compared to the revised August 2020 value of P3, 181.6 million. Imports stood at P8, 037.9 million, displaying an increase of 39.5 percent from the revised August 2020 value of P5, 761.0 million.

During the period under review, Botswana's exports were mostly absorbed by Asia with a market share of 54.7 percent. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India received exports representing 26.4 percent and 22.2 percent of Botswana's exports respectively, during the month under review. Exports to India were mainly attributable to Diamonds, while all exports to the UAE were Diamonds. Belgium received 27.5 percent of total exports during the month, all attributable to Diamonds.

South Africa was the major source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 46.7 percent to the country's total imports. The UAE and Belgium contributed 21.3 percent and 14.8 percent respectively, to total imports during the period under review.

With regard to regional groupings, SACU was the major source of imports with a contribution of 48.6 percent. Asia and the EU accounted for 33.0 percent and 16.6 percent respectively.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 47.9 percent and 11.3 percent.

During the current period, exports transported by Air accounted for 94.5 percent of total exports while those by Road and Rail represented 5.4 percent and 0.2 percent respectively. Imports by Road Transport accounted for 44.0 percent whereas those entering by Air and Rail represented 34.4 percent and 21.6 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on September 2020, which is also referred to as the reference period, the period under review or the current month, throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

Statistics for previous monthly digests, contain preliminary figures which are subsequently revised when new information becomes available. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database with additional information of previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while in other cases they are significant.

Transactions for July and August had late customs duty assessments which were finalised during September 2020, hence the need to show data revision. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the August 2020 Digest and the current.

There has been a 19.6 percent (P521.6 million) upward revision of total exports for the month of August, as displayed in **Table A**. This is largely attributable to revised records of exports of Diamonds which rose by P480.3 million (22.6 percent), from P2, 124.2 million to P2, 604.5 million. On the other hand, Imports for August 2020 increased minimally by 1.4 percent (P78.0 million) from P5, 683.0 million to a revised figure of P5, 761.0 million.

Table A: Data Revision: July and August 2020 (Million Pula)

Period	As at September 2020 Digest			As at September 2020 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
July	6,003.0	2,466.1	(3,536.9)	6,036.4	2,468.8	(3,567.6)	33.5	2.7	(30.8)	0.6	0.1	0.9
August	5,683.0	2,660.0	(3,775.1)	5,761.0	3,181.6	(2,579.4)	78.0	521.6	1,195.7	1.4	19.6	(31.7)

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. During September 2020, total imports were valued at P8, 037.9 million, an increase of 39.5 percent (P2, 276.9 million) compared to the revised August 2020 import figure of P5, 761.0 million. The increase in Diamonds imports of over 100 percent (P2, 114.1 million) had a significant contribution to the overall increase in total imports.

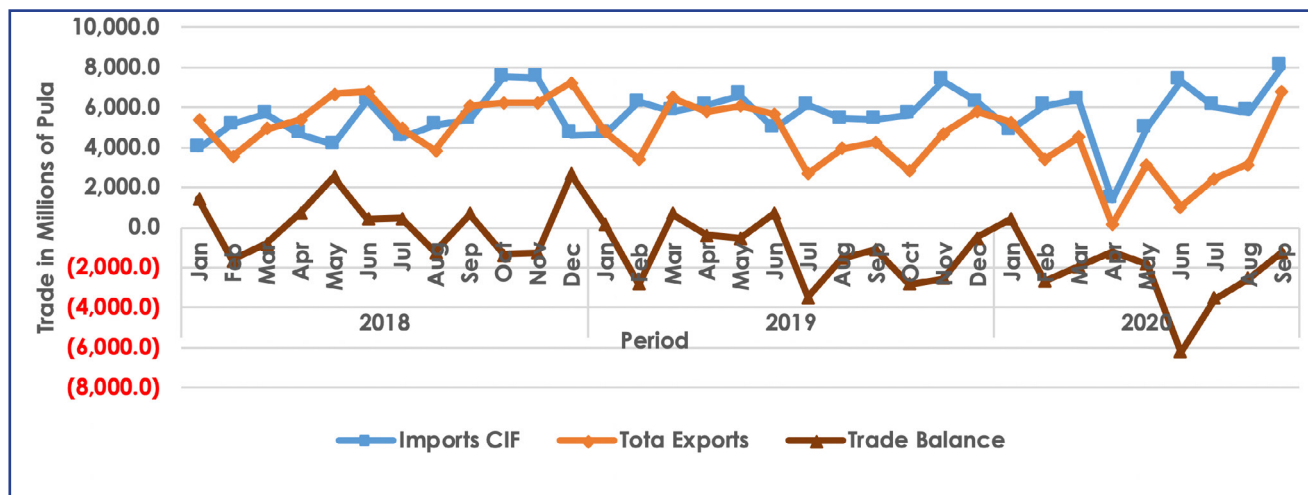
1.3 Total Exports

During September 2020, Botswana's export earnings went up by over 100 percent (P3, 650.2 million) from the revised value of P3, 181.6 million, recorded for August 2020 to P6, 831.8 million in September 2020. The increase is mostly attributed to the rise in the exports of Diamonds from P2, 604.5 million to P6, 356.1 million.

1.4 Trade Balance

During September 2020, Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P1, 206.1 million.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2018 to September 2020 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

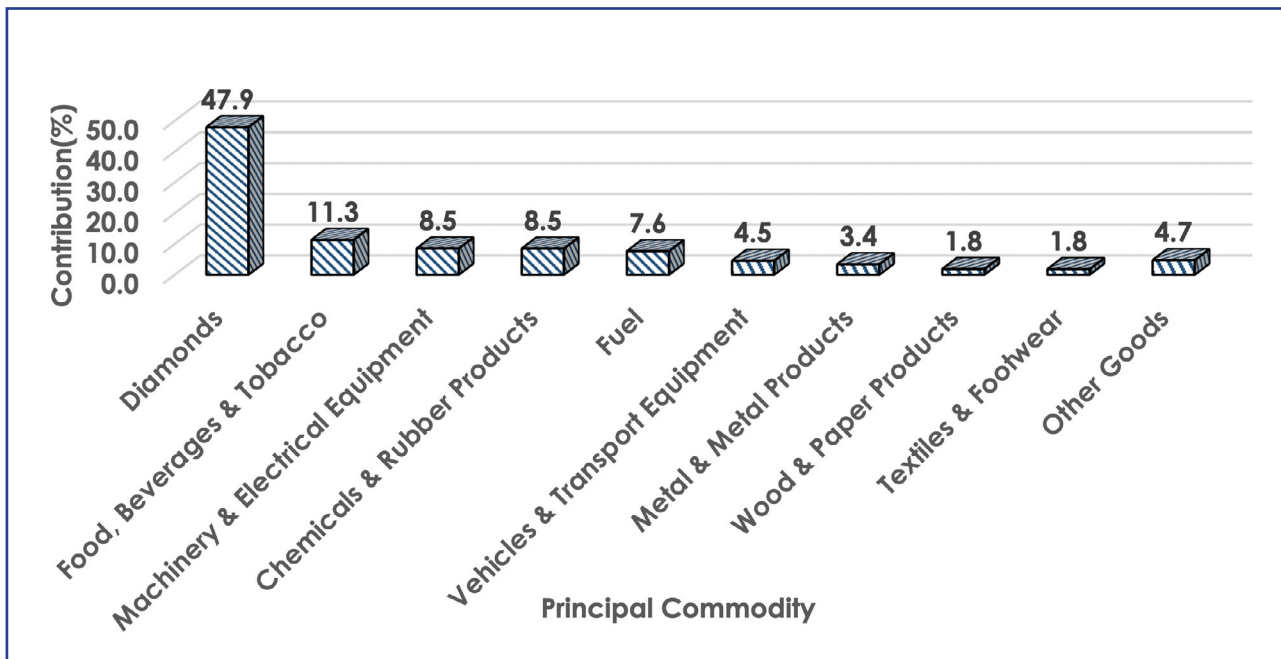
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

2.1 Principal Imports

During September 2020, Botswana received total imports amounting to P8,037.9 million. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 47.9 percent (P3,848.5 million), followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 11.3 percent (P908.1 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- September 2020

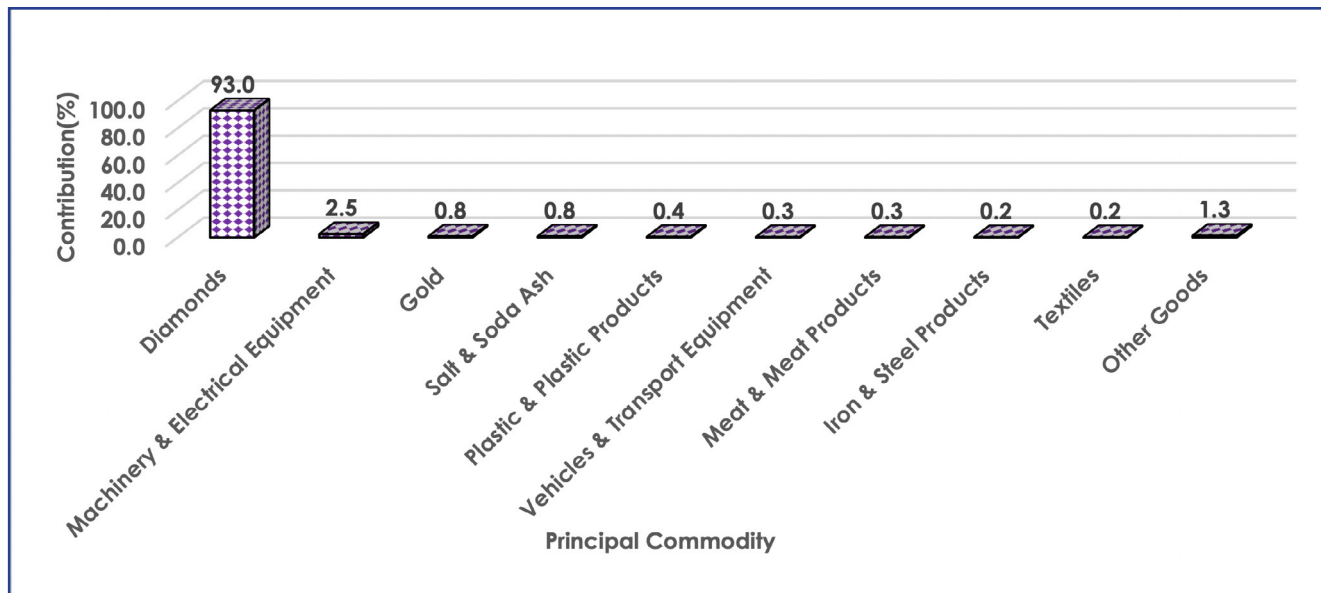


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for September 2020 were valued at P6, 831.8 million, with 93.0 percent (P6, 356.1 million) attributed to Diamonds, while Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 2.5 percent (P172.8 million). Contribution made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – September 2020



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 between Botswana and her major trading partners. Thus the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during September 2020 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 P8, 037.9 million worth of goods from the globe in September 2020. SACU supplied 48.6 percent (P3, 906.7 million) of Botswana's total imports during the current period. The top most imported commodity group from the SACU region was Food, Beverages & Tobacco, with a contribution of 22.3 percent (P869.5 million) of total imports from the region. Fuel, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with contributions of 15.5 percent (P607.5 million), 13.4 percent (P521.7 million) and 12.9 percent (P505.8 million), respectively (Refer to [Table 3.1B](#)).

In September 2020, imports from South Africa represented 46.7 percent (P3, 751.8 million) of total imports. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 22.6 percent (P849.7 million) while Fuel, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 14.0 percent (P525.0 million), 13.4 percent (P503.3 million) and 13.3 percent (P500.7 million), of total imports from the country, respectively (refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

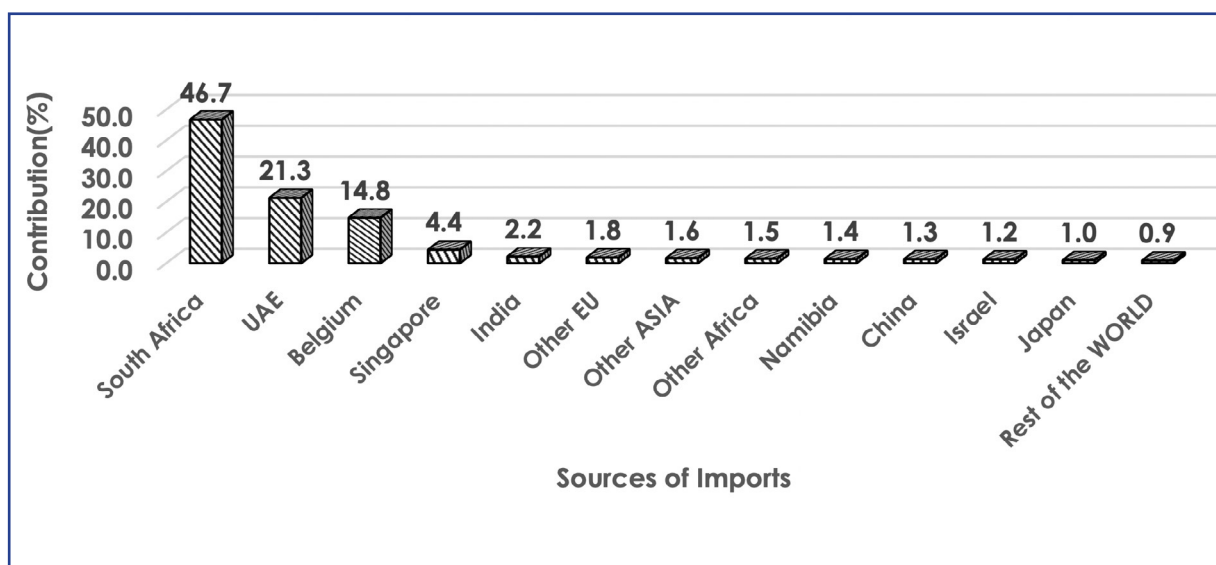
Imports from Namibia represented 1.4 percent (P108.7 million) of total imports during the month under review, with 75.8 percent (P82.4 million) of that total attributable to Fuel imports.

The Asia block supplied P2, 650.4 million, representing 33.0 percent of total imports into Botswana in September 2020. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Diamonds, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with contributions of 88.4 percent (P2,343.3 million), 3.7 percent (P97.1 million) and 3.3 percent (P88.0 million) respectively, of total imports from the region.

The UAE, Singapore and India were the chief sources of imports from Asia having supplied imports representing 21.3 percent (P1, 708.1 million), 4.4 percent (P352.8 million) and 2.2 percent (P 174.2 million) of total imports, respectively.

Botswana received imports worth P1, 337.2 million from the EU, accounting for 16.6 percent of total imports in September 2020. The major commodity groups imported from the EU were Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, accounting for 88.9 percent (P1, 188.2 million) and 6.5 percent (P86.6 million) respectively, of imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, at 14.8 percent (P1, 189.9 million) of total imports during the period under review.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – September 2020



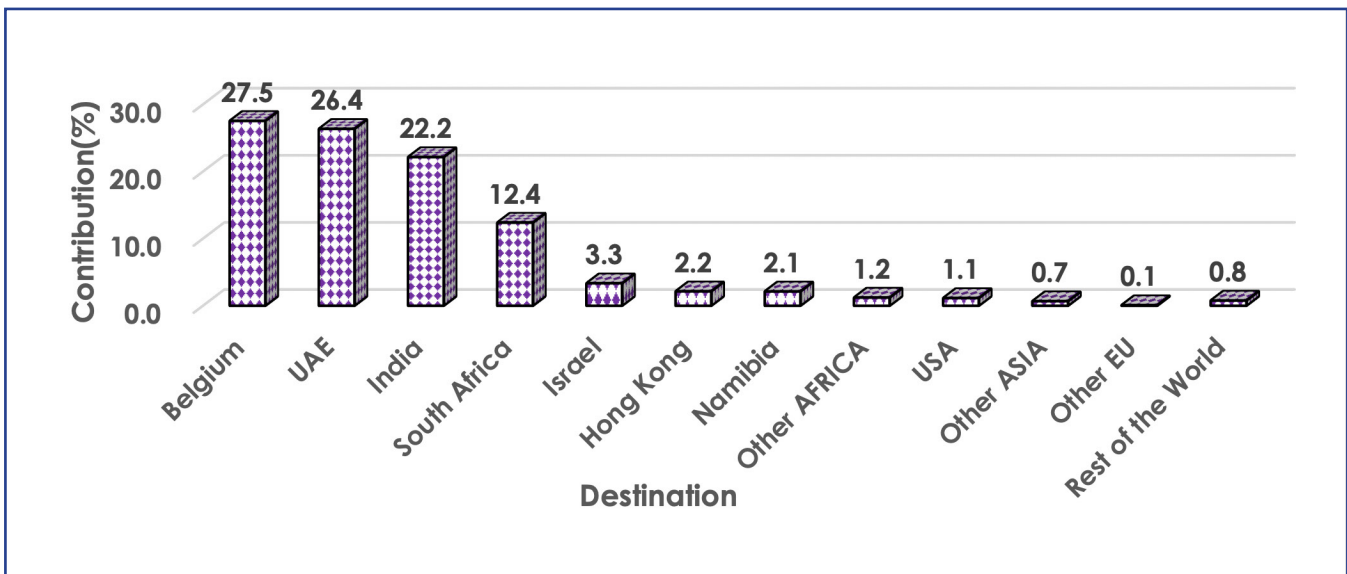
3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Belgium, UAE and India were the major destinations for exports from Botswana during September 2020, having received 27.5 percent (P1, 881.7 million), 26.4 percent (P1, 800.7 million) and 22.2 percent (P1, 512.6 million) of total exports respectively. Diamonds contributed almost 100 percent for exports to India, while for the other two countries the contribution of the same commodity group to total export was 100 percent (refer to [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#)).

South Africa received 12.4 percent (P846.2 million), attributable to Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 59.1 percent (P500.3 million) and 15.3 percent (P129.7 million) of total exports to the country.

Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables [3.2 A](#) and [3.2 B](#).

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries – September 2020



4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

During this period of the Covid-19 pandemic whereby the economic situation is still uncertain, it is essential to present the most traded goods with a view to guiding users as to what commodities could be produced in the country for import substitution or possible exportation. The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

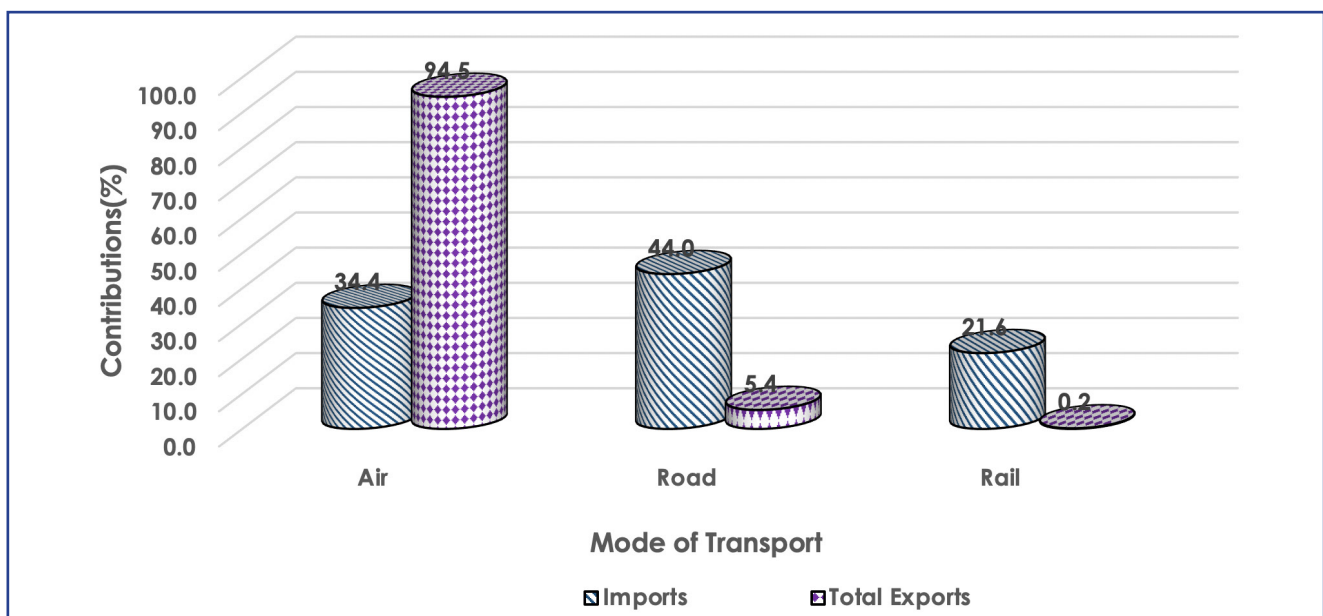
Total imports amounting to P3, 539.6 million, representing 44.0 percent, were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 34.4 percent (P2, 765.3 million) and 21.6 percent (P 1,732.2 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 94.5 percent (P6, 452.8 million) of total exports were transported by Air, while Road transport accounted for 5.4 percent (P 368.3 million).

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	BW Value	%	BW Value	%
Air	2,765.3	34.4	6,452.8	94.5
Road	3,540.4	44.0	368.3	5.4
Rail	1,732.2	21.6	10.7	0.2
Total	5,683.0	100.0	2,660.0	100.0

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – September 2020



6.0 ANNEXURE

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

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2018	3,944.9	3,760.5	183.6	0.9	5,363.8	0.1	5,363.9	1,418.9
Feb	5,158.4	4,964.2	193.0	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,623.6)
Mar	5,690.4	5,482.1	207.1	1.2	4,893.7	2.9	4,896.6	(793.9)
Q1	14,793.8	14,206.8	583.7	3.3	13,791.0	4.3	13,795.3	(998.5)
Apr	4,677.4	4,495.5	180.9	1.0	5,408.1	1.6	5,409.6	732.3
May	4,143.9	3,937.6	205.3	1.0	6,664.3	8.2	6,672.5	2,528.6
Jun	6,347.8	6,146.8	200.2	0.8	6,792.8	0.0	6,792.8	445.0
Q2	15,169.1	14,579.9	586.4	2.8	18,865.1	9.8	18,875.0	3,705.9
Jul	4,467.7	4,275.6	191.0	1.0	4,920.1	1.6	4,921.7	454.0
Aug	5,090.0	4,864.3	224.7	1.0	3,869.3	0.2	3,869.4	(1,220.6)
Sep	5,393.6	5,171.3	220.8	1.6	6,062.2	0.5	6,062.7	669.0
Q3	14,951.4	14,311.2	636.5	3.6	14,851.6	2.2	14,853.8	(97.6)
Oct	7,545.6	7,298.8	245.4	1.4	6,213.0	2.8	6,215.9	(1,329.7)
Nov	7,499.3	7,238.4	258.7	2.2	6,232.2	0.7	6,232.9	(1,266.4)
Dec	4,610.5	4,379.0	230.5	1.1	7,237.8	0.0	7,237.9	2,627.3
Q4	19,655.5	18,916.2	734.5	4.7	19,683.2	3.6	19,686.8	31.4
Total_2018	64,569.7	62,014.1	2,541.1	14.5	67,190.9	19.9	67,210.8	2,641.1
Jan_2019	4,658.8	4,434.3	223.2	1.3	4,788.1	0.0	4,788.2	129.4
Feb	6,282.5	6,076.8	204.4	1.2	3,414.3	4.1	3,418.3	(2,864.1)
Mar	5,795.2	5,579.2	215.0	0.9	6,463.8	0.1	6,463.8	668.6
Q1	16,736.4	16,090.3	642.6	3.5	14,665.9	4.1	14,670.0	(2,066.5)
Apr	6,148.3	5,936.9	209.3	2.0	5,798.9	5.2	5,804.1	(344.2)
May	6,590.3	6,361.2	228.0	1.0	6,047.2	5.6	6,052.8	(537.5)
Jun	4,945.2	4,701.8	242.5	0.9	5,647.5	10.5	5,658.0	712.8
Q2	17,683.8	17,000.0	679.8	4.0	17,493.6	21.3	17,514.9	(169.0)
Jul	6,140.1	5,892.9	245.7	1.5	2,669.1	0.4	2,669.5	(3,470.6)
Aug	5,444.2	5,200.5	241.7	1.9	3,905.9	0.2	3,906.1	(1,538.1)
Sep	5,383.7	5,152.8	229.8	1.0	4,264.8	1.7	4,266.5	(1,117.1)
Q3	16,968.0	16,246.3	717.3	4.4	10,839.8	2.3	10,842.1	(6,125.8)
Oct	5,628.6	5,395.8	231.7	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.2)
Nov	7,310.6	7,039.9	269.6	1.1	4,732.2	0.5	4,732.7	(2,577.9)
Dec	6,272.7	6,026.4	244.8	1.5	5,792.1	0.4	5,792.5	(480.2)
Q4	19,212.0	18,462.2	746.1	3.7	13,295.7	0.9	13,296.7	(5,915.3)
Total_2019	70,600.2	67,798.8	2,785.8	15.6	56,295.3	28.7	56,324.0	(14,276.2)
Jan_2020	4,877.6	4,654.6	222.2	0.9	5,268.8	9.2	5,278.0	400.4
Feb	6,092.6	5,821.2	269.9	1.4	3,433.5	0.6	3,434.1	(2,658.5)
Mar	6,428.5	6,163.8	263.3	1.4	4,486.3	0.2	4,486.6	(1,942.0)
Q1	17,398.7	16,639.7	755.4	3.7	13,188.6	10.1	13,198.6	(4,200.1)
Apr	1,382.5	1,294.5	87.6	0.4	146.4	0.1	146.5	(1,236.0)
May	4,991.6	4,753.9	237.0	0.6	3,174.1	0.0	3,174.2	(1,817.4)
Jun	7,330.6	7,078.4	251.1	1.0	1,064.6	0.2	1,064.8	(6,265.8)
Q2	13,704.7	13,126.9	575.8	2.0	4,385.2	0.2	4,385.4	(9,319.3)
Jul	6,036.4	5,744.8	290.4	1.3	2,468.6	0.2	2,468.8	(3,567.6)
Aug	5,761.0	5,540.6	219.0	1.4	3,180.5	1.1	3,181.6	(2,579.4)
Sep	8,037.9	7,808.0	228.9	1.1	6,831.4	0.4	6,831.8	(1,206.1)
Q3	19,835.4	19,093.4	738.3	3.7	12,480.5	1.7	12,482.2	(7,353.1)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups –January 2018 to September 2020 (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_2018	396.5	779.0	628.8	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	84.6	293.6	110.6	154.3	3,944.9
Feb	427.0	1,597.8	620.2	606.1	60.0	682.9	215.9	34.1	128.2	473.7	123.4	189.1	5,158.4
Mar	432.0	1,904.0	663.4	676.3	68.0	708.0	230.9	48.3	157.7	478.9	138.9	184.0	5,690.4
Q1	1,255.5	4,280.8	1,912.5	1,926.1	163.2	2,008.0	606.3	124.5	370.5	1,246.2	372.9	527.4	14,793.8
Apr	403.3	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	549.0	207.7	40.3	139.0	362.1	118.6	194.3	4,677.4
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.7	54.0	123.3	362.3	142.0	188.2	4,143.9
Jun	439.5	2,726.4	595.2	654.7	69.7	661.7	274.2	45.2	126.8	484.5	111.8	158.2	6,347.8
Q2	1,336.8	4,577.0	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.8	1,874.6	723.6	139.5	389.1	1,208.8	372.4	540.7	15,169.1
Jul	447.7	986.8	590.8	665.4	50.4	607.6	227.6	38.3	134.6	412.2	117.9	188.4	4,467.7
Aug	507.6	1,016.1	676.5	728.8	68.9	772.6	260.7	45.7	158.7	484.1	117.4	253.0	5,090.0
Sep	494.8	1,372.7	656.0	757.7	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.7	138.6	170.6	5,393.6
Q3	1,450.0	3,375.6	1,923.4	2,151.9	186.3	2,251.3	745.5	147.5	457.2	1,276.9	373.9	612.0	14,951.4
Oct	605.1	2,978.1	756.8	891.4	81.8	831.8	272.6	63.8	212.0	510.2	158.2	183.5	7,545.6
Nov	601.6	2,766.1	829.9	844.9	85.2	849.5	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.2	153.8	210.1	7,499.3
Dec	478.9	370.2	641.4	741.1	61.2	618.8	225.2	48.6	141.5	532.1	148.1	603.5	4,610.5
Q4	1,685.6	6,114.5	2,228.1	2,477.4	228.2	2,300.1	836.3	178.3	572.3	1,577.4	460.1	997.2	19,655.5
Total_2018	5,727.9	18,347.8	7,918.8	8,515.4	769.4	8,433.9	2,911.6	589.9	1,789.1	5,309.4	1,579.4	2,677.3	64,569.7
Jan_2019	441.7	800.3	691.0	590.1	47.3	615.4	240.2	50.9	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,658.8
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,713.5	171.0	1,975.3	814.9	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,736.4
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.4	139.6	212.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.8	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.0	129.6	163.1	4,945.2
Q2	1,421.3	5,460.7	1,936.8	2,165.7	181.3	2,184.7	1,114.3	174.1	343.0	1,784.1	389.7	528.1	17,683.8
Jul	531.1	1,671.6	700.1	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.4	66.0	134.5	508.7	127.5	340.9	6,140.1
Aug	551.2	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	139.5	437.5	157.3	211.5	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	820.8	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	191.9	5,383.7
Q3	1,640.5	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.5	830.1	190.6	437.0	1,336.4	432.3	744.2	16,967.8
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.2	158.5	233.4	5,628.6
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	160.6	1,010.7	144.7	212.9	7,310.6
Dec	635.3	1,599.3	1,061.3	1,057.2	67.8	638.5	233.7	57.1	122.6	437.8	145.0	217.2	6,272.7
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	454.4	1,908.6	448.2	663.5	19,211.9
Total_2019	6,343.8	20,033.6	9,003.4	8,860.5	769.2	8,774.9	3,549.6	690.3	1,628.8	6,819.5	1,623.0	2,503.5	70,600.2
Jan_2020	520.3	669.9	800.9	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,877.6
Feb	526.9	967.6	823.3	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.2	71.5	154.3	820.0	149.5	626.4	6,092.6
Mar	619.2	1,660.0	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.5	248.6	53.9	148.9	463.9	128.5	230.3	6,428.5
Q1	1,666.5	3,297.5	2,490.0	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.0	737.9	186.0	397.0	1,666.6	394.8	1,028.7	17,398.7
Apr	273.3	0.0	521.2	208.9	5.7	192.9	34.8	5.7	32.7	18.2	34.7	54.4	1,382.5
May	502.1	974.1	571.2	1,011.8	33.8	486.4	148.1	30.6	116.9	792.5	86.5	237.6	4,991.6
Jun	665.2	3,426.7	670.4	547.8	65.8	764.7	229.0	59.4	122.9	460.2	125.8	192.7	7,330.6
Q2	1,440.6	4,400.8	1,762.8	1,768.5	105.3	1,444.0	411.9	95.7	272.5	1,270.8	247.0	484.6	13,704.7
Jul	639.2	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	663.2	262.7	62.0	105.6	466.7	129.0	199.4	6,036.4
Aug	555.5	1,734.4	779.4	722.3	69.1	631.9	240.8	71.5	128.0	381.4	125.6	320.9	5,761.0
Sep	680.4	3,848.5	908.1	613.4	73.2	682.6	271.1	65.0	144.6	364.1	148.0	238.8	8,037.9
Q3	1,875.1	6,525.3	2,471.3	3,061.0	199.5	1,977.7	774.7	198.6	378.2	1,212.2	402.6	759.1	19,835.4
% Distribution													
2018	8.9	28.4	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.2	2.4	4.1	100.0
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
Aug_2020	9.6	30.1	13.5	12.5	1.2	11.0	4.2	1.2	2.2	6.6	2.2	5.6	100.0
Sep_2020	8.5	47.9	11.3	7.6	0.9	8.5	3.4	0.8	1.8	4.5	1.8	3.0	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel-Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.9
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.9	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	38.1	89.8	4,896.6
Q1	6.1	12,344.8	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.2	13,795.3
Apr	0.3	4,916.1	49.6	2.9	13.3	127.5	60.4	20.7	55.0	18.9	50.2	94.8	5,409.6
May	4.3	6,059.7	42.1	2.2	13.3	188.0	75.7	24.9	63.9	24.6	43.1	130.7	6,672.5
Jun	14.8	6,277.5	41.8	2.3	13.4	115.5	141.2	21.0	33.9	18.4	35.2	77.9	6,792.8
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	40.0	430.9	277.4	66.6	152.7	61.8	128.5	303.3	18,875.0
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.6	140.0	75.1	12.5	62.5	16.2	27.6	83.6	4,921.7
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	13.0	186.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	15.3	28.9	108.7	3,869.4
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.4	232.4	79.4	22.4	240.5	19.4	33.7	82.4	6,062.7
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	33.1	558.5	274.7	58.8	367.4	51.0	90.2	274.7	14,853.8
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.6	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.3	6,215.9
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	26.0	98.7	116.3	6,232.9
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.7	10.1	120.9	86.9	18.4	51.8	19.0	37.3	106.0	7,237.9
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.8	37.6	511.2	215.4	69.4	174.9	68.5	279.4	376.6	19,686.6
Total_2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.7	159.6	1,944.0	971.3	257.3	885.2	235.7	619.1	1,181.9	67,210.6
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	8.6	53.5	14.2	24.1	132.2	4,788.2
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.1	39.3	9.8	44.7	14.2	24.0	79.3	3,418.3
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.8	54.6	13.1	44.0	71.9	6,463.8
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.2	93.0	32.2	152.8	41.5	92.1	283.4	14,670.3
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	12.0	136.9	41.7	14.2	42.9	13.8	31.7	81.7	5,804.1
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.8	141.6	75.8	20.2	55.9	12.3	26.5	117.0	6,052.8
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	139.6	101.0	13.8	30.5	11.6	32.9	109.4	5,658.0
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.7	418.2	218.5	48.3	129.3	37.7	91.0	308.1	17,514.9
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.2	11.9	132.9	59.1	15.6	56.4	10.3	24.3	81.9	2,669.5
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.3	17.4	159.4	64.0	16.9	46.2	13.2	31.5	85.9	3,906.1
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	1.1	20.8	148.7	89.8	20.4	61.1	12.9	41.9	84.5	4,266.5
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.5	50.2	441.0	212.8	52.9	163.7	36.4	97.7	252.3	10,842.1
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.5	22.6	124.7	94.6	21.4	35.6	12.1	30.9	96.4	2,771.4
Nov	0.2	4,293.1	29.1	0.3	13.9	160.7	24.0	30.0	33.5	17.1	42.2	88.7	4,732.7
Dec	0.1	5,398.8	34.9	0.2	7.1	81.5	16.5	17.5	45.9	14.8	45.9	129.3	5,792.5
Q4	0.5	11,989.7	97.8	2.0	43.5	366.9	135.1	68.9	115.0	44.0	118.9	314.5	13,296.7
Total_2019	2.6	51,009.5	436.5	5.3	176.7	1,553.2	659.5	202.3	560.8	159.5	399.8	1,158.3	56,324.0
Jan_2020	0.2	4,801.5	20.5	0.1	13.0	159.9	12.4	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	139.5	5,278.0
Feb	1.7	2,888.3	46.7	0.1	17.1	168.4	14.8	21.9	65.5	14.9	30.6	164.2	3,434.1
Mar	280.3	3,750.1	22.6	0.1	12.0	128.3	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	32.9	165.7	4,486.6
Q1	282.2	11,439.9	89.8	0.2	42.1	456.7	35.6	64.4	183.5	43.4	91.6	469.4	13,198.6
Apr	3.7	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.7	3.0	12.9	2.5	41.3	0.0	0.0	31.5	146.5
May	3.5	2,931.6	24.7	0.0	4.5	69.2	18.3	11.6	46.5	7.2	3.6	53.6	3,174.2
Jun	2.1	643.3	23.9	0.1	12.9	117.2	18.2	22.9	77.9	11.1	26.9	108.2	1,064.8
Q2	9.2	3,574.9	99.5	0.1	18.0	189.4	49.4	37.0	165.7	18.2	30.5	193.3	4,385.4
Jul	2.2	1,988.4	70.2	0.0	15.3	134.5	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.6	32.8	106.5	2,468.8
Aug	3.3	2,604.5	48.1	0.0	10.2	252.2	34.1	30.1	56.5	12.7	33.3	96.4	3,181.6
Sep	0.7	6,356.1	56.5	0.1	15.1	172.8	20.6	29.6	56.0	14.7	22.4	87.2	6,831.8
Q3	6.3	10,949.0	174.9	0.2	40.7	559.4	87.6	80.6	164.9	40.0	88.5	290.2	12,482.2
% Distribution													
2018	0.1	89.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.9	1.8	100.0
2019	0.0	90.6	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.8	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.1	100.0
Aug_2020	0.1	81.9	1.5	0.0	0.3	7.9	1.1	0.9	1.8	0.4	1.0	3.0	100.0
Sep_2020	0.0	93.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3	1.3	100.0

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

Flow Type Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
Mar	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.1	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.9
Q1	998.9	1.9	0.0	2,907.7	372.3	4,280.8	117.8	10.5	0.1	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.8
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,058.1	133.6	1,424.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	4,443.3	469.1	4,916.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	297.5	426.2	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,295.7	438.9	2,726.4	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	807.2	6,277.5
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	870.0	4,577.0	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.4	17,253.3
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	109.0	986.8	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	145.0	1,016.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	253.0	1,372.7	0.2	10.0	0.0	4,636.5	651.3	5,297.9
Q3	1,581.4	2.2	0.0	1,285.0	507.0	3,375.6	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,316.4	456.0	2,978.1	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,169.4	354.0	2,766.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	4,492.7	1,090.7	5,596.6
Dec	0.0	0.1	0.0	119.0	251.2	370.2	0.0	19.7	0.0	5,922.3	805.4	6,747.4
Q4	1,447.6	0.8	0.0	3,604.8	1,061.2	6,114.5	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total 2018	5,252.2	5.3	0.0	10,279.8	2,810.5	18,347.8	128.1	83.9	0.1	51,508.6	8,690.5	60,411.1
Jan_2019	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
Jun	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.0
Sep	223.5	0.0	0.0	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.5
Q3	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,420.0	573.5	3,947.0	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.7
Oct	247.7	0.0	0.0	1,041.7	115.6	1,405.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.7
Nov	36.4	0.1	0.0	1,539.9	689.5	2,265.9	0.3	8.7	0.0	3,684.9	599.2	4,293.1
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,832.2	560.2	5,398.8
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,422.1	1,552.1	11,989.7
Total 2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,934.3	8,981.2	51,009.5
Jan_2020	191.6	0.0	0.0	179.0	299.3	669.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,329.8	470.9	4,801.5
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	257.8	967.6	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,078.6	798.0	2,888.3
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,098.4	250.3	1,660.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,067.0	675.0	3,750.1
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,735.8	807.4	3,297.5	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,475.4	1,943.9	11,439.9
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	900.2	73.9	974.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	2,453.7	477.0	2,931.6
Jun	267.1	1.2	0.0	2,731.8	426.6	3,426.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	264.9	377.7	643.3
Q2	267.1	1.2	0.0	3,632.1	500.4	4,400.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	2,718.6	854.7	3,574.9
Jul	236.0	0.0	0.0	388.1	318.3	942.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	1,336.6	648.8	1,988.4
Aug	53.1	0.0	0.0	1,562.4	118.9	1,734.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	2,160.5	442.1	2,604.5
Sep	0.0	12.0	0.0	3,655.1	181.4	3,848.5	0.0	5.6	0.0	5,518.3	832.2	6,356.1
Q2	289.1	12.0	0.0	5,605.6	618.7	6,525.3	0.0	10.4	0.0	9,015.5	1,923.1	10,949.0

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

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Distribution
South Africa	500.7	315.7	849.7	525.0	62.9	503.3	234.6	57.1	116.1	262.1	124.1	200.4	3,751.8	46.7
Namibia	0.1	0.0	7.4	82.4	0.4	2.5	4.1	7.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.2	108.7	1.4
SACU	521.7	315.7	869.5	607.5	63.3	505.8	238.7	64.9	127.1	263.8	127.2	201.6	3,906.7	48.6
Other AFRICA	35.2	0.0	38.1	5.2	0.8	2.1	15.2	0.0	10.9	0.7	11.2	0.7	120.2	1.5
AFRICA	536.0	315.7	895.3	612.7	64.1	507.8	253.8	64.9	127.6	264.0	136.3	202.4	3,980.7	49.5
UAE	0.2	1,693.6	1.5	0.1	0.0	9.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.6	0.0	1.0	1,708.1	21.3
Singapore	0.1	351.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	352.8	4.4
India	15.0	142.9	1.7	0.2	0.0	3.9	5.7	0.1	1.7	1.3	0.3	1.4	174.2	2.2
China	37.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	8.0	26.6	6.3	0.0	6.6	3.1	1.6	15.3	105.9	1.3
Israel	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2	1.2
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.4	0.0	0.7	79.3	1.0
Other ASIA	43.9	56.9	4.1	0.0	0.2	10.3	2.6	0.0	2.8	4.5	0.4	5.3	131.0	1.6
ASIA	97.1	2,343.3	7.9	0.6	8.2	52.2	14.5	0.1	12.5	88.0	2.3	23.8	2,650.4	33.0
Belgium	1.8	1,187.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,189.9	14.8
Other EU	34.5	0.6	3.4	0.0	0.5	86.3	1.6	0.0	3.7	7.2	1.6	7.9	147.3	1.8
EU	36.2	1,188.2	3.5	0.0	0.5	86.6	1.6	0.0	3.7	7.2	1.6	8.0	1,337.2	16.6
Rest of the World	11.1	1.3	1.6	0.0	0.4	36.0	1.2	0.0	0.9	4.8	7.8	4.7	69.7	0.9
WORLD	680.4	3,848.5	908.1	613.4	73.2	682.6	271.1	65.0	144.6	364.1	148.0	238.8	8,037.9	100.0

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	13.3	8.4	22.6	14.0	1.7	13.4	6.3	1.5	3.1	7.0	3.3	5.3	100.0
Namibia	0.1	0.0	6.8	75.8	0.4	2.3	3.8	7.2	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.1	100.0
SACU	13.4	8.1	22.3	15.5	1.6	12.9	6.1	1.7	3.3	6.8	3.3	5.2	100.0
Other AFRICA	29.3	0.0	31.7	4.4	0.6	1.7	12.6	0.0	9.1	0.6	9.3	0.6	100.0
AFRICA	13.5	7.9	22.5	15.4	1.6	12.8	6.4	1.6	3.2	6.6	3.4	5.1	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Singapore	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	8.6	82.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	2.2	3.3	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	100.0
China	35.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	7.5	25.1	5.9	0.0	6.3	2.9	1.5	14.4	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.7	0.0	0.8	100.0
Other ASIA	33.6	43.4	3.1	0.0	0.2	7.8	2.0	0.0	2.1	3.4	0.3	4.1	100.0
ASIA	3.7	88.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	3.3	0.1	0.9	100.0
Belgium	0.1	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	23.4	0.4	2.3	0.0	0.3	58.6	1.1	0.0	2.5	4.9	1.1	5.4	100.0
EU	2.7	88.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	100.0
Rest of the World	15.9	1.8	2.2	0.1	0.5	51.6	1.7	0.0	1.2	7.0	11.2	6.7	100.0
WORLD	8.5	47.9	11.3	7.6	0.9	8.5	3.4	0.8	1.8	4.5	1.8	3.0	100.0

Table 3.2 A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – September 2020 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Distribution
South Africa	0.7	500.3	56.5	0.1	13.7	129.7	12.6	24.5	36.7	13.9	12.3	45.1	846.2	12.4
Namibia	0.0	110.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	3.4	24.2	146.2	2.1
SACU	0.7	610.7	56.5	0.1	14.2	136.2	12.6	24.9	36.7	14.6	15.7	69.3	992.4	14.5
Other AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	33.4	2.6	4.7	19.3	0.0	6.4	16.3	82.8	1.2
AFRICA	0.7	610.7	56.5	0.1	14.4	170.0	15.2	29.6	56.0	14.7	22.1	85.6	1,075.6	15.7
UAE	0.0	1,800.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,800.7	26.4
India	0.0	1,513.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,513.6	22.2
Israel	0.0	227.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	228.8	3.3
Hong Kong	0.0	147.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	147.1	2.2
Other ASIA	0.0	46.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	46.5	0.7
ASIA	0.0	3,734.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	3,736.8	54.7
Belgium	0.0	1,881.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1,881.7	27.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	5.9	0.1
EU	0.0	1,881.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	1,887.6	27.6
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
USA	0.0	78.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	78.5	1.1
Rest of the World	0.0	51.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	53.3	0.8
WORLD	0.7	6,356.1	56.5	0.1	15.1	172.8	20.6	29.6	56.0	14.7	22.4	87.2	6,831.8	100.0

Table 3.2 B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – September 2020

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.1	59.1	6.7	0.0	1.6	15.3	1.5	2.9	4.3	1.6	1.5	5.3	100.0
Namibia	0.0	75.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	2.4	16.5	100.0
SACU	0.1	61.5	5.7	0.0	1.4	13.7	1.3	2.5	3.7	1.5	1.6	7.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	40.3	3.1	5.6	23.3	0.0	7.7	19.7	100.0
AFRICA	0.1	56.8	5.3	0.0	1.3	15.8	1.4	2.8	5.2	1.4	2.1	8.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other ASIA	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
ASIA	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	90.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	5.0	100.0
EU	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	97.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	100.0
WORLD	0.0	93.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3	1.3	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top 100 Imported Goods - September 2020 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	3,655,112,120	45.5
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	240,810,070	3.0
3	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	240,308,834	3.0
4	71023900	Other Diamonds	181,444,609	2.3
5	10019900	Other Wheat or Mueslin Flour	132,961,536	1.7
6	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	111,656,601	1.4
7	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	71,910,401	0.9
8	25232900	Other cement	60,395,311	0.8
9	30049090	Other Medicaments (Excluding Goods Of Heading 30.02, 30.05 Or 30.06) Consisting Of Mixed Or Unmixed Products For Therapeutic Or Prophylactic Uses	58,045,413	0.7
10	34012000	Soap in other forms	57,694,484	0.7
11	38220000	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents wh	55,128,425	0.7
12	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	41,190,396	0.5
13	85171210	DESIGNED FOR USE WHEN CARRIED IN THE HAND OR ON THE PERSON	35,922,924	0.4
14	30059090	Other (Wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressings, adhesive plaste	35,911,740	0.4
15	85444990	OTHER Insulated (Including Enamelled Or Anodised) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	34,151,466	0.4
16	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or proce	33,418,736	0.4
17	39269090	Other Articles Of Plastics And Articles Of Other Materials Of Headings 39.01 To 39.14	32,710,895	0.4
18	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	32,105,386	0.4
19	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	31,404,954	0.4
20	84314990	OTHER Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Excluding Of Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30 Not Elsewhere Specified	30,743,130	0.4
21	33049990	Other Beauty Or Make-Up Preparations And Preparations For The Care Of The Skin (Excluding Medicaments), Including Sunscreen Or Sun Tan Preparations; Manicure Or Pedicure Preparations	28,792,957	0.4
22	38249999	Other mixtures	26,028,311	0.3
23	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	24,786,245	0.3
24	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	24,663,392	0.3
25	84224000	Other packing or wrapping machinery (including heat-shrink wrapping machinery)	24,548,893	0.3
26	84291900	Other Bulldozers and angledozers excluding than Track laying	24,154,932	0.3
27	84713000	PORTABLE AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES, OF A MASS NOT EXCEEDING 10 KG, CONSISTING O	24,109,965	0.3
28	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the	23,814,469	0.3
29	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	23,313,927	0.3
30	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	22,408,689	0.3
31	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 k	20,865,881	0.3
32	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	20,621,265	0.3
33	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	19,199,752	0.2
34	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	17,877,807	0.2
35	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	16,993,527	0.2
36	64059090	Other footwear	16,160,047	0.2
37	20098950	Other fruit juices	16,022,106	0.2
38	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	15,796,372	0.2
39	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded	15,791,545	0.2
40	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing prepara	15,477,991	0.2
41	87033390	"OtherHearses and Ambulances Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³: "	15,475,237	0.2
42	48181000	TOILET PAPER	15,445,056	0.2
43	04031000	Yoghurt	15,387,835	0.2
44	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	14,576,830	0.2
45	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	14,575,953	0.2
46	09109900	Other spices	14,126,656	0.2
47	04012009	Other milk, whether or not containing added minerals, vitamins, enzymes and similar additives	14,046,273	0.2
48	84779000	Other machinery for moulding or otherwise forming: Parts	13,991,131	0.2
49	87042390	Other Shuttle cars for use in underground mines: low construction flame proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear	13,518,327	0.2
50	84295190	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	13,232,816	0.2

Table 4.1 A Cont.: Top 100 Imported Goods – September 2020 (Pula); Continued

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	13,155,904	0.2
52	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	12,913,801	0.2
53	73030000	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	12,668,667	0.2
54	19053100	SWEET BISCUITS	12,495,729	0.2
55	52030000	Cotton, carded or combed	12,324,863	0.2
56	85371090	"Other Boards, panels, consoles, desks, cabinets and other bases, equipped electricity, "	12,147,420	0.2
57	34022000	Preparations put up for retail sale	12,089,164	0.2
58	71022100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	11,961,993	0.1
59	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling	11,722,065	0.1
60	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	11,656,538	0.1
61	85176290	Other machines for reception	11,584,567	0.1
62	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting	11,555,988	0.1
63	68021000	Tiles, cubes and similar articles, whether or not rectangular (including square), the largest	11,248,009	0.1
64	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	11,231,501	0.1
65	84749000	Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste) form:: Parts	11,057,429	0.1
66	87042290	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Compression-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine (Diesel Or Semi-Diesel)	10,991,482	0.1
67	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry; Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	10,844,798	0.1
68	39173990	Other tubes, pipes and hoses	10,478,059	0.1
69	73089090	Other Structures (Excluding Prefabricated Buildings Of Heading 94.06) And Parts Of Structures	10,444,129	0.1
70	44031100	Treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives CONIFEROUS	10,435,578	0.1
71	19011000	Malt extract; Preparations suitable for infants or young children, put up for retail sale	10,421,283	0.1
72	87032290	Other Motors Vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cm ³ but Not exceeding 1500cm ³ other than Hearses and Ambulances	10,369,433	0.1
73	85177010	Parts: FOR TELEPHONE SETS	10,236,064	0.1
74	72104100	Corrugated Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, clad, plated or coated:	10,197,009	0.1
75	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	10,107,664	0.1
76	49019900	OTHER Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, whether or not in single sheets:	10,025,493	0.1
77	85401100	Thermionic, cold cathode or photo-cathode valves and tubes (for x-ray cathode-ray tubes, television camera tubes): Colour	9,927,419	0.1
78	94036000	Other wooden furniture	9,777,663	0.1
79	42034000	Other clothing accessories	9,746,293	0.1
80	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	9,728,615	0.1
81	84304900	Other Other boring or sinking machinery:	9,727,317	0.1
82	90283000	ELECTRICITY METERS	9,591,460	0.1
83	33072090	Other Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	9,478,868	0.1
84	19023000	Other pasta	9,453,723	0.1
85	08081000	Apples, fresh	9,398,919	0.1
86	39241000	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	9,079,841	0.1
87	94035000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	8,984,531	0.1
88	90181200	ULTRASONIC SCANNING APPARATUS	8,967,727	0.1
89	84295900	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	8,779,691	0.1
90	94041000	MATTRESS SUPPORTS	8,775,514	0.1
91	30023000	VACCINES FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE	8,688,696	0.1
92	87042190	OTHER Motor vehicles for the transport of goods: , with compression-ignition internal combustion piston	8,600,801	0.1
93	87053000	FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES	8,323,768	0.1
94	15121990	Other Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof	8,144,062	0.1
95	21032000	TOMATO KETCHUP AND OTHER TOMATO SAUCES	7,952,996	0.1
96	48191000	Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	7,884,242	0.1
97	32091090	Other paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) dispersed or dissolved in an aq	7,868,284	0.1
98	21041020	Other (Soups and broths), in powder, solid or other concentrated form	7,825,657	0.1
99	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least	7,799,615	0.1
100	85369090	Other apparatus: Not Elsewhere Specified	7,733,656	0.1
Sub Total Top 100			6,245,435,602	77.7
Other Commodities			1,792,489,621	22.3
Total Goods			8,037,925,223	100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods – September 2020 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Total Exports	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	5,518,336,450	80.8
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	832,211,327	12.2
3	85443000	Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors: Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles,	94,793,734	1.4
4	71081200	Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form: Other unwrought forms	56,521,481	0.8
5	28362000	DISODIUM CARBONATE	33,327,039	0.5
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	21,196,851	0.3
7	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	17,367,659	0.3
8	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	17,310,665	0.3
9	84279090	Other trucks: exc. Manually operated pallet trucks	16,893,538	0.2
10	30023000	VACCINES FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE	16,005,596	0.2
11	27011900	Other coal	11,538,127	0.2
12	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V: Fitted with connectors: other than those For a voltage not exceeding 80 V and For a voltage exceeding 80 V but not exceeding 240 V	7,938,734	0.1
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	7,341,285	0.1
14	87041025	Dumpers designed for off-highway use: G.V.M. NOT EXCEEDING 50 T	7,038,569	0.1
15	20055100	Beans, shelled	6,707,465	0.1
16	27011200	Bituminous coal	5,726,558	0.1
17	84314990	OTHER Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Of Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30	5,708,971	0.1
18	71022100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	5,573,145	0.1
19	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	5,007,982	0.1
20	58081000	BRAIDS IN THE PIECE	4,751,177	0.1
21	85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:	4,578,956	0.1
22	84742000	Crushing or grinding machines	4,006,969	0.1
23	85071010	Other Electric accumulators including separators thereof, whether or not rectangular other than lead acid and those with dimension not exceeding 185mm*125mm*195mm by height	3,494,669	0.1
24	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3,484,534	0.1
25	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	3,460,338	0.1
26	84669300	Parts and accessories suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of headings 84.56 to 84.65, including work or tool holders, self-opening dieheads, dividing For machines of headings 84.56 to 84.61	3,165,608	0.0
27	30049090	OTHER Medicaments Not Elsewhere Specified	3,148,313	0.0
28	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked; Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during	3,048,872	0.0
29	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02), Including Station Wagons And Racing Cars; Other Vehicles, With Only Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Reciprocating Piston Engine;	3,014,047	0.0
30	84292000	GRADERS AND LEVELLERS	2,844,443	0.0
31	72044900	Other waste and scrap excluding Turnings, shavings, chips, milling waste, sawdust, filings, trimmings and stampings, whether or not in bundles	2,765,944	0.0
32	02013090	Other (boneless, fresh or chilled)	2,369,055	0.0
33	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked Not Elsewhere Specified	2,029,940	0.0
34	85176290	Other machines for reception	2,007,146	0.0
35	84295190	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	1,999,654	0.0
36	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	1,960,000	0.0
37	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	1,851,717	0.0
38	84213930	Other Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles	1,666,500	0.0
39	84303900	Other Other moving, grading, levelling, scraping, excavating, tamping, compacting snow-ploughs and snow-blowers:	1,653,161	0.0
40	39232990	Other Sacks and bags (including cones), Of other plastics	1,582,438	0.0
41	84122100	Hydraulic power engines and motors : Linear acting (cylinders)	1,551,595	0.0
42	44152010	Pallets, box pallets and other load boards	1,541,052	0.0
43	39269090	OTHER Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves, mittens and mitts): Not Elsewhere Specified	1,522,107	0.0
44	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	1,447,242	0.0
45	84158310	Air conditioning machines, Of a kind used for buildings, having a rated cooling capacity	1,439,373	0.0
46	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	1,414,311	0.0
47	11031390	Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn))	1,403,992	0.0
48	87032290	Other Motor cars Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cm³ but not exceeding 1 500 cm³:	1,338,427	0.0
49	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	1,276,108	0.0
50	39232940	Carrier bags, of other thermoplastic materials, with a thickness of 24 microns or more	1,259,560	0.0
Total Top 50			6,759,622,419	98.9
Other Goods			72,184,121	1.1
Total Goods			6,831,806,540	100.0

7.0 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.

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.