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Preface

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

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

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during April 2019. Changes in data for the corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments. The data for transactions which had deferred customs duty assessments at later stage after customs duty assessments have 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 report presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during April 2019.

Botswana's overall exports amounted to P5, 737.9 million, representing a decrease of 11.4 percent (P737.0 million) compared to the revised March 2019 value of P6, 474.9 million. On the other hand, imports stood at P6, 130.4 million, showing a rise of 6.3 percent (P361.7 million) from the revised March 2019 value of P5, 768.7 million. Subsequently, the country recorded a trade deficit of P392.5 million.

Belgium was the largest destination for Botswana's exports, having received 26.0 percent of total exports during the month under review. India and the United Arab Emirates followed with 22.9 percent and 20.4 percent respectively. Hong Kong, South Africa and Switzerland received 6.2 percent, 4.6 percent and 3.5 percent of total exports respectively. Botswana's exports were mostly destined to Asia during the month under review, accounting for 61.3 percent. The European Union (**EU**) as a region received 26.5 percent while the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) with 5.1 percent.

South Africa was the major source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 48.2 percent to the country's total imports. The United States of America (**USA**), Namibia and Canada, followed with contributions of 11.5 percent, 10.8 percent and 5.9 percent respectively. India and the Russian Federation also made significant contributions to the country's imports with 4.9 percent and 4.6 percent in that order. With regard to regional groupings, the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) contributed 59.2 percent to Botswana's imports during the month. Asia and the EU made contributions of 13.7 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively.

Botswana mostly exported Diamonds, with a share of 93.4 percent of total exports during the month. The Diamonds commodity group also dominated the country's imports, with a contribution of 37.7 percent of total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment made a contribution of 11.6 percent followed by Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with a contribution of 9.9 percent each. Fuel accounted for 9.8 percent of total imports during the month.

1.0 TOTAL TRADE

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

1.1 Data Revisions

Data revision is an important step towards improving the quality of statistical data. Revisions on trade data are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, with additional information from previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while in other cases are significant. Table A presents revised data for the months of February and March 2019, comparing figures as at the March 2019 Digest and the current situation.

February 2019 imports registered an increase of 0.1 percent (P4.2 million) from P6, 226.5 million recorded in the March report to P6, 230.7 million in April 2019. The revision is mainly associated with Fuel imports, which rose from P532.0 million at the time of compilation of the March 2019 digest, to P536.2 million during the current period.

March 2019 imports show a positive revision of P9.4 million. The review is attributed to Machinery & Electrical Equipment imports, which were revised from P722.2 million at the time of compilation of the March 2019 digest to P725.7 million during the current period. Fuel also rose from P583.4 million in the March 2019 digest to P586.7 million reported in the current digest.

March 2019 exports show a positive revision of P17.6 million. The review is mainly attributed to Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment exports, which were revised from P6, 047.0 million and P145.5 million at the time of compilation of March 2019 digest to P6, 052.0 million and P149.8 million respectively during April 2019.

Table A: Data Revision - February to March 2019 (Million Pula)

	As at N	Aarch 2019	Digest	As at April 2019 Digest				Difference	•	Differences 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	
Feb_19	6,226.5	3,413.3	(2,813.2)	6,230.7	3,413.5	(2,817.2)	4.2	0.2	(4.0)	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Mar_19	5,759.2	6,457.3	698.0	5,768.7	6,474.9	706.2	9.4	17.6	8.1	0.2	0.3	1.2	

() Denotes negative numbers

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued **C**ost, Insurance & **F**reight (**CIF**), which includes the cost of the commodity plus insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duty paid on arrival. Botswana's imports were valued at P6, 130.4 million, showing a rise of 6.3 percent (P361.7 million) from the revised March 2019 value of P5, 768.7 million. The increase was attributed to imports of Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment. Diamonds imports increased by 15.8 percent (P315.8 million) from P1, 994.7 million recorded during March 2019 to P2, 310.5 million registered during the current period. Vehicles & Transport Equipment recorded an increase of 60.7 percent (P229.8 million) from P378.8 million recorded for March 2019 to P608.5 million during April of the same year.

Comparison of imports value for April 2019 and April 2018 shows an increase of 31.2 percent (P1, 456.3 million) from P4, 674.1 million recorded in April 2018 to P6,130.4 million registered for April 2019. The rise in total imports was as a result of Diamonds imports, which increased by 62.2 percent (P886.1 million) from P1,424.3 million to P2,310.5 million. Vehicles & Transport Equipment also contributed to the increase as a result of a 68.1 percent (P246.5 million) rise from P362.0 million to P608.5 million. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Metals & Metals Products also registered increases of 29.6 percent (P162.3 million) from P548.8 million to P711.1 million and 73.4 percent (P152.3 million) from P207.5 million to P359.9 million.

1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's overall exports during April 2019 amounted to P5, 737.9 million, resulting in a decrease of 11.4 percent (P737.0 million) compared to the revised March 2019 value of P6, 474.9 million. The decline is mostly associated with the decline of 11.5 percent (P693.8 million) in Diamonds exports during April 2019 compared to the value recorded for the previous month as shown on **Table 2.2**.

Comparison of total exports value for April 2019 and April 2018 displays a rise of 6.1 percent (P329.1 million) in total exports from P5, 408.8 million recorded in April 2018. The rise in total exports was as a result of Diamonds exports, which increased by 9.0 percent (P442.0 million) during the current period.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana registered a trade deficit of P392.5 million during April 2019.

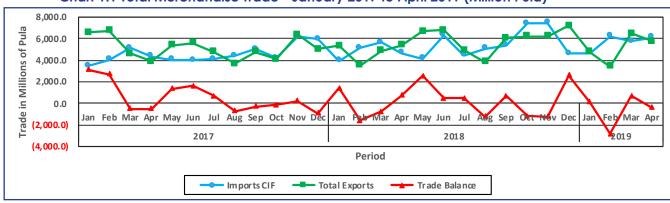


Chart 1.1 Total Merchandise Trade - January 2017 to April 2019 (Million Pula)

2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

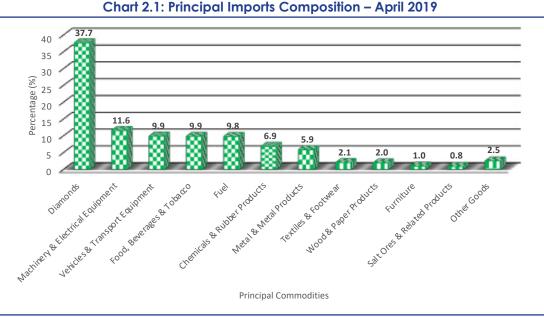
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Textiles & Footwear' which combines textiles and footwear articles; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines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

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

2.1 Principal Imports

During April 2019, Botswana received total imports amounting to P6, 130.4 million. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 37.7 percent (P2, 310.5 million), followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 11.6 percent (P711.1 million). Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco made a contribution of 9.9 percent each at values of P608.5 million and P604.4 million respectively. Fuel, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Metal & Metal Products made contributions of 9.8 percent (P600.6 million), 6.9 percent (P420.2 million) and 5.9 percent (P359.9 million) respectively.

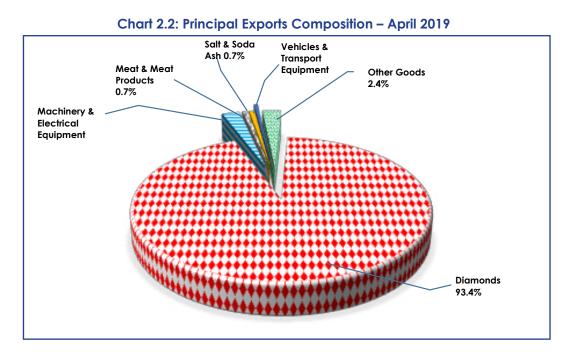
Contributions made by other commodities are shown in Table 2.1 and on Chart 2.1.



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

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for April 2019 were valued at P5, 737.9 million, with 93.4 percent (P5,358.2 million) attributed to Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment exports contributed 2.3 percent (P129.4million) to total exports during the period under review.



3.0 Direction of Trade

Direction of trade presents IMTS by the countries and regions that traded with Botswana during a particular period. Thus direction of trade is presented by last known destination for exports and country of origin for imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during April 2019 appear in Table 3.1A and Table 3.2A, respectively. Table 3.1B (imports) and Table 3.2B (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations, respectively, by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana received imports worth P6, 130.4 million during April 2019, and 59.2 percent (P3, 629.3 million) was sourced from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). The top most imported commodity from the SACU region was Diamonds, with a contribution of 21.0 percent (P761.9 million), tables 3.1 A & B. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel followed with contributions of 15.8 percent (P573.1 million) and 15.4 percent (P557.8 million) of total imports from the region respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment made a contribution of 12.9 percent (P468.7 million) to the overall total imports from SACU during April 2019.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports, with a contribution of 48.2 percent (P2, 956.9 million) to total imports during the month under review. Namibia contributed 10.8 percent (P665.0 million) to total imports during the same period. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the top most imported commodities from South Africa with contributions of 19.0 percent (P562.3 million) and 18.4 percent (P542.8 million), respectively to total imports from that country. The most imported commodity from Namibia was Diamonds, with a contribution of 95.7 percent (P636.4 million) of total imports from the country.

Asia was the second major source of imports into Botswana, having supplied imports worth P841.5 million, 13.7 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main commodities imported from Asia were Diamonds with a contribution of 53.1 percent (P446.6 million) of total imports from the region during April 2019, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Metals & Metals Products with contributions of 14.2 percent (P107.4 million) respectively.

India, Russian Federation and China were the main sources of imports from Asia having contributed 4.9 percent (P299.1 million), 4.6 percent (P280.0 million) and 1.7 percent (P106.8 million) respectively, of total imports during the period under review.

Imports worth P507.7 million were sourced from the EU, representing 8.3 percent of total imports during the current period. France, the United Kingdom and Belgium were the main sources of imports from the regional community, having contributed 3.7 percent (P228.7 million), 1.5 percent (P91.8 million) and 1.4 percent (P87.1 million) respectively to the total imports during the month under review.

The United States of America (USA), supplied imports valued at P702.5 million, representing 11.5 percent of total imports during the current period. Imports from the USA comprised mainly of Diamonds, with a contribution of 92.7 percent (P651.4 million) of total imports from that country.

Canada supplied Botswana with imports amounting to P363.1 million, representing 5.9 percent of total imports during April 2019. Imports from Canada constituted rough Diamonds, with a contribution of 99.6 percent (P361.7 million) of total imports from that country.

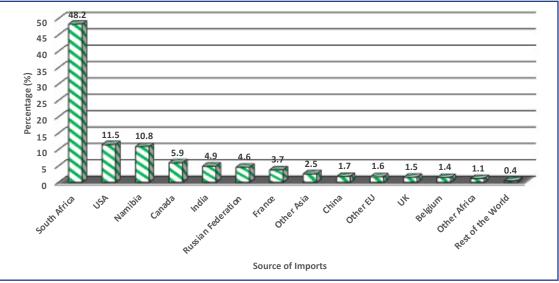


Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – April 2019

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Asia was Botswana's major exports destination during the period under review. The regional block received 61.3 percent (P3, 514.9 million) of total exports (P5, 737.9 million). India, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), and Israel received 22.9 percent (P1, 312.1 million), 20.4 percent (P1, 168.4 million) and 10.1 percent (P578.1 million) respectively of total exports during the month under review. Hong Kong received 6.2 percent (P356.4 million) of total exports during April 2019. The main commodity group exported to Asia was Diamonds, as seen from **Table 3.2B**.

The **EU** received exports valued at P1, 519.6 million, representing 26.5 percent of total exports during April 2019. Belgium was the main destination for exports to the **EU** countries, having received 26.0 percent (P1, 493.9 million) of total exports during the reporting period. All goods destined to Belgium were diamonds.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region amounted to P294.7 million, representing 5.1 percent of total exports. South Africa was the main destinations for exports to the customs union, having received exports accounting for 4.6 percent (P264.6 million) of total exports during the period under review. Machinery & Electrical Equipment group was the main commodity exported to the **SACU** region, representing 34.3 percent (P101.0 million) of all goods destined to the customs union.

Switzerland and the **USA** and Canada received 3.5 percent (P200.0 million) and 1.5 percent (P84.4 million) of total exports during April 2019. Exports to these countries consisted mainly of Diamonds.

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

30 26.0 25 22.9 20 Percentage (%) 15 10 3 5 5 1.7 1.0 04 0 Rest of the World Horekone SouthAfrica UAF Israel India other Afric Other EU Switzerlan other **Destination for Exports**

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

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

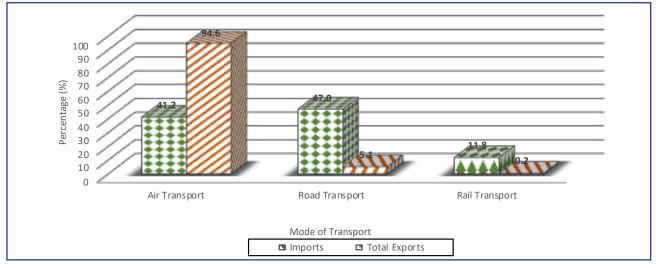
Imports amounting to P2, 880.5 million, representing 47.0 percent of total imports during April 2019 reached the country by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 41.2 percent (P2, 523.1 million) and 11.8 percent (P725.4 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 94.6 percent (P5, 429.5 million) of total exports were left the country by air. Road transport accounted for 5.1 percent (PP294.6)

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Flow Type	Impor	ts	Total Exports				
Mode of Transport	Value	%	Value	%			
Air Transport	2,523.1	41.2	5,429.5	94.6			
Road Transport	2,880.5	47.0	294.6	5.1			
Rail Transport	725.4	11.8	13.2	0.2			
Other Modes	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.0			
Total	6,130.4	100.0	5,737.9	100.0			

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

Chart 4.0: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transports – April 2019



5.0 ANNEXURE

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

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2017	3,459.3	3,296.1	161.7	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,131.9
Feb	4,037.7	3,864.2	172.5	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,762.9	2,725.3
Mar	5,132.7	4,909.3	220.8	2.6	4,508.4	117.2	4,625.7	(507.1)
Q1	12,629.7	12,069.6	555.0	5.0	17,648.6	331.2	17,979.8	5,350.1
Apr	4,369.1	4,215.7	152.1	1.3	3,891.2	0.0	3,891.2	(477.9)
May	4,064.0	3,901.5	161.2	1.3	5,410.4	0.0	5,410.4	1,346.4
Jun	4,007.2	3,850.0	156.1	1.1	5,629.3	0.2	5,629.5	1,622.2
Q2	12,440.3	11,967.2	469.3	3.7	14,930.8	0.2	14,931.1	2,490.8
Jul	4,082.8	3,909.8	171.9	1.1	4,751.8	0.4	4,752.2	669.4
Aug	4,417.1	4,238.9	177.3	1.0	3,700.9	1.9	3,702.8	(714.4)
Sep	5,032.4	4,835.9	195.6	1.0	4,752.7	1.8	4,754.5	(277.9)
Q3	13,532.3	12,984.6	544.7	3.0	13,205.4	4.0	13,209.4	(322.9)
Oct	4,227.1	4,018.4	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(118.1)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,960.8	5,747.4	212.0	1.5	5,044.3	3.2	5,047.5	(913.4)
Q4	16,343.4	15,691.6	647.8	4.1	15,534.6	13.0	15,547.6	(795.9)
Total_2017	54,945.7	52,713.0	2,216.8	15.9	61,319.4	348.4	61,667.8	6,722.1
Jan_2018	3,939.5	3,755.2	183.4	0.9	5,363.7	0.1	5,363.8	1,424.4
Feb	5,145.9	4,952.2	192.5	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,611.1)
Mar	5,667.9	5,460.1	206.6	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(771.5)
Q1	14,753.2	14,167.5	582.4	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.0	(958.2)
Apr	4,674.1	4,492.3	180.8	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	734.7
Мау	4,142.3	3,936.1	205.2	1.0	6,663.4	8.2	6,671.7	2,529.3
Jun	6,342.0	6,141.1	200.1	0.8	6,819.8	0.0	6,819.8	477.8
Q2	15,158.4	14,569.5	586.2	2.8	18,890.4	9.8	18,900.3	3,741.8
Jul	4,450.6	4,258.7	190.9	1.0	4,909.4	1.5	4,910.9	460.3
Aug	5,085.8	4,860.2	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,221.9)
Sep	5,386.1	5,163.8	220.7	1.6	6,057.4	0.5	6,057.8	671.8
Q3	14,922.5	14,282.7	636.2	3.6	14,830.5	2.1	14,832.6	(89.9)
Oct	7,392.3	7,146.0	244.9	1.4	6,212.9	2.3	6,215.2	(1,177.1)
Nov	7,450.1	7,189.2	258.6	2.2	6,231.4	0.7	6,232.1	(1,218.0)
Dec	4,608.8	4,377.4	230.4	1.1	7,220.0	0.0	7,220.0	2,611.2
Q4	19,451.2	18,712.6	733.9	4.7	19,664.3	3.0	19,667.3	216.1
Total_2018	64,285.4	61,732.2	2,538.8	14.4	67,176.0	19.3	67,195.3	2,909.9
Jan_2019	4,659.3	4,434.8	223.2	1.3	4,784.0	0.0	4,784.1	124.8
Feb	6,230.7	6,025.1	204.3	1.2	3,409.5	4.1	3,413.5	(2,817.2)
Mar	5,768.7	5,552.8	214.9	0.9	6,474.8	0.1	6,474.9	706.2
Q1	16,658.6	16,012.6	642.5	3.5	14,668.3	4.1	14,672.4	(1,986.2)
Apr	6,130.4	5,920.0	208.3	2.0	5,732.7	5.2	5,737.9	(392.5)

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2017	322.9	707.2	543.1	677.4	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	97.1	211.1	97.5	95.4	3,459.3
Feb	399.1	885.6	552.4	563.0	56.1	600.7	237.3	46.8	152.6	277.0	115.7	151.5	4,037.7
Mar	316.3	1,789.8	525.1	806.3	45.9	694.8	164.5	32.9	112.9	411.3	98.9	133.9	5,132.7
Q1	1,038.3	3,382.7	1,620.6	2,046.7	135.7	1,784.9	557.3	108.6	362.6	899.4	312.1	380.8	12,629.6
Apr	321.7	1,590.5	464.4	592.9	41.4	528.4	170.7	41.9	104.6	318.2	89.1	105.4	4,369.1
May	422.9	1,139.3	526.8	559.8	53.2	486.4	188.9	40.6	132.0	285.9	104.0	124.2	4,064.0
Jun	350.1	1,256.3	514.6	527.2	48.1	464.6	185.0	37.3	84.6	275.1	97.5	166.7	4,007.2
Q2	1,094.7	3,986.1	1,505.8	1,679.9	142.7	1,479.4	544.6	119.8	321.2	879.3	290.6	396.3	12,440.3
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.3	571.3	50.7	555.3	220.6	49.4	130.2	290.6	112.7	178.2	4,082.8
Aug	1,081.5	514.1	573.4	627.4	65.2	594.3	209.3	43.5	152.4	267.1	131.4	157.5	4,417.0
Sep	489.9	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	134.1	389.9	125.1	171.5	5,032.4
Q3	1,964.3	3,014.8	1,706.8	1,788.2	168.0	1,865.8	645.4	138.3	416.8	947.6	369.3	507.2	13,532.2
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	186.0	4,227.1
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.8	160.7	207.5	6,155.5
Dec	483.0	1,738.9	693.0	1,185.1	67.5	665.7	218.6	43.2	128.2	403.3	138.7	195.3	5,960.8
Q4	1,562.4	4,035.2	2,061.1	2,581.7	202.4	2,101.2	725.4	135.1	479.9	1,435.3	434.9	588.9	16,343.5
Total_2017	5,659.7	14,418.7	6,894.2	8,096.5	648.8	7,231.3	2,472.7	501.7	1,580.4	4,161.6	1,406.9	1,873.1	54,945.6
Jan_2018	396.2	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.2	293.6	110.6	148.7	3,939.5
Feb	424.7	1,597.8	619.8	606.1	60.0	681.2	215.7	34.1	127.8	473.5	123.1	182.2	5,145.9
Mar	431.2	1,904.0	661.0	676.0	67.8	707.3	230.0	48.3	155.9	478.6	138.8	168.8	5,667.9
Q1	1,252.1	4,280.8	1,909.5	1,925.8	163.0	2,005.7	605.1	124.5	369.0	1,245.7	372.5	499.7	14,753.2
Apr	403.2	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	548.8	207.5	40.3	138.7	362.0	118.6	192.0	4,674.1
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.4	54.0	122.4	362.3	142.0	187.8	4,142.3
Jun	439.5	2,720.7	595.2	654.7	69.7	661.7	274.2	45.2	126.8	484.5	111.8	158.1	6,342.0
Q2	1,336.7	4,571.2	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.7	1,874.4	723.2	139.5	387.9	1,208.8	372.4	537.9	15,158.4
Jul	447.6	973.9	590.5	665.4	50.4	607.4	227.5	38.3	134.4	412.0	117.9	185.3	4,450.6
Aug	507.5	1,015.0	676.3	728.8	68.9	772.0	260.4	45.7	158.7	484.0	117.3	251.3	5,085.8
Sep	494.8	1,366.6	656.0	756.2	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.8	138.6	170.6	5,386.1
Q3	1,449.8	3,355.5	1,922.8	2,150.4	186.2	2,250.5	745.0	147.5	457.0	1,276.9	373.7	607.3	14,922.5
Oct	604.6	2,835.3	756.6	891.4	81.8	824.1	272.4	63.8	211.5	510.0	158.2	182.6	7,392.3
Nov	601.5	2,718.3	829.6	844.9	85.2	849.4	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.1	153.3	209.6	7,450.1
Dec	478.8	370.2	641.1	741.1	61.1	620.3	225.5	48.6	141.0	529.7	148.1	603.2	4,608.8
Q4	1,684.9	5,923.8	2,227.4	2,477.4	228.1	2,293.9	836.4	178.3	571.3	1,574.8	459.6	995.4	19,451.2
Total_2018	5,723.4	18,131.3	7,914.4	8,513.6	769.0	8,424.4	2,909.6	589.8	1,785.2	5,306.1	1,578.2	2,640.3	64,285.4
Jan_2019	441.6	800.3	690.8	592.5	47.3	614.5	240.1	50.9	95.8	763.6	103.3	218.7	4,659.3
Feb	501.4	2,485.0	633.7	536.2	56.8	634.0	268.3	47.4	137.5	647.5	119.6	163.4	6,230.7
Mar	482.4	1,994.7	699.1	586.7	66.9	725.7	306.2	52.4	161.1	378.8	129.3	185.5	5,768.7
Q1	1,425.5	5,280.0	2,023.5	1,715.4	170.9	1,974.2	814.6	150.8	394.3	1,789.8	352.2	567.6	16,658.6
Apr	420.2	2,310.5	604.4	600.6	62.0	711.1	359.9	51.4	126.2	608.5	120.4	155.3	6,130.4
% Distribution													
2017	10.3	26.2	12.5	14.7	1.2	13.2	4.5	0.9	2.9	7.6	2.6	3.4	100.0
2018	8.9	28.2	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.3	2.5	4.1	100.0
Mar_2019	8.4	34.6	12.1	10.2	1.2	12.6	5.3	0.9	2.8	6.6	2.2	3.2	100.0
Apr_2019	6.9	37.7	9.9	9.8	1.0	11.6	5.9	0.8	2.1	9.9	2.0	2.5	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to April 2019 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.6	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.2
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.8	17.1	181.6	17.8	17.4	64.8	17.8	34.1	52.1	6,762.9
Mar	0.2	4,256.6	34.1	4.5	10.1	136.1	33.2	21.6	35.6	12.3	25.1	56.4	4,625.7
Q1	2.4	16,529.4	72.0	9.9	35.8	527.7	82.8	53.0	179.9	42.6	284.7	159.8	17,979.8
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.7	45.0	9.4	41.2	14.4	25.5	56.1	3,891.2
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	13.1	87.6	65.0	5,410.4
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.5	12.9	14.3	50.9	5,629.5
Q2	15.0	13,682.6	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.7	40.4	127.4	172.0	14,931.1
Jul	9.2	4,251.1	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.7	14.6	22.9	57.0	4,752.2
Aug	1.6	3,246.3	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.4	104.0	15.5	56.9	13.7	32.9	61.1	3,702.8
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	14.5	138.8	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	21.0	73.7	4,754.5
Q3	14.3	11,721.5	120.8	9.0	42.1	392.4	330.9	63.4	200.4	46.0	76.8	191.8	13,209.4
Oct	4.6	3,607.5	16.0	3.0	15.0	182.0	91.7	20.4	47.6	17.9	27.4	76.1	4,109.1
Nov	3.2 1.5	5,747.1 4,615.8	41.1	3.0	29.1	226.1	127.6 58.5	24.6	52.0 58.2	18.1	21.4 39.6	97.7 80.3	6,391.0 5,047.5
Dec Q4	9.2	13,970.4	36.1 93.2	2.8 8.8	10.5 54.5	113.5 521.5	277.8	13.6 58.7	157.8	17.1 53.1	88.3	254.2	15,547.6
Total_2017	40.9	55,904.0	372.2	37.7	168.3	1,849.7	886.3	230.3	641.8	182.1	577.2	777.7	61,667.8
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	230.3	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.8
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.2	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	38.1	89.7	4,896.4
Q1	6.1	12,344.7	84.8	8.3	48.9	443.4	203.7	62.5	190.1	54.4	121.0	227.1	13,795.0
Apr	0.3	4,916.1	49.6	2.9	13.3	127.5	60.4	20.7	55.0	18.6	50.0	94.4	5,408.8
May	4.3	6,059.7	42.1	2.2	13.1	187.8	75.7	24.9	63.9	24.6	43.1	130.4	6,671.7
Jun	14.8	6,277.5	41.8	2.3	12.8	114.4	141.2	20.8	33.9	18.2	34.1	108.3	6,819.8
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	333.1	18,900.3
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	24.4	79.1	4,910.9
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	30.4	82.2	6,057.8
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	83.4	266.6	14,832.7
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.0	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.2	6,215.2
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	25.9	98.3	116.1	6,232.1
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	85.3	8.6	51.8	18.3	34.9	104.8	7,220.0
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	509.9	213.8	59.7	174.8	67.6	276.6	375.1	19,667.3
Total_2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,937.7	969.7	246.5	885.1	233.6	608.1	1,201.9	67,195.3
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	7.8	53.4	13.6	22.1	131.6	4,784.1
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.0	39.3	9.8	44.6	14.2	19.5	79.3	3,413.5
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.0	149.8	21.4	13.5	54.5	13.0	44.0	85.7	6,474.9
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.3	324.9	93.0	31.0	152.4	40.9	85.5	296.6	14,672.4
Apr	0.1	5,358.2	15.7	1.0	11.5	129.4	41.7	13.5	42.5	13.2	29.8	81.2	5,737.9
% Distribution													
2017	0.1	90.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.0	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	100.0
2018	0.1	89.9	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.8	100.0
Mar_19	0.0	93.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.3	100.0
Apr_19	0.0	93.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.4	100.0

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

Flow Type			Impo	orts					Total Ex	ports		
Period \HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1,410.9	78.4	1,789.9	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,665.6	574.4	4,256.6
Q1	834.4	4.5	0.0	2,420.7	123.1	3,382.7	10.5	57.6	0.0	15,441.2	1,020.2	16,529.4
Apr	654.5	511.5	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,590.5	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,131.2	395.8	3,556.1
Мау	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.3	4,965.7
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	209.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	5,160.8
Q2	1,628.8	511.6	0.0	1,339.3	506.3	3,986.1	20.4	508.3	0.0	11,929.9	1,224.0	13,682.6
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	204.9	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,251.1
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	128.3	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,246.3
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1,395.2	103.4	1,500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3,718.4	492.1	4,224.2
Q3	645.8	1.5	0.0	1,981.6	385.9	3,014.8	0.0	347.0	0.0	9,705.4	1,669.2	11,721.5
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	196.5	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,607.5
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	133.9	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,747.1
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
Q4	1,315.0	0.7	0.0	2,244.3	475.3	4,035.2	0.0	336.1	0.0	11,958.8	1,675.5	13,970.4
Total_2017	4,423.9	518.3	0.0	7,985.9	1,490.6	14,418.8	30.9	1,248.9	0.0	49,035.3	5,588.9	55,904.0
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
Mar	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
Q1	998.9	1.9	0.0	2,907.7	372.3	4,280.8	117.8	10.5	0.0	10,834.5	1,381.9	12,344.7
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,058.1	133.6	1,424.3	0.0	3.7	0.0	4,443.3	469.1	4,916.1
Мау	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	297.5	426.2	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,295.7	433.1	2,720.7	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	807.2	6,277.5
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	864.3	4,571.2	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.4	17,253.3
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	96.0	973.8	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	143.9	1,015.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	247.0	1,366.7	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	486.9	3,355.5	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,242.1	387.5	2,835.3	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,167.4	308.2	2,718.3	0.0	13.1	0.0	4,492.7	1,090.7	5,596.6
Dec	0.0	0.1	0.0	119.0	251.2	370.2	0.0	19.7	0.0	5,922.3	805.4	6,747.4
Q4	1,447.6	0.8	0.0	3,528.5	946.9	5,923.8	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total_2018	5,252.3	5.2	0.0	10,203.5	2,670.3	18,131.3	128.1	83.9	0.0	51,508.6	8,690.5	60,411.1
Jan_2019	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	368.4	2,485.0	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,280.5	423.9	1,994.7	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,558.3	1,100.3	5,280.0	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,084.6	2,310.5	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,573.4	777.9	5,358.2

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – April 2019 (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	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	358.9	125.4	562.3	542.8	54.1	467.9	206.6	47.0	110.9	259.8	101.0	120.2	2,956.9
Namibia	0.5	636.4	5.9	15.0	0.0	0.9	0.6	3.4	0.1	2.0	0.1	0.1	665.0
Swaziland	0.3	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	6.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
SACU	359.7	761.9	573.1	557.8	54.1	468.7	207.2	50.4	111.9	261.8	102.4	120.4	3,629.3
Zimbabwe	0.8	0.0	11.4	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	2.2	0.2	18.6
Zambia	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	9.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	17.8
Other SADC	0.0	2.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.3	10.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	23.3
SADC	360.5	764.0	592.8	562.7	54.6	473.6	228.9	51.3	111.9	263.3	104.7	120.6	3,689.0
Other Africa	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Africa	360.6	764.0	592.9	562.7	54.6	474.3	228.9	51.3	111.9	263.3	104.7	120.6	3,689.9
India	33.0	134.9	1.5	23.2	0.0	7.2	93.4	0.0	1.7	0.5	1.3	2.3	299.1
Russian Federation	0.0	279.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	280.0
China	5.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	5.1	73.0	6.4	0.0	3.6	1.7	3.4	8.1	106.8
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.4	0.0	2.4	38.2
Hong Kong	0.1	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	18.1	0.5	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	32.2
Other Asia	34.7	436.0	3.1	37.9	0.0	28.4	100.5	0.0	2.4	7.1	8.5	5.7	85.2
Asia	40.0	446.6	3.5	37.9	5.2	119.7	107.4	0.0	8.3	44.2	12.0	16.6	841.5
France	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	222.8	0.0	0.8	228.7
UK	2.8	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.5	55.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	29.7	0.4	0.5	91.8
Belgium	0.1	86.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.1
Germany	6.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	11.2	0.8	0.0	4.6	10.7	1.8	13.3	50.4
Other EU	9.6	0.3	2.3	0.0	0.5	78.3	18.9	0.1	1.0	254.8	1.7	2.6	370.2
EU	16.4	86.7	2.5	0.0	1.7	89.9	19.7	0.1	5.7	265.5	3.5	16.0	507.7
USA	2.6	651.4	3.6	0.0	0.4	12.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	30.2	0.3	1.3	702.5
Canada	0.1	361.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	363.1
Canada Rest of the World	0.1 0.5	361.7 0.0	0.0 1.8	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	1.2 13.8	0.0 3.5	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 5.3	0.0 0.0	0.1 0.6	363.1 25.7

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

Partner / HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.1	4.2	19.0	18.4	1.8	15.8	7.0	1.6	3.8	8.8	3.4	4.1	100.0
Namibia	0.1	95.7	0.9	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	4.5	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.5	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	9.9	21.0	15.8	15.4	1.5	12.9	5.7	1.4	3.1	7.2	2.8	3.3	100.0
Zimbabwe	4.2	0.0	61.1	0.0	2.5	2.6	12.2	3.6	0.1	0.7	12.1	0.9	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	34.3	0.0	0.0	11.9	50.9	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.4	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	9.2	9.8	0.0	0.0	10.0	44.7	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
SADC	9.8	20.7	16.1	15.3	1.5	12.8	6.2	1.4	3.0	7.1	2.8	3.3	100.0
Other Africa	14.7	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	74.8	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.3	2.1	1.9	100.0
Africa	9.8	20.7	16.1	15.2	1.5	12.9	6.2	1.4	3.0	7.1	2.8	3.3	100.0
India	11.0	45.1	0.5	7.8	0.0	2.4	31.2	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	100.0
Russian Federation	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	4.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	4.7	68.3	6.0	0.0	3.3	1.6	3.2	7.6	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.6	0.0	6.4	100.0
Hong Kong	0.2	32.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	56.2	1.5	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.1	1.2	100.0
Other Asia	5.2	65.6	0.5	5.7	0.0	4.3	15.1	0.0	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.9	100.0
Asia	4.7	53.1	0.4	4.5	0.6	14.2	12.8	0.0	1.0	5.3	1.4	2.0	100.0
France	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.4	0.0	0.3	100.0
UK	3.0	0.4	1.6	0.0	0.5	60.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	32.4	0.5	0.5	100.0
Belgium	0.2	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Germany	13.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.4	22.1	1.6	0.0	9.2	21.2	3.5	26.5	100.0
Other EU	2.6	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	21.2	5.1	0.0	0.3	68.8	0.4	0.7	100.0
EU	3.2	17.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	17.7	3.9	0.0	1.1	52.3	0.7	3.2	100.0
USA	0.4	92.7	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.2	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Rest of the World	0.4	89.5	0.8	0.0	0.1	3.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.3	100.0
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Table 3.2 A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – April 2019 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.1	19.0	0.0	1.0	9.4	95.4	22.0	11.5	34.2	11.2	12.7	48.1	264.6
Namibia	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.5	0.1	0.8	0.0	1.1	5.7	6.9	29.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
SACU	0.1	28.2	0.0	1.0	10.1	101.0	22.1	12.3	34.2	12.3	18.4	55.0	294.7
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	11.2	0.0	0.9	2.9	0.1	8.2	7.8	31.6
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.3	0.0	0.1	5.3	0.3	2.2	4.8	19.5
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	4.6	6.7
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	1.9	1.0	3.0	0.1	8.3	10.4	39.3
SADC	0.1	28.2	0.0	1.0	11.1	123.1	24.0	13.5	42.5	13.1	29.2	74.2	360.2
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
Africa	0.1	28.2	0.0	1.0	11.1	123.1	24.0	13.5	42.5	13.2	29.3	74.5	360.7
India	0.0	1,311.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,312.1
UAE	0.0	1,168.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,168.4
Israel	0.0	578.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	578.1
Hong Kong	0.0	356.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	356.4
Viet Nam	0.0	51.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.7
Other Asia	0.0	3,105.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	48.3
Asia	0.0	3,514.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3,514.9
Belgium	0.0	1,493.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1,493.9
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.3
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	7.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.5
EU	0.0	1,493.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.0	1,519.6
Switzerland	0.0	184.3	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	200.0
USA	0.0	80.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	84.4
Canada	0.0	57.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.1
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.2
Rest of the World	0.0	265.2	15.7	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	284.4
Total	0.1	5,358.2	15.7	1.0	11.5	129.4	41.7	13.5	42.5	13.2	29.8	81.2	5,737.9

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

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.0	7.2	0.0	0.4	3.6	36.1	8.3	4.4	12.9	4.2	4.8	18.2	100.0
Namibia	0.0	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	18.7	0.2	2.8	0.0	3.8	19.1	23.3	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.6	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.4	35.6	100.0
SACU	0.0	9.6	0.0	0.3	3.4	34.3	7.5	4.2	11.6	4.2	6.2	18.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	35.5	0.0	2.9	9.2	0.2	25.9	24.6	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	32.4	0.0	0.7	27.2	1.4	11.2	24.5	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	6.9	5.1	68.8	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.0	4.9	2.6	7.6	0.3	21.1	26.5	100.0
SADC	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.3	3.1	34.2	6.7	3.8	11.8	3.6	8.1	20.6	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	11.8	17.9	60.6	100.0
Africa	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.3	3.1	34.1	6.7	3.8	11.8	3.7	8.1	20.7	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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
Viet Nam	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	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	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
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
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	98.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.8	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	68.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	8.2	100.0
EU	0.0	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	92.2	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	95.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	100.0
Canada	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
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	87.5	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	93.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Total	0.0	93.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.4	100.0

6.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana, and uses the General Trade system. International Merchandise Trade refers to external trade in goods only. International Service Trade Statistics (ISTS) are however not compiled by this section. The primary source of international merchandise trade data is the Customs & Excise Division at the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). The Customs & Excise Division is responsible for data capture for both computerised and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Imports are valued CIF (cost, insurance & freight), while exports are valued FOB (free on board). The value of imports includes transport and insurance costs to the importing country. The Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country.

6.1 Time of Recording of Trade

IMTS is compiled using date of recording of trade as opposed to date of assessment of goods by customs. This means that as goods cross the border, trade is recorded and this is the reference month for compilation of IMTS. Some of these goods may however be held by customs for some time pending final assessment for tax or duty purposes.

If the final assessment is done later, for example two or three months, or even more, after the goods had crossed the border, the affected trade will then update trade for the particular month when the goods crossed the border, therefore it does not form part of trade for the month during which the final assessment was done. This is mostly common with imports. Revision of data for the month preceding the one under review will normally show high values as compared to revisions for other months due to more goods (from the previous month) being released after final assessment.

6.2 Concepts and Definitions

- *i.* **Domestic Exports:** These are goods originating from the compiling country, being permanently exported out of the country for consumption in the outside world. This includes products from customs inwards processing; for example, if a country imports wheat, processes the wheat into bread flour and exports the bread flour and by products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.
- ii. Re Exports: These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.
- iii. Total exports: This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports
- *iv. Imports:* These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.
- v. Trade Balance (Net Export): This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

6.3 Exclusions from IMTS

- i. Goods in Transit This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country.
- **ii. Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched -** These are goods that, at the time of admission/dispatch, are intended to stay in the receiving country temporarily and that after their stay they will be returned in the same state. These goods include display equipment for trade fairs and exhibitions, commercial samples, means of transport, containers, equipment for working, etc.
- iii. Monetary Gold- This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.
- iv. Issued banknotes and securities and coins in circulation-These goods represent evidence of financial claims and are excluded from IMTS

The above list of exclusions from IMTS is, however, not exhaustive and only a few that are common, simple, straightforward and easy to understand have been picked as examples.