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Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during May 2017.

The current Monthly Digest follows the same format as the previous ones, presenting summaries of Total Merchandise Trade from January 2015 to May 2017 as presented in **Table 1**. This is the only table that distinguishes domestic exports from re-exports, other tables show total exports, which is the sum of the two (domestic exports and re-exports).

Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports. **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. Direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports), presenting Principal Commodity groups by partner country and region for May 2017. **Tables 3.1B** and **3.2B** give direction of trade for Principal Commodity groups by individual countries and regions as a percentage of total trade for imports and exports respectively during the month under review. **Table B** displays trade by mode of transport for both imports and exports.

Five graphical presentations appear in this digest. **Chart 1.1** shows imports, total exports and trade balance from January 2015 to May 2017. **Charts 2.1** and **2.2** show Principal Commodity groups for imports and exports respectively, for May 2017. **Charts 3.1** and **3.2** show imports and exports by major trading partner countries and regions for the month under review.

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1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade as presented in this section refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance.

1.1 Data Revision

There were no data revisions recorded for both Imports and exports during the period following the release of April 2017 digest up to the release of May 2017 digest.

1.2 Imports

Discussions on imports are based on cost, insurance and freight (**CIF**) value and associated figures are presented on **Table 1** and **Table 2.1**. During May 2017, total imports were valued at P4, 247.3 million showing a decrease of 17.9 percent (P924.0 million) from the April 2017 value of P5, 171.3 million. This decrease was mainly attributed to the decrease of 31.6 percent (P551.5 million) in Diamonds imports from P1, 746.7 million in April 2017 to P1, 195.1 million in May 2017. Machinery & Electrical Equipment also contributed to the decrease, having recorded a decrease of 29.3 percent (P195.6 million) from P667.4 million during April 2017 to P471.8 million in May 2017. Fuel recorded a decrease of 22.4 percent (P186.2 million) from P829.6 million during April 2017 to P643.4 million during the month under review.

Comparison of imports for May 2017 and May 2016 shows a decrease of 9.9 percent (P465.8 million), from P4, 713.1 million recorded during May 2016 to P4, 247.3 million recorded during the reference month. The decrease was mainly due to the 37.2 percent (P381.8 million) decrease in imports of Fuel, from P1, 025.2 million during May 2016 to P643.4 million in May 2017. Machinery & Electrical Equipment also decreased by 38.0 percent (P289.6 million), from P761.4 million during May 2016 to P471.8 million during the month under review.

1.3 Total Exports

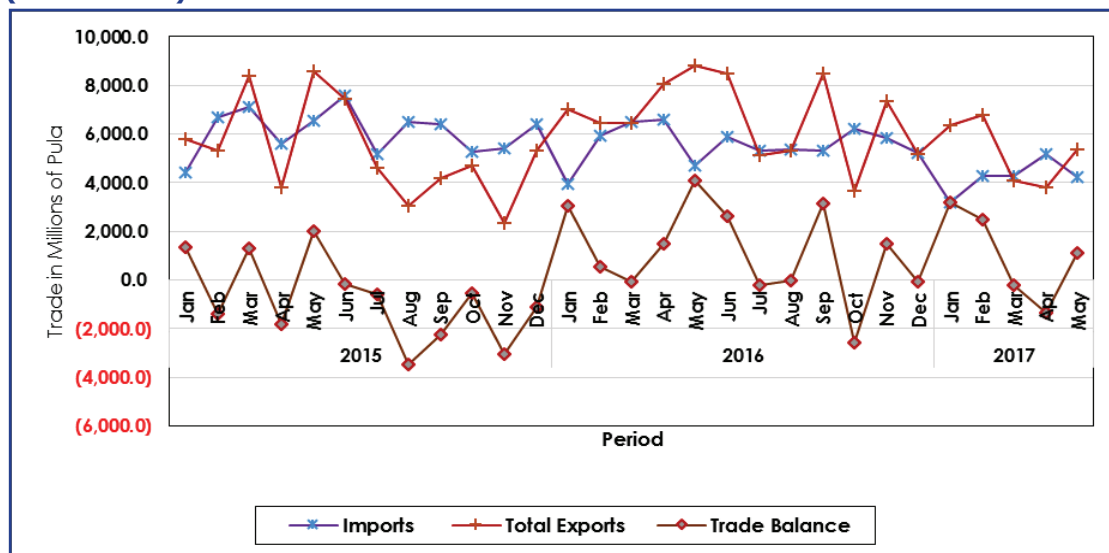
May 2017 total exports were valued at P5, 381.7 million, showing an increase of 41.5 percent (P1, 577.1 million) from the April 2017 value of P3, 804.6 million. This increase is mainly due to a rise of 41.3 percent (P1, 459.6 million) in diamond exports, from P3, 531.1 million in April 2017 to P4, 990.7 million in May 2017 (**Table 2.2**).

The total exports value for May 2017, compared to that of the same month in 2016 shows a decrease of 38.9 percent (P3, 430.7 million) from P8, 812.4 million to P5, 381.7 million. The decrease is mainly attributed to the drop in exports of diamonds, which fell by 37.2 percent (P2, 959.7 million) from P7, 950.4 million in May 2016 to P4, 990.7 million during the period under review. Copper & Nickel also registered a decrease of 97.5 percent (P259.2 million) from P265.7 million in May 2016 to P6.5 million reported in the current month (**Table 2.2**).

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P1, 134.5 million in May 2017. The trade surplus was influenced by the high value of diamond exports while imports of the same commodity recorded a low value.

Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to May 2017 (Million Pula)



2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters, for example; “*Machinery & Electrical Equipment*” which combines machines and electrical appliances; “*Vehicles & Transport Equipment*” which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

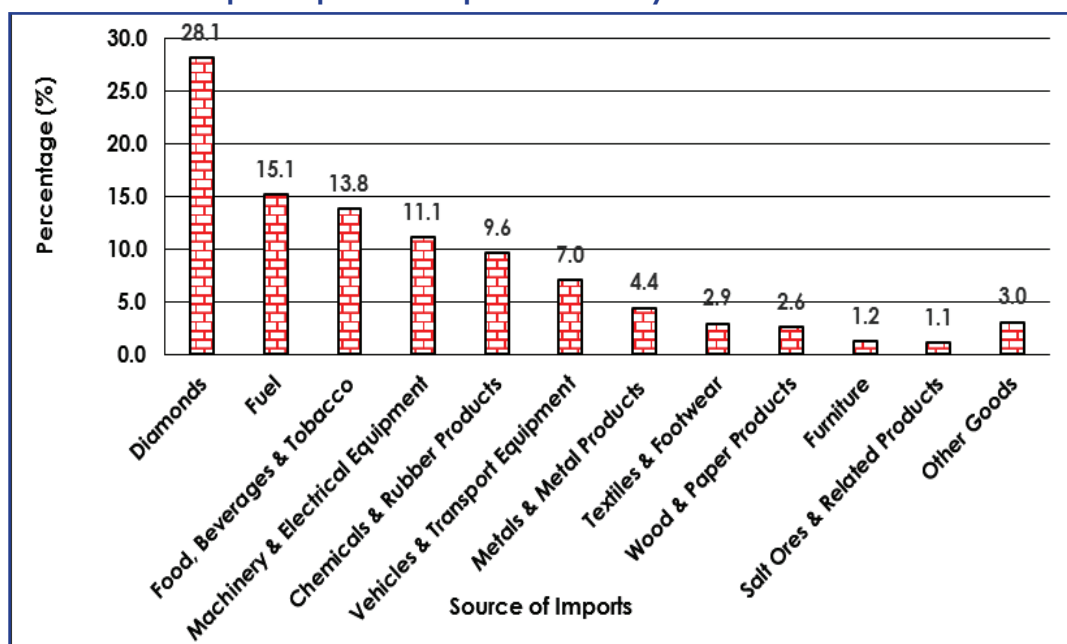
In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups’ contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called “*Other*”.

2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear on **Table 2.1**, covering January 2015 to May 2017. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals of 2015, 2016 as well as April 2017 and May 2017. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity Groups for May 2017.

During May 2017, composition of imports by principal commodities shows that *Diamonds* contributed the most to total imports (P4, 247.3 million), with 28.1 percent (P1, 195.1 million), followed by *Fuel* with 15.1 percent (P643.4 million). *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* and *Machinery & Electrical Equipment* contributed 13.8 percent at P585.5 million and 11.1 percent at P471.8 million respectively. The other commodity groups which contributed significantly were *Chemicals & Rubber Products* with 9.6 percent (P408.4 million) and *Vehicles & Transport Equipment* with 7.0 percent (P298.8 million). Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during May 2017 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – May 2017



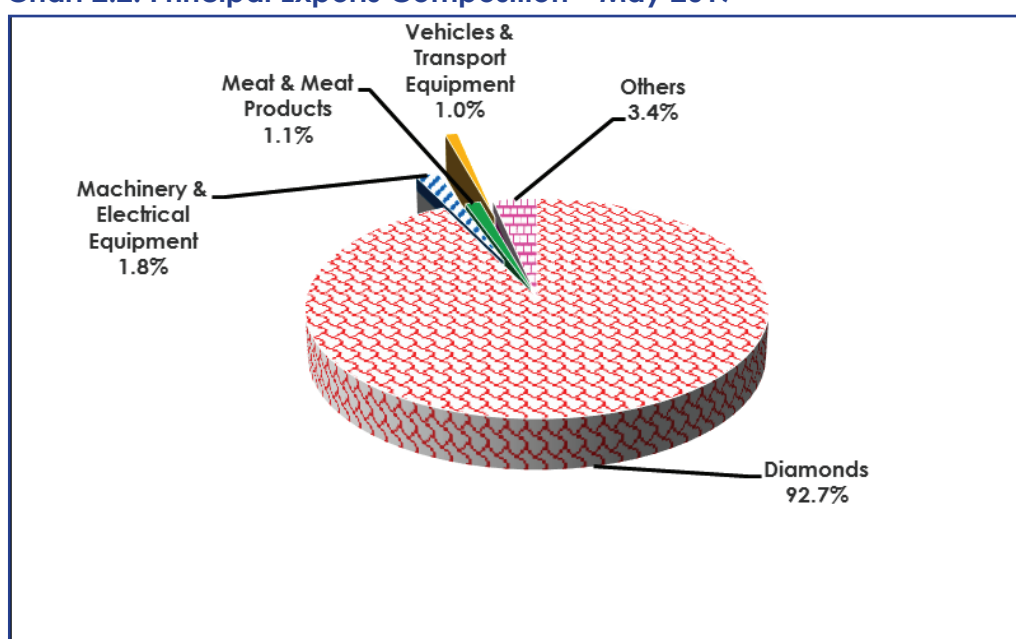
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for May 2017 were valued at P5, 381.7 million, with 92.7 percent (P4, 990.7 million) attributed to exports of *Diamonds*.

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed on **Table 2.2**, while **Chart 2.2** gives graphical presentation for May 2017.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – May 2017



3.0 DIRECTION OF TRADE

Direction of trade gives imports by source while exports are presented by last known destination. 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 May 2017 appear on **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A** respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) display 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

Discussions that follow relate to imports at both region and partner country level as displayed in **Chart 3.1** and **Tables 3.1 A and B**.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana during May 2017, accounting for 84.6 percent (P3, 594.0 million) of total imports. South Africa was the main source of imports during the month, having contributed 64.5 percent (P2, 739.1 million) to total imports. Namibia contributed 19.8 percent (P843.0 million) to total imports during the month under review.

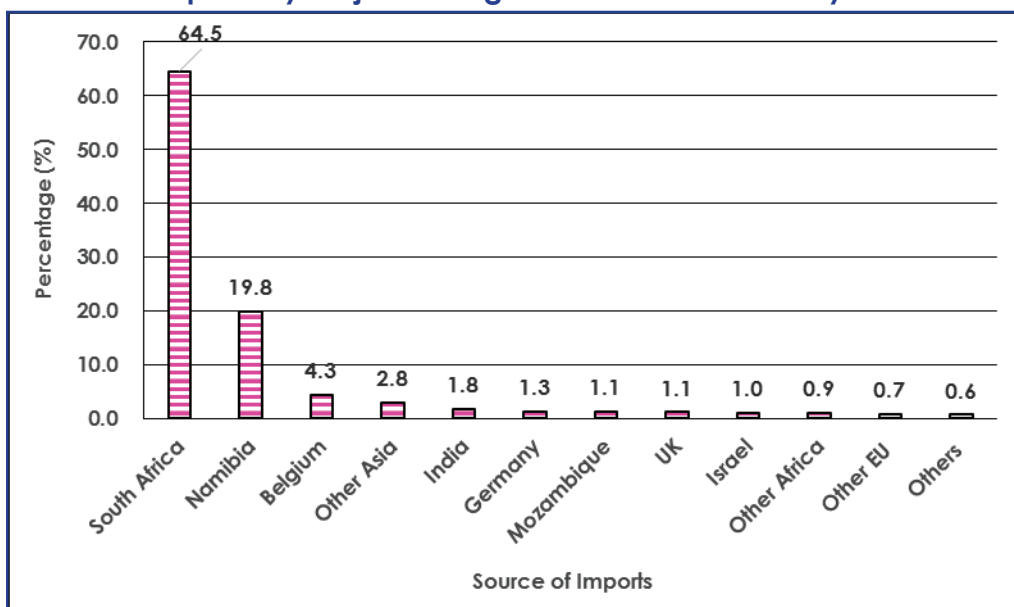
The major commodities imported from South Africa were; Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 21.2 percent (P580.2 million) and 17.6 percent (P483.1 million) respectively to total imports from that country. These were followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 13.1 percent (P357.8 million) and 11.0 percent (P300.2 million) respectively.

The European Union (**EU**) contributed imports valued at P312.4 million, representing 7.4 percent of total imports during the month. Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom (**UK**) were the main contributors to imports sourced from **EU**, with 4.3 percent (P183.3 million), 1.3 percent (P53.3 million) and 1.1 percent (P47.8 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review. The main commodity imported from Belgium was Diamonds, making 82.9 percent (P152.0 million) of all imports sourced from that country.

Asia supplied imports valued at P238.0 million, accounting for 5.6 percent of total imports during May 2017. India and Israel respectively supplied 1.8 percent (P76.1 million) and 1.0 percent (P42.0 million) of total imports during the same month.

Chart 3.1 gives the graphical presentation of imports by major trading partner countries and regions during May 2017.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries - May 2017



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

Discussions under this sub-section are based on Tables **3.2 A** and **B**.

During May 2017, exports destined to Asia were valued at P3, 262.9 million, representing 60.6 percent of total exports (P5, 381.7 million). India and the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) received exports representing 17.7 percent (P950.9 million) and 16.9 percent (P911.8 million) respectively, during the month under review. Singapore, Israel and Hong Kong followed with 10.0 percent (P539.3 million), 9.5 percent (P512.6 million) and 4.8 percent (P257.6 million) respectively, of total exports during May 2017.

The major commodity exported to Asia was Diamonds, representing 99.8 percent (P3, 257.2 million) of all goods exported to that region.

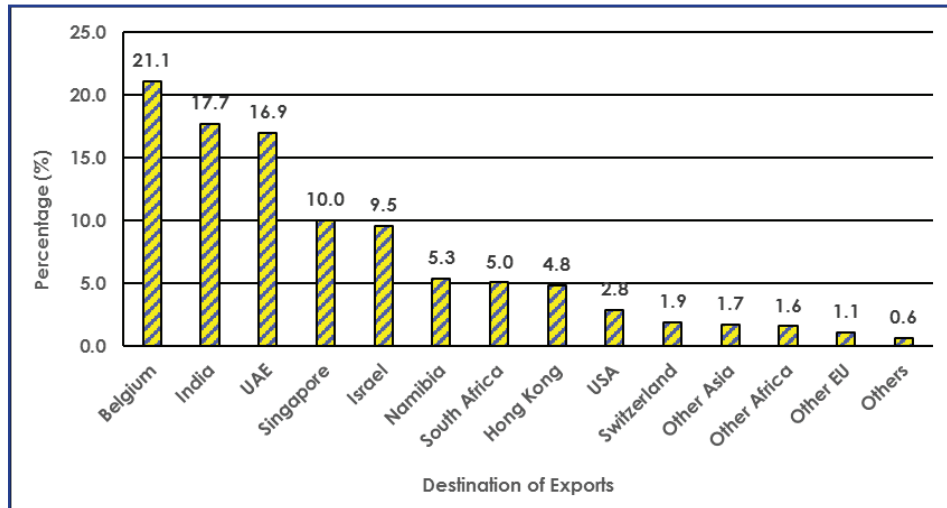
The **EU** region received exports valued at P1, 190.5 million, representing 22.1 percent of total exports during the period under review. Belgium was the main destination of exports to the EU, having received 21.1 percent (P1, 133.6 million) of total exports during May 2017, mainly attributed to exports of Diamonds.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region were valued at P558.9 million, representing 10.4 percent of total exports (P5, 381.7 million) for the month. Namibia and South Africa received exports accounting for 5.3 percent (P287.0 million) and 5.0 percent (P271.2 million) respectively, of total exports during the same period. The major commodity exported to Namibia was Diamonds, representing 91.2 percent (P261.7 million) of total exports to the country.

The United States of America (**USA**) and Switzerland received 2.8 percent (P152.0 million) and 1.9 percent (P100.5 million) respectively. The major commodity exported to the **USA** and Switzerland was Diamonds, representing 99.7 percent (P151.5 million) and 70.6 percent (P70.9 million) of total exports to the respective countries, during the month under review (**Table 3.2A**).

Other destinations for exports can be observed on **Tables 3.2 A** and **B**. **Chart 3.2** gives the graphical presentation of exports by major destination countries and regions for May 2017.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – May 2017



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The mode of transport here refers to the means of transporting goods in and out of Botswana. The main mode of transport for Botswana international merchandise trade are Road, Air and Rail. Statistics relating to mode of transport is presented in **Table B**. During May 2017, Road transport accounted for almost two thirds of the goods imported into Botswana in value terms. Imports valued at P2, 742.4 million, representing 64.6 percent of total imports during May 2017 reached Botswana borders by road. Air and Rail accounted for 30.0 percent (P1, 276.1 million) and 4.7 percent (P198.1 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

Botswana Exports mainly use Air as a means of transport when considering the value of exported commodities. The value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported by air. During May 2017, Air Transport accounted for 93.8 percent (P5, 047.6 million) of total exports out of Botswana. Road transport accounted for 5.4 percent (P288.7 million) of total exports during the month under review (**Table B**).

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport, Value and Percentage Distribution- May 2017 (Million Pula)

Period	May_17			
	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	198.1	4.7	36.9	0.7
Road Transport	2,742.4	64.6	288.7	5.4
Air Transport	1,276.1	30.0	5,047.6	93.8
Others	30.6	0.7	8.5	0.2
Total	4,247.3	100.0	5,381.7	100.0

Note: Others; Other modes of transport not specified in the Table

5.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to May 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2015	4,440.2	4,225.9	213.1	1.2	4,256.4	1,525.9	5,782.3	1,342.1
Feb	6,708.4	6,491.0	216.6	0.7	5,099.8	195.7	5,295.4	(1,412.9)
Mar	7,119.7	6,860.2	258.6	1.0	8,147.4	261.2	8,408.6	1,288.9
Q1	18,268.2	17,577.1	688.2	2.9	17,503.6	1,982.8	19,486.3	1,218.1
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,059.1	726.8	3,785.9	(1,794.1)
May	6,563.8	6,327.6	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.4
Jun	7,607.3	7,344.2	261.7	1.4	7,154.9	272.7	7,427.5	(179.8)
Q2	19,751.1	19,027.7	720.6	2.8	18,643.3	1,154.3	19,797.6	46.5
Jul	5,164.9	4,917.7	246.3	0.9	4,351.3	244.1	4,595.5	(569.4)
Aug	6,505.4	6,256.1	248.2	1.1	2,752.7	277.1	3,029.8	(3,475.6)
Sep	6,426.7	6,189.1	236.8	0.8	3,954.3	253.3	4,207.6	(2,219.1)
Q3	18,097.0	17,363.0	731.3	2.7	11,058.4	774.6	11,832.9	(6,264.1)
Oct	5,265.7	5,003.3	261.2	1.1	4,582.5	144.6	4,727.1	(538.6)
Nov	5,402.9	5,148.9	252.7	1.4	2,172.4	169.7	2,342.1	(3,060.8)
Dec	6,406.8	6,161.1	244.9	0.9	4,901.7	396.6	5,298.3	(1,108.6)
Q4	17,075.4	16,313.3	758.8	3.4	11,656.6	710.8	12,367.4	(4,708.0)
Total_2015	73,191.7	70,281.0	2,898.9	11.9	58,861.8	4,622.5	63,484.3	(9,707.4)
Jan_2016	3,967.3	3,772.5	194.0	0.8	6,896.3	118.0	7,014.3	3,047.0
Feb	5,914.1	5,698.3	215.2	0.7	6,289.0	149.5	6,438.6	524.5
Mar	6,498.9	6,237.7	260.2	0.9	6,270.4	162.0	6,432.4	(66.4)
Q1	16,380.3	15,708.5	669.4	2.4	19,455.8	429.5	19,885.3	3,505.0
Apr	6,600.9	6,354.5	244.8	1.6	7,854.2	221.6	8,075.8	1,474.9
May	4,713.1	4,474.2	238.0	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,099.3
Jun	5,880.4	5,635.0	243.4	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.4
Q2	17,194.3	16,463.8	726.1	4.4	24,657.9	731.0	25,389.0	8,194.6
Jul	5,330.2	5,107.5	221.1	1.7	4,881.9	238.4	5,120.3	(209.9)
Aug	5,357.4	5,110.8	245.7	0.9	5,104.5	211.1	5,315.7	(41.8)
Sep	5,330.6	5,088.4	241.1	1.0	8,254.3	220.4	8,474.8	3,144.2
Q3	16,018.2	15,306.8	707.8	3.6	18,240.8	669.9	18,910.7	2,892.5
Oct	6,220.2	5,966.8	252.5	1.0	3,371.8	287.8	3,659.6	(2,560.7)
Nov	5,847.5	5,597.3	249.0	1.2	7,125.9	208.5	7,334.4	1,486.9
Dec	5,203.9	4,954.7	216.2	33.0	4,967.4	190.1	5,157.5	(46.4)
Q4	17,271.6	16,518.8	717.6	35.2	15,465.1	686.4	16,151.5	(1,120.1)
Total_2016	66,864.4	63,997.8	2,820.9	45.6	77,819.6	2,516.9	80,336.5	13,472.1
Jan_2017	3,202.0	3,093.1	108.0	0.9	6,176.8	196.8	6,373.6	3,171.6
Feb	4,290.9	4,056.9	232.7	1.3	5,548.1	1,215.3	6,763.5	2,472.5
Mar	4,292.0	3,910.3	378.9	2.8	3,959.4	117.4	4,076.8	(215.2)
Q1	11,784.9	11,060.2	719.6	5.1	15,684.3	1,529.5	17,213.8	5,428.9
Apr	5,171.3	4,698.4	468.9	3.9	3,804.6	0.0	3,804.6	(1,366.7)
May	4,247.3	3,859.9	385.0	2.3	5,381.3	0.5	5,381.7	1,134.5

Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to May 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Others	Total
Jan_2015	447.2	855.2	600.7	728.9	41.8	602.9	171.1	302.6	117.7	351.6	110.0	110.5	4,440.2
Feb	485.3	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	657.1	225.8	354.6	153.8	346.4	115.4	114.5	6,708.4
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.4	7,119.7
Q1	1,410.9	6,618.6	1,625.3	2,581.3	162.2	1,993.9	703.2	717.6	478.5	1,228.5	355.9	392.3	18,268.2
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.5	112.3	124.4	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.5	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.0	112.6	144.7	6,563.8
Jun	622.2	3,399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.7	199.2	133.8	384.7	116.4	169.7	7,607.3
Q2	1,695.4	7,920.3	1,564.5	2,107.8	162.9	2,359.5	734.5	580.6	514.3	1,331.3	341.2	438.8	19,751.1
Jul	501.8	1,100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	59.0	163.8	455.2	126.2	162.9	5,164.9
Aug	538.2	2,273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	825.3	226.2	51.1	180.6	461.1	130.7	172.0	6,505.4
Sep	617.8	2,638.5	573.3	600.6	57.9	788.5	213.3	42.4	185.4	415.7	130.9	162.4	6,426.7
Q3	1,657.8	6,012.9	1,762.7	2,331.9	178.5	2,525.3	728.7	152.5	529.9	1,332.0	387.7	497.3	18,097.0
Oct	537.6	1,098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	822.0	241.6	59.0	216.8	388.5	133.0	179.9	5,265.7
Nov	580.5	1,226.7	688.0	628.8	65.1	754.2	260.5	81.4	268.5	534.0	132.7	182.5	5,402.9
Dec	503.9	2,354.5	715.8	617.0	51.0	754.8	239.0	206.2	165.5	510.1	125.1	163.6	6,406.8
Q4	1,622.0	4,679.9	2,070.2	2,095.7	188.6	2,331.0	741.1	346.6	650.8	1,432.6	390.9	526.0	17,075.4
Total_2015	6,386.2	25,231.6	7,022.7	9,116.7	692.1	9,209.7	2,907.5	1,797.2	2,173.5	5,324.3	1,475.6	1,854.5	73,191.7
Jan_2016	343.8	955.8	516.7	542.3	29.1	566.2	203.3	158.7	102.0	311.2	111.4	126.9	3,967.3
Feb	468.7	2,430.1	584.4	549.5	47.8	664.0	253.5	168.6	156.2	341.9	108.1	141.3	5,914.1
Mar	466.6	2,259.2	580.7	1,002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	156.6	178.6	421.4	116.3	256.9	6,498.9
Q1	1,279.1	5,645.1	1,681.9	2,094.4	127.2	1,947.1	749.4	483.9	436.8	1,074.5	335.8	525.1	16,380.3
Apr	770.9	2,323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.4	292.7	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.8	6,600.9
May	479.7	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.4	247.1	153.5	156.8	343.5	124.9	161.5	4,713.1
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	139.2	404.3	140.5	160.8	5,880.4
Q2	1,805.2	4,504.2	1,698.4	2,776.3	191.9	2,359.2	766.1	500.5	477.8	1,250.6	410.8	453.1	17,194.3
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	178.0	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	207.7	496.2	140.5	272.6	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	191.0	642.7	136.4	168.3	5,330.6
Q3	1,830.3	3,652.6	1,928.3	1,905.1	184.8	2,336.7	762.8	330.7	555.3	1,516.7	396.0	619.0	16,018.2
Oct	623.7	1,906.9	725.6	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	198.8	436.7	158.5	198.4	6,220.2
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.7	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	222.7	399.7	151.6	209.0	5,847.5
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.7	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	148.6	354.3	137.5	152.8	5,203.9
Q4	1,644.9	5,103.0	2,169.9	1,872.8	211.5	2,543.4	766.3	191.2	570.1	1,190.7	447.6	560.2	17,271.6
Total_2016	6,559.4	18,905.0	7,478.4	8,648.6	715.5	9,186.4	3,044.7	1,506.3	2,040.0	5,032.5	1,590.1	2,157.4	66,864.4
Jan_2017	300.8	771.8	505.6	434.1	30.8	522.4	144.5	28.1	99.4	194.2	87.1	83.2	3,202.0
Feb	398.8	902.3	578.3	650.1	56.6	631.9	240.2	43.8	148.6	272.4	212.3	155.6	4,290.9
Mar	237.6	1,838.0	395.7	394.2	27.8	551.2	124.2	24.9	134.7	365.4	73.0	125.3	4,292.0
Q1	937.2	3,512.1	1,479.5	1,478.4	115.2	1,705.5	508.9	96.8	382.7	832.0	372.5	364.1	11,784.9
Apr	393.4	1,746.7	510.5	829.6	53.6	667.4	203.4	38.2	144.5	334.7	105.4	143.9	5,171.3
May	408.4	1,195.1	585.5	643.4	50.3	471.8	185.5	45.6	124.1	298.8	109.5	129.2	4,247.3
% Distribution													
2015	8.7	34.5	9.6	12.5	0.9	12.6	4.0	2.5	3.0	7.3	2.0	2.5	100.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	3.1	7.5	2.4	3.2	100.0
Apr_2017	7.6	33.8	9.9	16.0	1.0	12.9	3.9	0.7	2.8	6.5	2.0	2.8	100.0
May_2017	9.6	28.1	13.8	15.1	1.2	11.1	4.4	1.1	2.9	7.0	2.6	3.0	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to May 2017 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Others	Total
Jan_2015	428.9	4,860.4	20.5	7.7	18.1	123.2	46.2	20.4	70.1	18.7	84.3	83.7	5,782.3
Feb	486.1	4,231.5	19.1	6.9	22.8	165.9	67.2	26.7	53.3	26.8	47.6	141.5	5,295.4
Mar	428.7	7,385.2	22.4	8.0	25.8	170.0	90.2	33.2	11.5	40.4	85.6	107.6	8,408.6
Q1	1,343.8	16,477.1	62.0	22.7	66.7	459.1	203.5	80.3	134.9	85.9	217.4	332.9	19,486.3
Apr	448.2	2,722.8	21.1	9.8	16.9	166.6	138.0	23.3	34.1	30.1	98.7	76.4	3,785.9
May	402.1	7,530.6	36.4	8.3	20.5	221.6	111.8	24.9	42.3	39.9	57.6	88.2	8,584.2
Jun	458.3	6,365.0	21.2	9.9	24.2	164.4	117.7	29.3	54.2	34.4	58.0	90.8	7,427.5
Q2	1,308.5	16,618.5	78.7	28.0	61.6	552.5	367.6	77.5	130.6	104.4	214.3	255.4	19,797.6
Jul	320.7	3,687.1	24.7	10.0	17.2	169.0	138.8	28.9	57.1	30.4	27.6	84.1	4,595.5
Aug	40.2	2,362.2	30.3	2.6	15.6	184.7	108.8	25.9	56.1	33.7	71.9	97.8	3,029.8
Sep	13.9	3,559.6	31.2	5.9	25.3	220.3	91.8	28.6	56.0	22.9	45.5	106.8	4,207.6
Q3	374.8	9,608.9	86.2	18.5	58.0	574.0	339.3	83.4	169.1	87.0	145.0	288.7	11,832.9
Oct	53.0	4,123.2	13.8	7.9	15.5	179.3	82.7	22.2	53.3	27.0	34.6	114.5	4,727.1
Nov	302.3	1,446.2	36.8	9.1	20.5	187.5	75.6	27.1	52.1	33.5	58.2	93.3	2,342.1
Dec	407.5	4,456.5	11.4	4.5	20.0	69.1	104.3	15.5	53.6	34.1	31.1	90.7	5,298.3
Q4	762.8	10,025.9	61.9	21.4	55.9	435.9	262.6	64.8	159.0	94.6	124.0	298.5	12,367.4
Total_2015	3,789.9	52,730.4	288.8	90.6	242.3	2,021.5	1,173.0	306.0	593.7	371.8	700.7	1,175.5	63,484.3
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7,014.3
Feb	448.5	5,453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	166.0	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6,438.6
Mar	323.8	5,456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	217.6	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6,432.4
Q1	1,208.6	17,003.1	147.8	16.0	46.4	555.3	263.4	66.9	144.1	60.5	119.8	253.5	19,885.3
Apr	264.7	7,251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	179.2	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8,075.8
May	265.7	7,950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.1	8,812.4
Jun	302.8	7,539.0	56.6	7.8	24.2	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.9	8,500.8
Q2	833.1	22,740.6	105.0	17.9	55.7	585.5	293.8	74.7	129.7	69.8	171.0	312.2	25,389.0
Jul	171.0	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5,120.3
Aug	181.5	4,547.6	30.4	6.9	16.7	170.1	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.6	5,315.7
Sep	183.2	7,660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	178.9	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.3	8,474.8
Q3	535.7	16,580.6	89.5	18.7	62.4	524.1	323.7	79.0	207.4	64.1	143.5	281.9	18,910.7
Oct	51.9	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	136.6	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.6	3,659.6
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.8	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7,334.4
Dec	0.6	4,764.8	23.4	4.4	11.8	54.3	61.5	17.0	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.5	5,157.5
Q4	53.7	14,456.5	82.2	15.6	78.7	401.1	266.8	81.6	237.8	85.7	94.7	297.2	16,151.5
Total_2016	2,631.1	70,780.7	424.4	68.3	243.1	2,066.0	1,147.8	302.1	719.0	280.2	529.0	1,144.8	80,336.5
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.5	7.6	202.3	31.8	8.1	79.5	12.5	13.4	60.5	6,373.6
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.6	17.8	179.0	17.8	21.3	64.7	17.5	34.9	50.3	6,763.5
Mar	0.2	3,811.3	24.2	3.9	6.1	77.9	33.2	12.9	35.8	9.4	23.8	38.1	4,076.8
Q1	2.4	16,084.1	62.1	8.9	31.5	459.2	82.9	42.2	180.1	39.4	72.1	148.9	17,213.8
Apr	3.4	3,531.1	38.1	2.0	3.8	61.5	42.7	6.0	41.3	12.0	21.3	41.4	3,804.6
May	6.5	4,990.7	29.6	2.9	8.6	95.4	61.1	18.4	30.0	11.9	53.9	72.8	5,381.7
% Distribution													
2015	6.0	83.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.9	100.0
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
Apr_2017	0.1	92.8	1.0	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.6	1.1	100.0
May_2017	0.1	92.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	1.8	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.0	1.4	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to May 2017 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2015	200.4	0.3	0.0	584.7	69.8	855.2	21.7	19.5	0.0	4,639.2	180.0	4,860.4
Feb	649.9	0.4	0.0	2,315.6	104.0	3,069.9	0.8	17.5	0.0	3,647.6	565.6	4,231.5
Mar	285.5	0.4	0.2	2,328.7	78.7	2,693.5	0.0	30.4	0.3	6,908.0	446.5	7,385.2
Q1	1,135.8	1.0	0.2	5,229.0	252.6	6,618.6	22.5	67.3	0.3	15,194.8	1,192.1	16,477.1
Apr	437.0	0.2	0.0	1,419.4	44.5	1,901.2	0.0	20.1	0.0	2,385.3	317.4	2,722.8
May	240.3	0.4	0.0	2,281.5	97.3	2,619.5	0.0	31.0	0.0	7,001.3	498.4	7,530.6
Jun	263.0	1,203.8	0.1	1,838.8	93.9	3,399.6	0.0	125.9	0.0	5,796.5	442.6	6,365.0
Q2	940.3	1,204.4	0.1	5,539.7	235.8	7,920.3	0.0	176.9	0.0	15,183.1	1,258.5	16,618.5
Jul	661.0	0.0	0.0	292.9	146.6	1,100.6	49.0	18.9	0.0	3,271.9	347.4	3,687.1
Aug	245.9	0.4	0.2	2,007.4	20.0	2,273.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	1,946.0	412.0	2,362.2
Sep	616.5	0.0	0.1	1,969.6	52.2	2,638.5	0.0	15.5	0.0	3,181.0	363.1	3,559.6
Q3	1,523.4	0.4	0.3	4,269.9	218.8	6,012.9	49.0	38.6	0.0	8,398.9	1,122.4	9,608.9
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,034.5	64.0	1,098.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	3,781.2	311.0	4,123.2
Nov	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,159.6	67.2	1,226.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	1,172.2	266.6	1,446.2
Dec	0.0	0.6	0.1	2,324.2	29.7	2,354.5	83.6	5.0	0.0	4,074.4	293.4	4,456.5
Q4	0.0	0.6	0.1	4,518.2	160.9	4,679.9	83.6	43.4	0.0	9,027.8	871.1	10,025.9
Total 2015	3,599.5	1,206.5	0.7	19,556.9	868.1	25,231.6	155.2	326.2	0.3	47,804.6	4,444.0	52,730.4
Jan_2016	134.1	0.3	0.0	790.8	30.6	955.8	0.0	29.8	0.0	5,951.7	110.8	6,092.3
Feb	653.3	0.4	0.0	1,675.7	100.7	2,430.1	0.1	29.8	0.1	5,226.9	197.0	5,453.9
Mar	237.9	0.3	0.0	1,984.0	37.1	2,259.2	0.0	27.4	0.0	5,166.3	263.2	5,456.9
Q1	1,025.3	0.9	0.0	4,450.5	168.5	5,645.1	0.1	87.0	0.1	16,344.9	571.0	17,003.1
Apr	299.7	0.2	0.0	2,001.1	22.1	2,323.0	25.0	27.2	0.0	6,774.4	424.5	7,251.1
May	362.7	0.0	0.0	239.0	36.7	638.4	0.0	23.7	0.0	7,644.1	282.6	7,950.4
Jun	296.2	0.2	0.0	1,187.6	58.7	1,542.8	27.5	34.4	0.0	7,089.8	387.3	7,539.0
Q2	958.6	0.5	0.0	3,427.7	117.5	4,504.2	52.5	85.3	0.0	21,508.3	1,094.4	22,740.6
Jul	0.0	2.5	0.0	1,352.2	25.0	1,379.7	0.0	15.9	0.0	3,965.8	391.2	4,373.0
Aug	0.0	1.3	0.0	1,105.8	9.9	1,117.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	4,065.0	476.2	4,547.6
Sep	537.3	0.0	0.0	604.8	13.7	1,155.9	4.6	29.3	0.0	7,128.1	498.0	7,660.0
Q3	537.4	3.9	0.0	3,062.8	48.6	3,652.6	4.6	51.5	0.0	15,158.9	1,365.5	16,580.6
Oct	325.5	0.2	0.0	1,543.4	37.8	1,906.9	0.0	19.0	0.0	2,603.6	341.6	2,964.2
Nov	385.4	0.2	0.0	1,085.2	73.9	1,544.8	0.0	29.5	0.0	6,193.0	505.1	6,727.5
Dec	285.2	3.7	0.0	1,343.2	19.3	1,651.4	30.9	10.3	0.0	4,206.3	517.2	4,764.8
Q4	996.1	4.1	0.0	3,971.9	131.0	5,103.0	30.9	58.8	0.0	13,002.9	1,364.0	14,456.5
Total 2016	3,517.2	9.3	0.0	14,912.8	465.6	18,905.0	88.1	282.6	0.1	66,015.0	4,394.9	70,780.7
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	196.9	36.7	771.8	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	884.6	17.6	902.3	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	325.8	4.8	0.0	1,423.8	83.6	1,838.0	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,227.3	567.3	3,811.3
Q1	864.0	4.9	0.0	2,505.3	137.9	3,512.1	10.5	57.6	0.0	15,002.9	1,013.1	16,084.1
Apr	1,279.7	0.1	0.0	346.2	120.6	1,746.7	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,130.5	371.5	3,531.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,003.2	191.9	1,195.1	274.3	16.2	0.0	4,216.5	483.7	4,990.7

Note: 71021000:Unsorted diamonds
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

Table 3.1 A: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – May 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	300.2	113.6	483.1	580.2	48.0	357.8	159.6	44.2	111.2	267.9	95.7	177.6	2,739.1
Namibia	0.0	817.6	6.7	14.1	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.0	0.2	1.3	0.0	1.3	843.0
Swaziland	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.7	10.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
SACU	307.0	931.3	489.8	594.2	48.0	358.4	159.7	45.2	115.1	269.2	96.5	179.6	3,594.0
Zambia	0.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.8	16.4
Zimbabwe	0.1	0.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	3.8	0.7	9.4
Malawi	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.1	48.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.7
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.7
SADC	307.4	931.3	497.7	643.0	48.0	358.5	171.6	45.6	115.4	269.9	100.2	181.8	3,670.3
Other Africa	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Africa	307.5	931.3	497.7	643.0	48.0	358.5	171.6	45.6	115.4	269.9	100.2	182.0	3,670.8
Belgium	31.0	152.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	183.3
Germany	6.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	25.6	3.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	16.7	53.3
Spain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	4.6
France	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.7	0.7	9.0
UK	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	26.6	1.3	0.0	0.1	3.6	2.7	0.3	47.8
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2
Netherlands	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	5.9
Portugal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3
Italy	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	3.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.1	1.5
EU	52.7	152.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	59.5	5.3	0.0	3.3	9.5	6.8	22.2	312.4
UAE	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	11.5
China	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	16.1	2.5	0.0	2.6	1.0	0.4	3.3	30.0
Hong Kong	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.3
Israel	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	42.0
India	39.8	28.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.9	76.1
Japan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.0	12.1
Korea	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	1.4	6.6
Malaysia	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Russian Federation	0.0	33.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.2
Singapore	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.1	4.5
Other Asia	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.7	6.7
Asia	45.9	107.8	2.3	0.4	2.0	40.0	7.0	0.0	4.8	18.1	2.3	7.4	238.0
USA	0.4	4.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.1	1.3	12.5
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8
Canada	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Switzerland	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.0
Mexico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.3
Total	408.4	1,195.1	501.0	643.4	50.3	471.8	185.5	45.6	124.1	298.8	109.5	213.8	4,247.3

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country or Region Level-May 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	11.0	4.1	17.6	21.2	1.8	13.1	5.8	1.6	4.1	9.8	3.5	6.5	100.0
Namibia	0.0	97.0	0.8	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	100.0
Swaziland	66.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.7	0.0	7.4	7.2	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	8.5	25.9	13.6	16.5	1.3	10.0	4.4	1.3	3.2	7.5	2.7	5.0	100.0
Zambia	1.8	0.0	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.9	2.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	5.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	1.1	0.0	31.5	3.0	0.4	0.8	7.7	0.0	2.8	4.7	40.0	7.9	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.3	99.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	1.6	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	13.1	0.0	81.4	100.0
SADC	8.4	25.4	13.6	17.5	1.3	9.8	4.7	1.2	3.1	7.4	2.7	5.0	100.0
Other Africa	40.6	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	10.9	0.0	0.0	12.3	0.0	1.1	33.0	100.0
Africa	8.4	25.4	13.6	17.5	1.3	9.8	4.7	1.2	3.1	7.4	2.7	5.0	100.0
Belgium	16.9	82.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Germany	11.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	48.0	6.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	31.4	100.0
Spain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.5	0.0	0.1	100.0
France	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.7	41.0	7.8	100.0
UK	27.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	55.6	2.7	0.0	0.3	7.5	5.6	0.7	100.0
Greece	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.6	0.1	0.0	3.4	1.5	0.5	13.1	100.0
Netherlands	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.5	0.1	0.0	37.1	6.6	0.1	10.4	100.0
Portugal	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
Italy	39.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	17.4	7.1	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	29.7	100.0
Other EU	1.8	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	10.1	12.6	0.0	34.0	2.4	27.2	9.2	100.0
EU	16.9	48.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	19.0	1.7	0.0	1.1	3.0	2.2	7.1	100.0
UAE	0.4	50.4	0.0	3.6	0.0	29.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	5.7	6.4	100.0
China	9.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.9	53.4	8.2	0.0	8.6	3.3	1.5	11.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.5	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.9	0.8	0.0	2.8	0.2	0.1	1.5	100.0
Israel	0.0	95.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
India	52.4	37.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	4.6	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.1	100.0
Japan	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	96.2	0.0	0.2	100.0
Korea	25.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	25.6	5.7	0.0	19.4	1.3	0.0	21.8	100.0
Malaysia	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.5	83.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	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
Singapore	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	81.1	0.0	1.3	100.0
Other Asia	11.8	0.0	19.4	0.0	0.0	30.2	5.6	0.0	3.9	16.7	2.5	9.8	100.0
Asia	19.3	45.3	1.0	0.2	0.8	16.8	2.9	0.0	2.0	7.6	1.0	3.1	100.0
USA	3.1	32.3	0.8	0.0	0.1	33.6	5.6	0.0	3.0	10.2	1.1	10.2	100.0
Australia	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	9.1	100.0
Canada	70.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	2.2	100.0
Switzerland	30.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.8	11.2	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.4	31.8	100.0
Mexico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.0	20.5	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	100.0
Total	9.6	28.1	11.8	15.1	1.2	11.1	4.4	1.1	2.9	7.0	2.6	5.0	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – May 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.1	65.6	0.0	2.7	7.1	70.5	26.1	12.9	25.3	10.2	27.7	22.9	271.2
Namibia	0.0	261.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	8.3	7.1	287.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
SACU	0.1	327.4	0.0	2.7	7.2	80.1	26.2	13.5	25.3	10.4	36.1	30.0	558.9
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	7.6	0.0	2.2	3.3	0.5	4.0	5.2	23.9
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.2	0.0	2.6	1.3	1.0	4.6	30.9	43.7
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	3.3
Seychelles	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	1.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	3.7
SADC	6.5	327.4	0.0	2.7	8.6	93.2	27.9	18.4	30.0	11.9	45.3	69.9	641.7
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.9
Africa	6.5	327.4	0.0	2.7	8.6	93.2	27.9	18.4	30.0	11.9	45.7	70.4	642.6
Belgium	0.0	1,133.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,133.6
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	15.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3
UK	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.8	35.9
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.7
EU	0.0	1,157.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	30.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.9	1,190.5
Hong Kong	0.0	257.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	257.6
Israel	0.0	512.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	512.6
UAE	0.0	911.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	911.8
China	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.5
Singapore	0.0	539.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	539.3
Japan	0.0	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.2
India	0.0	949.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	950.9
Viet-Nam	0.0	21.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.8
Thailand	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7
Other Asia	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Asia	0.0	3,257.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	3,262.9
USA	0.0	151.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	152.0
Switzerland	0.0	70.9	29.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.5
Canada	0.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.1	7.2
Total	6.5	4,990.7	29.6	2.9	8.6	95.4	61.1	18.4	30.0	11.9	53.9	72.8	5,381.7

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country or Region Level-May 2017 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron Steel & Related Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.1	24.2	0.0	1.0	2.6	26.0	9.6	4.8	9.3	3.8	10.2	8.4	100.0
Namibia	0.0	91.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.9	2.5	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.6	58.4	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.9	0.0	0.0	1.9	5.2	100.0
SACU	0.0	58.6	0.0	0.5	1.3	14.3	4.7	2.4	4.5	1.9	6.5	5.4	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	31.7	0.0	9.1	13.7	2.3	16.6	21.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	7.2	0.0	5.9	3.1	2.2	10.5	70.7	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	56.8	100.0
Seychelles	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	21.3	5.7	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.0	7.8	1.1	3.6	0.0	6.6	48.8	100.0
SADC	1.0	51.0	0.0	0.4	1.3	14.5	4.3	2.9	4.7	1.9	7.1	10.9	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	41.4	56.3	100.0
Africa	1.0	50.9	0.0	0.4	1.3	14.5	4.3	2.9	4.7	1.9	7.1	11.0	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	1.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	0.0	67.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.3	100.0
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	95.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.9	100.0
EU	0.0	97.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	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
Israel	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
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
China	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	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
Japan	0.0	91.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Viet-Nam	0.0	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Thailand	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	85.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	70.6	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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
Others	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.5	1.3	100.0
Total	0.1	92.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	1.8	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.0	1.4	100.0

6.0 TECHNICAL NOTES

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana. 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 computerized and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Until the April 2009 Monthly Digest, Botswana was practicing Relaxed Special Trade Type. The Relaxed Special Trade Type takes into account goods that are exported or imported for inward or outward customs processing while the Strict Special Trade Type does not include the same. Strict Special Trade Type comprises imports for home consumption, permanent exports, re-exports and goods cleared out of warehouse (ex-warehouse) only.

In June 2009, the Botswana External Trade Database was revised to cater for General Trade Type as per the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) recommendations. The General Trade Type gives complete coverage of external trade as compared to the Special Trade Type. As a result of this, trade reported in the monthly digests for May 2009 onwards is based on the General Trade Type.

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

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.

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.

Total exports: This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports

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.

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 Treatment of Diamonds from Aggregation Process

In July 2012, the Diamond Trading Company International which was undertaking aggregation of diamonds relocated from the United Kingdom to Botswana. This meant that the process of aggregation of diamonds was now to be done in Botswana. Following the relocation, initially it was not clear how this trade was to be recorded as there was no prior common understanding of the processes involved between all the relevant parties. After thorough discussions with key stakeholders, Statistics Botswana decided to record this trade as imports for processing and that export of the same after aggregation be recorded as direct permanent exports. This was based on **IMTS 2010 Compilers' Manual (Page 225)** and **IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions; Page 16; Paragraph 1.20** concept that mixing of goods of different qualities to produce goods of a new quality is part of processing in compilation of IMTS.

6.3.1 Sorting out Diamonds imports

These imports will mainly be from Canada, Namibia and South Africa. Some of these may include diamonds that were originally bought from Botswana and are now being sold back to Botswana. The original declaration will not indicate whether the consignment is a mixture of diamonds from various countries. However, a follow-up document, referred to as "**attached document**" will show a disaggregation of these imports according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment.

- I. In case the consignment was from one country, this will be recorded as imports into Botswana from that particular country
- II. In case the consignment was from various countries, the recording of these imports will be according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment
- III. If part of the consignment was originally from Botswana, that part is recorded as re-import and will form part of total imports.

6.3.2 Sorting out Diamonds exports

These exports will be from the aggregation process and will consist of exports of Botswana origin and exports of diamonds that were originally imported. The original declaration will give an aggregated export which will be a consignment bought by an individual trader. This consignment will consist of diamonds of the same colour, shape and size but originating from various countries. The "**attached document**", giving a disaggregation of the consignment in value and carats by countries that contributed, will be used to record trade accordingly. As per IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions, goods resulting from processing are to be included in merchandise trade at their full value and as direct permanent exports (Domestic exports) in case they are exported (**IMTS Concepts & Definitions; page 16, paragraph 1.20**). As a result of this, diamonds that originated from outside Botswana as well as those originating from Botswana are recorded as direct permanent exports or domestic exports.

Both diamonds originating from Botswana and those that originated from elsewhere have always been recorded under Domestic Exports. There was however an error in the explanation notes provided in the January 2015 IMTS Digest with regard to how these are recorded. The error was that diamonds that originated from elsewhere are recorded as re-exports and the correction is that they are exported as direct permanent exports or domestic exports. Values for diamonds that originated from elsewhere can be provided separately if needed.

6.4 Exclusions from IMTS

- **Goods in Transit**

This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country

- **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.

- **Monetary Gold**

This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.

- **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.