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Preface

International merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) 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 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 on the world market.

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

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 would only be available at a later stage after customs duty assessments have been completed.

International merchandise trade statistics uses the month during which the goods crossed the border as a reference period. The month during which the transaction is lodged with customs is used as a proxy for the month during which the goods crossed the border. As a result data for transactions with late customs duty assessments will update data for the associated months during which they were first lodged with customs.

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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS**) monthly report primarily presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during August 2019.

Botswana's total exports amounted to P3, 700.4 million, resulting in an increase of 39.2 percent compared to the revised July 2019 value of P2, 658.9 million. Imports for the current month were valued at P5, 071.2 million, showing a decline of 14.0 percent from the revised July 2019 value of P5, 896.0 million.

United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) was the largest destination for Botswana exports, having received 25.3 percent of total exports during August 2019. India and Belgium followed with 19.7 percent and 12.6 percent respectively. South Africa received 12.4 percent of total exports. Asia as a regional block received 63.7 percent of Botswana's total exports during the month under review. The **EU** got 16.7 percent while **SACU** received exports accounting for 15.4 percent.

Botswana mostly exported Diamonds, accounting 87.3 percent of total exports during the month under review. Machinery & Transport Equipment contributed 4.2 percent while Meat & Meat Products and Salt & Soda Ash contributed 1.7 percent and 1.2 percent respectively.

SACU as a region contributed 78.1 percent to total imports during August 2019. Most of the imports from **SACU** came from South Africa followed by Namibia, accounting for 67.4 percent and 10.5 percent respectively, of total imports value for the month. Imports from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) regions made contributions of 10.5 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively. Canada and USA respectively contributed 3.7 percent and 1.5 percent of imports into Botswana.

The country's imports were led by Diamonds with a contribution of 18.2 percent followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 15.9 percent. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Fuel contributed 15.3 percent and 13.1 percent respectively to total imports during August 2019.

1.0 Total Trade

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

1.1 Data Revisions

Updates to the database are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the system, with additional information from previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in other cases. The current digest carries revisions for May, June and July 2019 as presented in **Table A**. This table presents revised data comparing figures as at the July 2019 Digest and the current Digest.

July 2019 Imports have been revised from P 5, 856.8 million to P5, 896.0 million, giving a rise of 0.7 percent (P39.2 million) while Total Exports show a revision of 0.5 percent (P13.0 million) from P 2, 645.9 million to P 2, 658.9 million.. Other revisions can be observed in **Table A**

Table A: Data Revisions –May, June and July 2019 (Million Pula)

	As at July 2019 Digest			As at August 2019 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
May	6,587.6	6,045.8	(541.7)	6,587.6	6,046.4	(541.3)	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
June	4,702.5	5,652.8	950.3	4,703.1	5,652.9	949.8	0.6	0.1	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	(0.0)
July	5,856.8	2,645.9	(3,211.0)	5,896.0	2,658.9	(3,237.1)	39.2	13.0	(26.1)	0.7	0.5	0.8

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1.2 Imports

Imports, which are valued **Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF)**, consist of the value of the goods, costs of transport, and the cost of insurance incurred to deliver such goods to the Customs territory of the importing country, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. Botswana's imports were valued at P5, 071.2 million during August 2019, showing a decline of 14.0 percent (P824.8 million) from the revised July 2019 value of P 5, 896.0 million. The decrease was mainly attributed to the fall in Diamonds imports, showing a 44.9 percent (P 750.0 million) decrease, from P 1, 671.6 million in July 2019, to P921.7 million during August 2019. Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports also went down by 14.3 percent (P72.5 million), from P508.5 million in July 2019 to P435.9 million during the month under review. Another drop was realised on Fuel and Metal & Metal Products where the former recorded a decline of 5.8 percent (P41.1 million), from P704.4 million to P663.2 million while the latter decreased by 8.4 percent (P25.3 million), from P301.3 million in July 2019 to P276.0 million in August 2019.

Comparison of imports value for August 2019 and August 2018 shows a slight decrease of 0.3 percent (P16.2 million) from P5, 087.4 million recorded in August 2018 to P5, 071.2 million registered in August 2019.

1.3 Total Exports

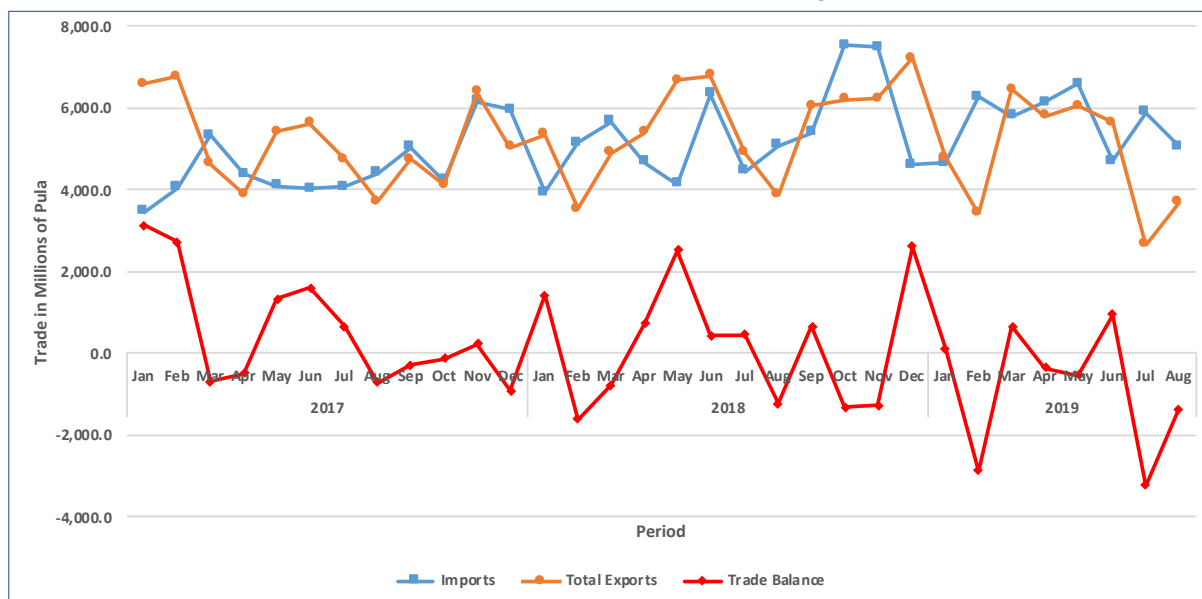
During August 2019, Botswana's total exports amounted to P3, 700.4 million, resulting in an increase of 39.2 percent (P1, 041.5 million) compared to the revised July 2019 value of P2, 658.9 million. The increase is mainly associated with rise of 43.4 percent (P978.3 million) in Diamonds exports during August 2019 compared to the value recorded for the previous month as shown on **Table 2.2**. The effect of increase in Diamonds exports contributed 36.8 percentage points to the overall increase in total exports during the period under review.

Comparison of total exports value for August 2019 and August 2018 shows a fall of 4.4 percent (P163.5 million) from P3, 863.9 million recorded in August 2018 to P3, 700.4 million during the current period. The decline in total exports was mainly influenced by the collective decreases in Meat & Meat Products exports, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana registered a trade deficit of P1, 370.8 million during August 2019.

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



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

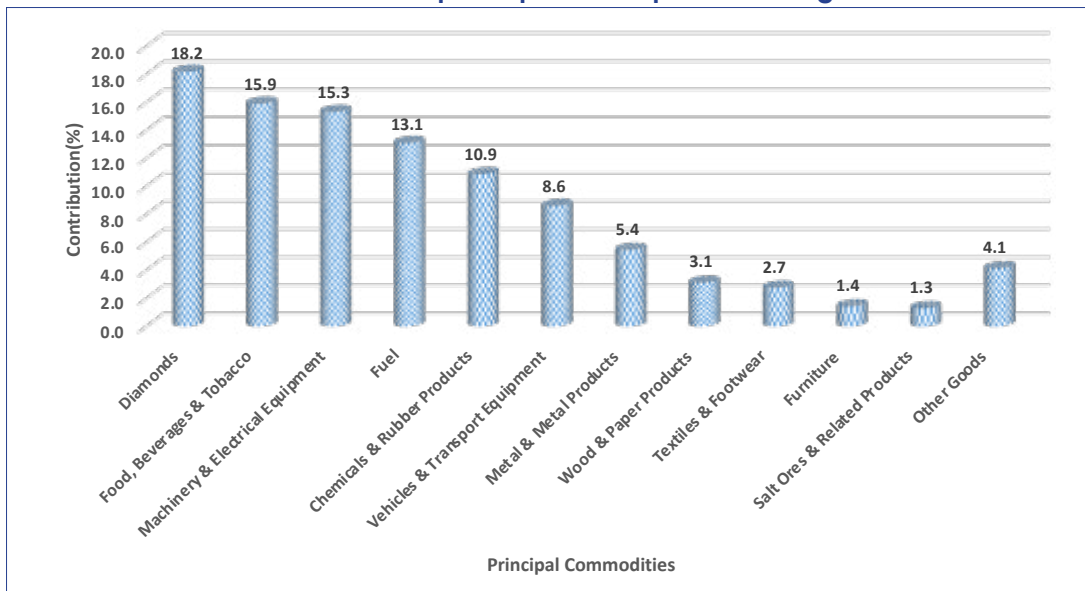
Principal commodity groups refer to groups of related commodities put together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example, 'Metals & Metal Products' which combines metals and their associated products; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which 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

Botswana received total imports amounting to P5, 071.2 million during August 2019. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports, at 18.2 percent (P921.7 million) followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 15.9 percent (P805.8 million) and 15.3 percent (P775.9 million) respectively. Fuel contributed 13.1 percent (P663.2 million) while Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 10.9 percent (P550.7 million) to total imports during the month under review. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in **Table 2.1 (refer to 5.0 Annexure page 14)** and on **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – August 2019

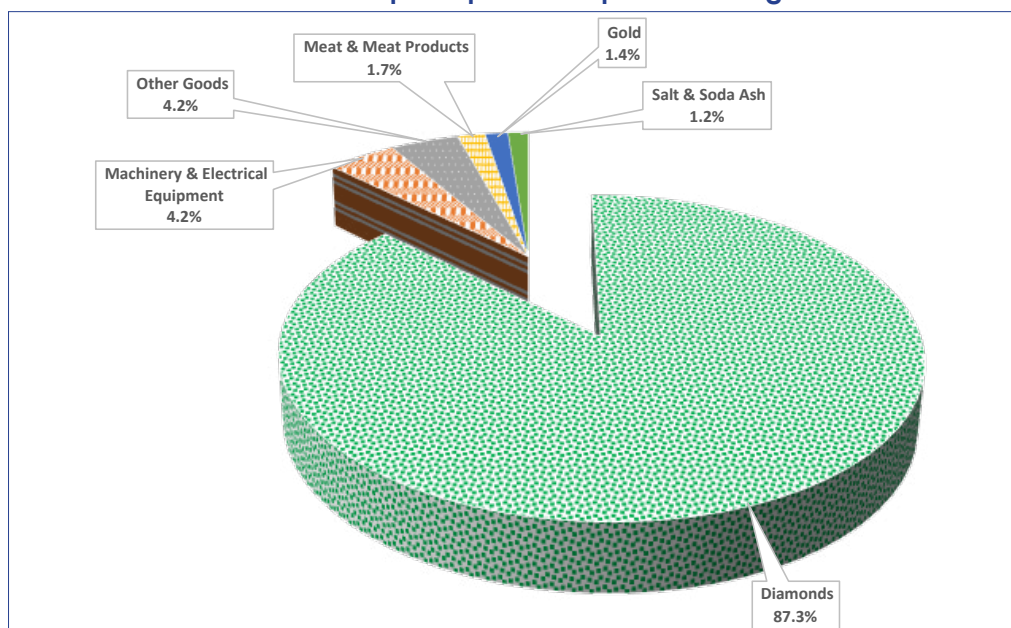


Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for August 2019 were valued at P 3, 700.4 million, with 87.3 percent (P 3, 231.5 million) attributed to Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 4.2 percent (P156.6 million) followed by Meat & Meat Products and Gold exports with 1.7 percent (P61.8 million) and 1.4 percent (P51.1 million) respectively, to total exports during the period under review. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in **Table 2.2** and on **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – August 2019



Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.2

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. 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 August 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 P5, 071.2 million during August 2019, with 78.1 percent (P3, 960.3 million) sourced from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**). The top most imported commodity group from the SACU region was Food, Beverages & Tobacco, with a contribution of 19.6 percent (P777.7 million), followed by Fuel with 15.3 percent (P605.5 million) of total imports from the region, **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment made contributions of 13.2 percent (P 522.4 million) and 12.6 percent (P499.7 million) respectively to total imports from SACU during August 2019.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports, with a contribution of 67.4 percent (P3, 419.6 million) to total imports during the month under review. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel were the top most imported commodities from South Africa, with contributions of 22.2 percent (P760.0 million) and 17.0 percent (P 582.9 million), respectively to total imports from that country.

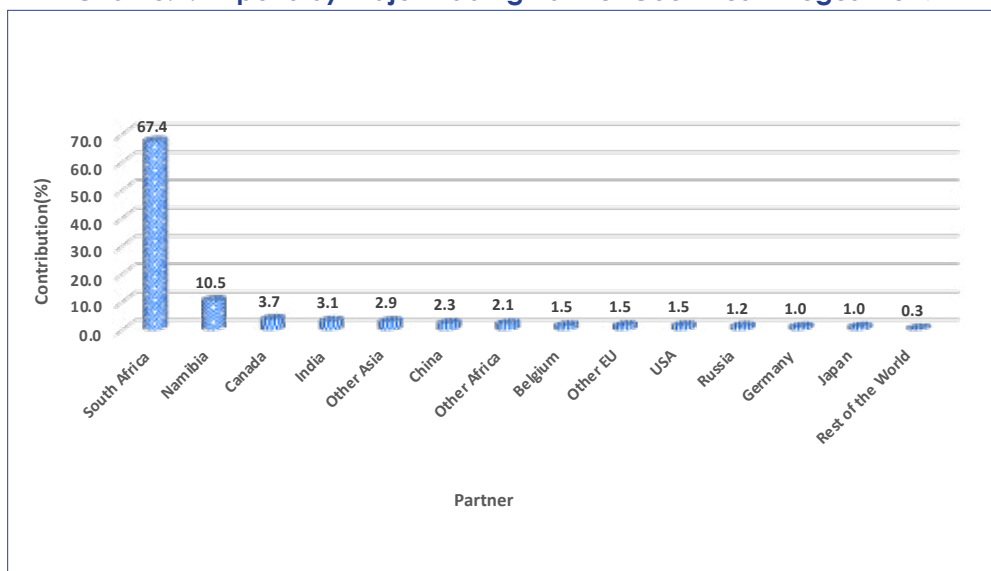
Asia supplied Botswana with imports worth P533.6 million, representing 10.5 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main commodities imported from Asia were Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 29.5 percent (P157.4 million) of total imports from the region during August 2019. This was followed by Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 19.8 percent (P105.7 million) and 13.3 percent (P70.8 million), respectively. Vehicles & Transport Equipment constituted 11.8 percent (P62.8 million) of total imports from Asia during August 2019.

India was the main source of imports from Asia, having supplied 3.1 percent (P 155.2 million) followed by China, Russia and Japan with 2.3 percent (P117.8 million), 1.2 percent (P63.0 million) and 1.0 percent (P51.2 million) respectively, of total imports during the period under review.

Imports worth P201.9 million were sourced from the EU, representing 4.0 percent of total imports during the current period. Belgium and Germany were the main sources of imports from the region, having contributed 1.5 percent (P75.3 million) and 1.0 percent (P51.5 million) respectively to the total imports during the month under review.

Canada and the United States of America supplied P187.3 million (3.7 percent) and P73.9 million (1.5 percent) worth of imports to Botswana during August 2019. Other sources of imports can be observed in **Tables 3.1A** and **3.1B**.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – August 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 63.7 percent (P2, 357.0 million) of total exports. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and India received 25.3 percent (P934.9 million) and 19.7 percent (P727.9 million) respectively, of total exports during August 2019. The only commodity group exported to Asia was Diamonds, as seen in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

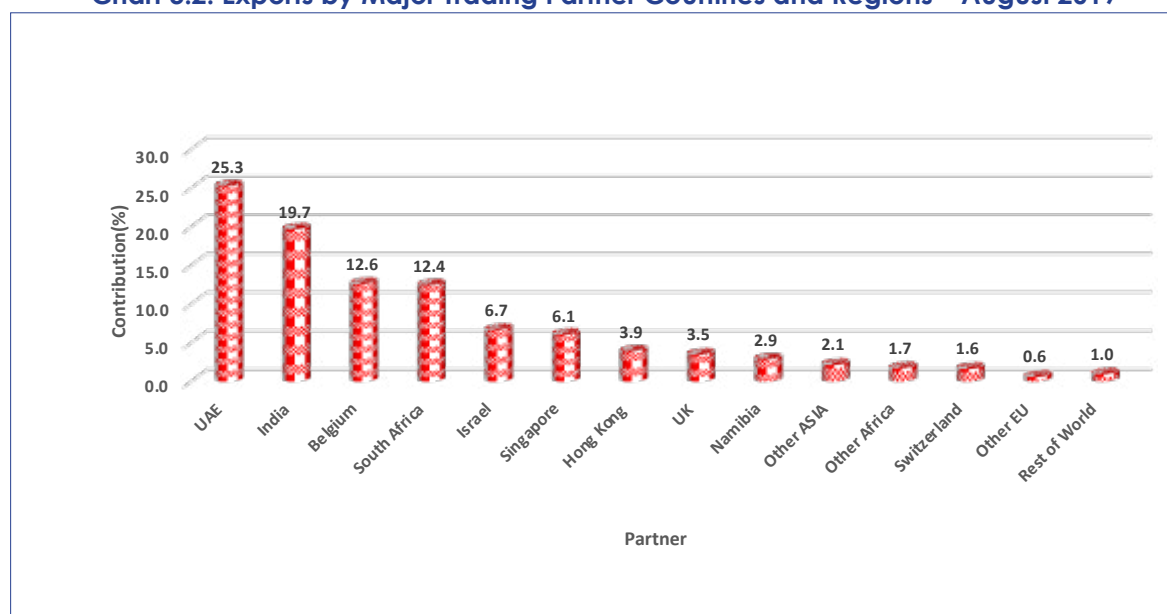
The EU received exports valued at P617.4 million, representing 16.7 percent of total exports during August 2019. Belgium received most exports destined for EU, acquiring 12.6 percent (P466.8 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The UK received 3.5 percent (P128.1 million).

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P568.2 million, accounting for 15.4 percent of total exports. South Africa was the main destination for exports to the customs union, having received exports representing 12.4 percent (P460.6 million) of total exports during the period under review. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the SACU region, at 41.8 percent (P237.6 million) of all goods destined to the customs union while Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 25.8 percent (P146.6 million) to total exports destined to SACU in August 2019.

Switzerland received 1.6 percent (P60.4 million) of total exports during August 2019. Exports to this country consisted mainly of Gold and Diamonds.

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

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



4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

In 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 mostly 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 P3, 514.8 million, representing 69.3 percent of total imports reached the country by Road during August 2019. Air and Rail transport accounted for 18.6 percent (P943.7 million) and 12.0 percent (P610.5 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 89.7 percent (P3, 317.9 million) of total exports left the country by Air. Road transport accounted for 10.0 percent (P368.3 million) of total exports during the month.

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

Flow Type	Import		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	Value	%	Value	%
Road Transport	3,514.8	69.3	368.3	10.0
Air Transport	943.7	18.6	3,317.9	89.7
Rail Transport	610.5	12.0	13.6	0.4
Other Modes	2.2	0.0	0.6	0.0
Total	5,071.2	100.0	3,700.4	100.0

Chart 4.0: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – August 2019

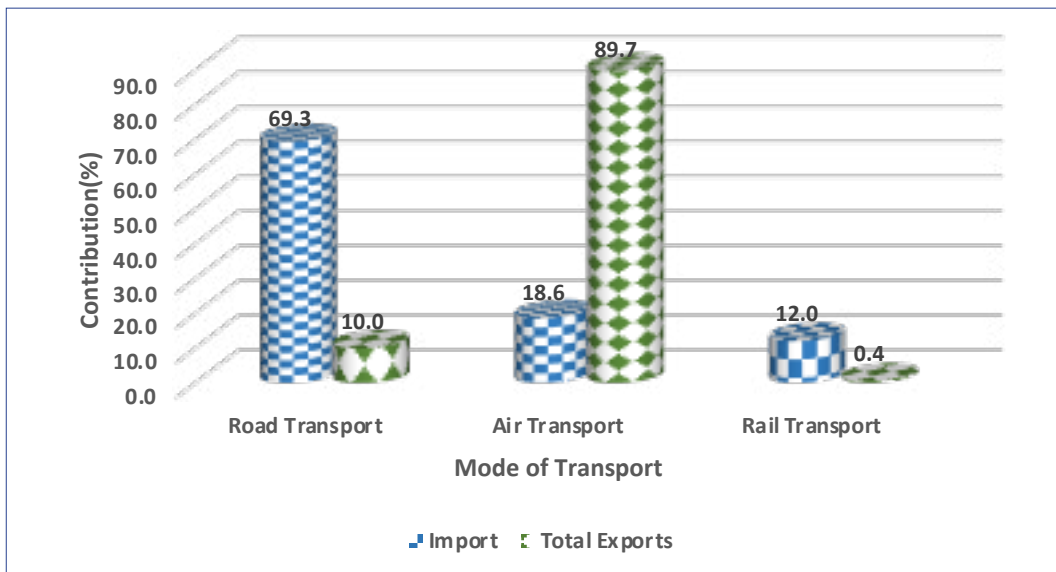


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to August 2019 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2017	3,459.5	3,296.4	161.7	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,131.7
Feb	4,042.7	3,869.0	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,763.0	2,720.3
Mar	5,329.4	5,105.9	220.9	2.6	4,511.6	117.4	4,629.0	(700.4)
Q1	12,831.6	12,271.3	555.2	5.1	17,651.8	331.3	17,983.2	5,151.6
Apr	4,388.3	4,234.5	152.6	1.3	3,891.6	0.1	3,891.6	(496.6)
May	4,086.0	3,923.4	161.3	1.3	5,410.5	0.5	5,411.0	1,325.0
Jun	4,027.1	3,869.8	156.2	1.1	5,629.4	0.2	5,629.6	1,602.4
Q2	12,501.4	12,027.7	470.0	3.7	14,931.5	0.7	14,932.2	2,430.8
Jul	4,083.9	3,910.9	171.9	1.1	4,751.8	0.4	4,752.2	668.3
Aug	4,418.4	4,240.1	177.3	1.0	3,701.5	1.9	3,703.4	(715.1)
Sep	5,032.5	4,836.0	195.6	1.0	4,752.7	1.8	4,754.5	(278.0)
Q3	13,534.8	12,987.0	544.8	3.0	13,206.0	4.0	13,210.0	(324.8)
Oct	4,226.4	4,017.8	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(117.4)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,961.6	5,748.1	212.0	1.5	5,044.1	3.2	5,047.2	(914.4)
Q4	16,343.6	15,691.7	647.7	4.1	15,534.3	13.0	15,547.3	(796.2)
Total 2017	55,211.4	52,977.7	2,217.8	15.9	61,323.6	349.1	61,672.7	6,461.3
Jan_2018	3,939.5	3,755.2	183.4	0.9	5,363.7	0.1	5,363.8	1,424.3
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	14,753.3	14,167.6	582.4	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.0	(958.3)
Apr	4,674.1	4,492.3	180.8	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	734.7
May	4,142.3	3,936.1	205.2	1.0	6,663.4	8.2	6,671.7	2,529.3
Jun	6,347.8	6,146.8	200.2	0.8	6,786.1	0.0	6,786.1	438.3
Q2	15,164.2	14,575.2	586.2	2.8	18,856.7	9.8	18,866.6	3,702.4
Jul	4,463.5	4,271.6	190.9	1.0	4,909.4	1.5	4,910.8	447.3
Aug	5,087.4	4,861.7	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,223.5)
Sep	5,392.1	5,169.9	220.7	1.6	6,057.4	0.5	6,057.8	665.7
Q3	14,943.0	14,303.2	636.2	3.6	14,830.5	2.1	14,832.6	(110.5)
Oct	7,541.4	7,294.9	245.1	1.4	6,212.9	2.3	6,215.2	(1,326.1)
Nov	7,499.3	7,238.4	258.7	2.2	6,232.0	0.7	6,232.7	(1,266.6)
Dec	4,609.4	4,377.9	230.4	1.1	7,220.4	0.0	7,220.4	2,611.0
Q4	19,650.1	18,911.2	734.2	4.7	19,665.3	3.0	19,668.3	18.2
Total 2018	64,510.6	61,957.1	2,539.0	14.4	67,143.2	19.3	67,162.5	2,651.9
Jan_2019	4,656.7	4,432.3	223.1	1.3	4,785.8	0.0	4,785.9	129.1
Feb	6,281.5	6,075.9	204.4	1.2	3,409.6	4.1	3,413.7	(2,867.9)
Mar	5,793.9	5,578.0	215.0	0.9	6,463.1	0.1	6,463.2	669.2
Q1	16,732.2	16,086.3	642.5	3.5	14,658.5	4.1	14,662.7	(2,069.5)
Apr	6,146.0	5,934.8	209.2	2.0	5,790.7	5.2	5,795.8	(350.2)
May	6,587.6	6,358.7	227.9	1.0	6,040.8	5.6	6,046.4	(541.3)
June	4,703.1	4,471.5	230.7	0.9	5,643.0	9.9	5,652.9	949.8
Q2	17,436.8	16,765.0	667.7	4.0	17,474.4	20.7	17,495.1	58.3
July	5,896.0	5,660.5	234.0	1.5	2,658.5	0.4	2,658.9	(3,237.1)
Aug	5,071.2	4,841.6	227.7	1.9	3,700.2	0.2	3,700.4	(1,370.8)

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

Period \ Indicators	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	677.5	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	97.1	211.2	97.5	95.4	3,459.5
Feb	400.3	885.6	552.5	563.0	56.1	603.0	238.4	46.8	152.7	277.1	115.8	151.5	4,042.7
Mar	333.4	1,789.9	583.5	808.7	48.4	709.7	168.1	33.0	180.6	413.4	102.4	158.5	5,329.4
Q1	1,056.6	3,382.7	1,679.1	2,049.2	138.2	1,802.1	562.0	108.7	430.3	901.7	315.7	405.4	12,831.6
Apr	322.8	1,590.5	465.9	592.9	41.5	529.0	171.4	42.0	105.3	318.4	89.3	119.4	4,388.3
May	423.5	1,139.3	528.3	559.8	53.3	487.2	189.1	40.6	133.0	286.3	104.2	141.4	4,086.0
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	516.1	527.2	48.1	465.7	185.3	37.4	85.7	275.5	97.8	181.4	4,027.1
Q2	1,096.9	3,986.1	1,510.3	1,679.9	142.9	1,481.9	545.8	119.9	323.9	880.2	291.3	442.2	12,501.4
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.4	571.3	50.7	555.4	220.7	49.4	130.4	290.7	112.8	178.7	4,083.9
Aug	1,081.6	514.1	573.5	627.4	65.2	594.4	209.3	43.5	152.6	267.0	131.6	158.3	4,418.4
Sep	489.9	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	134.1	390.0	125.1	171.5	5,032.5
Q3	1,964.5	3,014.8	1,707.0	1,788.2	168.0	1,866.1	645.4	138.3	417.1	947.7	369.5	508.5	13,534.8
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	185.3	4,226.4
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.9	160.7	207.5	6,155.5
Dec	483.0	1,738.9	693.2	1,185.1	67.6	665.9	218.6	43.2	128.3	403.4	138.7	195.7	5,961.6
Q4	1,562.4	4,035.2	2,061.2	2,581.7	202.4	2,101.4	725.4	135.1	479.9	1,435.4	434.9	588.6	16,343.6
Total_2017	5,680.3	14,418.8	6,957.6	8,099.0	651.6	7,251.5	2,478.6	502.0	1,651.2	4,165.0	1,411.4	1,944.6	55,211.4
Jan_2018	396.2	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.3	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	14,753.3
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	2,726.4	595.2	654.7	69.7	661.7	274.2	45.2	126.8	484.5	111.8	158.1	6,347.8
Q2	1,336.7	4,577.0	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.7	1,874.4	723.2	139.5	387.9	1,208.8	372.4	537.9	15,164.2
Jul	447.6	986.8	590.5	665.4	50.4	607.4	227.5	38.3	134.4	412.0	117.9	185.3	4,463.5
Aug	507.5	1,016.1	676.3	728.8	68.9	772.5	260.4	45.7	158.7	484.0	117.3	251.3	5,087.4
Sep	494.8	1,372.7	656.0	756.2	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.8	138.6	170.6	5,392.1
Q3	1,449.8	3,375.6	1,922.8	2,150.4	186.2	2,250.9	745.0	147.5	457.0	1,276.9	373.7	607.3	14,943.0
Oct	604.6	2,978.1	756.6	891.4	81.8	830.3	272.4	63.8	211.5	510.0	158.2	182.6	7,541.4
Nov	601.6	2,766.1	829.9	844.9	85.2	849.5	338.5	65.8	218.8	535.1	153.8	210.1	7,499.3
Dec	478.8	370.2	641.1	741.1	61.2	620.3	225.5	48.6	141.4	529.8	148.1	603.3	4,609.4
Q4	1,685.0	6,114.5	2,227.6	2,477.4	228.2	2,300.1	836.4	178.3	571.7	1,574.9	460.0	995.9	19,650.1
Total_2018	5,723.5	18,347.8	7,914.6	8,513.6	769.1	8,431.2	2,909.7	589.8	1,785.7	5,306.3	1,578.7	2,640.8	64,510.6
Jan_2019	441.6	800.3	690.8	589.9	47.3	614.5	240.1	50.9	95.8	763.6	103.3	218.7	4,656.7
Feb	501.4	2,535.5	633.6	536.4	56.8	634.0	268.3	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,281.5
Mar	482.4	2,019.9	699.1	586.7	66.9	725.7	306.2	52.4	161.1	378.8	129.3	185.5	5,793.9
Q1	1,425.5	5,355.6	2,023.4	1,713.0	171.0	1,974.2	814.6	150.8	394.3	1,790.0	352.2	567.6	16,732.2
Apr	424.3	2,315.3	604.4	603.2	62.0	717.1	359.9	51.4	126.4	609.6	120.4	152.1	6,146.0
May	503.9	2,355.8	678.1	655.6	61.2	693.4	316.3	65.8	117.1	788.2	139.5	212.7	6,587.6
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.7	666.5	58.1	771.7	437.4	56.9	99.3	386.0	129.6	162.7	4,703.1
Q2	1,419.8	5,460.7	1,936.2	1,925.3	181.3	2,182.3	1,113.5	174.1	342.7	1,783.9	389.4	527.5	17,436.8
Jul	530.5	1,671.6	700.1	704.4	71.5	739.4	301.3	66.0	134.4	508.5	127.5	340.9	5,896.0
Aug	550.7	921.7	805.8	663.2	71.2	775.9	276.0	65.1	139.2	435.9	157.3	209.2	5,071.2
% Distribution													
2017	10.3	26.1	12.6	14.7	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	3.0	7.5	2.6	3.5	100.0
2018	8.9	28.4	12.3	13.2	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	2.8	8.2	2.4	4.1	100.0
Jul_19	9.0	28.4	11.9	11.9	1.2	12.5	5.1	1.1	2.3	8.6	2.2	5.8	100.0
Aug_19	10.9	18.2	15.9	13.1	1.4	15.3	5.4	1.3	2.7	8.6	3.1	4.1	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to August 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	Textiles	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	52.2	6,763.0
Mar	0.2	4,256.6	34.1	4.5	10.4	136.8	34.3	21.6	35.9	12.3	25.2	57.1	4,629.0
Q1	2.4	16,529.4	72.0	9.9	36.1	528.4	84.0	53.0	180.2	42.6	284.8	160.4	17,983.2
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.8	45.0	9.4	41.2	14.4	25.8	56.1	3,891.6
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	13.1	87.6	65.5	5,411.0
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.5	13.0	14.3	51.0	5,629.6
Q2	15.0	13,682.6	86.1	9.9	35.9	408.0	194.8	55.3	103.7	40.5	127.6	172.7	14,932.2
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	119.9	104.0	15.5	56.9	13.7	32.9	61.1	3,703.4
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	393.0	330.9	63.4	200.4	46.0	76.8	191.8	13,210.0
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	5,747.1	41.1	3.0	29.1	226.1	127.6	24.6	52.0	18.1	21.4	97.7	6,391.0
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	10.5	113.5	58.5	13.6	58.2	17.1	39.6	79.9	5,047.2
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.7	157.8	53.1	88.3	253.8	15,547.3
Total 2017	40.9	55,904.0	372.2	37.7	168.6	1,850.9	887.5	230.3	642.1	182.2	577.5	778.8	61,672.7
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.8
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	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	74.3	6,786.1
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	299.1	18,866.6
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	4,910.8
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	266.5	14,832.6
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	26.0	98.7	116.1	6,232.7
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	85.3	8.6	51.8	18.3	35.2	104.8	7,220.4
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	509.9	213.8	59.7	174.8	67.8	277.4	375.1	19,668.3
Total 2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,937.7	969.7	246.5	885.1	233.8	608.9	1,167.8	67,162.5
Jan_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	8.1	53.4	13.6	23.2	131.9	4,785.9
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	3,413.7
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.5	54.5	13.1	44.0	71.8	6,463.2
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.1	93.0	31.4	152.5	40.9	86.7	283.0	14,662.7
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	11.9	132.5	41.7	14.1	42.8	13.8	30.8	79.0	5,795.8
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.5	140.7	75.5	20.2	55.8	12.2	24.6	114.2	6,046.4
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	137.4	101.0	13.5	30.4	11.6	31.8	108.0	5,652.9
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.3	410.7	218.2	47.7	129.0	37.6	87.2	301.3	17,495.1
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.1	11.0	129.9	58.0	14.0	56.3	10.2	23.5	79.2	2,658.9
Aug	0.2	3,231.5	51.1	0.2	16.6	156.6	61.8	14.5	45.8	11.6	29.3	81.2	3,700.4
% Distribution													
2017	0.1	90.6	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	1.7	100.0
Jul_19	0.0	84.7	0.9	0.0	0.4	4.9	2.2	0.5	2.1	0.4	0.9	3.0	100.0
Aug_19	0.0	87.3	1.4	0.0	0.4	4.2	1.7	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.8	2.2	100.0

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

Flow Type HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	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
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.4	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	1,224.1	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
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.6	297.5	426.2	2.9	2.6	0.0	5,115.1	939.1	6,059.7
Jun	991.7	0.2	0.0	1,295.7	438.9	2,726.4	1.3	7.6	0.0	5,461.5	807.2	6,277.5
Q2	1,224.3	0.2	0.0	2,482.3	870.0	4,577.0	4.2	13.8	0.0	15,019.9	2,215.4	17,253.3
Jul	633.0	2.2	0.0	242.6	109.0	986.8	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,650.0	779.3	4,437.4
Aug	721.3	0.0	0.0	149.8	145.0	1,016.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,343.0	913.0	3,256.0
Sep	227.1	0.0	0.0	892.6	253.0	1,372.7	0.2	10.0	0.0	4,636.5	651.3	5,297.9
Q3	1,581.4	2.2	0.0	1,285.0	507.0	3,375.6	0.2	18.0	0.0	10,629.6	2,343.5	12,991.4
Oct	205.7	0.0	0.0	2,316.4	456.0	2,978.1	5.9	8.7	0.0	4,609.6	853.6	5,477.8
Nov	1,241.9	0.8	0.0	1,169.4	354.0	2,766.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	4,492.7	1,090.7	5,596.6
Dec	0.0	0.1	0.0	119.0	251.2	370.2	0.0	19.7	0.0	5,922.3	805.4	6,747.4
Q4	1,447.6	0.8	0.0	3,604.8	1,061.2	6,114.5	5.9	41.5	0.0	15,024.6	2,749.7	17,821.7
Total_2018	5,252.2	5.3	0.0	10,279.8	2,810.5	18,347.8	128.1	83.9	0.0	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	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
June	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	595.2	140.5	921.7	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,660.3	565.9	3,231.5

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – August 2019 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	427.9	38.0	760.0	582.9	64.8	498.0	222.1	59.7	117.2	349.2	135.5	164.1	3,419.6
Namibia	0.2	484.4	14.9	22.6	0.0	0.7	1.7	4.1	0.1	3.2	0.1	0.2	532.1
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	4.9
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.7
SACU	428.1	522.4	777.7	605.5	64.8	499.7	223.9	63.8	119.9	352.5	137.7	164.4	3,960.3
Angola	0.0	35.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.7
Zambia	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	13.6	0.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	22.1
Zimbabwe	0.8	0.0	8.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	5.1	0.2	17.9
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7
Malawi	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	3.8
Other SADC	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.1
SADC	429.3	558.1	794.3	605.6	65.1	505.9	242.8	64.9	119.9	355.9	142.8	164.7	4,049.5
Morocco	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5
Kenya	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.1
Other AFRICA	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7
AFRICA	432.2	558.1	794.6	605.6	65.1	512.1	243.0	64.9	120.1	356.3	142.8	164.9	4,059.8
India	57.7	27.5	0.6	33.4	0.3	18.0	12.4	0.1	1.4	1.3	0.4	2.1	155.2
China	5.4	0.0	2.4	0.0	4.2	65.1	16.3	0.0	6.8	2.8	3.2	11.6	117.8
Russia	0.0	63.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.9	0.0	0.4	51.2
Hong Kong	0.7	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	38.2	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	45.6
UK	5.2	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	2.7	5.9	0.7	26.3
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.2
Israel	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	14.3
UAE	0.1	5.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	10.6
Turkey	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.5	8.6
Pakistan	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	4.8
Korea (South)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.4	2.9
Thailand	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Other ASIA	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.9	0.6	0.3	6.0
ASIA	70.8	105.7	4.9	57.6	5.6	157.4	29.8	0.2	11.6	62.8	10.2	17.2	533.6
Belgium	15.4	59.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	75.3
Germany	7.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	19.1	0.9	0.0	6.8	0.5	2.8	13.0	51.5
Czech Republic	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	14.3
Austria	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	10.4
Portugal	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	9.3
France	2.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.1	8.7
Italy	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	6.2
Romania	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5
Netherlands	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.4
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
Slovakia	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	3.1
Ireland	2.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Other EU	1.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	7.7
EU	32.1	59.2	2.0	0.0	0.4	71.7	1.3	0.0	7.0	2.0	3.9	22.3	201.9
Canada	0.1	184.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	187.3
USA	15.0	13.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	26.0	1.7	0.0	0.3	12.9	0.3	4.1	73.9
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	5.7
Brazil	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.7
Australia	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.7
Rest of the World	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	2.7
Total	550.7	921.7	805.8	663.2	71.2	775.9	276.0	65.1	139.2	435.9	157.3	209.2	5,071.2

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

Partner / HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.5	1.1	22.2	17.0	1.9	14.6	6.5	1.7	3.4	10.2	4.0	4.8	100.0
Namibia	0.0	91.0	2.8	4.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	56.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.7	0.6	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	0.0	0.0	69.8	1.8	0.0	0.9	100.0
SACU	10.8	13.2	19.6	15.3	1.6	12.6	5.7	1.6	3.0	8.9	3.5	4.2	100.0
Angola	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
Zambia	0.0	0.0	27.2	0.0	0.1	4.0	61.4	3.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	4.4	0.0	44.6	0.6	1.7	1.5	14.2	2.6	0.2	0.4	28.7	1.1	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	40.9	43.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	42.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	15.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	75.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	8.1	0.0	0.6	100.0
SADC	10.6	13.8	19.6	15.0	1.6	12.5	6.0	1.6	3.0	8.8	3.5	4.1	100.0
Morocco	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Kenya	80.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	14.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other AFRICA	7.7	0.0	32.8	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.9	0.0	34.1	100.0
AFRICA	10.6	13.7	19.6	14.9	1.6	12.6	6.0	1.6	3.0	8.8	3.5	4.1	100.0
India	37.2	17.7	0.4	21.5	0.2	11.6	8.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.4	100.0
China	4.6	0.0	2.0	0.0	3.5	55.3	13.8	0.0	5.8	2.4	2.8	9.8	100.0
Russia	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	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.4	0.0	0.8	100.0
Hong Kong	1.6	8.3	0.0	0.0	1.9	83.8	1.4	0.0	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	100.0
UK	19.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	39.5	0.7	0.1	1.0	10.4	22.3	2.6	100.0
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	44.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	100.0
UAE	0.7	47.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	32.1	0.1	0.0	10.8	3.7	0.5	3.3	100.0
Turkey	1.7	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	76.8	0.0	0.0	8.3	1.9	0.0	5.9	100.0
Pakistan	2.3	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	45.9	0.0	1.2	0.6	44.5	0.1	1.0	100.0
Korea (South)	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	48.1	0.0	12.7	100.0
Thailand	2.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	95.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other ASIA	20.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	4.0	20.8	4.1	0.0	2.9	31.8	9.3	5.1	100.0
ASIA	13.3	19.8	0.9	10.8	1.1	29.5	5.6	0.0	2.2	11.8	1.9	3.2	100.0
Belgium	20.4	78.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Germany	15.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	37.1	1.7	0.0	13.2	1.0	5.4	25.2	100.0
Czech Republic	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	95.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	100.0
Austria	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.8	100.0
Portugal	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	100.0
France	26.8	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	54.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	1.2	1.3	100.0
Italy	11.4	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	76.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	3.1	0.0	5.2	100.0
Romania	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	59.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.0	33.0	100.0
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Slovakia	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	0.0	0.0	100.0
Ireland	66.7	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	30.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	100.0
Other EU	23.2	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	43.8	3.3	0.0	0.8	1.3	0.9	12.6	100.0
EU	15.9	29.3	1.0	0.0	0.2	35.5	0.7	0.0	3.5	1.0	1.9	11.0	100.0
Canada	0.1	98.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	20.3	17.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	35.2	2.3	0.0	0.5	17.5	0.5	5.6	100.0
Switzerland	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.1	0.8	100.0
Brazil	0.0	0.0	94.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	100.0
Australia	1.5	34.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.6	3.9	0.0	6.3	8.4	0.1	5.7	100.0
Rest of the World	12.3	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	54.3	1.1	0.0	1.2	21.0	0.0	5.8	100.0
Total	10.9	18.2	15.9	13.1	1.4	15.3	5.4	1.3	2.7	8.6	3.1	4.1	100.0

**Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – August 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	0.2	155.7	0.0	0.1	9.9	140.0	33.5	10.8	30.8	10.9	12.3	56.3	460.6
Namibia	0.0	81.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.6	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.2	7.2	8.2	105.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SACU	0.2	237.6	0.0	0.1	11.8	146.6	33.6	11.9	30.8	11.1	19.4	64.9	568.2
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	3.2	0.0	0.3	5.4	0.0	4.5	11.4	29.2
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	1.5	9.4	0.3	4.3	1.6	20.1
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	4.1
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.4
SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	9.3	7.0	2.2	15.0	0.5	9.1	13.6	629.3
Other AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	9.4	7.0	2.2	15.0	0.5	9.1	14.2	629.9
UAE	0.0	934.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	934.9
India	0.0	727.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	727.9
Israel	0.0	246.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	246.6
Singapore	0.0	224.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	224.3
Hong Kong	0.0	143.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	143.7
Japan	0.0	41.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.6
Viet Nam	0.0	37.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.7
Other ASIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
ASIA	0.0	2,356.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,357.0
Belgium	0.0	466.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	466.8
UK	0.0	128.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.1
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.0
EU	0.0	594.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	21.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	617.4
Switzerland	0.0	9.2	51.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.4
USA	0.0	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.0	28.8
Canada	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2
Rest of WORLD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
Total	0.2	3,231.5	51.1	0.2	16.6	156.6	61.8	14.5	45.8	11.6	29.3	81.2	3,700.4

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – August 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	33.8	0.0	0.0	2.2	30.4	7.3	2.4	6.7	2.4	2.7	12.2	100.0
Namibia	0.0	77.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.3	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.2	6.8	7.8	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.6	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	0.0	41.8	0.0	0.0	2.1	25.8	5.9	2.1	5.4	2.0	3.4	11.4	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	10.8	0.0	1.1	18.4	0.0	15.4	38.8	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	14.5	0.0	7.5	46.7	1.6	21.5	8.0	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	62.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	12.9	100.0
Mauritius	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.4	0.0	21.8	12.3	9.7	15.2	9.6	100.0
SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.5	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.1	1.4	2.2	100.0
Other AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.2	83.5	100.0
AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.5	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.1	1.4	2.2	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	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	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
Japan	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	0.0	0.0	61.2	0.0	38.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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
UK	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.0	39.0	0.0	0.0	35.1	14.5	100.0
EU	0.0	96.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	15.3	84.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	95.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.5	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Rest of WORLD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.7	100.0
Total	0.0	87.3	1.4	0.0	0.4	4.2	1.7	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.8	2.2	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 bye products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.
- ii. **Re - Exports:** These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.
- iii. **Total exports:** This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports
- iv. **Imports:** These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.
- v. **Trade Balance (Net Export):** This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

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.