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Preface

International merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) is an account of all transactions of merchandise between the compiling country and the rest of the world and plays a pivotal role in many economies, Botswana included. The account measures the value and quantity of goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. As a result, international merchandise trade statistics remains one of the major contributing indicators of the performance of a country'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 when preparing for trade negotiations. Other stakeholders use IMTS for various purposes like academic and market research.

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 presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during December 2019.

During December 2019, the value of Botswana's total imports amounted to P6, 233.2 million, resulting in a decrease of 14.6 percent compared to the revised November 2019 value of P7, 300.7 million. Total exports for the current month were valued at P5, 772.9 million, registering an increase of 22.2 percent from the revised November 2019 value of P4, 725.7 million.

Commodities that were imported mostly in December 2019 were Diamonds; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel with contributions of 25.7 percent, 17.0 percent and 16.6 percent respectively.

The **SACU** region supplied 71.4 percent of total imports during the month under review, with South Africa accounting for 64.4 percent of total imports during the month, followed by Namibia with 6.5 percent. Imports from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) regions accounted for 9.1 percent and 8.8 percent in that order. Canada and USA contributed 4.8 percent and 1.0 percent of imports into Botswana respectively.

Botswana exported Diamonds accounting for 93.5 percent of total exports during December 2019. Machinery & Transport Equipment followed with 1.4 percent. India and Belgium received 30.8 percent and 20.0 percent respectively while the United Arab Emirates got 16.9 percent of total exports during the month under review.

1.0 Total Trade

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

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. Revisions are negligible in some cases while significant in others. The current digest carries revisions for September, October and November 2019 as presented in **Table A**. This table presents revised data comparing figures as at November 2019 Digest and the current situation.

Revisions for the three months in **Table A** were mostly significant for November 2019, especially on the total exports side.

November 2019 Imports have been revised from P7, 233.3 million to P 7, 300.7 million, giving a rise of 0.9 percent (P67.4 million) while Total Exports revision shows an increase of 3.9 percent (P176.1 million) from P4, 549.6 million to P4, 725.7 million. Revisions for the other two months can be observed in **Table A**.

Table A: Data Revisions – September, October and November 2019 (Million Pula)

Period	As at November 2019 Digest			As at December 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
September	5,383.4	4,260.3	(1,123.1)	5,383.5	4,260.8	(1,122.7)	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	(0.0)
October	5,628.4	2,771.2	(2,857.2)	5,628.5	2,771.4	(2,857.1)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	(0.0)
November	7,233.3	4,549.6	(2,683.7)	7,300.7	4,725.7	(2,575.0)	67.4	176.1	108.7	0.9	3.9	(4.1)

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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. Total imports during December 2019, amounted to P6, 233.2 million recording a decline of 14.6 percent (P1, 067.5 million) over the revised November 2019 value of P7, 300.7 million. The decline is mainly attributed to Diamonds imports, having decreased by 29.4 percent (P666.6 million), from the revised November 2019 figure of P2, 265.9 million to P1, 599.3 million during the month under review. Another noticeable decline was recorded for Vehicles & Transport Equipment, at 56.8 percent (P573.7 million) from the revised value of P1, 010.4 million in November 2019 to P436.7 million during the period under review. Imports of Machinery & Electrical Equipment also dropped by 30.1 percent (P271.2 million) from the revised figure of P900.5 million in November 2019 to P629.3 million in December 2019.

Imports value for December 2019 compared to December 2018, shows a positive growth of 35.2 percent (P1, 623.7 million) from P4, 609.5 million recorded in December 2018 to P6, 233.2 million registered during the period under review. The surge is mainly attributed to Diamonds imports, having increased by more than three folds (P1, 229.1 million) from the December 2018 figure of P370.2 million to P1, 599.3 million during December 2019. Another increase was recorded for Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 65.2 percent (P418.2 million), from P641.1 million in December 2018 to P1, 059.3 million during the period under review. Imports of Fuel went up by 39.4 percent (P291.9 million) from P741.1 million in December 2018 to P1, 033.0 million in December 2019.

1.3 Total Exports

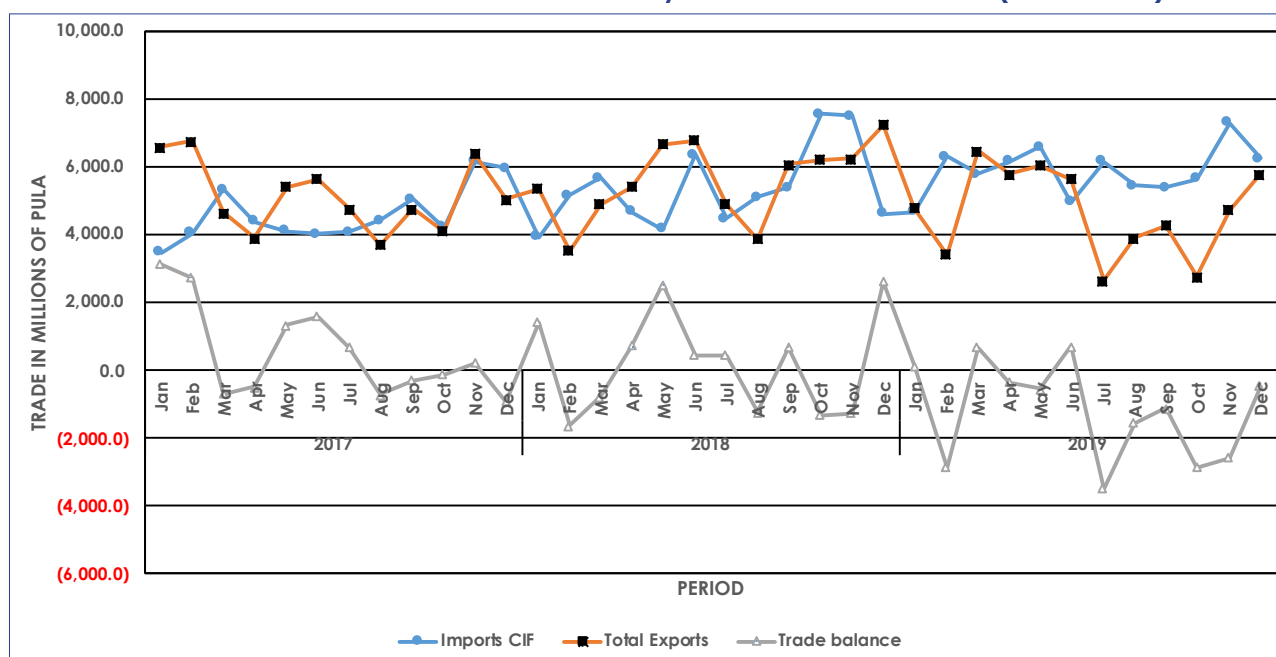
Total exports were valued P5, 772.9 million during December 2019 resulting in an increase of 22.2 percent (P1, 047.1 million) from the revised November 2019 value of P4, 725.7 million. The increase is mainly attributed to the 25.8 percent (P1, 105.7 million) rise in Diamonds exports during December 2019 as shown in **Table 2.2**.

Comparison of December 2019 total exports value to that of December 2018 shows a decline of 20.1 percent (P1, 448.4 million) from P7, 221.3 million recorded in December 2018 to P5, 772.9 million during the period under review. The decline in total exports was mainly influenced by the decrease in almost all commodities groups, except for plastic and plastic products as can be observed in [Table 2.2](#). Diamonds contributed the most to the decline after dropping by 20.0 percent (P1, 348.6 million) from P6, 747.4 million during December 2018 to P5, 398.8 million registered in December 2019. Meat & Meat Products decreased by 81.4 percent (P70.0 million) from P86.0 million in December 2018 to P16.0 million recorded during the month under review.

1.4 Trade Balance

During December 2019, Botswana registered a trade deficit of P460.4 million.

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



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

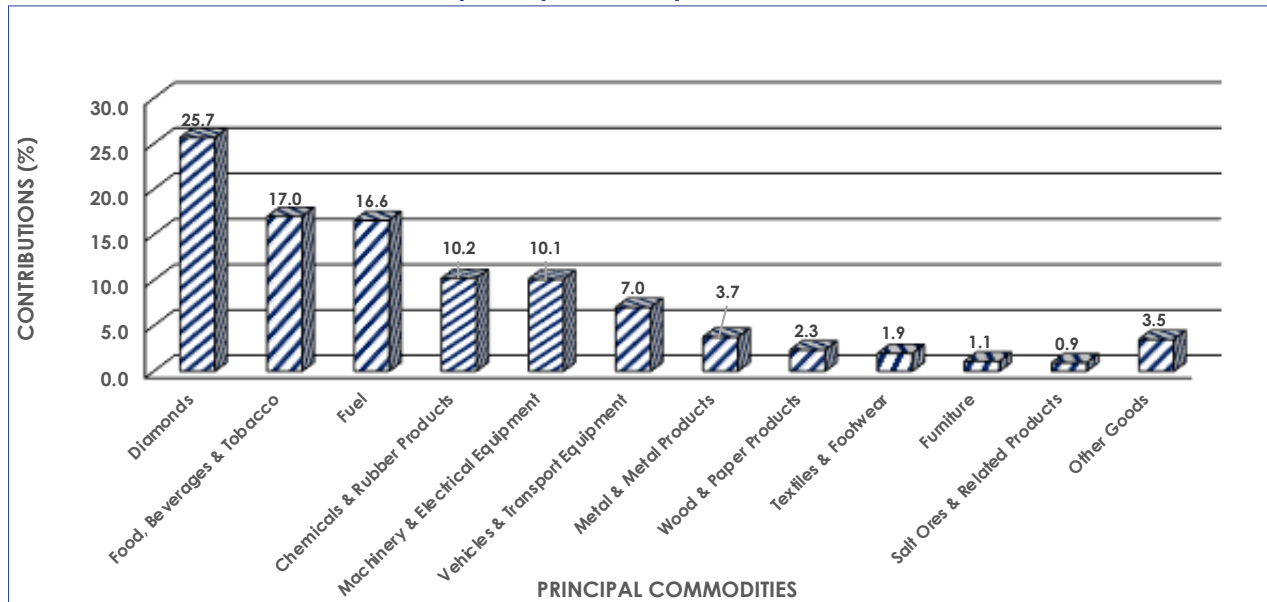
Principal commodity groups refer to groups of related commodities put together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example, 'Metals & Metal Products' combines metals and their associated products; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles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

In an instance where it becomes a challenge to group related chapters or commodities, the commodities are clustered together under the general category called 'Other'. This occurs when commodity group's contribution to the total remain minimal.

2.1 Principal Imports

In December 2019, Botswana received total imports amounting to P6, 233.2 million. Diamonds contributed the most to the total imports, at 25.7 percent (P1, 599.3 million) followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel at 17.0 percent (P1, 059.3 million) and 16.6 percent (P1, 033.0 million) respectively. The other commodities which made significant contributions to total imports during the month under review are Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment which contributed 10.2 percent (P635.1 million) and 10.1 percent (P629.3 million) in that order. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in [Table 2.1](#) and on [Chart 2.1](#).

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – December 2019

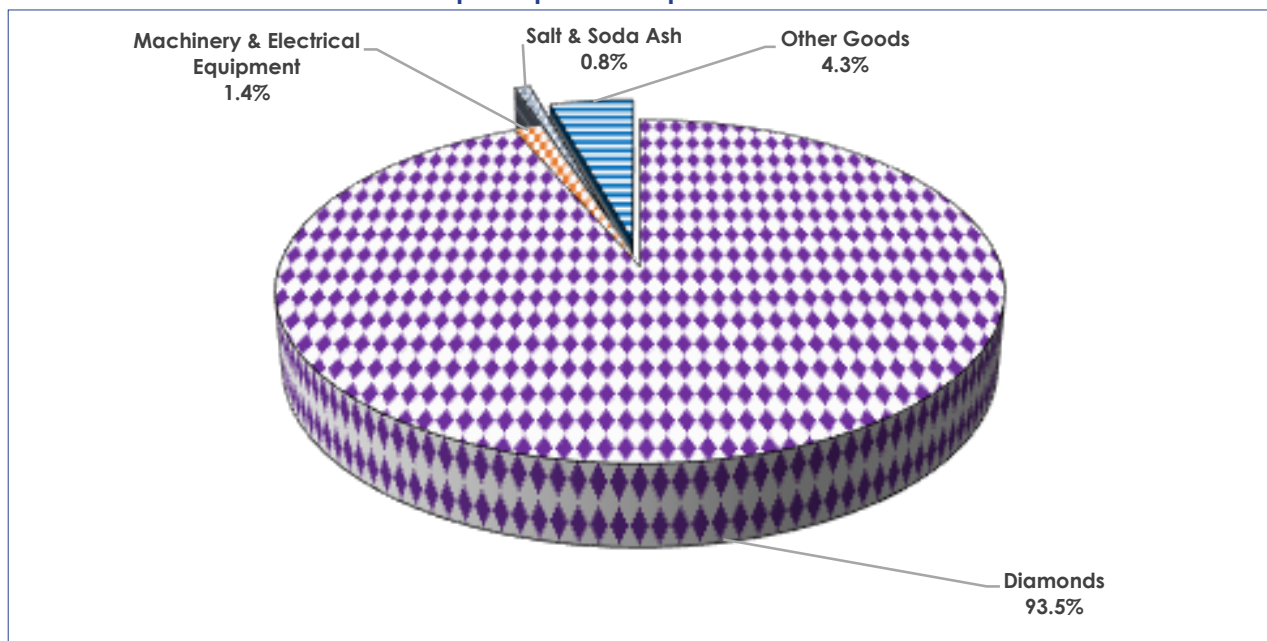


Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports from Botswana were valued at P5, 772.9 million during the month under review. Diamonds contributed 93.5 percent (P5, 398.8 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 1.4 percent (P78.8 million) followed by Salt & Soda Ash with 0.8 percent (P45.6 million). Contributions made by other commodities are shown in Table 2.2 and on Chart 2.2.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – December 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 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 December 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

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) supplied Botswana with imports valued at P 4, 447.8 million, representing 71.4 percent of total imports into the country during December 2019. The top most imported commodity group from the SACU region was Fuel, with a contribution of 22.1 percent (P985.0 million), followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 17.5 percent (P778.8 million) of total imports from the region (**Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**). Diamonds, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment made contributions of 16.0 percent (P710.2 million), 10.9 percent (P482.9 million) and 9.2 percent (P408.0 million) respectively, to the total imports from **SACU** during the month under review.

South Africa was the largest source of imports within the **SACU** region, with a contribution of 64.4 percent (P4, 012.8 million) to total imports during the month under review. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco were the top most imported commodities from South Africa, with contributions of 23.9 percent (P959.3 million) and 19.0 percent (P761.0 million) respectively to total imports from that country.

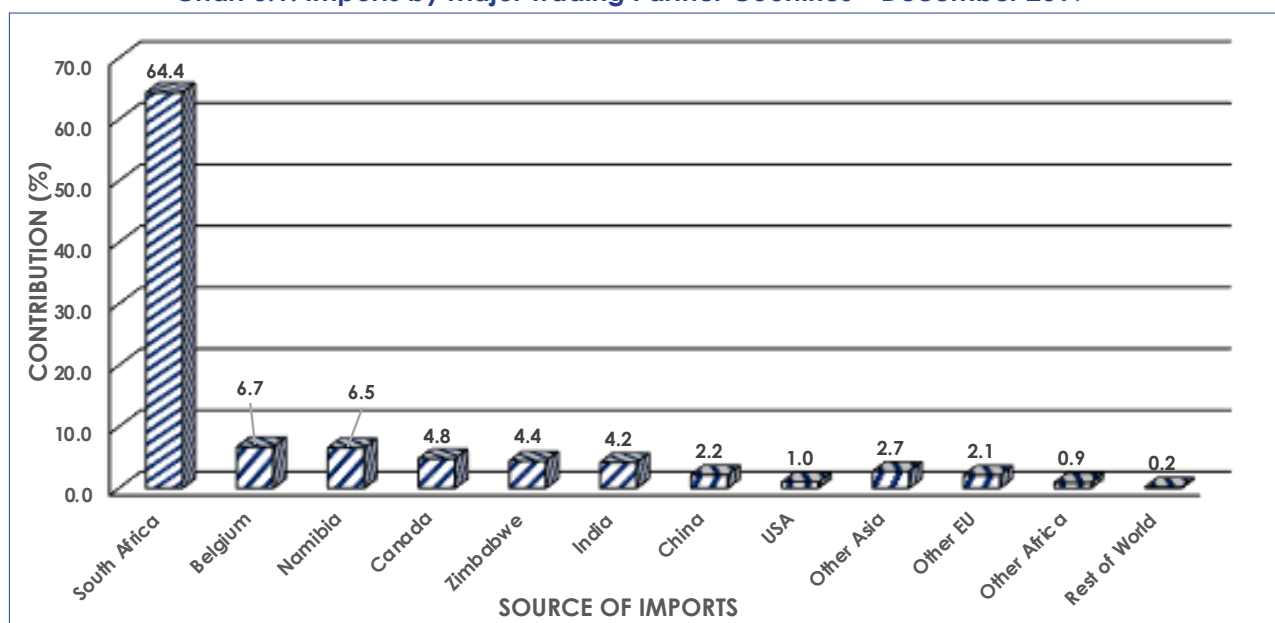
Asia provided Botswana with imports valued at P564.4 million, representing 9.1 percent of total imports during the month under review. During December 2019, top imports commodities from Asia were Diamonds, at 31.2 percent (P176.0 million), Machinery & Electrical Equipment, 21.4 percent (P120.9 million), Chemicals & Rubber Products, 18.3 percent (P103.2 million) and Vehicles & Transport Equipment at 12.3 percent (P69.6 million) of total imports from the region. India and China were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 4.2 percent (P260.2 million) and 2.2 percent (P134.7 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P549.5 million, accounting for 8.8 percent of total imports during December 2019. The main commodities imported from the **EU** were Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, having contributed 73.2 percent (P402.0 million) and 11.8 percent (P64.8 million) respectively of total imports from the region during the current month.

Belgium was the main source of imports from the **EU**, having contributed 6.7 percent (P418.9 million) to the total imports during December 2019.

Total imports accounting for 4.8 percent (P298.3 million) were sourced from Canada during December 2019, mostly unsorted Diamonds at 97.1 percent (P289.8 million) of total imports from that country. Other sources of imports can be observed in tables **3.1A** and **3.1B**.

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



3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

During December 2019, Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 63.0 percent (P3, 635.2 million) of total exports. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were the main destinations within the region, having received 30.8 percent (P1, 780.9 million) and 16.9 percent (P977.1 million) respectively of total exports during the month under review. Israel and Hong Kong received 6.0 percent (P347.0 million) and 4.9 percent (P282.9 million) of the monthly total in that order. The most exported commodity group to Asia was Diamonds at 99.8 percent (P3, 626.4 million) of total exports to the region, as seen in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

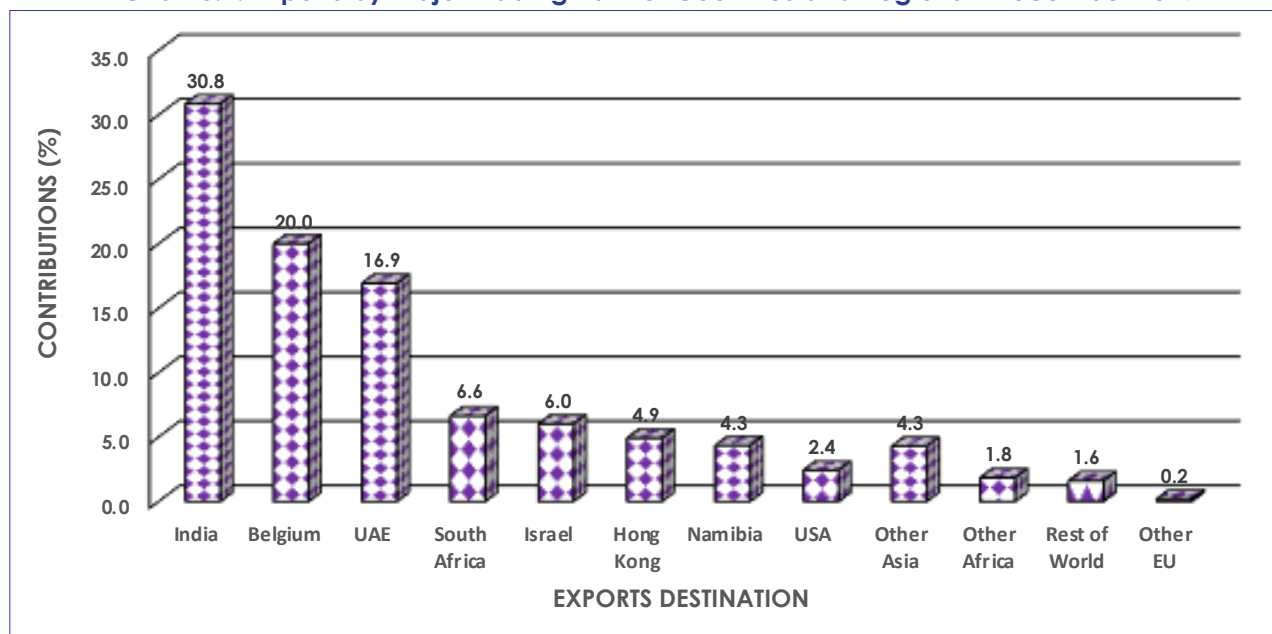
Exports destined to the **EU** region amounted to P1, 164.8 million, accounting for 20.2 percent of total exports during the month under review. Belgium received most of exports destined for **EU**, acquiring 20.0 percent (P1, 154.0 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.1 percent (P1, 154.0 million) of total exports to the region.

The **SACU** region received exports valued at P634.7 million, representing 11.0 percent of total exports during the current period. South Africa and Namibia received most of exports going to **SACU**, accounting for 6.6 percent (P382.3 million) and 4.3 percent (P250.2 million) respectively of total exports during the period under review. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **SACU** region, at 66.4 percent (P421.6 million) of all goods destined to the customs union. Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with a contribution of 7.8 percent (P49.4 million) to total exports destined to **SACU** region during the period under consideration.

United States of America (**USA**) and Switzerland received 2.4 percent (P139.5 million) and 1.3 percent (P76.3 million) respectively, of total exports during December 2019. Diamonds constituted 98.3 percent (P137.1 million) of total exports to the **USA** during the month under review. Exports to Switzerland consisted of two commodities only, Diamonds at 54.2 percent (P41.3 million) and Gold 45.8 percent (P34.9 million).

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

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – December 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 with which goods are presumed to leave or arrive in the statistical territory of the country. Being a landlocked country, Botswana predominantly depends on Air, Road and Rail modes of transport for international merchandise trade. **Table B** presents statistics relating to mode of transport while **Chart 4.0** depicts the graphical illustration.

During December 2019, imports amounting to P3, 564.2 million, representing 57.2 percent of total imports reached the country by Road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 24.6 percent (P1, 533.0 million) and 18.2 percent (P1, 134.3 million) respectively.

In December 2019, total exports accounting for 94.8 percent (P5, 474.5 million) left the country by Air. Exports that left the country by Road transport accounted for 5.0 percent (P286.4 million) of total exports during period under consideration.

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

Flow Type	Import		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	1,134.3	18.2	11.4	0.2
Road Transport	3,564.2	57.2	286.4	5.0
Air Transport	1,533.0	24.6	5,474.5	94.8
Other Modes	1.7	0.0	0.6	0.0
Total	6,233.2	100.0	5,772.9	100.0

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

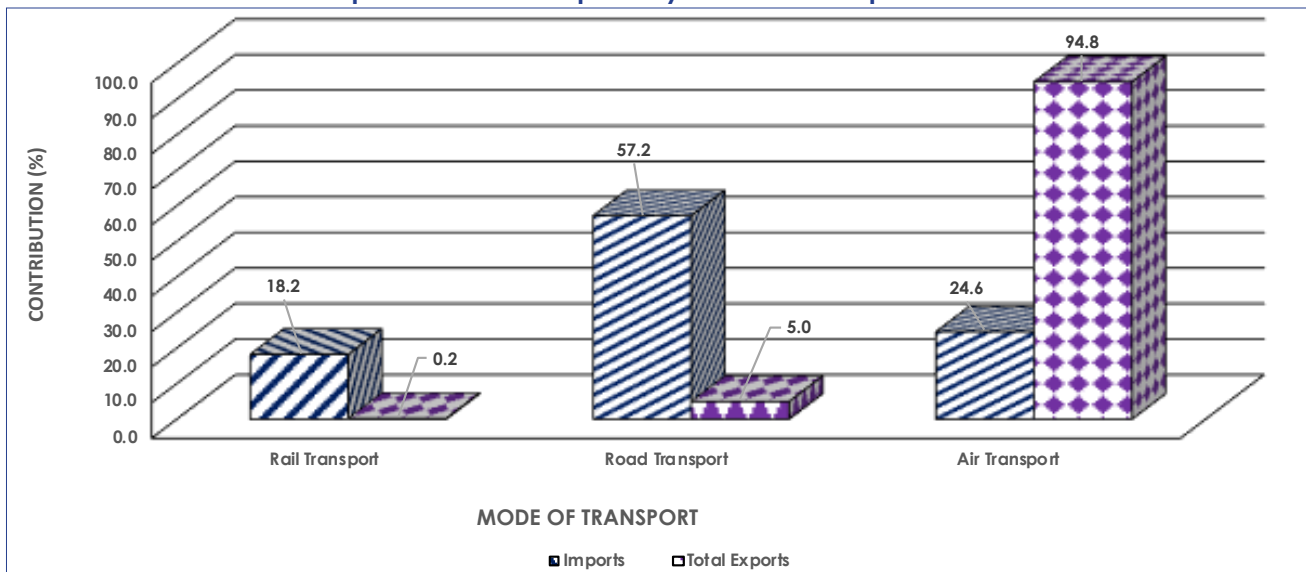


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to December 2019 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan	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	3,869.1	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,763.0	2,720.3
Mar	5,330.1	5,106.6	220.9	2.6	4,511.7	117.4	4,629.1	(701.1)
Q1	12,832.4	12,272.0	555.3	5.1	17,651.9	331.3	17,983.3	5,150.9
Apr	4,391.9	4,237.9	152.7	1.3	3,891.6	0.1	3,891.6	(500.3)
May	4,086.2	3,923.6	161.3	1.3	5,410.5	0.5	5,411.0	1,324.9
Jun	4,027.4	3,870.1	156.2	1.1	5,629.4	0.2	5,629.6	1,602.2
Q2	12,505.4	12,031.5	470.2	3.7	14,931.5	0.7	14,932.2	2,426.8
Jul	4,083.9	3,910.9	171.9	1.1	4,751.8	0.4	4,752.2	668.3
Aug	4,418.5	4,240.2	177.3	1.0	3,701.6	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	13,534.9	12,987.1	544.8	3.0	13,206.0	4.0	13,210.0	(324.9)
Oct	4,227.1	4,018.4	207.1	1.6	4,103.9	5.1	4,109.1	(118.1)
Nov	6,155.5	5,925.9	228.6	1.0	6,386.3	4.7	6,391.0	235.5
Dec	5,961.6	5,748.1	212.0	1.5	5,044.6	3.2	5,047.8	(913.9)
Q4	16,344.3	15,692.4	647.8	4.1	15,534.9	13.0	15,547.8	(796.4)
Total _2017	55,217.0	52,983.0	2,218.1	15.9	61,324.2	349.1	61,673.4	6,456.4
Jan	3,939.8	3,755.5	183.4	0.9	5,363.8	0.1	5,363.9	1,424.1
Feb	5,151.7	4,957.7	192.8	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,616.8)
Mar	5,673.0	5,465.0	206.9	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(776.6)
Q1	14,764.5	14,178.1	583.0	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.1	(969.4)
Apr	4,674.9	4,493.1	180.9	1.0	5,407.2	1.6	5,408.8	733.9
May	4,143.5	3,937.2	205.3	1.0	6,663.5	8.2	6,671.7	2,528.2
Jun	6,347.8	6,146.8	200.2	0.8	6,788.8	0.0	6,788.9	441.1
Q2	15,166.2	14,577.1	586.3	2.8	18,859.5	9.8	18,869.4	3,703.2
Jul	4,463.6	4,271.6	190.9	1.0	4,910.4	1.5	4,911.9	448.3
Aug	5,087.4	4,861.7	224.6	1.0	3,863.8	0.2	3,863.9	(1,223.5)
Sep	5,393.5	5,169.9	220.7	1.6	6,060.8	0.5	6,061.2	667.7
Q3	14,944.5	14,303.2	636.2	3.6	14,834.9	2.1	14,837.0	(107.4)
Oct	7,541.5	7,295.0	245.1	1.4	6,213.0	2.3	6,215.3	(1,326.2)
Nov	7,499.3	7,238.4	258.7	2.2	6,232.2	0.7	6,232.9	(1,266.4)
Dec	4,609.5	4,378.0	230.4	1.1	7,221.3	0.0	7,221.3	2,611.8
Q4	19,650.3	18,911.4	734.2	4.7	19,666.5	3.0	19,669.5	19.2
Total _2018	64,524.0	61,969.8	2,539.8	14.5	67,151.8	19.3	67,171.0	2,647.0
Jan	4,656.7	4,432.3	223.1	1.3	4,787.4	0.0	4,787.4	130.7
Feb	6,281.7	6,076.1	204.4	1.2	3,414.1	4.1	3,418.2	(2,863.5)
Mar	5,794.4	5,578.5	215.0	0.9	6,463.5	0.1	6,463.5	669.1
Q1	16,732.8	16,086.9	642.5	3.5	14,665.0	4.1	14,669.1	(2,063.7)
Apr	6,146.0	5,934.8	209.2	2.0	5,790.7	5.2	5,795.8	(350.2)
May	6,588.0	6,359.0	227.9	1.0	6,041.1	5.6	6,046.6	(541.3)
Jun	4,944.9	4,701.5	242.5	0.9	5,643.3	9.9	5,653.2	708.4
Q2	17,678.9	16,995.3	679.6	4.0	17,475.0	20.7	17,495.7	(183.2)
Jul	6,139.2	5,892.0	245.6	1.5	2,659.8	0.4	2,660.2	(3,479.0)
Aug	5,444.1	5,200.5	241.7	1.9	3,901.3	0.2	3,901.6	(1,542.5)
Sep	5,383.5	5,152.7	229.8	1.0	4,259.1	1.7	4,260.8	(1,122.7)
Q3	16,966.8	16,245.2	717.2	4.4	10,820.2	2.3	10,822.6	(6,144.2)
Oct	5,628.5	5,395.7	231.7	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.1)
Nov	7,300.7	7,030.5	269.0	1.1	4,725.2	0.5	4,725.7	(2,575.0)
Dec	6,233.2	5,989.4	242.4	1.4	5,772.4	0.4	5,772.9	(460.4)
Q4	19,162.4	18,415.6	743.1	3.7	13,269.1	0.9	13,270.0	(5,892.4)
Total _2019	70,540.9	67,742.9	2,782.4	15.6	56,229.3	28.1	56,257.4	(14,283.4)

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan	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	808.9	48.4	709.7	168.5	33.0	180.6	413.4	102.4	158.5	5,330.1
Q1	1,056.6	3,382.7	1,679.1	2,049.4	138.2	1,802.2	562.4	108.7	430.3	901.7	315.7	405.4	12,832.4
Apr	323.0	1,590.5	466.1	594.5	41.5	529.6	171.5	42.0	105.4	318.5	89.4	119.9	4,391.9
May	423.5	1,139.3	528.5	559.8	53.3	487.2	189.1	40.6	133.0	286.3	104.2	141.4	4,086.2
Jun	350.8	1,256.3	516.1	527.2	48.1	465.7	185.3	37.4	85.7	275.5	97.8	181.4	4,027.4
Q2	1,097.4	3,986.1	1,510.6	1,681.6	142.9	1,482.5	545.9	119.9	324.0	880.3	291.4	442.7	12,505.4
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	267.1	131.6	158.3	4,418.5
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	13,534.9
Oct	536.3	303.9	630.9	608.9	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	172.7	617.2	135.4	186.0	4,227.1
Nov	543.1	1,992.4	737.1	787.7	73.5	741.9	265.1	52.7	178.9	414.9	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	589.3	16,344.3
Total_2017	5,680.8	14,418.8	6,957.9	8,100.9	651.6	7,252.2	2,479.0	502.0	1,651.3	4,165.2	1,411.5	1,945.8	55,217.0
Jan	396.4	779.0	628.6	643.7	35.2	617.1	159.4	42.1	85.3	293.6	110.6	148.7	3,939.8
Feb	427.0	1,597.8	620.1	606.1	60.0	682.8	215.9	34.1	128.5	473.6	123.4	182.3	5,151.7
Mar	431.8	1,904.0	661.4	676.3	67.9	707.8	230.9	48.3	157.6	478.8	138.9	169.4	5,673.0
Q1	1,255.2	4,280.8	1,910.2	1,926.1	163.1	2,007.7	606.2	124.5	371.5	1,246.0	372.9	500.4	14,764.5
Apr	403.3	1,424.3	564.1	614.0	60.6	549.0	207.7	40.3	139.0	362.0	118.6	192.0	4,674.9
May	494.0	426.2	695.6	691.3	61.4	663.9	241.6	54.0	123.3	362.3	142.0	187.9	4,143.5
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	1,336.8	4,577.0	1,854.8	1,960.0	191.7	1,874.5	723.6	139.5	389.1	1,208.8	372.4	538.0	15,166.2
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	4,463.6
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	757.7	67.0	871.1	257.1	63.5	163.9	380.6	138.6	170.6	5,393.5
Q3	1,449.8	3,375.6	1,922.8	2,151.9	186.2	2,251.0	745.0	147.5	457.0	1,276.7	373.7	607.3	14,944.5
Oct	604.6	2,978.1	756.6	891.4	81.8	830.3	272.5	63.8	211.5	510.0	158.2	182.6	7,541.5
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	618.7	225.0	48.6	141.4	532.0	148.1	603.3	4,609.5
Q4	1,685.0	6,114.5	2,227.6	2,477.4	228.2	2,298.6	836.0	178.3	571.7	1,577.2	460.0	995.9	19,650.3
Total_2018	5,726.7	18,347.8	7,915.3	8,515.4	769.2	8,431.3	2,910.8	589.9	1,789.3	5,308.6	1,579.1	2,641.6	64,525.0
Jan	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	633.7	536.4	56.8	634.0	268.3	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,281.7
Mar	482.4	2,019.9	699.1	586.8	66.9	725.7	306.2	52.4	161.1	378.8	129.6	185.5	5,794.4
Q1	1,425.5	5,355.6	2,023.5	1,713.1	171.0	1,974.2	814.6	150.8	394.3	1,790.1	352.5	567.6	16,732.8
Apr	424.3	2,315.3	604.4	603.2	62.0	717.1	359.9	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.4	152.1	6,146.0
May	503.9	2,355.8	678.2	655.6	61.2	693.4	316.5	65.8	117.1	788.3	139.5	212.7	6,588.0
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.8	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.0	129.6	162.7	4,944.9
Q2	1,419.8	5,460.7	1,936.4	2,165.5	181.3	2,183.6	1,113.7	174.1	342.9	1,784.0	389.4	527.5	17,678.9
Jul	530.5	1,671.6	700.1	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.3	66.0	134.4	508.6	127.5	340.9	6,139.2
Aug	551.2	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	139.5	437.5	157.3	211.5	5,444.1
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	820.7	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	191.9	5,383.5
Q3	1,639.9	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.5	830.0	190.6	436.9	1,336.3	432.2	744.2	16,966.8

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt, Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.1	158.5	233.4	5,628.5
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.8	646.9	68.1	900.5	294.7	58.0	160.5	1,010.4	144.7	212.9	7,300.7
Dec	635.1	1,599.3	1,059.3	1,033.0	67.6	629.3	233.1	57.1	120.6	436.7	145.0	217.2	6,233.2
Q4	1,856.0	5,270.2	2,759.3	2,374.6	210.1	2,256.8	789.5	174.8	452.2	1,907.1	448.2	663.4	19,162.4
Total 2019	6,341.1	20,033.6	9,000.1	8,835.8	769.0	8,754.1	3,547.9	690.3	1,626.3	6,817.4	1,622.4	2,502.8	70,540.9
% 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
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.5	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
Nov-19	8.9	31.0	12.1	8.9	0.9	12.3	4.0	0.8	2.2	13.8	2.0	2.9	100.0
Dec-19	10.2	25.7	17.0	16.6	1.1	10.1	3.7	0.9	1.9	7.0	2.3	3.5	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to December 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	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	4,629.1
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	17,983.3
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	13.7	58.2	17.1	39.6	80.4	5,047.8
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.7	157.8	53.1	88.3	254.3	15,547.8
Total_2017	40.9	55,904.0	372.2	37.7	168.6	1,850.9	887.5	230.3	642.1	182.2	577.7	779.3	61,673.4
Jan	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.9
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	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	13,795.1
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	77.1	6,788.9
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.7	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	301.9	18,869.4
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	25.3	79.1	4,911.9
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	33.8	82.2	6,061.2
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	87.8	266.6	14,837.0
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.0	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.3	6,215.3
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	26.0	98.7	116.3	6,232.9
Dec	1.8	6,747.4	37.6	0.5	8.9	120.2	86.0	8.7	51.8	18.3	35.2	104.8	7,221.3
Q4	10.6	17,821.7	118.6	2.5	36.4	509.9	214.5	59.8	174.9	67.8	277.4	375.3	19,669.5
Total_2018	71.4	60,411.1	451.3	22.5	156.8	1,937.7	970.4	246.7	885.2	233.8	613.2	1,171.0	67,171.0
Jan	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	8.6	53.5	13.6	24.1	132.1	4,787.4
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.0	39.3	9.8	44.7	14.2	24.0	79.3	3,418.2
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.8	54.5	13.1	44.0	71.8	6,463.5
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.1	93.0	32.2	152.6	40.9	92.1	283.1	14,669.1
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	12.0	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	24.8	114.2	6,046.6
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	137.4	101.0	13.8	30.4	11.6	31.8	108.0	5,653.2
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.3	410.7	218.2	48.1	129.0	37.6	87.4	301.3	17,495.7
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.1	11.0	129.9	59.1	14.0	56.4	10.2	23.5	79.3	2,660.2
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.3	17.4	158.3	63.0	16.6	46.2	12.8	30.9	84.7	3,901.6
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	0.8	20.4	148.5	89.2	17.8	61.1	12.9	41.3	83.5	4,260.8
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.2	48.7	436.6	211.3	48.4	163.7	35.9	95.7	247.4	10,822.6

Table 2.2 Continued: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2017 to December 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
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.5	22.6	124.7	94.6	21.4	35.6	12.1	30.8	96.4	2,771.4
Nov	0.2	4,293.1	29.1	0.3	13.8	158.2	24.0	27.5	33.5	16.4	41.5	88.1	4,725.7
Dec	0.1	5,398.8	34.9	0.2	6.6	78.8	16.0	17.5	45.6	14.8	33.4	126.2	5,772.9
Q4	0.5	11,989.7	97.8	2.0	43.1	361.6	134.6	66.4	114.7	43.3	105.7	310.7	13,270.0
Total_2019	2.6	51,009.5	436.5	4.9	174.5	1,536.0	657.1	195.1	560.1	157.7	380.9	1,142.6	56,257.4
%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
2019	0.0	90.7	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.7	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.0	100.0
Nov-19	0.0	90.8	0.6	0.0	0.3	3.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.9	1.9	100.0
Dec-19	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.6	2.2	100.0

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

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan	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	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	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
Jun	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.0
Sep	223.5	0.0	0.0	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.5
Q3	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,420.0	573.5	3,947.0	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.7
Oct	247.7	0.0	0.0	1,041.7	115.6	1,405.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.7
Nov	36.4	0.1	0.0	1,539.9	689.5	2,265.9	0.3	8.7	0.0	3,684.9	599.2	4,293.1
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,832.2	560.2	5,398.8
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,422.1	1,552.1	11,989.7
Total_2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,934.3	8,981.2	51,009.5

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – December 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	460.2	355.2	761.0	959.3	61.0	407.7	204.9	53.1	109.4	343.8	124.7	172.6	4,012.8
Namibia	0.8	355.0	15.9	25.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	3.3	0.5	5.0	0.1	0.2	407.3
Swaziland	21.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.2	25.6
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.1
SACU	482.9	710.2	778.8	985.0	61.3	408.0	205.0	56.4	111.6	349.1	126.4	173.0	4,447.8
Zimbabwe	3.7	0.0	257.6	0.0	0.7	0.2	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	6.8	1.0	275.2
Zambia	0.0	0.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	17.5
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.6
Other SADC	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
SADC	486.8	710.2	1,050.7	985.1	62.1	410.4	213.3	57.0	111.9	349.9	133.2	174.4	4,745.0
Other Africa	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.7
Africa	487.9	710.2	1,051.0	985.1	62.1	412.7	213.3	57.0	111.9	350.1	133.3	174.4	4,748.8
India	90.8	123.8	0.1	29.8	0.3	7.4	3.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	2.8	260.2
China	10.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	3.7	89.3	8.8	0.0	4.9	2.7	3.2	11.3	134.7
UAE	0.1	43.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	49.3
Japan	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.8	0.0	0.0	49.0
Other Asia	1.8	8.7	1.0	17.5	1.2	17.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	19.2	0.1	2.3	71.2
ASIA	103.2	176.0	1.6	47.9	5.2	120.9	12.4	0.0	6.9	69.6	3.9	16.7	564.4
Belgium	2.1	402.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.5	418.9
France	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	6.6	3.2	23.7
UK	2.6	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	12.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	2.9	0.7	2.1	22.2
Netherlands	17.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	1.7	24.6
Germany	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	2.1	18.8
Other EU	6.4	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	18.6	3.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	9.3	41.4
EU	36.1	402.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	64.8	4.1	0.0	0.9	5.4	7.6	22.9	549.5
Canada	3.2	289.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	298.3
USA	3.6	21.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	21.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	11.3	0.1	2.6	61.0
Australia	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.5	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	7.0
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6
Rest of World	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.6
Total	635.1	1,599.3	1,059.3	1,033.0	67.6	629.3	233.1	57.1	120.6	436.7	145.0	217.2	6,233.2

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – December 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	11.5	8.9	19.0	23.9	1.5	10.2	5.1	1.3	2.7	8.6	3.1	4.3	100.0
Namibia	0.2	87.2	3.9	6.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.1	100.0
Swaziland	85.4	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.6	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	80.5	14.8	0.1	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.9	16.0	17.5	22.1	1.4	9.2	4.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	2.8	3.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	1.4	0.0	93.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	2.5	0.3	100.0
Zambia	0.1	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	10.9	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.1	2.0	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	0.0	21.7	47.7	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	27.1	0.0	70.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	100.0
SADC	10.3	15.0	22.1	20.8	1.3	8.6	4.5	1.2	2.4	7.4	2.8	3.7	100.0
Other Africa	28.1	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	60.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.7	0.6	0.3	100.0
Africa	10.3	15.0	22.1	20.7	1.3	8.7	4.5	1.2	2.4	7.4	2.8	3.7	100.0
India	34.9	47.6	0.0	11.5	0.1	2.8	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.1	100.0
China	7.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.7	66.3	6.5	0.0	3.6	2.0	2.4	8.4	100.0
UAE	0.3	88.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Japan	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	2.5	12.2	1.4	24.6	1.7	24.7	0.9	0.0	1.5	27.0	0.1	3.3	100.0
ASIA	18.3	31.2	0.3	8.5	0.9	21.4	2.2	0.0	1.2	12.3	0.7	3.0	100.0
Belgium	0.5	96.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
France	4.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	47.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	27.7	13.5	100.0
UK	11.7	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.1	55.5	0.4	0.0	1.3	12.9	3.1	9.4	100.0
Netherlands	72.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	17.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.0	7.1	100.0
Germany	32.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	50.8	0.7	0.0	1.8	1.2	1.6	11.0	100.0
Other EU	15.4	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	44.9	9.1	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.1	22.5	100.0
EU	6.6	73.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.4	4.2	100.0
Canada	1.1	97.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	5.8	34.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	34.3	1.0	0.0	0.7	18.5	0.2	4.2	100.0
Australia	14.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	40.1	35.5	0.0	2.8	2.0	0.1	5.2	100.0
Switzerland	2.7	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	80.1	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.1	0.0	5.0	100.0
Rest of World	3.6	0.0	28.8	0.0	6.5	33.6	4.7	0.0	10.7	3.6	3.0	5.5	100.0
Total	10.2	25.7	17.0	16.6	1.1	10.1	3.7	0.9	1.9	7.0	2.3	3.5	100.0

**Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – December 2019
(Million Pula)**

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.1	190.3	0.0	0.0	5.8	45.9	2.4	15.8	30.9	13.6	5.4	72.2	382.3
Namibia	0.0	231.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.2	9.4	250.2
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
SACU	0.1	421.6	0.0	0.0	5.8	49.4	4.6	15.9	30.9	14.2	10.6	81.6	634.7
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.6	0.0	0.5	4.9	0.0	10.7	12.8	32.7
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.9	0.0	1.0	9.4	0.2	3.1	11.3	32.2
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	6.7
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	14.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	3.6	0.3	19.3
SADC	0.1	421.6	0.0	0.0	6.5	78.3	6.0	17.5	45.6	14.6	28.0	107.5	725.6
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.5	8.1	13.1
Africa	0.1	421.6	0.0	0.0	6.5	78.3	6.4	17.5	45.6	14.8	32.4	115.6	738.7
India	0.0	1,780.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,780.9
UAE	0.0	977.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	977.1
Israel	0.0	346.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	347.0
Hong Kong	0.0	275.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	282.9
Singapore	0.0	163.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	163.9
Japan	0.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.9
Other Asia	0.0	61.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.5
ASIA	0.0	3,626.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	3,635.2
Belgium	0.0	1,154.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,154.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	1.9
EU	0.0	1,154.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	1,164.8
USA	0.0	137.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.4	139.5
Switzerland	0.0	41.3	34.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.3
Canada	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2
Rest of World	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Total	0.1	5,398.8	34.9	0.2	6.6	78.8	16.0	17.5	45.6	14.8	33.4	126.2	5,772.9

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – December 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	49.8	0.0	0.0	1.5	12.0	0.6	4.1	8.1	3.6	1.4	18.9	100.0
Namibia	0.0	92.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.1	3.8	100.0
Swaziland	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
SACU	0.0	66.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	7.8	0.7	2.5	4.9	2.2	1.7	12.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	11.0	0.0	1.6	15.1	0.0	32.6	39.2	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	21.5	0.0	3.1	29.3	0.8	9.5	35.2	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.1	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.5	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	74.4	0.0	0.3	2.1	1.2	18.8	1.8	100.0
SADC	0.0	58.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	10.8	0.8	2.4	6.3	2.0	3.9	14.8	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	33.9	61.8	100.0
Africa	0.0	57.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	10.6	0.9	2.4	6.2	2.0	4.4	15.6	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	97.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	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	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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	0.5	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.2	45.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	12.7	38.0	100.0
EU	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	0.0	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	54.2	45.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Rest of World	0.0	49.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	7.0	0.0	42.9	100.0
Total	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.6	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.