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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 the compiling country and the rest of the world. The account measures the value and quantity of goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. 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.

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 September 2019.

Botswana's total exports amounted to P4, 250.6 million, resulting in an increase of 9.3 percent compared to the revised August 2019 value of P 3,889.5 million. Imports for the September were valued at P5, 247.1 million, showing an increase of 1.7 percent from the revised August 2019 value of P5, 159.6 million.

Belgium and South Africa were the major destination for Botswana exports, having received 17.0 percent and 15.2 percent respectively, of total exports during September 2019. India and Switzerland received 14.5 percent and 14.2 percent respectively. The United Arab Emirate got 11.9 percent of total exports. Asia as a regional block received 45.9 percent of Botswana's total exports during the month under review. **SACU** got 18.0 percent while **EU** received exports accounting for 18.1 percent.

Botswana mostly exported Diamonds which accounted for 88.0 percent of total exports during September 2019. Machinery & Transport Equipment contributed 3.4 percent while Meat & Meat Products and Salt & Soda Ash contributed 2.1 percent and 1.4 percent respectively.

The **SACU** region contributed 81.6 percent to total imports during September 2019. Most of the imports from **SACU** came from South Africa followed by Namibia, accounting for 70.8 percent and 10.3 percent respectively. Imports from Asia and **EU** regions accounted for 7.5 percent and 3.8 percent respectively while Imports from Canada accounted for 4.6 percent during the month under review.

Commodities that were imported mostly during September 2019 were led by Diamonds at 21.8 percent, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 15.6 percent while Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed, 14.8 percent. Fuel imports accounted for 13.1 percent while Chemicals & Rubber Products imports represented 10.6 percent of total imports during September 2019.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on September 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. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in other cases. The current digest carries revisions for June and August 2019 as presented in **Table A**. This table presents revised data comparing figures of August 2019 Digest and the current Digest.

August 2019 Imports have been revised from P5, 071.2 million to P 5, 159.6 million, giving a rise of 1.7 percent (P88.4 million) while Total Exports revision shows increase of 5.1 percent (P189.1 million) from P 3, 700.4 million to P 3. 889.5 million. Other revisions can be observed in **Table A**.

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

Period	As at August 2019 Digest			As at September 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
June	4,703.1	5,652.9	949.8	4,704.4	5,652.9	948.5	1.3	0.0	(1.3)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
August	5,071.2	3,700.4	(1,370.8)	5,159.6	3,889.5	(1,270.1)	88.4	189.1	100.8	1.7	5.1	(7.4)

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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, 247.1 million during September 2019, showing an increase of 1.7 percent (P87.5 million) from the revised August 2019 value of P5, 159.6 million. Diamonds contributed greatly to the rise in total imports, showing a 14.7 percent (P146.8 million) increase, from a revised August 2019 figure of P995.7 million to P1, 142.5 million during September 2019. Another recognisable surge was recorded for Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 5.0 percent (P39.0 million) from P779 million in August 2019 to P818.0 million during the period under review. Similarly, Textile imports went up by 16.8 percent (P23.4 million) from P 139.5 million in August 2019 to P162.9 million in September of the same year.

Comparison of imports value for September 2019 and September 2018 shows a decrease of 2.7 percent (P145.0 million) from P5, 392.1 million recorded in September 2018 to P5, 247.1 million registered in September 2019. The fall in imports value was due to Diamonds imports, which registered a decline of 16.8 percent (P230.2 million). Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment recorded decreases of 9.1 percent (P68.5 million) and 6.1 percent (P53.1 million) respectively.

1.3 Total Exports

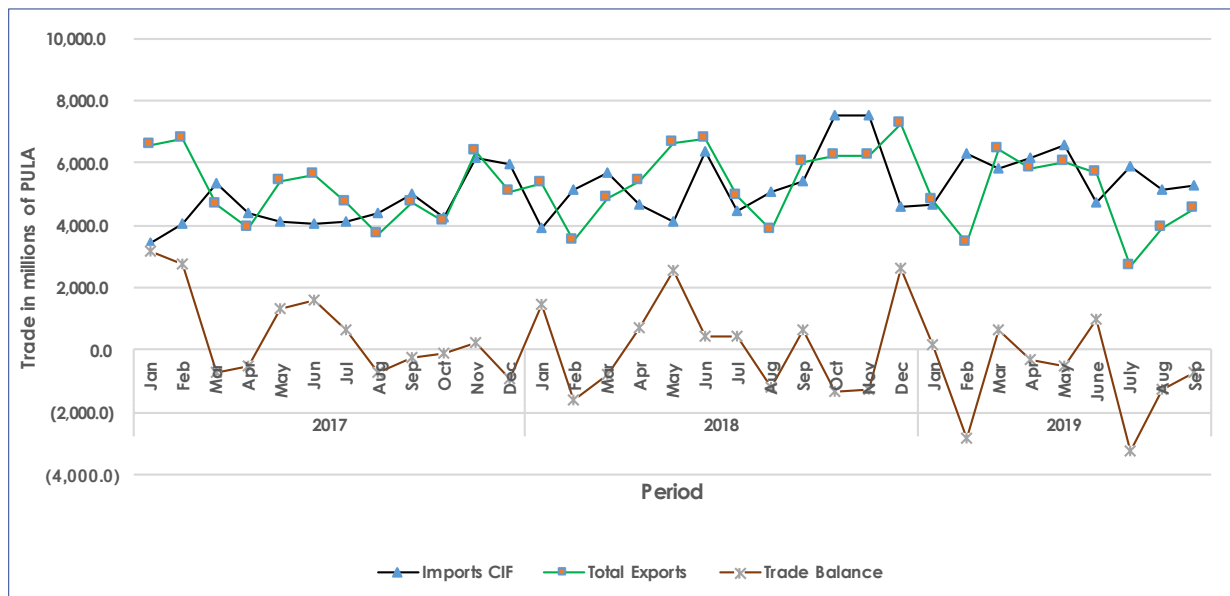
During September 2019, Botswana's total exports amounted to P4, 250.6 million, resulting in an increase of 9.3 percent (P361.1 million) compared to the revised August 2019 value of P3, 889.5 million. The increase is mainly attributed to the increase of 9.6 percent (P328.1 million) in Diamonds exports during September 2019 compared to the value recorded for the previous month as shown on **Table 2.2**. The other commodity group that registered an increase is Meat & Meat Products, with a rise of 44.4 percent (P27.4 million) from P61.8 million during August 2019 to P89.2 million during the period under review.

Comparison of total exports value for September 2019 and September 2018 shows a fall of 29.8 percent (P1, 807.2 million) from P6, 057.8 million recorded in September 2018 to P4, 250.6 million during the period under review. The decline in total exports was mainly influenced by the decrease in Diamonds exports, having declined by 29.4 percent (P1, 558.4 million) from P5, 297.9 million recorded in September 2018 to P3, 739.5 million registered in September 2019. Salt & Soda Ash showed a decrease of P179.6 million (74.7 percent) from P240.5 million in September 2018 to P60.9 million recorded during the month under review.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana registered a trade deficit of P 381.7 million during September 2019.

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



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

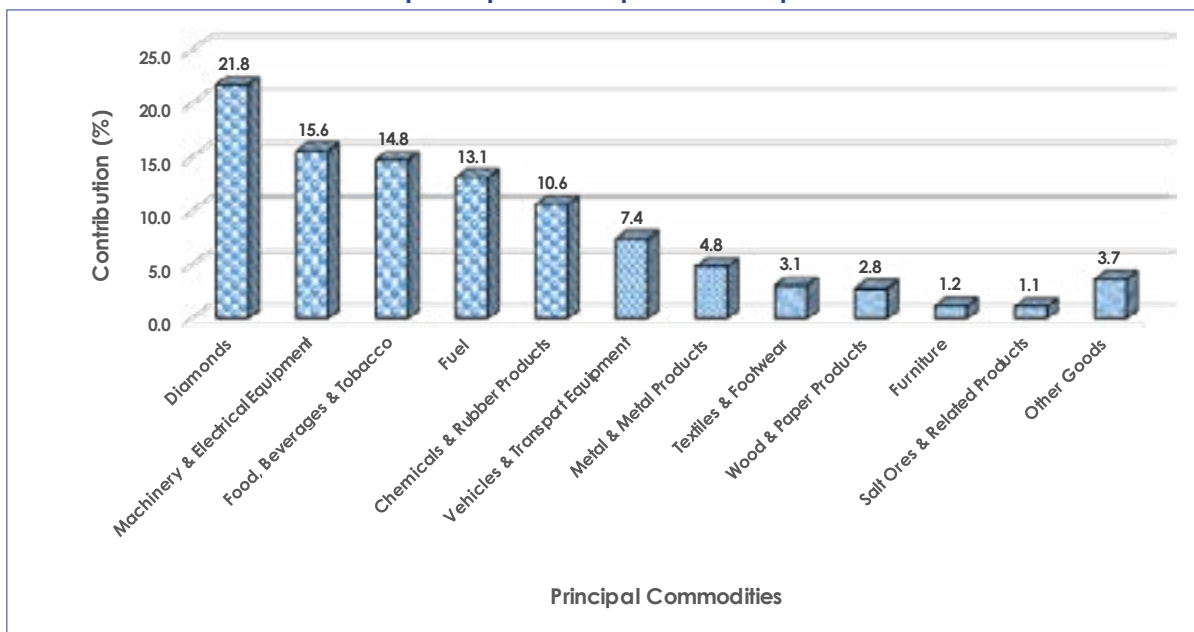
Principal commodity groups refer to groups of related commodities put together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example, 'Metals & Metal Products' combines metals and their associated products; 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles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

In an instance where it becomes a challenge to 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, 247.1 million during September 2019. Diamonds contributed most to the total imports, at 21.8 percent (P1, 142.5 million) followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 15.6 percent (P818.0 million) and 14.8 percent (P774.6 million) respectively. Fuel contributed 13.1 percent (P687.7 million) while Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 10.6 percent (P558.1 million) to total imports during the month under review. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in [Table 2.1 \(refer to 5.0 Annexure\)](#) and on [Chart 2.1](#)

Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – September 2019

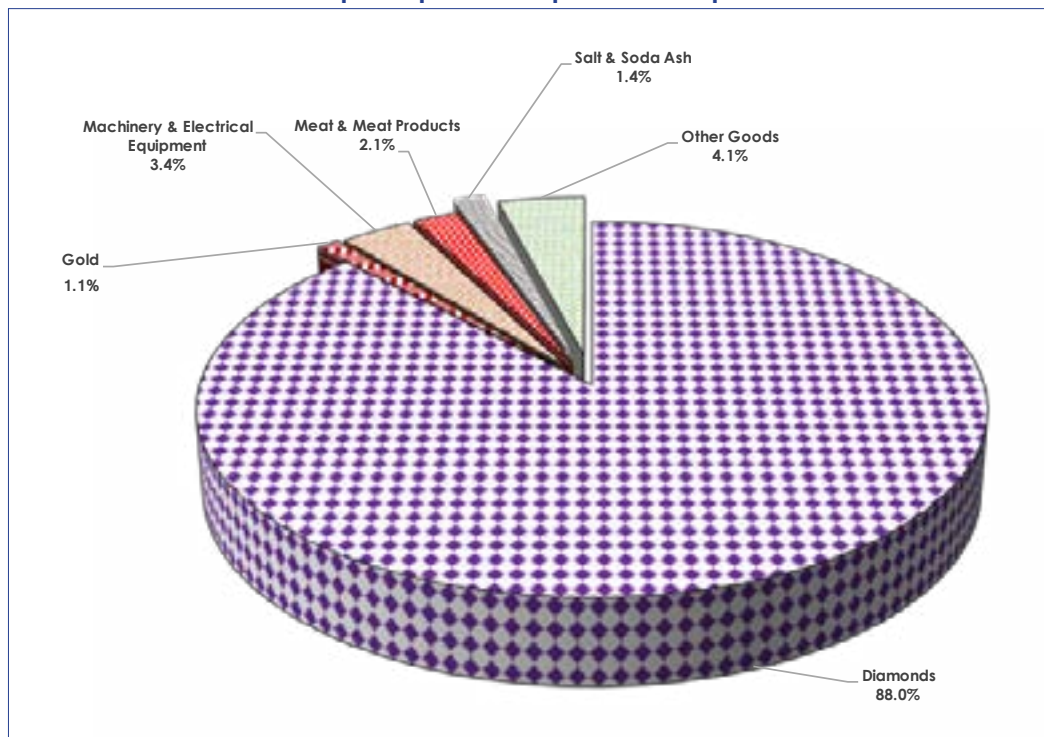


Note: Other Goods include all other goods not specified in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports for September 2019 were valued at P4, 250.6 million, with 88.0 percent (P3, 739.5 million) attributed to Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 3.4 percent (P142.9 million) followed by Meat & Meat Products and Salt & Soda Ash exports with 2.1 percent (P89.2 million) and 1.4 percent (P60.9 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodities are shown in **Table 2.2** and on **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – September 2019



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 September 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, 247.1 million during September 2019, with 81.6 percent (P4,283.2 million) sourced from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**). The top most imported commodity group from the SACU region was Diamonds, with a contribution of 18.9 percent (P808.6 million), followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 17.1 percent (P734.6 million) of total imports from the region (**Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**). Fuel, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products made contributions of 15.1 percent (P648.7 million), 14.1 percent (P602.4 million) and 11.1 percent (P475.5 million) respectively to total imports from SACU during September 2019.

Within the SACU region, South Africa was the largest source of imports, with a contribution of 70.8 percent (P3, 712.8 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 19.4 percent (P718.7 million) and 16.5 percent (P 611.0 million) respectively to total imports from that country.

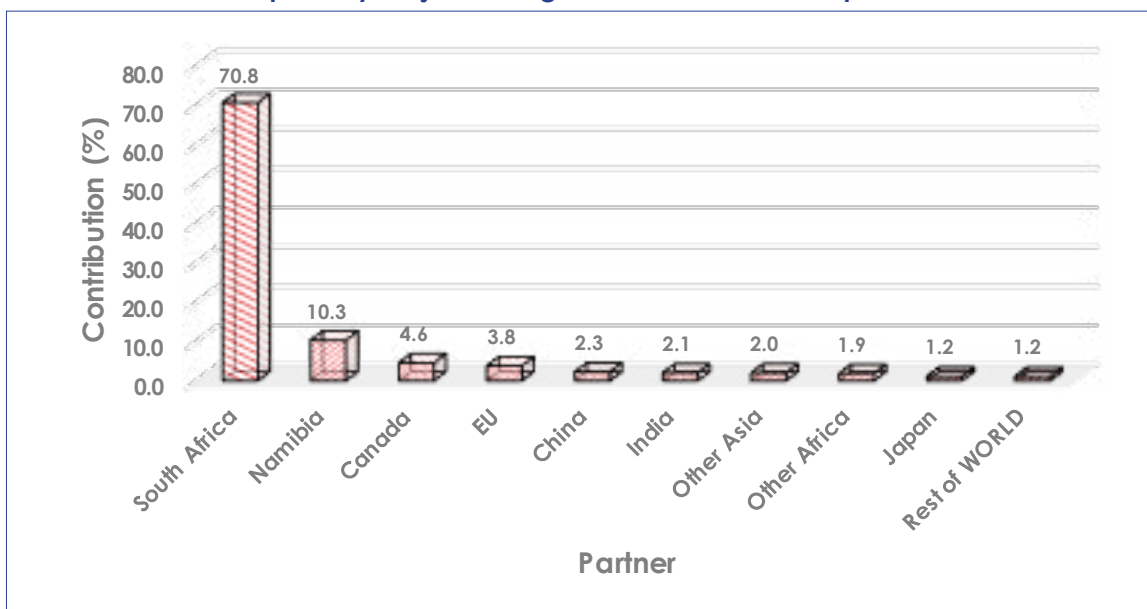
Asia supplied Botswana with imports valued at P 394.2 million, representing 7.5 percent of total imports during the month under review. The main commodities imported from Asia were Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 24.4 percent (P96.3 million) of total imports from the region during September 2019. This was followed by Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Diamonds with contributions of 18.8 percent (P74.3 million) and 14.7 percent (P58.1 million) respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products constituted 10.8 percent (P42.4 million) of total imports from Asia during September 2019.

China and India were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 2.3 percent (P119.5 million) and 2.1 percent (P108.3 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review. Japan provided 1.2 percent (P61.2 million) of imports during the current month.

Imports worth P199.4 million were sourced from the EU, representing 3.8 percent of total imports during the current period.

Canada supplied P239.7 million (4.6 percent) worth of imports to Botswana during September 2019. Most of imports from Canada were Diamonds at 97.9 percent (P234.7 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 – September 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 45.9 percent (P1, 949.9 million) of total exports. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) received 14.5 percent (P616.8 million) and 11.9 percent (P506.7 million) respectively of total exports during the month under review. Israel and Hong Kong received 7.1 percent (P 300.8 million) and 6.7 percent (P 283.2 million) of the monthly total in that order. The most exported commodity group to Asia was Diamonds, as seen in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

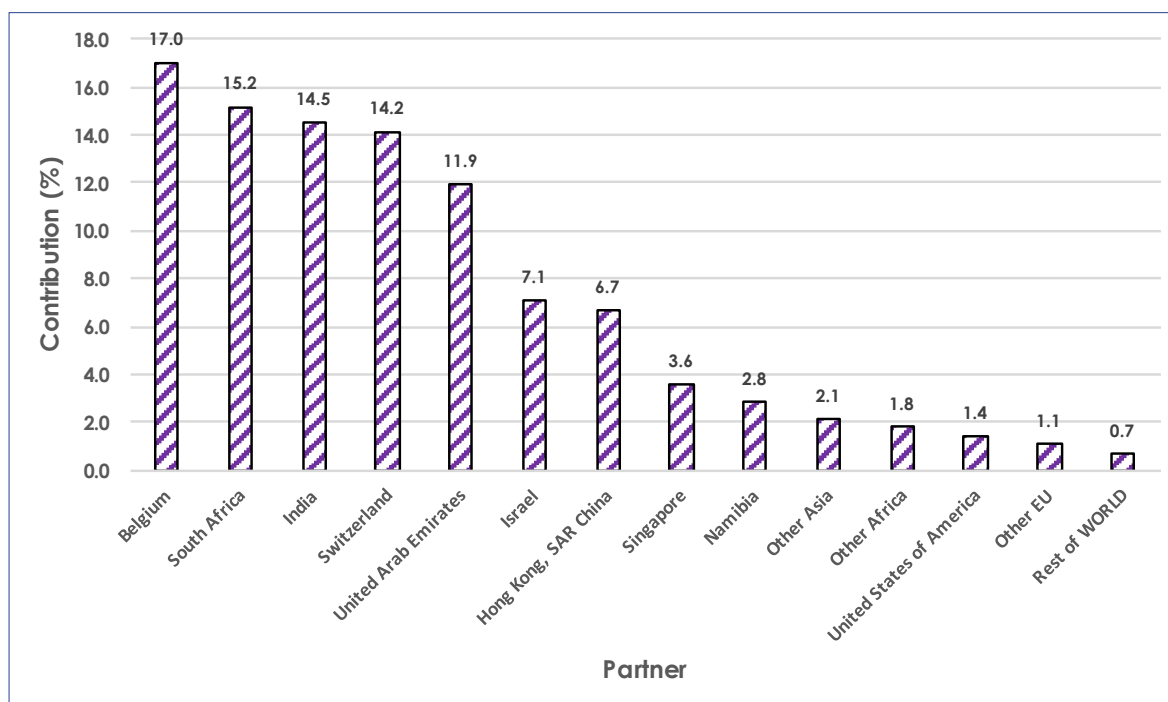
The EU received exports valued at P769.8 million, representing 18.1 percent of total exports during September 2019. Belgium received most exports destined for EU, acquiring 17.0 percent (P724.3 million) of total exports during the reporting period.

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P767.2 million, accounting for 18.0 percent of total exports. South Africa and Namibia were the main destinations for exports to the customs union, having received exports representing 15.2 percent (P645.3 million) and 2.8 percent (P120.2 million) respectively, of total exports during the period under review. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the SACU region, at 56.7 percent (P435.3 million) of all goods destined to the customs union. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 15.8 percent (P121.3 million) to total exports destined to SACU during the period under consideration.

Switzerland received 14.2 percent (P601.8 million) of total exports during September 2019. Exports to this country consisted mainly Diamonds and Gold.

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 – September 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 predominantly 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, 476.9 million, representing 66.3 percent of total imports reached the country by Road during September 2019. Air and Rail mode of transport accounted for 22.4 percent (P1, 176.2 million) and 11.2 percent (P588.7 million) respectively.

During the period under review, 90.5 percent (P3, 847.9 million) of total exports left the country by Air. Road transport accounted for 9.0 percent (P382.1 million) of total exports during the month under review.

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

Flow Type	Import		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail	588.7	11.2	19.7	0.5
Road	3, 476.9	66.3	382.1	9.0
Air	1, 176.2	22.4	3, 847.9	90.5
Others	5.3	0.1	1.0	0.0
Total	5, 247.1	100.0	4, 250.6	100.0

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

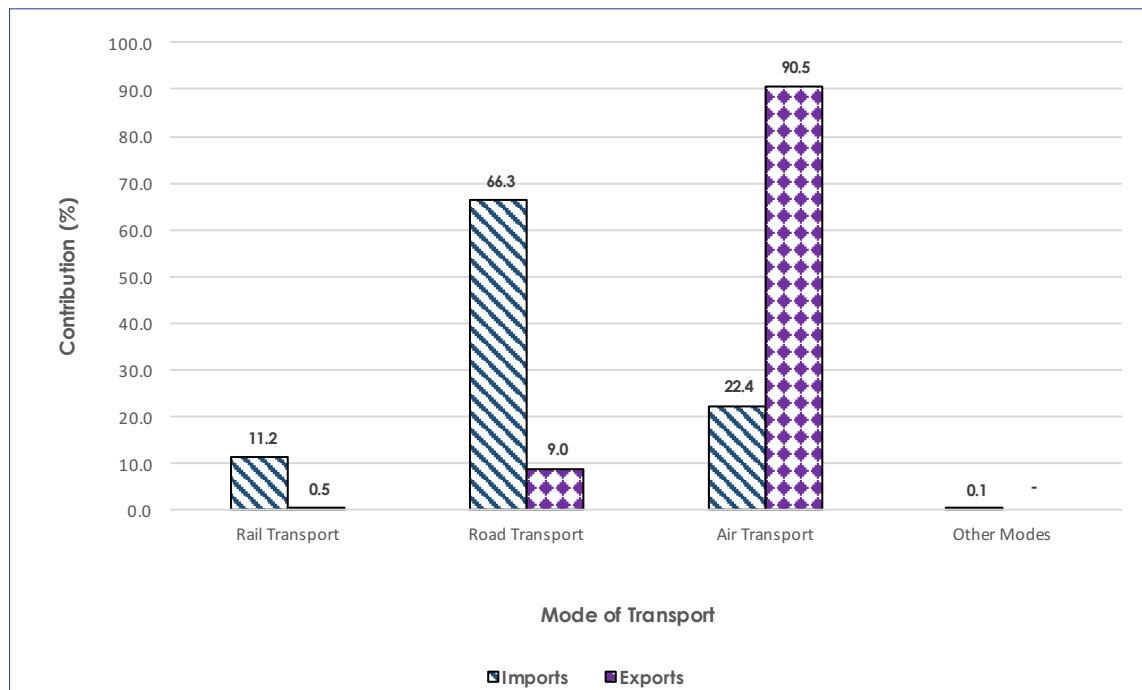


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2017 to September 2019 (Million Pula)

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	3,869.1	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	5,151.5
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	4,418.5	4,240.2	177.3	1.0	3,701.5	1.9	3,703.4	(715.2)
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	5,044.4	3.2	5,047.6	(914.0)
Q4	16,344.3	15,692.4	647.8	4.1	15,534.7	13.0	15,547.7	(796.6)
Total_2017	55,212.3	52,978.5	2,217.9	15.9	61,324.0	349.1	61,673.1	6,460.8
Jan_2018	3,939.5	3,755.2	183.4	0.9	5,363.8	0.1	5,363.9	1,424.3
Feb	5,145.9	4,952.2	192.5	1.2	3,533.5	1.3	3,534.8	(1,611.0)
Mar	5,668.3	5,460.5	206.6	1.2	4,893.5	2.9	4,896.4	(771.9)
Q1	14,753.7	14,168.0	582.4	3.3	13,790.8	4.3	13,795.1	(958.6)
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	6,663.5	8.2	6,671.7	2,529.4
Jun	6,347.8	6,146.8	200.2	0.8	6,788.8	0.0	6,788.8	441.1
Q2	15,164.2	14,575.2	586.2	2.8	18,859.5	9.8	18,869.3	3,705.1
Jul	4,463.5	4,271.6	190.9	1.0	4,909.4	1.5	4,910.9	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	14,830.6	2.1	14,832.7	(110.4)
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	4,609.5	4,378.0	230.4	1.1	7,220.4	0.0	7,220.4	2,610.9
Q4	19,650.2	18,911.2	734.2	4.7	19,665.3	3.0	19,668.3	18.2
Total_2018	64,511.1	61,957.6	2,539.1	14.4	67,146.2	19.3	67,165.4	2,654.4
Jan_2019	4,656.7	4,432.3	223.1	1.3	4,785.8	0.0	4,785.9	129.1
Feb	6,281.7	6,076.1	204.4	1.2	3,409.6	4.1	3,413.7	(2,868.0)
Mar	5,793.9	5,578.0	215.0	0.9	6,463.1	0.1	6,463.2	669.2
Q1	16,732.3	16,086.4	642.5	3.5	14,658.5	4.1	14,662.7	(2,069.6)
Apr	6,146.0	5,934.8	209.2	2.0	5,790.7	5.2	5,795.8	(350.2)
May	6,587.7	6,358.7	227.9	1.0	6,041.0	5.6	6,046.6	(541.1)
June	4,704.4	4,472.5	231.0	0.9	5,643.0	9.9	5,652.9	948.5
Q2	17,438.1	16,766.0	668.1	4.0	17,474.6	20.7	17,495.3	57.2
July	5,896.0	5,660.5	234.0	1.5	2,658.5	0.4	2,658.9	(3,237.1)
Aug	5,159.6	4,928.9	228.8	1.9	3,889.3	0.2	3,889.5	(1,270.1)
Sep	5,247.1	5,017.4	228.7	1.0	4,248.9	1.7	4,250.6	(740.7)
Q3	16,302.7	15,606.7	691.6	4.4	10,796.8	2.3	10,799.1	(5,247.8)

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

Period \ Indicators	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	80.3	5,047.6
Q4	9.2	13,970.4	93.2	8.8	54.5	521.5	277.8	58.7	157.8	53.1	88.3	254.2	15,547.7
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	779.2	61,673.1
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.2	13.1	114.5	54.9	22.6	67.1	15.7	29.0	66.4	5,363.9
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	14.8	177.5	88.0	17.3	65.7	17.2	53.9	71.0	3,534.8
Mar	0.8	4,391.8	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	6,788.8
Q2	19.3	17,253.3	133.5	7.5	39.1	429.6	277.4	66.4	152.7	61.4	127.1	301.9	18,869.3
Jul	12.0	4,437.4	42.4	1.8	10.5	137.9	75.1	11.9	62.5	16.1	24.4	79.1	4,910.9
Aug	7.3	3,256.0	43.9	1.6	12.7	185.1	120.2	23.9	64.4	14.8	28.7	105.2	3,863.9
Sep	16.0	5,297.9	28.2	0.8	9.1	231.7	79.4	22.1	240.5	19.4	30.4	82.2	6,057.8
Q3	35.3	12,991.4	114.4	4.2	32.4	554.7	274.7	57.9	367.4	50.3	83.4	266.6	14,832.7
Oct	8.0	5,477.8	37.0	1.5	15.3	195.0	62.1	33.0	64.5	23.4	143.4	154.2	6,215.2
Nov	0.8	5,596.6	44.0	0.6	12.2	194.7	66.4	18.1	58.5	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	1,170.7	67,165.4
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	24.8	114.2	6,046.6
June	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	87.4	301.3	17,495.3
July	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	3,411.5	51.1	0.3	16.9	158.3	61.8	16.0	46.1	12.8	30.8	83.7	3,889.5
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	0.8	20.1	142.9	89.2	17.2	60.9	11.9	40.2	81.9	4,250.6
Q3	1.3	9,404.2	119.6	1.2	48.0	431.0	209.0	47.2	163.3	34.9	94.5	244.9	10,799.1
% 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
Aug_19	0.0	87.7	1.3	0.0	0.4	4.1	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.8	2.2	100.0
Sep_19	0.0	88.0	1.1	0.0	0.5	3.4	2.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.9	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to October 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	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
July	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	211.7	995.7	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,836.8	569.3	3,411.5
Sep	223.5	0.0	0.0	899.5	19.5	1,142.5	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.5
Q3	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,390.2	466.2	3,809.9	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,840.9	2,550.7	9,404.2

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

**Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – September 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	455.2	324.8	718.7	611.0	53.3	600.6	217.4	54.3	131.4	279.0	122.2	144.8	3,712.8
Namibia	1.8	483.7	10.6	37.7	0.0	1.8	1.3	4.4	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.5	542.7
Swaziland	18.4	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	24.7
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
SACU	475.5	808.6	734.6	648.7	53.3	602.4	218.7	58.8	134.6	279.7	123.2	145.2	4,283.2
Zimbabwe	2.4	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.5	0.1	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.0	5.8	0.3	27.4
Zambia	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.0	8.7	2.3	0.2	0.1	2.4	0.0	0.1	25.8
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
Malawi	0.2	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
Other SADC	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.5
SADC	478.1	808.6	765.4	649.1	53.8	611.5	223.1	59.4	135.0	283.5	129.0	145.7	4,342.2
Kenya	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.0
Morocco	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
Other Africa	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.9
Africa New	481.4	808.6	765.4	649.1	53.8	615.4	223.4	59.4	136.4	283.7	129.1	147.4	4,353.0
China	9.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	7.9	50.4	14.3	0.0	12.9	7.2	6.8	9.5	119.5
India	29.5	23.5	1.3	25.7	0.0	12.3	8.5	0.1	2.2	0.3	0.5	4.3	108.3
Japan	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.0	59.5	0.0	0.1	61.2
Hong Kong, SAR China	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	16.1	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	20.5
Singapore	0.2	13.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	17.6
Russian federation	0.0	14.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0
UAE	0.0	4.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	5.5	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.5	12.1
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	9.1
Indonesia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.1	5.2
Turkey	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.2
Israel	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Malaysia	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Other Asia	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.5	5.4
Asia New	42.4	58.1	3.3	38.6	9.4	96.3	24.3	0.1	18.8	74.3	13.0	15.7	394.2
Belgium	3.2	39.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.5	46.7
Germany	8.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	18.2	0.1	0.0	6.5	2.7	2.1	1.8	40.3
UK	6.6	0.8	2.5	0.0	0.0	14.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.1	1.9	14.4	44.2
Spain	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	11.4
Austria	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.6	10.0
Czech Republic	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1
France	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	7.7
Portugal	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	5.1
Italy	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	2.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	5.3
Romania	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
Netherlands	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.3
Other EU	6.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.2	14.5
EU New	31.7	40.0	3.9	0.0	0.1	77.4	2.7	0.0	7.2	7.8	4.8	23.7	199.4
Canada	0.4	234.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	239.7
USA	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	21.1	1.8	0.0	0.4	22.1	0.6	3.4	51.4
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	3.2
Brazil	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.3
Rest of WORLD	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.9
Total	558.1	1,142.5	774.6	687.7	63.9	818.0	252.3	59.5	162.9	388.3	147.4	191.8	5,247.1

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – September 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	12.3	8.7	19.4	16.5	1.4	16.2	5.9	1.5	3.5	7.5	3.3	3.9	100.0
Namibia	0.3	89.1	2.0	6.9	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	100.0
Swaziland	74.6	0.0	21.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.8	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	11.1	18.9	17.1	15.1	1.2	14.1	5.1	1.4	3.1	6.5	2.9	3.4	100.0
Zimbabwe	8.7	0.0	56.0	0.0	1.9	0.3	7.7	1.7	1.1	0.1	21.3	1.2	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	46.3	0.0	0.0	33.7	8.7	0.9	0.5	9.2	0.1	0.6	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	64.2	17.2	0.0	17.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.0	100.0
Malawi	6.6	0.0	93.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	7.6	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	89.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
SADC	11.0	18.6	17.6	14.9	1.2	14.1	5.1	1.4	3.1	6.5	3.0	3.4	100.0
Kenya	57.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.2	0.0	27.8	3.8	0.1	0.0	100.0
Morocco	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	3.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.4	86.5	100.0
Africa New	11.1	18.6	17.6	14.9	1.2	14.1	5.1	1.4	3.1	6.5	3.0	3.4	100.0
China	7.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	6.6	42.2	11.9	0.0	10.8	6.0	5.7	8.0	100.0
India	27.3	21.8	1.2	23.8	0.0	11.3	7.8	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.5	4.0	100.0
Japan	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	97.3	0.0	0.2	100.0
Hong Kong, SAR China	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	78.7	3.8	0.0	6.2	0.4	2.8	1.7	100.0
Singapore	0.9	77.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	2.2	0.0	0.3	8.5	0.0	0.7	100.0
Russian federation	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
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.2	33.0	2.1	8.1	0.0	45.8	0.7	0.0	3.3	2.4	0.0	4.3	100.0
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	54.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	44.5	0.0	0.1	100.0
Indonesia	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.9	1.0	100.0
Turkey	0.1	0.0	14.4	0.0	1.0	64.8	8.3	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	3.9	100.0
Israel	0.8	77.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	100.0
Malaysia	33.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.6	37.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	28.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	19.3	1.2	0.0	13.7	25.1	0.0	10.0	100.0
Asia New	10.8	14.7	0.8	9.8	2.4	24.4	6.2	0.0	4.8	18.8	3.3	4.0	100.0
Belgium	6.8	83.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	5.4	100.0
Germany	20.8	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	45.0	0.4	0.0	16.2	6.7	5.3	4.4	100.0
UK	15.0	1.8	5.7	0.0	0.1	32.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	7.0	4.4	32.6	100.0
Spain	3.4	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	91.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	2.8	100.0
Austria	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	79.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	15.8	100.0
Czech Republic	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
France	36.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	48.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.5	0.2	2.7	100.0
Portugal	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	13.6	0.1	100.0
Italy	27.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.8	11.8	43.9	0.0	6.2	0.1	0.0	7.9	100.0
Romania	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Netherlands	50.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	8.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	39.5	100.0
Other EU	41.8	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	41.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	5.0	0.0	8.3	100.0
EU New	15.9	20.1	2.0	0.0	0.1	38.8	1.3	0.0	3.6	3.9	2.4	11.9	100.0
Canada	0.2	97.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	2.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	41.1	3.5	0.0	0.8	43.1	1.1	6.5	100.0
Switzerland	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.7	0.3	100.0
Brazil	1.2	0.0	48.4	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.5	100.0
Rest of WORLD	19.7	42.1	7.0	0.0	0.1	20.1	0.9	0.0	1.7	3.9	0.1	4.3	100.0
Total	10.6	21.8	14.8	13.1	1.2	15.6	4.8	1.1	3.1	7.4	2.8	3.7	100.0

**Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – September 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	337.6	0.0	0.8	12.1	113.7	42.8	12.7	45.0	9.7	8.6	62.2	645.3
Namibia	0.0	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	7.7	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.9	6.2	6.4	120.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
SACU	0.1	435.3	0.0	0.8	14.5	121.3	42.8	13.2	45.0	10.6	14.9	68.6	767.2
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	2.9	0.0	1.7	5.5	1.2	8.0	5.3	28.4
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.0	0.0	2.1	10.0	0.1	5.2	2.3	23.9
Congo, (Kinshasa)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	14.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.9	2.1
SADC	0.1	435.3	0.0	0.8	18.4	140.9	44.6	17.2	60.9	11.9	29.7	77.5	837.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.6	4.1
Africa New	0.1	435.3	0.0	0.8	18.4	140.9	44.6	17.2	60.9	11.9	30.2	81.1	841.4
India	0.0	615.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	616.8
UAE	0.0	505.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	506.7
Israel	0.0	300.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	300.8
Hong Kong, SAR China	0.0	283.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	283.2
Singapore	0.0	151.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	151.8
Viet Nam	0.0	90.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.1
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Asia New	0.0	1,947.4	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,949.9
Belgium	0.0	724.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	724.3
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.1
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Malta	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 EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.8
EU New	0.0	724.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	44.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	769.8
Switzerland	0.0	556.1	45.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	601.8
USA	0.0	49.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	0.2	59.1
Canada	0.0	27.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5
Rest of WORLD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Total	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	0.8	20.1	142.9	89.2	17.2	60.9	11.9	40.2	81.9	4,250.6

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – September 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	52.3	0.0	0.1	1.9	17.6	6.6	2.0	7.0	1.5	1.3	9.6	100.0
Namibia	0.0	81.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	6.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.8	5.2	5.4	100.0
Lesotho	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	56.7	0.0	0.1	1.9	15.8	5.6	1.7	5.9	1.4	1.9	8.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	10.1	0.0	5.9	19.5	4.3	28.2	18.8	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	16.7	0.0	8.7	42.1	0.2	21.9	9.6	100.0
Congo, (Kinshasa)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.6	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.4	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	81.1	1.5	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	23.8	0.0	17.5	0.0	3.1	42.4	100.0
SADC	0.0	52.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	16.8	5.3	2.1	7.3	1.4	3.5	9.3	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	11.6	87.9	100.0
Africa New	0.0	51.7	0.0	0.1	2.2	16.7	5.3	2.0	7.2	1.4	3.6	9.6	100.0
India	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong, SAR China	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
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	0.1	0.0	0.0	12.1	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	80.4	100.0
Asia New	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Greece	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.6	47.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	19.3	30.5	100.0
EU New	0.0	94.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	92.4	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	82.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.6	0.3	100.0
Canada	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
Rest of WORLD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	97.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.7	100.0
Total	0.0	88.0	1.1	0.0	0.5	3.4	2.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.9	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.