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Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics play a crucial role in the world economy. It is an account of all transactions of goods between a country and its trading partners. The account measures the value and quantity of goods that add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country, by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. Therefore, trade statistics remains one of the major indicators of the performance of a country's economy and its competitiveness in the world market.

The monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics are used extensively in the compilation of national accounts and balance of payments. Furthermore, these statistics are used by government institutions and other stakeholders for trade negotiations and other various purposes.

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) during April 2021. It shows summaries of total international merchandise trade as presented in **Table 1.0**. Trade by principal commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports, while **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at region or country level, for April 2021 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Table 4.1A** presents statistics on commodities that were mostly imported during April 2021, while exports are given in **Table 4.1B**.

Changes in data for the corresponding months when comparing the current digest and the previous ones may be attributed to data from transactions that had deferred customs duty assessments. The data for such transactions would only be available at a later stage after customs duty assessments have been completed.

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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest provides a summary of trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during April 2021.

April 2021 exports were valued at P4, 839.2 million, a decrease of 46.5 percent from the revised March 2021 value of P9, 038.1 million. Imports amounted to P6, 732.6 million, reflecting a fall of 26.5 percent from the revised March 2021 value of P9, 156.4 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Fuel; Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco; with contributions of 27.9 percent for Diamonds, 12.6 percent for Fuel, 12.2 percent for Vehicles & Transport Equipment and 11.9 percent for Food, Beverages & Tobacco. During the month under review, Diamonds were the main export commodity group with a contribution of 89.6 percent to total exports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 3.4 percent.

In April 2021, imports from **SACU** contributed 68.3 percent to total imports, while those from Asia and the **EU** accounted for 13.8 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 60.7 percent of total imports while those from Namibia and Belgium represented 7.4 percent each. Switzerland and India supplied imports accounting for 6.0 percent and 5.1 percent respectively, of the monthly total.

During the current month, exports destined to Asia, **EU** and **SACU** accounted for 53.1 percent, 27.8 percent and 12.5 percent respectively, of the monthly total. Belgium received exports representing 27.5 percent of the monthly total exports. **UAE**, India and South Africa received 20.5 percent, 15.6 percent and 11.6 percent respectively.

Botswana uses Air as its main mode of transport for exports. Air transport accounted for 90.7 percent of total exports during the reference period, while Road and Rail transport represented 9.0 percent and 0.3 percent respectively. Imports by Road accounted for 63.2 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 22.4 percent and 14.4 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on April 2021, which is also referred to as the reference period, the period under review or the current month, throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

Statistics for previous monthly digests contain preliminary figures which are subsequently revised when new information becomes available. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database with additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

Transactions for February and March 2021 had late customs duty assessments which were concluded during April 2021, hence the need to show data revision. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the March 2021 Digest and the current.

Total Exports were revised up by 12.7 percent (P1, 018.7 million) while imports went up by 2.1 percent (P191.3 million) as displayed in **Table A**. Revisions for February 2021 were minor as can be observed in the table.

Table A: Data Revision: February and March 2020 (Million Pula)

Period	As at March 2021 Digest			As at April 2021 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
Feb	6396.5	6357.5	(945.7)	6397.9	6364.6	(33.3)	1.4	7.2	912.4	0.0	0.1	(96.5)
Mar	8,965.1	8,019.4	(945.7)	9,156.4	9,038.1	(118.4)	191.3	1,018.7	827.4	2.1	12.7	(87.5)

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. In April 2021, imports were valued at P6, 732.6 million, 26.5 percent (P2, 423.8 million) lower than the March 2021 revised figure of P9, 156.4 million. A decrease of 49.2 percent (P1, 816.5 million) in the importation of Diamonds had a substantial effect on the overall decrease in total imports value, contributing 19.8 percentage points to the overall decrease.

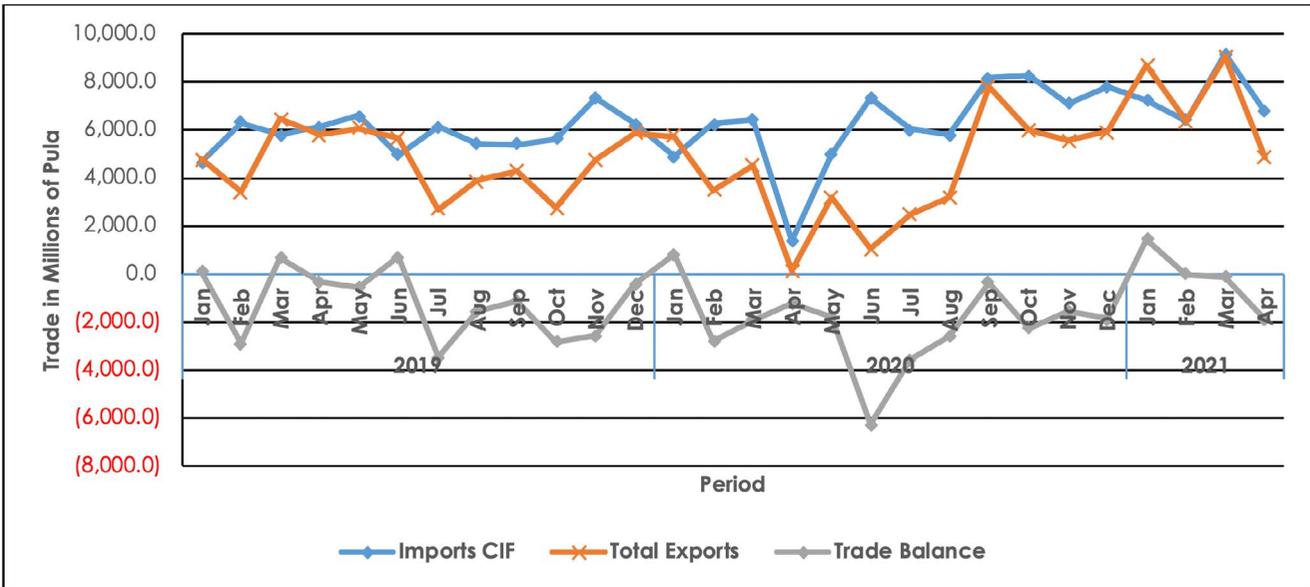
1.3 Total Exports

April 2021 total export value went down by 46.5 percent (P4, 198.9 million) from the revised March 2021 figure of P9, 038.1 million, to P4, 839.2 million. The fall is largely attributed to the decrease of 48.7 percent (P4, 121.1 million) in the value of Diamonds exports, from P8, 455.6 million to P4, 334.5 million in April 2021, contributing 45.6 percentage points to the overall decrease.

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade deficit of P1, 893.5 million was recorded during April 2021. This follows a revised trade deficit of P118.4 million recorded for March 2021. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical representation of the trade balance from January 2019 to April 2021.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to April 2021 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

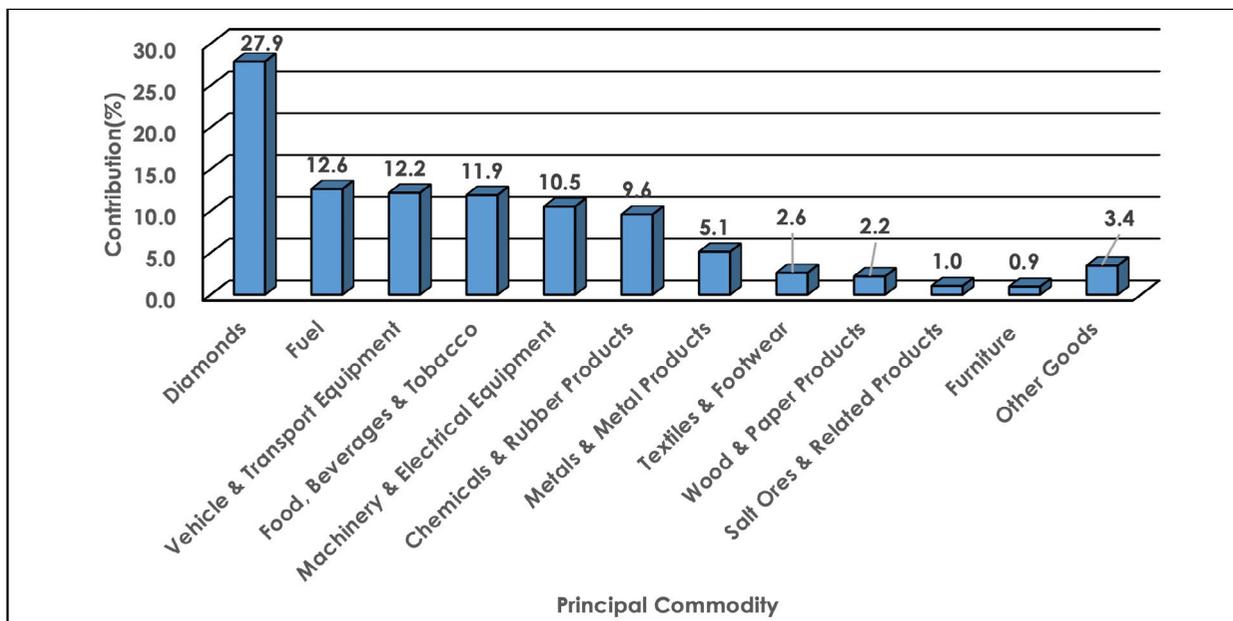
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

2.1 Principal Imports

During April 2021, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 732.6 million. Diamonds contributed 27.9 percent (P1, 875.1 million) to total imports, followed by Fuel and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with 12.6 percent (P850.0 million) and 12.2 percent (P819.9 million) respectively. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 11.9 percent (P802 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- April 2021

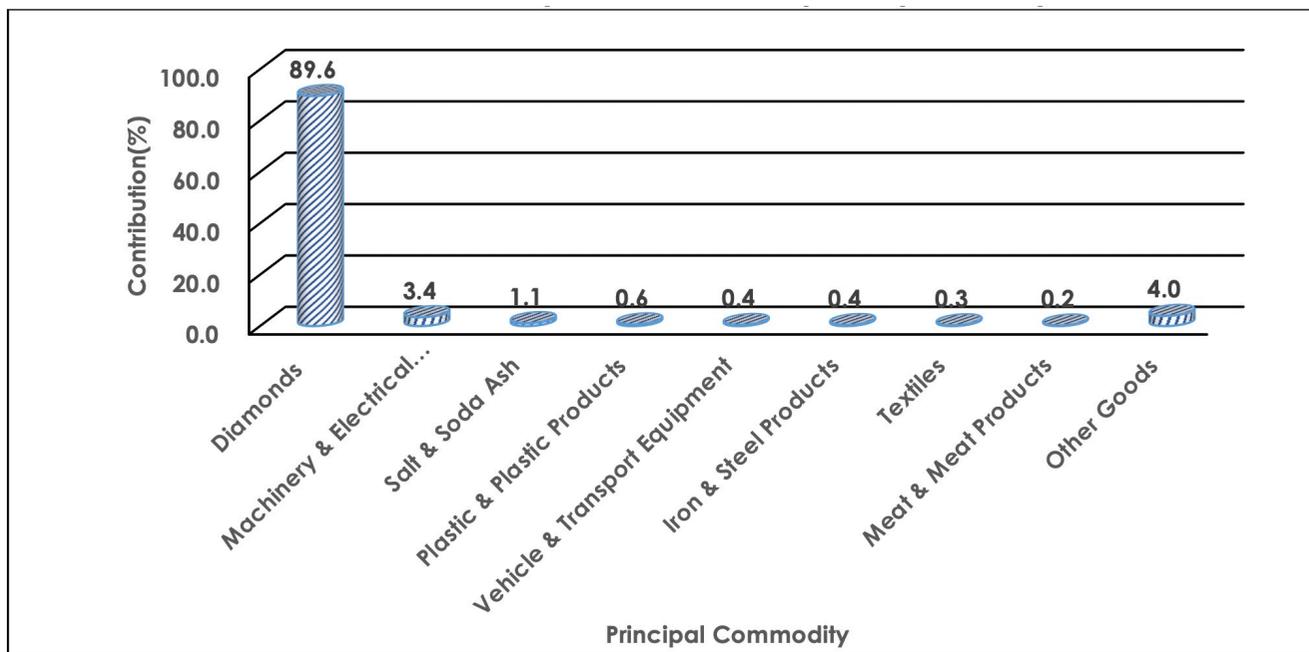


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports were valued at P4, 839.2 million during April 2021. The Diamonds group accounted for 89.6 percent (P4, 334.5 million), followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 3.4 percent (P166.5 million) of total exports during the month. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – April 2021



Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in [Table 2.2](#)

3.0 Direction Of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade between Botswana and her major trading partners. Thus the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during April 2021 appears 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 by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana imported P6, 732.6 million worth of goods from across the globe. The SACU region contributed 68.3 percent (P4, 596.0 million) to total imports during the reference period. The top most imported commodity groups from the **SACU** region were Diamond; Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 19.1 percent (P879.1 million), 17.8 percent (P817.9 million) and 16.2 percent (P744.5 million) respectively, to total imports from the region, respectively refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

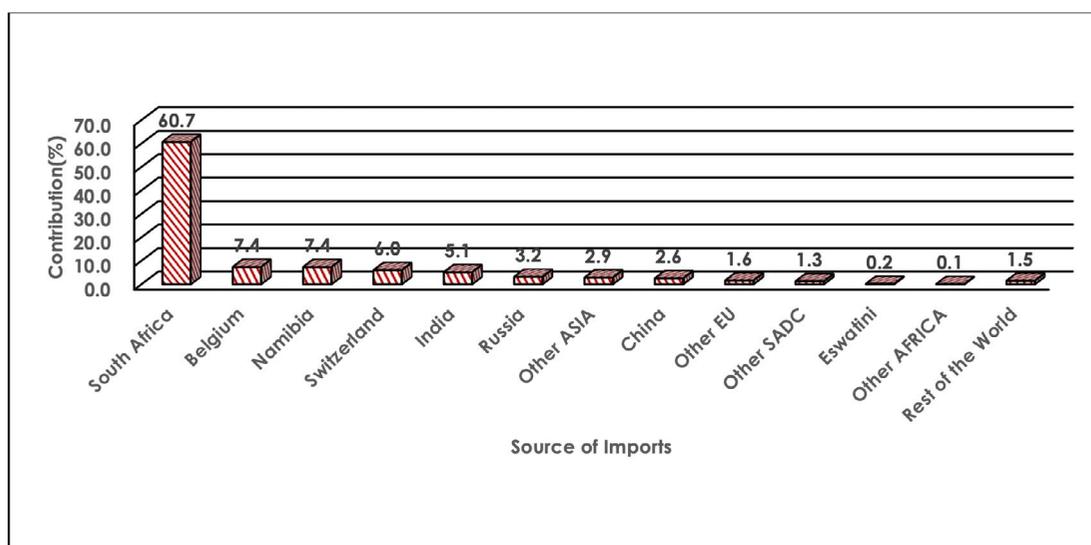
South Africa contributed 60.7 percent (P4, 087.6 million) to total imports during April 2021. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 17.8 percent (P727.7 million) of imports from that country. Fuel and Diamonds accounted for 17.5 percent (P716.8 million) and 12.6 percent (P516.0 million) respectively. Namibia contributed 7.4 percent (P494.9 million) to the overall imports during the period under review. Diamond and Fuel contributed 73.4 percent (P363.2 million) and 20.4 percent (P101.1 million) in that order to imports from the country.

Imports from Asia were valued at P927.6 million, representing 13.8 percent of April 2021 total imports. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Diamonds; Chemicals & Rubber Products and Vehicles & Transport Equipment; with contributions of 52.0 percent (P482.4 million); 14.3 percent (P132.6 million) and 10.1 percent (P93.9 million) respectively, to total imports from the region ([tables 3.1A & 3.1B](#)). India, Russia and China were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 5.1 percent (P346.4 million), 3.2 percent (P214.0 million) and 2.6 percent (P173.4 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

The **EU** supplied imports amounting to P608.3 million, accounting for 9.0 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the EU was Diamonds, at 81.0 percent (P492.7 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, having supplied 7.4 percent (P497.9 million) of total imports during the period under review ([Table 3.1 A](#)). Graphical presentation of sources of imports during April 2021 can be viewed on [Chart 3.1](#).

Switzerland supplied 6.0 percent (P405.4 million) of the total imports during April 2021. The major commodity traded was Vehicles & Transport Equipment with a contribution of 99.4 percent (P403.1 million) to the overall imports from the country.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – April 2021



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.1

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

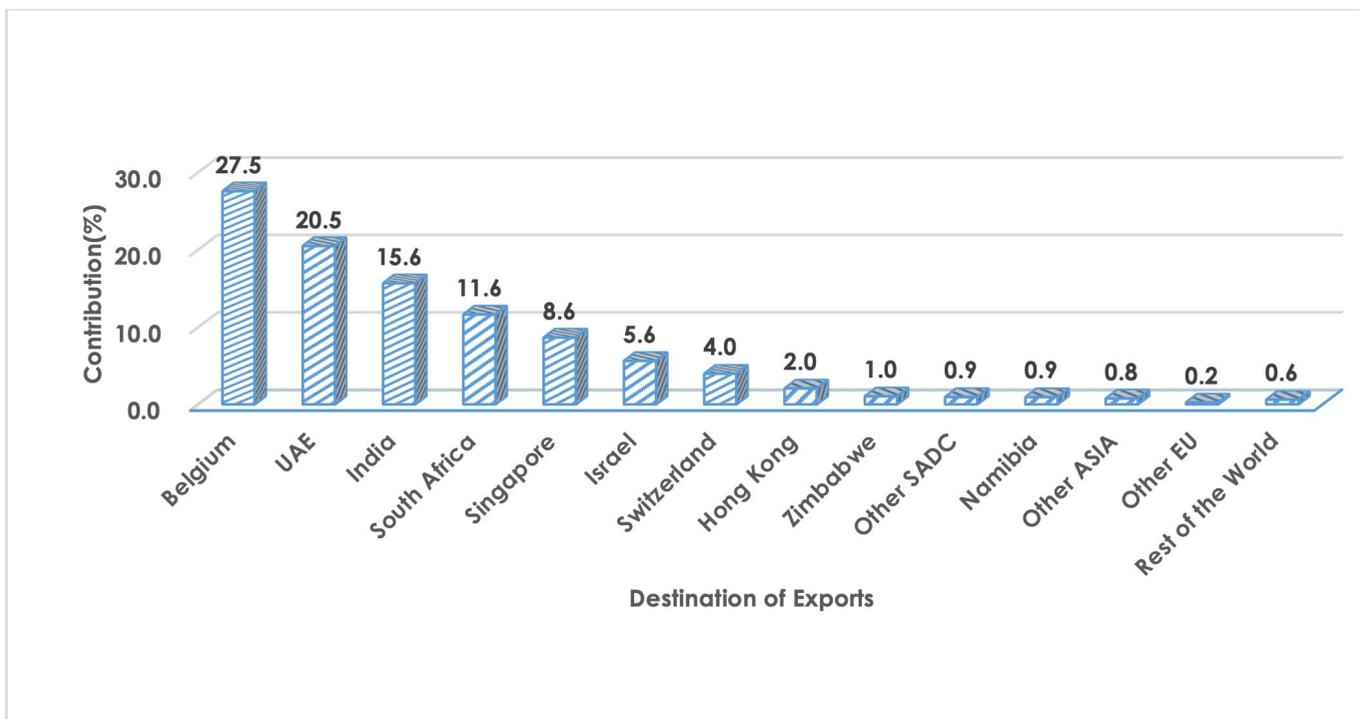
Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 53.1 percent (P2, 571.2 million) of total exports during April 2021. These exports mostly went to the UAE, India and Singapore, having received 20.5 percent (P989.8 million), 15.6 percent (P756.9 million) and 8.6 percent (P417.7 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Diamonds accounted for 99.9 percent of exports to UAE and 100 percent of exports to each of the other two countries, refer to [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

During the month under review, exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 343.7 million, accounting for 27.8 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional block, acquiring 27.5 percent (P1, 332.2 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the [EU \(Table 3.2A\)](#).

The SACU region received exports valued at P606.9 million, representing 12.5 percent of total exports during the current period. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment commodity groups accounted for 35.9 percent (P217.7 million) and 24.5 percent (P148.6 million) of total exports to the customs union ([Table 3.2A](#)). South Africa received 11.6 percent (P561.7 million) of total exports during the month under review ([Table 3.2A](#)).

Switzerland received 4.0 percent (P191.5 million) of total exports in April 2021, wholly attributable to Diamonds. Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables [3.2 A](#) and [3.2 B](#) as well as [Chart 3.2](#).

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – April 2021



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in [Table 3.2](#)

4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports. This is intended to present the most traded goods with a view to guiding users as to what commodities could be produced in the country for import substitution or possible exportation.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For the purposes of compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics, mode of transport refers to the method of transport used for the carriage of goods in and out of the country. These statistics are predominantly collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring international transport routes, as transport is critical for trade facilitation. Modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to modes of transport while **Chart B** gives the graphical illustration.

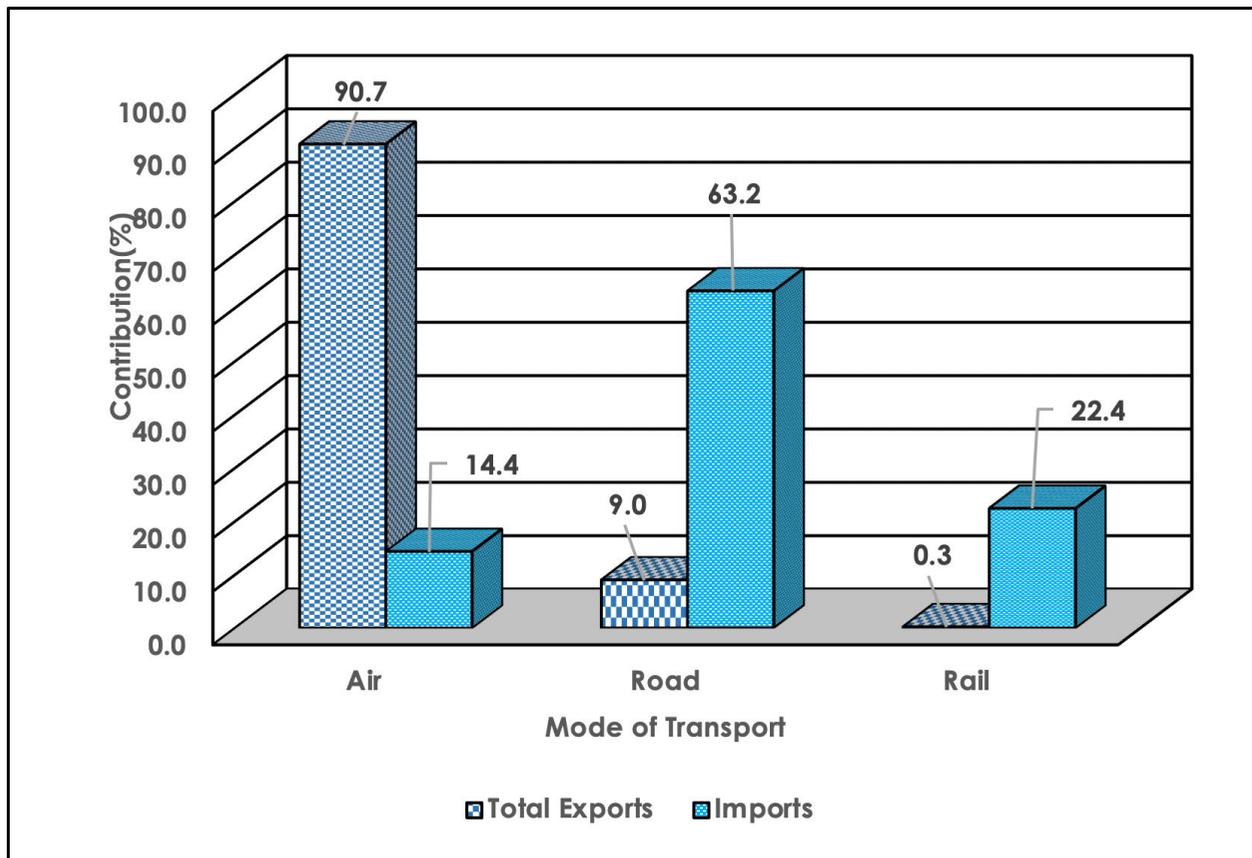
During the reference period, imports representing 63.2 percent (P4, 254.6 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Rail and Air accounted for 22.4 percent (P1, 510.8 million) and 14.4 percent (P967.0 million) respectively.

Goods exported by air during the month amounted to P4, 389.9 million 90.7 percent of total exports, while those leaving the country by Road and Rail transport were valued at P437.2 million (9.0 percent) and P12.1 million (0.3 percent) respectively.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – April 2021 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Trans type \ Flow Type	BW Value	%	BW Value	%
Rail	1,510.8	22.4	12.1	0.3
Road	4,254.6	63.2	437.2	9.0
Air	967.0	14.4	4,389.9	90.7
Total	6,732.6	100.0	4,839.2	100.0

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – April 2021



6.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to April 2021 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2019	4,662.1	4,437.4	223.4	1.3	4,788.4	0.0	4,788.4	126.3
Feb	6,282.5	6,076.8	204.4	1.2	3,414.7	4.1	3,418.8	(2,863.7)
Mar	5,795.2	5,579.3	215.0	0.9	6,463.8	0.1	6,463.8	668.6
Q1	16,739.8	16,093.5	642.8	3.5	14,666.9	4.1	14,671.0	(2,068.8)
Apr	6,148.3	5,936.9	209.3	2.0	5,798.9	5.2	5,804.1	(344.2)
May	6,590.3	6,361.2	228.0	1.0	6,048.2	5.6	6,053.8	(536.5)
Jun	4,945.3	4,701.9	242.5	0.9	5,647.5	10.5	5,658.0	712.7
Q2	17,683.9	17,000.1	679.8	4.0	17,494.7	21.3	17,515.9	(168.0)
Jul	6,140.2	5,893.0	245.7	1.5	2,669.7	0.4	2,670.1	(3,470.1)
Aug	5,444.2	5,200.5	241.7	1.9	3,906.1	0.2	3,906.3	(1,537.9)
Sep	5,384.0	5,153.1	229.9	1.0	4,264.8	1.7	4,266.5	(1,117.5)
Q3	16,968.3	16,246.6	717.3	4.4	10,840.6	2.3	10,842.9	(6,125.4)
Oct	5,628.9	5,396.1	231.8	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.5)
Nov	7,310.6	7,039.9	269.6	1.1	4,769.7	0.5	4,770.2	(2,540.4)
Dec	6,272.7	6,026.4	244.8	1.5	5,833.8	0.4	5,834.2	(438.5)
Q4	19,212.2	18,462.4	746.1	3.7	13,374.9	0.9	13,375.9	(5,836.4)
Total_2019	70,604.3	67,802.6	2,786.1	15.6	56,377.0	28.7	56,405.7	(14,198.6)
Jan_2020	4,921.0	4,697.9	222.2	0.9	5,707.4	9.2	5,716.6	795.7
Feb	6,270.4	5,999.0	270.0	1.4	3,460.7	0.6	3,461.3	(2,809.1)
Mar	6,441.2	6,176.4	263.3	1.4	4,516.4	0.2	4,516.6	(1,924.6)
Q1	17,632.5	16,873.3	755.5	3.7	13,684.5	10.1	13,694.5	(3,938.0)
Apr	1,383.1	1,295.0	87.7	0.4	146.6	0.1	146.7	(1,236.4)
May	4,992.0	4,754.3	237.1	0.6	3,176.0	0.1	3,176.1	(1,815.9)
Jun	7,331.8	7,079.5	251.3	1.0	1,064.9	0.2	1,065.0	(6,266.8)
Q2	13,706.9	13,128.9	576.0	2.0	4,387.5	0.3	4,387.8	(9,319.1)
Jul	6,038.1	5,746.3	290.6	1.3	2,468.9	0.2	2,469.1	(3,569.0)
Aug	5,785.4	5,563.7	220.4	1.4	3,181.7	1.1	3,182.7	(2,602.7)
Sep	8,170.9	7,931.9	237.9	1.1	7,796.2	0.4	7,796.6	(374.2)
Q3	19,994.4	19,241.8	748.9	3.7	13,446.8	1.7	13,448.5	(6,545.9)
Oct	8,256.8	7,993.1	262.7	1.0	5,993.4	0.7	5,994.1	(2,262.7)
Nov	7,097.7	6,823.1	272.5	2.1	5,545.2	0.0	5,545.3	(1,552.5)
Dec	7,776.6	7,478.4	296.3	1.8	5,928.6	0.6	5,929.2	(1,847.3)
Q4	23,131.1	22,294.6	831.6	4.9	17,467.3	1.4	17,468.7	(5,662.5)
Total_2020	74,464.9	71,538.6	2,912.0	14.4	48,986.0	13.5	48,999.5	(25,465.4)
Jan	7,249.9	6,987.0	261.5	1.4	8,687.0	0.3	8,687.3	1,437.4
Feb	6,397.9	6,127.0	269.2	1.6	6,364.6	0.0	6,364.6	(33.3)
Mar	9,156.4	8,825.2	329.9	1.4	9,038.0	0.0	9,038.1	(118.4)
Q1	22,804.3	21,939.2	860.6	4.5	24,089.6	0.4	24,090.0	1,285.7
Apr	6,732.6	6,447.0	284.4	1.3	4,839.1	0.0	4,839.2	(1,893.5)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2019 to April 2021 (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_2019	441.7	800.3	691.0	593.1	47.3	615.4	240.5	50.9	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,662.1
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,716.5	171.0	1,975.3	815.3	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,739.8
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.4	139.6	212.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.9	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.1	129.6	163.1	4,945.3
Q2	1,421.3	5,460.7	1,936.9	2,165.7	181.3	2,184.7	1,114.3	174.1	343.0	1,784.2	389.7	528.1	17,683.9
Jul	531.1	1,671.6	700.2	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.4	66.0	134.5	508.7	127.5	340.9	6,140.2
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	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	821.0	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	192.0	5,384.0
Q3	1,640.6	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.9	830.1	190.6	437.0	1,336.5	432.3	744.3	16,968.3
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.4	158.5	233.5	5,628.9
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	160.6	1,010.7	144.7	212.9	7,310.6
Dec	635.3	1,599.3	1,061.3	1,057.2	67.8	638.5	233.7	57.1	122.6	437.8	145.0	217.2	6,272.7
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	454.4	1,908.8	448.2	663.6	19,212.2
Total_2019	6,343.9	20,033.6	9,003.4	8,863.6	769.2	8,775.1	3,549.9	690.3	1,628.8	6,819.7	1,623.0	2,503.7	70,604.3
Jan_2020	520.6	712.6	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,921.0
Feb	527.0	1,144.8	823.5	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.3	71.5	154.3	820.2	149.6	626.5	6,270.4
Mar	619.2	1,672.4	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.7	248.6	53.9	148.9	463.9	128.5	230.3	6,441.2
Q1	1,666.8	3,529.8	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.3	738.0	186.0	397.0	1,666.8	394.8	1,028.8	17,632.5
Apr	273.3	0.0	521.2	208.9	5.8	193.3	34.8	5.7	32.7	18.2	34.7	54.4	1,383.1
May	502.1	974.1	571.4	1,011.8	33.8	486.5	148.1	30.6	116.9	792.5	86.5	237.6	4,992.0
Jun	665.2	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	764.7	229.2	59.4	122.9	460.9	125.9	192.7	7,331.8
Q2	1,440.7	4,400.8	1,763.0	1,768.7	105.4	1,444.5	412.1	95.7	272.5	1,271.6	247.2	484.7	13,706.9
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	663.6	262.8	62.0	105.8	467.4	129.0	199.4	6,038.1
Aug	555.8	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.2	241.0	71.5	128.5	396.3	125.6	321.4	5,785.4
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	146.3	438.3	148.7	242.4	8,170.9
Q3	1,881.2	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.5	200.0	2,019.6	777.3	198.6	380.6	1,302.1	403.3	763.2	19,994.4
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.8	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	150.0	436.3	145.1	268.5	8,256.8
Nov	666.8	2,255.0	943.2	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.8	65.5	173.5	618.1	163.4	260.9	7,097.7
Dec	668.2	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.5	333.7	62.7	121.0	1,153.5	151.2	317.2	7,776.6
Q4	1,968.2	8,575.9	2,783.6	1,990.1	239.6	2,340.9	1,073.3	200.9	444.5	2,207.9	459.6	846.6	23,131.1
Total_2020	6,956.9	23,031.8	9,518.7	9,669.4	736.8	8,298.3	3,000.7	681.2	1,494.6	6,448.3	1,504.9	3,123.3	74,464.9
Jan	550.6	3,348.0	851.8	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.6	75.1	123.3	381.0	117.7	219.6	7,249.9
Feb	549.9	2,086.4	794.8	784.4	68.2	736.6	345.3	65.7	152.6	437.4	129.8	246.8	6,397.9
Mar	997.1	3,691.6	889.3	903.6	89.9	926.9	399.4	69.1	174.6	499.8	194.2	321.0	9,156.4
Q1	2,097.5	9,126.1	2,536.0	2,341.8	200.8	2,275.2	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,318.2	441.7	787.4	22,804.3
Apr	645.2	1,875.1	802.0	850.0	63.9	708.0	344.8	69.2	175.4	819.9	147.0	232.2	6,732.6
% Distribution													
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
2020	9.3	30.9	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.1	4.0	0.9	2.0	8.7	2.0	4.2	100.0
March	10.9	40.3	9.7	9.9	1.0	10.1	4.4	0.8	1.9	5.5	2.1	3.5	100.0
April	9.6	27.9	11.9	12.6	0.9	10.5	5.1	1.0	2.6	12.2	2.2	3.4	100.0

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2019 to April 2021 (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_2019	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.1	32.3	8.6	53.7	14.2	24.1	132.3	4,788.4
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	109.4	39.3	9.8	44.8	14.2	24.0	79.3	3,418.8
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.8	54.6	13.1	44.0	71.9	6,463.8
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	327.5	93.0	32.2	153.1	41.5	92.1	283.5	14,671.0
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	12.0	136.9	41.7	14.2	42.9	13.8	31.7	81.7	5,804.1
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.8	141.6	75.8	20.2	56.0	13.3	26.5	117.0	6,053.8
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	139.6	101.0	13.8	30.5	11.6	32.9	109.4	5,658.0
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.7	418.2	218.5	48.3	129.4	38.7	91.0	308.1	17,515.9
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.2	11.9	132.9	59.1	15.6	56.4	10.8	24.3	81.9	2,670.1
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.3	17.4	159.4	64.0	16.9	46.2	13.2	31.5	86.1	3,906.3
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	1.1	20.8	148.7	89.8	20.4	61.1	12.9	41.9	84.5	4,266.5
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.5	50.2	441.0	212.8	52.9	163.7	36.9	97.7	252.5	10,842.9
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.5	22.6	124.7	94.6	21.4	35.6	12.1	30.9	96.4	2,771.4
Nov	0.2	4,330.3	29.1	0.3	13.9	160.7	24.0	30.0	33.5	17.1	42.3	89.0	4,770.2
Dec	0.1	5,440.4	34.9	0.2	7.1	81.6	16.5	17.5	45.9	14.8	45.9	129.3	5,834.2
Q4	0.5	12,068.4	97.8	2.0	43.6	367.0	135.1	68.9	115.0	44.0	119.0	314.7	13,375.9
Total_2019	2.6	51,088.2	436.5	5.3	176.8	1,553.7	659.5	202.3	561.1	161.1	399.9	1,158.8	56,405.7
Jan_2020	0.2	5,239.7	20.5	0.1	13.0	159.9	12.4	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	139.9	5,716.6
Feb	1.7	2,914.7	46.7	0.1	17.1	168.5	14.8	21.9	65.6	14.9	30.6	164.8	3,461.3
Mar	280.3	3,778.3	22.6	0.1	12.0	128.4	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	32.9	167.5	4,516.6
Q1	282.2	11,932.6	89.8	0.2	42.1	456.8	35.6	64.4	183.6	43.4	91.6	472.2	13,694.5
Apr	3.7	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.7	3.0	12.9	2.5	41.4	0.0	0.0	31.6	146.7
May	3.5	2,931.6	24.7	0.0	4.5	71.0	18.3	11.6	46.5	7.2	3.6	53.7	3,176.1
Jun	2.1	643.3	23.9	0.1	12.9	117.4	18.2	22.9	77.9	11.1	26.9	108.3	1,065.0
Q2	9.2	3,574.9	99.5	0.1	18.0	191.4	49.4	37.0	165.9	18.2	30.5	193.6	4,387.8
Jul	2.2	1,988.4	70.2	0.0	15.3	134.8	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.6	32.8	106.5	2,469.1
Aug	3.3	2,604.5	48.1	0.0	10.2	252.3	34.1	30.1	56.5	12.7	33.4	97.4	3,182.7
Sep	0.7	7,297.6	56.5	0.1	17.5	179.5	22.1	31.8	56.4	15.6	26.5	92.2	7,796.6
Q3	6.3	11,890.4	174.9	0.2	43.1	566.6	89.0	82.8	165.3	40.9	92.7	296.2	13,448.5
Oct	0.8	5,417.3	33.6	1.0	17.0	189.2	34.2	30.4	72.4	19.4	24.5	154.5	5,994.1
Nov	0.2	5,002.3	51.6	0.1	16.0	156.4	7.1	29.2	80.6	26.9	15.5	159.5	5,545.3
Dec	0.0	5,486.9	75.4	0.1	11.7	61.9	5.8	16.8	61.1	13.0	30.8	165.6	5,929.2
Q4	1.0	15,906.5	160.5	1.2	44.7	407.5	47.1	76.4	214.1	59.3	70.7	479.6	17,468.7
Total_2020	298.7	43,304.5	524.8	1.7	147.8	1,622.3	221.2	260.7	728.9	161.9	285.5	1,441.5	48,999.5
Jan	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	0.9	12.4	168.7	0.6	18.9	65.6	14.9	21.8	133.8	8,687.3
Feb	0.0	5,915.7	16.8	0.0	12.5	151.3	2.1	29.0	51.5	12.1	20.0	153.7	6,364.6
Mar	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	1.8	25.2	156.5	9.2	32.4	54.7	18.0	48.1	184.3	9,038.1
Q1	1.1	22,576.8	112.3	2.7	50.1	476.4	11.9	80.3	171.8	44.9	89.9	471.8	24,090.0
Apr	0.1	4,334.5	0.0	1.3	18.4	166.5	9.0	30.8	54.4	13.6	20.1	190.3	4,839.2
% Distribution													
2019	0.0	90.6	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.8	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.1	100.0
2020	0.6	88.4	1.1	0.0	0.3	3.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.6	2.9	100.0
Mar	0.0	93.6	0.6	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	2.0	100.0
Apr	0.0	89.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.4	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.4	3.9	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2019 to April 2021 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
	Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900
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
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	636.4	4,330.3
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,848.5	585.4	5,440.4
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,438.4	1,614.4	12,068.4
Total 2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,950.7	9,043.6	51,088.2
Jan_2020	191.6	0.0	0.0	185.2	335.9	712.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,767.9	470.9	5,239.7
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	435.0	1,144.8	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,100.7	802.3	2,914.7
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,098.4	262.7	1,672.4	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,088.9	681.3	3,778.3
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,742.0	1,033.5	3,529.8	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,957.6	1,954.5	11,932.6
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	900.2	73.9	974.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	2,453.7	477.0	2,931.6
Jun	267.1	1.2	0.0	2,731.8	426.6	3,426.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	264.9	377.7	643.3
Q2	267.1	1.2	0.0	3,632.1	500.4	4,400.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	2,718.6	854.7	3,574.9
Jul	236.0	0.0	0.0	388.1	318.3	942.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	1,336.6	648.8	1,988.4
Aug	53.1	0.0	0.0	1,562.4	118.9	1,734.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	2,160.5	442.1	2,604.5
Sep	0.0	12.0	0.0	3,655.1	181.4	3,848.5	0.0	5.6	0.0	6,417.1	874.9	7,297.6
Q3	289.1	12.0	0.0	5,605.6	618.7	6,525.3	0.0	10.4	0.0	9,914.2	1,965.8	11,890.4
Oct	658.4	5.3	0.0	2,717.4	164.0	3,545.1	0.1	13.7	0.0	4,940.0	463.6	5,417.3
Nov	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,948.2	306.7	2,255.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	4,325.4	667.5	5,002.3
Dec	319.7	5.4	0.0	2,361.9	88.8	2,775.8	0.0	8.3	0.0	5,010.7	468.0	5,486.9
Q4	978.1	10.8	0.0	7,027.5	559.5	8,575.9	0.1	31.3	0.0	14,276.1	1,599.1	15,906.5
Total 2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	18,007.1	2,712.1	23,031.8	1.8	62.2	0.0	36,866.4	6,374.1	43,304.5
Jan	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,228.0	680.6	5,915.7
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	0.0	50.3	0.0	21,067.3	1,459.3	22,576.8
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,420.5	449.1	1,875.1	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,555.6	776.9	4,334.5

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – April 2021 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	%
South Africa	459.2	516.0	727.7	716.8	57.1	500.1	294.2	60.2	132.9	306.3	128.1	189.1	4,087.6	60.7
Namibia	2.1	363.2	12.4	101.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	8.0	1.6	4.2	0.4	1.0	494.9	7.4
Eswatini	2.8	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	4.6	0.0	12.6	0.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
SACU	464.1	879.1	744.5	817.9	57.1	501.0	294.3	68.2	135.2	311.4	133.0	190.1	4,596.0	68.3
Other SADC	6.2	20.8	14.5	6.9	0.7	7.3	19.7	1.0	1.3	0.9	5.4	1.7	86.4	1.3
SADC	470.3	899.9	759.0	824.8	57.8	508.3	314.0	69.2	136.5	312.3	138.4	191.9	4,682.4	69.5
Other Africa	1.9	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.3	6.1	0.1
Africa	472.2	899.9	760.4	824.8	57.8	509.6	314.0	69.2	136.5	312.5	138.4	193.1	4,688.5	69.6
India	62.0	233.4	3.3	19.8	0.1	8.5	10.2	0.0	2.2	4.4	0.0	2.5	346.4	5.1
Russia	0.0	214.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	214.0	3.2
China	47.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.7	38.8	10.4	0.0	28.2	26.4	3.3	14.2	173.4	2.6
Other Asia	22.8	35.0	20.8	4.5	0.1	37.1	5.6	0.0	0.8	63.1	1.3	2.5	193.7	2.9
Asia	132.6	482.4	24.6	24.3	3.9	84.5	26.3	0.0	31.3	93.9	4.6	19.2	927.6	13.8
Belgium	3.2	492.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	497.9	7.4
Other EU	18.2	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.9	61.4	1.8	0.0	5.9	3.9	3.4	12.7	110.4	1.6
EU	21.4	492.7	3.0	0.0	0.9	62.0	1.8	0.0	6.1	4.2	3.4	12.8	608.3	9.0
Switzerland	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	403.1	0.0	0.1	405.4	6.0
Rest of World	18.3	0.1	13.8	0.9	1.2	50.7	2.7	0.0	1.5	6.2	0.5	7.0	102.9	1.5
World	645.2	1,875.1	802.0	850.0	63.9	708.0	344.8	69.2	175.4	819.9	147.0	232.2	6,732.6	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – April 2021

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	11.2	12.6	17.8	17.5	1.4	12.2	7.2	1.5	3.3	7.5	3.1	4.6	100.0
Namibia	0.4	73.4	2.5	20.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.2	100.0
Eswatini	22.6	0.0	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	36.3	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.1	19.1	16.2	17.8	1.2	10.9	6.4	1.5	2.9	6.8	2.9	4.1	100.0
Other SADC	7.2	24.0	16.8	8.0	0.8	8.5	22.8	1.1	1.5	1.0	6.2	2.0	100.0
SADC	10.0	19.2	16.2	17.6	1.2	10.9	6.7	1.5	2.9	6.7	3.0	4.1	100.0
Other Africa	31.2	0.0	23.1	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.4	0.1	21.0	100.0
Africa	10.1	19.2	16.2	17.6	1.2	10.9	6.7	1.5	2.9	6.7	3.0	4.1	100.0
India	17.9	67.4	1.0	5.7	0.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.7	100.0
Russia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	27.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.1	22.4	6.0	0.0	16.3	15.2	1.9	8.2	100.0
Other Asia	11.8	18.1	10.7	2.3	0.1	19.2	2.9	0.0	0.4	32.6	0.7	1.3	100.0
Asia	14.3	52.0	2.7	2.6	0.4	9.1	2.8	0.0	3.4	10.1	0.5	2.1	100.0
Belgium	0.6	99.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	16.5	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.8	55.6	1.6	0.0	5.3	3.6	3.1	11.5	100.0
EU	3.5	81.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	10.2	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	2.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
Rest of World	17.8	0.1	13.4	0.9	1.2	49.2	2.6	0.0	1.5	6.0	0.5	6.8	100.0
World	9.6	27.9	11.9	12.6	0.9	10.5	5.1	1.0	2.6	12.2	2.2	3.4	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – April 2021 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	%
South Africa	0.1	206.6	0.0	0.5	15.8	139.8	4.4	27.3	29.1	10.6	8.1	119.2	561.7	11.6
Namibia	0.0	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	8.7	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.3	3.7	18.0	45.1	0.9
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SACU	0.1	217.7	0.0	0.5	16.6	148.6	4.4	28.8	29.1	11.9	11.9	137.2	606.9	12.5
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	5.7	0.0	1.0	11.4	1.1	5.5	24.7	50.1	1.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	9.2	0.6	1.0	13.9	0.5	0.7	18.9	45.7	0.9
SADC	0.1	217.7	0.0	0.5	18.3	163.4	5.0	30.8	54.4	13.5	18.1	180.7	702.7	14.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.0
Africa	0.1	217.7	0.0	0.5	18.3	163.4	5.0	30.8	54.4	13.6	18.3	181.3	703.5	14.5
UAE	0.0	988.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	989.8	20.5
India	0.0	756.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	756.9	15.6
Singapore	0.0	417.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	417.7	8.6
Israel	0.0	271.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	271.3	5.6
Hong Kong	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2	2.0
Other Asia	0.0	35.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.3	0.8
Asia	0.0	2,569.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2,571.2	53.1
Belgium	0.0	1,332.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1,332.2	27.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	11.4	0.2
EU	0.0	1,332.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	1,343.7	27.8
Switzerland	0.0	191.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	191.5	4.0
Rest of World	0.0	24.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.3	29.3	0.6
World	0.1	4,334.5	0.0	1.3	18.4	166.5	9.0	30.8	54.4	13.6	20.1	190.3	4,839.2	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – April 2021

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	36.8	0.0	0.1	2.8	24.9	0.8	4.9	5.2	1.9	1.4	21.2	100.0
Namibia	0.0	24.5	0.0	0.0	1.8	19.4	0.0	3.3	0.0	2.9	8.3	39.8	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.1	1.9	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	0.0	35.9	0.0	0.1	2.7	24.5	0.7	4.7	4.8	2.0	2.0	22.6	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	11.3	0.0	1.9	22.8	2.1	11.0	49.2	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	20.1	1.4	2.3	30.4	1.2	1.6	41.3	100.0
SADC	0.0	31.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	23.3	0.7	4.4	7.7	1.9	2.6	25.7	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.9	17.8	72.0	100.0
Africa	0.0	30.9	0.0	0.1	2.6	23.2	0.7	4.4	7.7	1.9	2.6	25.8	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	97.1	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Asia	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
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
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	15.2	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	73.4	100.0
EU	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Switzerland	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
Rest of World	0.0	83.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	1.0	100.0
World	0.0	89.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.4	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.4	3.9	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top 100 Imported Goods –April 2021 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,420,530,040.7	21.1
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	449,091,895.6	6.7
3	87100000	Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, motorised, whether or not fitted with weapons, and parts of such vehicles	403,240,243.7	6.0
4	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	362,443,512.3	5.4
5	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	325,792,290.3	4.8
6	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	126,296,026.2	1.9
7	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	79,024,258.6	1.2
8	25232900	Other Portland cement	64,195,358.7	1.0
9	38220000	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing (excluding those of heading 30.02 or 30.06); certified reference materials	62,654,063.1	0.9
10	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	60,459,885.1	0.9
11	84314990	OTHER Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Of Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30	54,483,177.0	0.8
12	30049090	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale	46,690,681.6	0.7
13	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	46,147,112.2	0.7
14	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	44,403,550.7	0.7
15	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	36,013,068.7	0.5
16	85444990	OTHER Insulated (Including Enamelled Or Anodised) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	35,787,159.2	0.5
17	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	35,763,326.6	0.5
18	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	32,929,322.6	0.5
19	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	29,043,539.9	0.4
20	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	26,075,351.0	0.4
21	85171210	DESIGNED FOR USE WHEN CARRIED IN THE HAND OR ON THE PERSON	25,833,614.6	0.4
22	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	25,638,508.7	0.4
23	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.)	25,350,977.9	0.4
24	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	25,130,102.1	0.4
25	87059000	Other Special purpose motor vehicles (excluding those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods)	24,704,161.3	0.4
26	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	22,652,722.5	0.3
27	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	21,926,076.3	0.3
28	87032290	Other Motors Vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cm3 but Not exceeding 1500cm3 other than Hearses and Ambulances	21,915,484.9	0.3
29	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	21,798,322.5	0.3
30	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	21,317,210.1	0.3
31	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	21,094,828.7	0.3
32	16041317	Sardines (pilchards) (SARDINOPS SPP.), in airtight metal containers for human consumption	20,695,906.0	0.3
33	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	20,019,754.1	0.3
34	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	19,663,921.6	0.3
35	64059090	Other footwear	19,435,901.5	0.3
36	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	18,587,808.1	0.3
37	84304100	Self-propelled	17,689,541.0	0.3
38	85176290	Other machines for reception	17,628,499.5	0.3
39	34012000	Soap in other forms	17,415,591.6	0.3
40	87042290	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Compression-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine (Diesel Or Semi-Diesel)	17,292,125.5	0.3
41	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil	17,123,774.9	0.3
42	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	16,995,529.5	0.3
43	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	16,926,443.6	0.3
44	63079090	Other made up articles, including dress patterns	16,665,551.6	0.2
45	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	16,473,043.1	0.2
46	42034000	Other clothing accessories	16,360,393.3	0.2
47	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	15,684,025.3	0.2
48	20098950	Other fruit juices	14,207,286.5	0.2
49	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by volume, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	13,740,919.2	0.2
50	19023000	Other pasta	13,428,606.3	0.2

Table 4.1 A: Top 100 Imported Goods –April 2021 (Pula) Continued

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	94041000	MATTRESS SUPPORTS	13,380,931.3	0.2
52	84713000	Portable automatic data processing machines, of a mass not exceeding 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	13,003,758.3	0.2
53	84749000	Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste) form:: Parts	12,792,989.3	0.2
54	84295190	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	12,752,906.9	0.2
55	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	12,680,960.1	0.2
56	48181000	TOILET PAPER	12,657,112.0	0.2
57	09109900	Other spices	12,459,006.6	0.2
58	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	12,271,436.1	0.2
59	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	12,181,852.7	0.2
60	04031000	Yoghurt	12,108,439.5	0.2
61	84295900	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	12,082,320.8	0.2
62	19053100	Sweet biscuits	11,772,496.9	0.2
63	21032000	Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	11,420,240.3	0.2
64	44031100	Coniferous Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, Treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives	11,213,149.2	0.2
65	17011400	Other cane sugar	10,818,130.2	0.2
66	85049000	Parts; Other transformers:	10,257,180.9	0.2
67	04011090	Other (milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1 per cent)	10,143,092.9	0.2
68	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01)	10,125,015.5	0.2
69	87082900	Other Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	9,903,059.8	0.1
70	39019090	Other Polymers of ethylene	9,898,520.0	0.1
71	84082000	Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	9,855,719.0	0.1
72	04012009	Other milk, whether or not containing added minerals, vitamins, enzymes and similar additives solely for the purpose of increasing the nutritional value and provided these additives do not exceed 1 per cent by volume of the final product	9,711,921.4	0.1
73	84818090	Other Appliances Not Elsewhere Specified	9,642,043.9	0.1
74	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	9,527,412.4	0.1
75	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	9,481,187.6	0.1
76	73083090	Other Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors:	9,447,528.7	0.1
77	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	9,328,242.0	0.1
78	15121990	Other Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof	9,193,223.9	0.1
79	39231000	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles	8,900,182.3	0.1
80	85389090	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus of heading 85.35, 85.36 or 85.37:	8,757,227.4	0.1
81	73110020	Of a welded construction, indelibly stamped that it has a water capacity of 1,5 litres or more but not exceeding 114 litres, identifiable for use with liquefied petroleum gas	8,566,533.3	0.1
82	87042183	Other (excluding double-cab), of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	8,140,091.7	0.1
83	85369020	Identifiable for use solely or principally with motor vehicles	8,124,015.0	0.1
84	85369090	Other apparatus:	8,107,400.6	0.1
85	07019000	Other (potatoes, fresh or chilled)	8,105,607.8	0.1
86	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	7,911,396.9	0.1
87	27101201	Aviation spirit, as defined in Additional Note 1(a)	7,898,231.4	0.1
88	27111900	Other Liquefied Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons , Liquefied	7,859,413.6	0.1
89	87089190	Other parts Radiators and parts thereof:	7,790,267.4	0.1
90	21039091	Mayonnaise, put up in packaging for retail sale	7,748,803.4	0.1
91	72253000	Other, not further worked than hot-rolled, in coils	7,666,642.7	0.1
92	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, In sealed containers holding 2,5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	7,575,266.1	0.1
93	08081000	Apples, fresh	7,529,836.8	0.1
94	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by volume, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	7,453,248.3	0.1
95	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	7,437,315.8	0.1
96	73030000	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	7,420,039.8	0.1
97	73084090	Other Equipment for scaffolding, shuttering, propping or pit-propping:	7,419,407.4	0.1
98	87042190	Other G.V.M. not exceeding 5 t:	7,398,832.7	0.1
99	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	7,364,336.0	0.1
100	84137090	Other centrifugal pumps	7,329,149.8	0.1
Top 100 Imported			4,807,073,619.8	71.4
Other Imported			1,925,546,490.1	28.6
Total			6,732,620,109.9	100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods – April 2021 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Total Exports	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	3,555,565,587.1	73.5
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	776,931,799.7	16.1
3	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	123,192,500.1	2.5
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	34,095,046.1	0.7
5	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	30,683,559.6	0.6
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	27,627,897.2	0.6
7	28362000	Disodium carbonate	25,104,464.2	0.5
8	01022900	Other (cattle)	24,678,811.6	0.5
9	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	20,636,195.4	0.4
10	27011900	Other coal	14,739,544.9	0.3
11	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	8,440,020.3	0.2
12	71129990	Other Waste and scrap of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal; not elsewhere specified	8,338,192.4	0.2
13	85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding	7,793,960.6	0.2
14	27011200	Bituminous coal	6,714,776.7	0.1
15	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	6,365,613.2	0.1
16	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	5,888,595.8	0.1
17	42034000	Other clothing accessories	4,536,912.2	0.1
18	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	4,068,001.1	0.1
19	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3,922,100.0	0.1
20	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	3,595,048.3	0.1
21	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	3,532,110.1	0.1
22	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel,Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	3,474,305.1	0.1
23	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02), Including Station Wagons And Racing Cars; Other Vehicles, With Only Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Reciprocating Piston Engine;	3,171,783.4	0.1
24	58081000	Braids in the piece	3,061,615.5	0.1
25	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling	2,931,858.6	0.1
26	85071010	Other Electric accumulators including separators therepf, whether or not rectangular other than lead acid and those with dimension not exceeding 185mm *125mm*195mm by height	2,901,345.9	0.1
27	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2,837,500.0	0.1
28	87089990	Other parts and accessoriesof the motor vehicles of headings nos. 87.01 to 87.05	2,837,016.4	0.1
29	84314990	Other Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Excluding Of Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30 Not Elsewhere Specified	2,634,636.9	0.1
30	30041091	Other, containing penicillins or derivatives thereof, with a penicillanic acid structure, or streptomycins or their derivatives, for human use	2,524,497.8	0.1
31	90308900	Other instruments and apparatus:	2,521,337.4	0.1
32	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	2,500,578.5	0.1
33	84669100	Parts and accessories For machines of heading 84.64	2,476,626.8	0.1
34	87041090	Other Dumpers designed for off-highway use:	2,476,049.2	0.1
35	74040020	Of copper-zinc base alloys (brass)	2,375,952.2	0.0
36	28331100	Disodium sulphate	2,351,857.1	0.0
37	71022100	Diamonds; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,995,194.9	0.0
38	87042110	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	1,971,563.7	0.0
39	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	1,894,163.1	0.0
40	87029090	Other Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver:	1,883,031.1	0.0
41	72042900	Other Waste and scrap of alloy steel:	1,797,012.2	0.0
42	84272050	Other fork-lift trucks of mass exceeding 10 000 KG	1,770,483.9	0.0
43	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	1,693,373.1	0.0
44	72043000	Waste and scrap of finned iron or steel	1,643,932.1	0.0
45	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	1,365,910.6	0.0
46	72042100	Waste and scrap of alloy steel:Of stainless steel	1,353,879.4	0.0
47	72044900	Other waste and scrap:	1,272,634.4	0.0
48	84213930	Other Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles	1,202,035.3	0.0
49	39219025	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of polymers of ethylene, printed	1,192,510.3	0.0
50	48202000	Exercise books	1,162,980.6	0.0
Total Top 50			4,759,726,401.8	98.4
Other Exported Goods			79,423,951.1	1.6
Total			4,839,150,352.9	100.0

7.0 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.

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.