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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) for August 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 (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 August 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 August 2021, while exports are given in **Table 4.1B**.

Changes in data for the corresponding months in the current versus previous digests 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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I sincerely thank all stakeholders involved in the formulation of this monthly digest, for their continued support and feedback, as we strive to serve users of our products and services.



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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 for August 2021.

Imports were valued at P8, 698.2 million during August 2021, giving an increase of 17.8 percent from the revised July 2021 value of P7, 386.0 million. Total exports during the same month stood at P6, 984.5 million, showing a decline of 10.7 percent over the revised July 2021 value of P7, 821.7 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment; with contributions of 40.1 percent, 12.3 percent and 10.4 percent respectively. During the month under review, Diamonds, Copper & Nickel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 85.7 percent, 5.3 percent and 2.3 percent to total exports, respectively.

In August 2021, imports from **SACU** contributed 66.2 percent to total imports, while those from the **EU** and Asia accounted for 18.3 percent and 9.6 percent, respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 58.0 percent of total imports. Belgium, Namibia and India provided imports representing 16.3 percent, 7.9 percent and 3.7 percent, of total imports respectively.

During the current month, exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** accounted for 58.2 percent, 27.1 percent and 12.4 percent of the monthly total, respectively. Belgium, India and the **UAE** received exports representing 27.1 percent, 17.7 percent and 16.8 percent of the monthly total, respectively. South Africa received 11.9 percent while Israel and Singapore each received 6.3 percent of total exports.

Air transport accounted for 87.1 percent of total exports during the reference period, while exports by Road transport represented 12.7 percent. Imports by Road accounted for 51.1 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 26.0 percent and 22.9 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on August 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, bringing additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

Transactions for July 2021 had late customs duty assessments which were concluded in August 2021. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected month, comparing figures as at the July 2021 Digest and the current.

Imports for July 2021 were revised up by 2.1 percent (P154.0 million) and Total Exports by 2.8 percent (P216.4 million).

Table A: Data Revision: July 2021 (Million Pula)

Period	As at July 2021 Digest			As at August 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
July	7,232.0	7,605.2	373.2	7,386.0	7,821.7	435.7	154.0	216.4	62.4	2.1	2.8	16.7

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 August 2021, imports were valued at P8, 698.2 million, representing an increase of 17.8 percent (P1, 312.1 million) over the July 2021 revised figure of P7, 386.0 million. This was mainly attributed to the rise in the importation of Diamonds from the revised July 2021 figure of P2, 181.2 million to P3, 484.8 million during the current period, an increase of 59.8 percent (P1, 303.6 million).

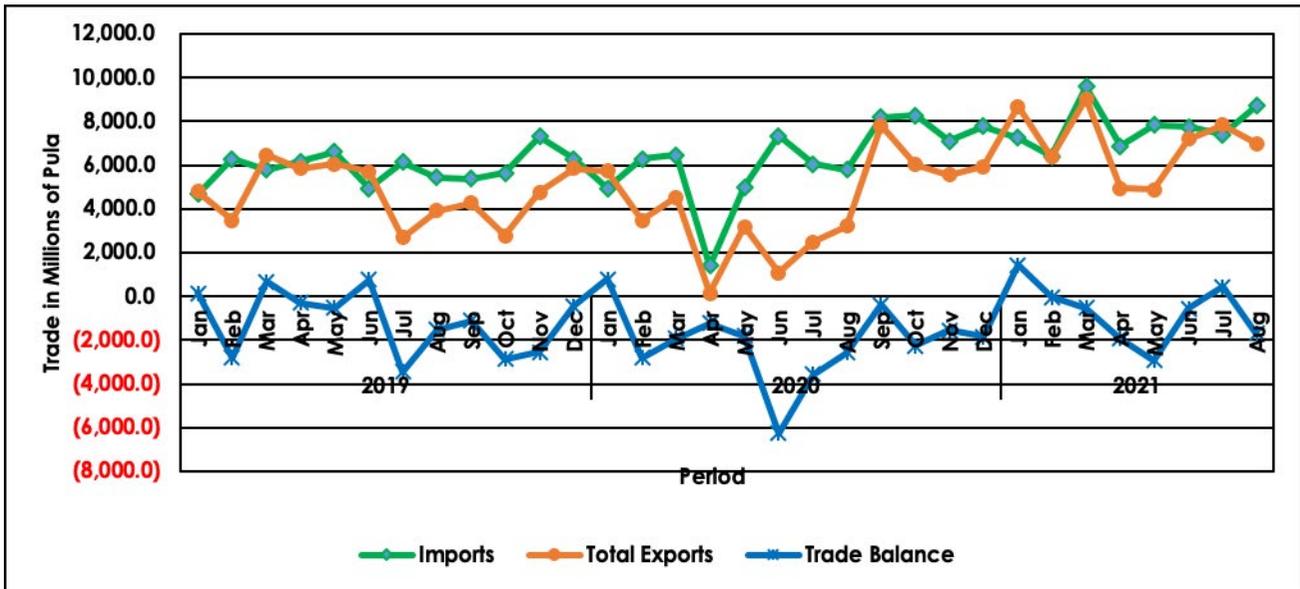
1.3 Total Exports

The August 2021 total export value fell by 10.7 percent (P837.1 million) from the revised July 2021 figure of P7, 821.7 million to P6, 984.5 million. This was attributed largely to the decrease in Diamonds exports by 15.8 percent (P1, 126.3 million) from the revised July 2021 value of P7, 112.4 million to P5, 986.1 million.

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade deficit of P1, 713.6 million was recorded in August 2021. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2019 to August 2021.

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



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

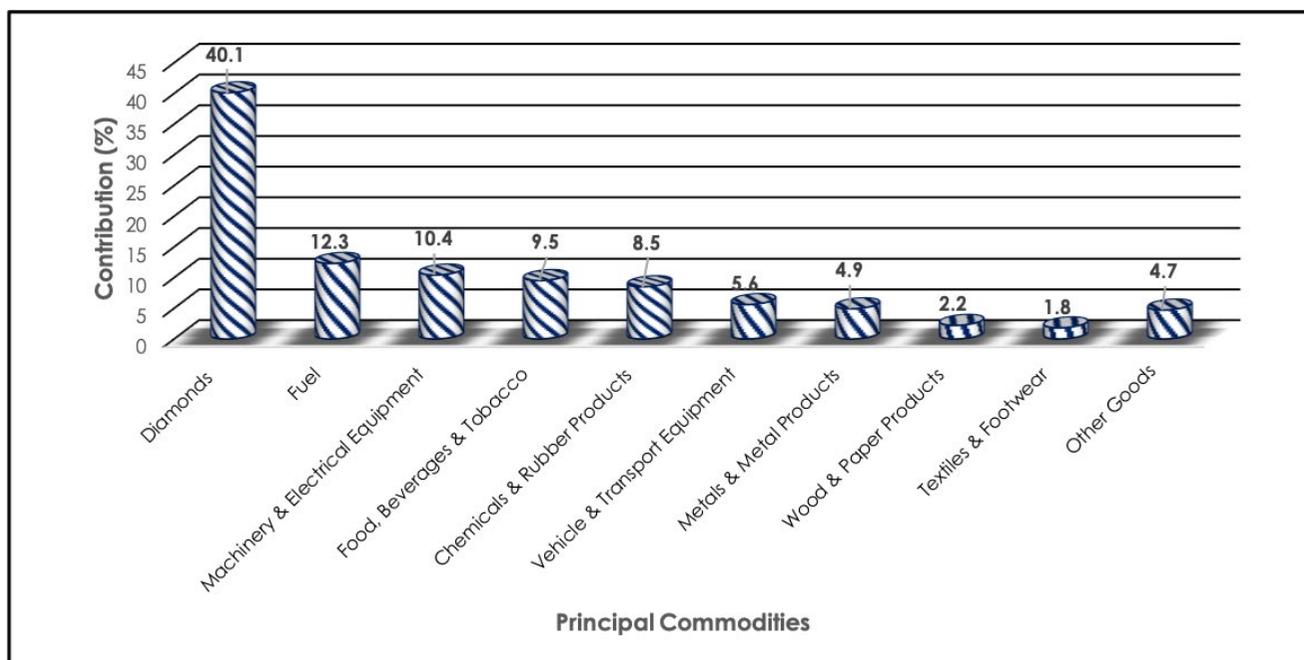
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In cases where further grouping of related chapters or commodities becomes cumbersome, due to the commodity groups' minimal contribution to the total, the remaining commodities are grouped together under the general category 'Other'.

2.1 Principal Imports

Botswana received imports valued at P8, 698.2 million during August 2021. Diamonds contributed 40.1 percent (P3, 484.8 million) to total imports. Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with contributions of 12.3 percent (P1, 073.4 million) and 10.4 percent (P902.7 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- August 2021

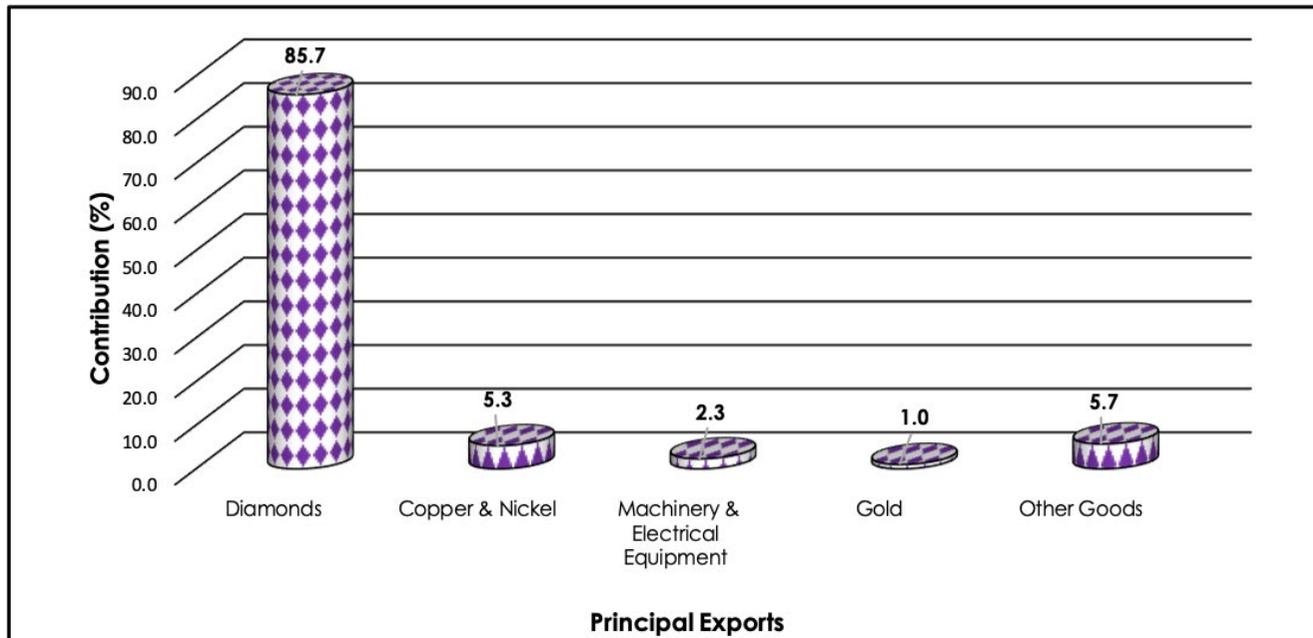


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.2

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P6, 984.5 million in August 2021. The Diamonds group accounted for 85.7 percent (P5, 986.1 million), followed by Copper & Nickel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 5.3 percent (P370.6 million) and 2.3 percent (P157.6 million), respectively. The contribution in Copper & Nickel group is solely attributable to Copper & Copper Concentrates which are mined by a new company that started exporting during July 2021. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – August 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 the compiling country 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 August 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

In August 2021, Botswana imported goods worth P8, 698.2 million. The **SACU** region contributed 66.2 percent (P5, 753.9 million) to total imports during the reference period. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were Diamonds, Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 24.3 percent (P1, 398.8 million), 16.7 percent (P959.8 million) and 13.6 percent (P782.0 million) to imports from the region, respectively (refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

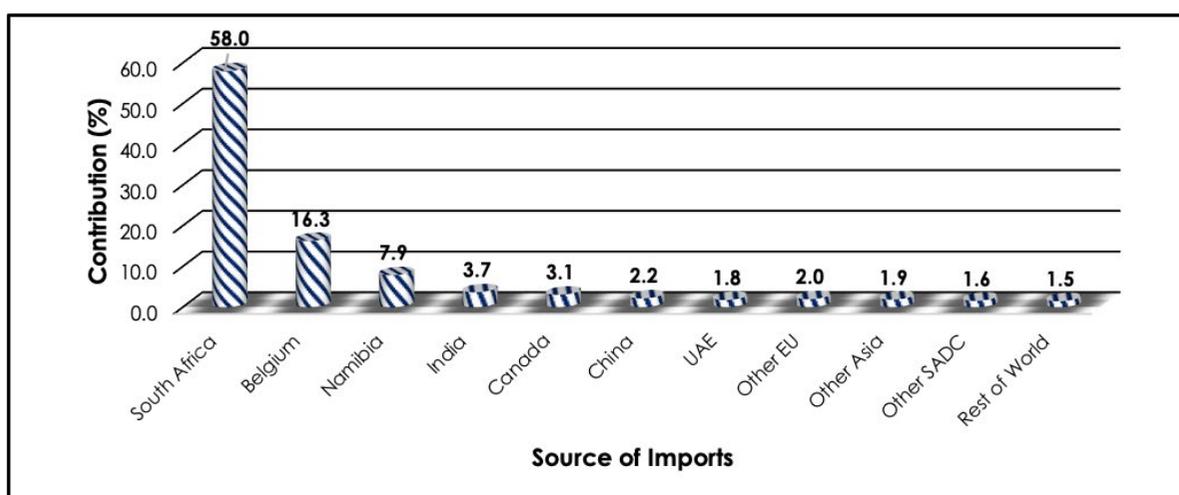
South Africa contributed 58.0 percent (P5, 042.8 million) to total imports during the reporting period. Diamonds accounted for 17.3 percent (P870.7 million) of imports from that country. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco made contributions of 16.2 percent (P818.6 million) and 15.1 percent (P763.0 million), respectively, to imports from South Africa. Namibia contributed 7.9 percent (P690.6 million) to the overall imports during the period under review. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group imported from that country at 76.5 percent (P528.1 million).

The **EU** supplied imports amounting to P1, 590.6 million, accounting for 18.3 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the **EU** was Diamonds, at 89.0 percent (P1, 415.5 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the **EU**, having supplied 16.3 percent (P1, 418.2 million) of total imports during the period under review. Diamonds accounted for 99.8 percent (P1, 415.5 million) of all goods coming from that country. ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

Imports from Asia were valued at P834.9 million, representing 9.6 percent of August 2021 total imports. The major commodity group imported from the regional block was Diamonds, with a contribution of 47.4 percent (P395.6 million) to total imports from the region (tables [3.1A](#) & [3.1B](#)). India, China and the **UAE**, were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 3.7 percent (P318.6 million), 2.2 percent (P195.3 million) and 1.8 percent (P158.2 million) of total imports, respectively ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

Graphical presentation of sources of imports during August 2021 can be viewed on [Chart 3.1](#).

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



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in [Table 3.1](#)

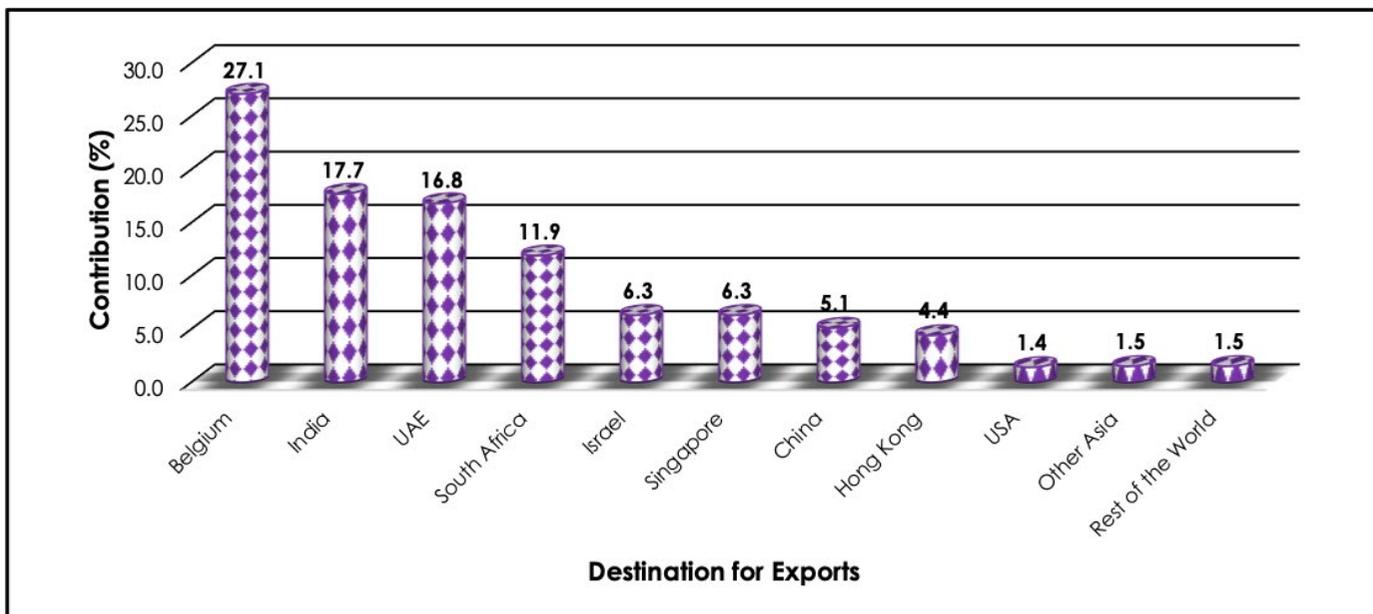
3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports during August 2021, having received 58.2 percent (P4, 061.6 million) of total exports. These exports mostly went to India and the UAE, as they received 17.7 percent (P1, 238.3 million) and 16.8 percent (P1, 175.3 million) of total exports, respectively. The top most exported commodity to the regional block was Diamonds as shown by [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

During the month under review, exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 895.3 million, accounting for 27.1 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional union, acquiring 99.8 percent (P1, 890.8 million). The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** ([Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 2.2B](#)).

The **SACU** region received exports valued at P863.3 million, representing 12.4 percent of total exports. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment commodity groups accounted for 34.4 percent (P296.9 million) and 16.3 percent (P140.5 million) of total exports to the customs union ([Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#)). South Africa received 11.9 percent (P832.6 million) of total exports during the month under review ([Table 3.2A](#)).

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – August 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 on opportunities to produce commodities 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.

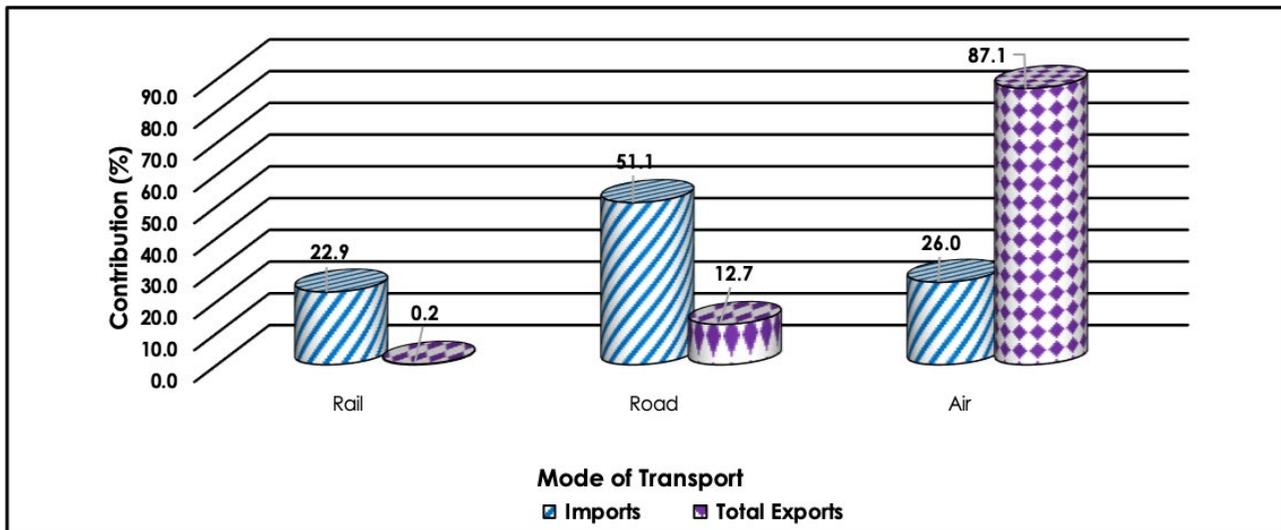
During the reference period, imports representing 51.1 percent (P4, 444.0 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 26.0 percent (P2, 262.6 million) and 22.9 percent (P1, 991.5 million) respectively.

Goods exported by Air during the month amounted to P6, 086.1 million, accounting for 87.1 percent of total exports, while those leaving the country by Road were valued at P883.9 million (12.7 percent).

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

Mode of Transport	Imports	%	Total Exports	%
Rail	1,991.5	22.9	14.6	0.2
Road	4,444.0	51.1	883.9	12.7
Air	2,262.6	26.0	6,086.1	87.1
Total	8,698.2	100.0	6,984.5	100.0

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



6.0 ANNEXURE

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

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan	4,662.1	4,437.4	223.4	1.3	4,789.1	0.0	4,789.1	127.0
Feb	6,282.5	6,076.9	204.4	1.2	3,469.7	4.1	3,473.8	(2,808.7)
Mar	5,795.2	5,579.3	215.0	0.9	6,467.2	0.1	6,467.2	672.0
Q1	16,739.9	16,093.6	642.8	3.5	14,726.0	4.1	14,730.2	(2,009.7)
Apr	6,148.3	5,936.9	209.3	2.0	5,837.2	5.2	5,842.4	(305.9)
May	6,590.3	6,361.2	228.0	1.0	6,051.9	5.6	6,057.5	(532.8)
Jun	4,945.3	4,701.9	242.5	0.9	5,676.3	10.5	5,686.9	741.5
Q2	17,683.9	17,000.1	679.8	4.0	17,565.5	21.3	17,586.7	(97.2)
Jul	6,140.2	5,893.0	245.7	1.5	2,681.2	0.4	2,681.6	(3,458.6)
Aug	5,444.2	5,200.6	241.7	1.9	3,923.1	0.2	3,923.3	(1,521.0)
Sep	5,384.0	5,153.1	229.9	1.0	4,265.3	1.7	4,267.0	(1,117.0)
Q3	16,968.4	16,246.7	717.3	4.4	10,869.5	2.3	10,871.8	(6,096.5)
Oct	5,644.7	5,411.8	231.8	1.1	2,779.0	0.0	2,779.0	(2,865.7)
Nov	7,311.4	7,040.7	269.6	1.1	4,770.1	0.5	4,770.6	(2,540.8)
Dec	6,273.2	6,026.8	245.0	1.5	5,839.3	0.4	5,839.7	(433.4)
Q4	19,229.3	18,479.3	746.3	3.7	13,388.4	0.9	13,389.3	(5,840.0)
Total_2019	70,621.4	67,819.6	2,786.3	15.6	56,549.4	28.7	56,578.1	(14,043.4)
Jan	4,926.8	4,703.7	222.2	0.9	5,707.4	9.2	5,716.7	789.9
Feb	6,270.4	5,999.0	270.0	1.4	3,465.6	0.6	3,466.2	(2,804.2)
Mar	6,441.4	6,176.6	263.4	1.4	4,516.8	0.2	4,517.0	(1,924.4)
Q1	17,638.5	16,879.3	755.6	3.7	13,689.8	10.1	13,699.9	(3,938.7)
Apr	1,383.1	1,295.0	87.7	0.4	147.1	0.1	147.2	(1,235.9)
May	4,992.2	4,754.5	237.1	0.6	3,176.0	0.1	3,176.1	(1,816.1)
Jun	7,332.4	7,080.0	251.4	1.0	1,071.7	0.2	1,071.9	(6,260.5)
Q2	13,707.7	13,129.5	576.1	2.0	4,394.9	0.3	4,395.2	(9,312.5)
Jul	6,038.9	5,747.0	290.6	1.3	2,468.9	0.2	2,469.1	(3,569.8)
Aug	5,785.7	5,564.0	220.4	1.4	3,195.0	1.1	3,196.1	(2,589.6)
Sep	8,171.0	7,931.9	237.9	1.1	7,796.6	0.4	7,797.0	(374.0)
Q3	19,995.6	19,242.9	749.0	3.7	13,460.6	1.7	13,462.3	(6,533.3)
Oct	8,257.7	7,993.9	262.7	1.0	6,007.3	0.7	6,008.0	(2,249.7)
Nov	7,098.6	6,823.9	272.6	2.1	5,547.2	0.0	5,547.2	(1,551.4)
Dec	7,781.4	7,483.0	296.6	1.8	5,937.7	0.6	5,938.3	(1,843.1)
Q4	23,137.6	22,300.8	831.9	4.9	17,492.1	1.4	17,493.5	(5,644.1)
Total_2020	74,479.5	71,552.5	2,912.6	14.4	49,037.4	13.5	49,050.8	(25,428.6)
Jan	7,250.4	6,987.4	261.6	1.4	8,687.0	0.3	8,687.3	1,437.0
Feb	6,401.5	6,130.2	269.7	1.6	6,365.5	0.0	6,365.6	(35.9)
Mar	9,578.7	9,226.6	350.6	1.4	9,038.4	0.0	9,038.4	(540.3)
Q1	23,230.5	22,344.2	881.9	4.5	24,091.0	0.4	24,091.3	860.8
Apr	6,855.8	6,563.3	291.1	1.3	4,932.2	0.0	4,932.2	(1,923.6)
May	7,814.6	7,522.8	290.4	1.4	4,885.5	0.0	4,885.5	(2,929.1)
June	7,741.9	7,470.4	269.9	1.6	7,170.4	0.9	7,171.4	(570.5)
Q2	22,412.3	21,556.5	851.5	4.3	16,988.1	0.9	16,989.0	(5,423.3)
Jul	7,386.0	7,109.1	275.7	1.3	7,821.5	0.2	7,821.7	435.7
Aug	8,698.2	8,366.2	330.3	1.6	6,984.5	0.0	6,984.5	(1,713.6)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2019 to August 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	441.7	800.3	691.0	593.1	47.3	615.4	240.5	50.9	98.9	763.7	103.6	215.7	4,662.1
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	141.1	647.7	119.7	159.8	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	165.8	378.9	129.6	180.9	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	405.7	1,790.3	352.9	556.4	16,739.9
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	130.2	609.7	120.5	148.3	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	121.2	788.4	139.6	208.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.9	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	102.6	386.1	129.6	159.8	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	354.0	1,784.2	389.7	517.0	17,683.9
Jul	531.1	1,671.6	700.2	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.4	66.0	137.8	508.7	127.5	337.5	6,140.2
Aug	551.3	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	144.0	437.5	157.3	206.9	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	821.0	252.3	59.5	167.1	390.2	147.5	187.9	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	449.0	1,336.5	432.3	732.4	16,968.4
Oct	569.5	1,420.8	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	176.7	460.4	158.5	228.0	5,644.7
Nov	651.4	2,266.7	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	164.8	1,010.7	144.7	208.7	7,311.4
Dec	635.7	1,599.3	1,061.3	1,057.2	67.8	638.5	233.7	57.1	127.2	437.8	145.0	212.6	6,273.2
Q4	1,856.7	5,286.7	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	468.8	1,908.8	448.2	649.3	19,229.3
Total_2019	6,344.4	20,050.1	9,003.4	8,863.6	769.2	8,775.1	3,549.9	690.3	1,677.5	6,819.7	1,623.1	2,455.1	70,621.4
Jan	520.6	718.4	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	96.2	382.7	116.8	169.6	4,926.8
Feb	527.0	1,144.8	823.5	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.3	71.5	160.0	820.2	149.6	620.8	6,270.4
Mar	619.2	1,672.4	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.7	248.6	53.9	153.8	464.1	128.5	225.3	6,441.4
Q1	1,666.8	3,535.6	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.3	738.0	186.0	410.1	1,667.0	394.8	1,015.7	17,638.5
Apr	273.3	0.0	521.2	208.9	5.8	193.3	34.8	5.7	33.0	18.2	34.7	54.1	1,383.1
May	502.1	974.1	571.4	1,011.8	33.8	486.5	148.1	30.6	119.6	792.6	86.5	235.0	4,992.2
Jun	665.5	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	764.7	229.2	59.4	126.1	461.1	125.9	189.5	7,332.4
Q2	1,441.0	4,400.8	1,763.0	1,768.7	105.4	1,444.5	412.1	95.7	278.7	1,272.0	247.2	478.6	13,707.7
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	664.4	262.8	62.0	109.3	467.4	129.0	195.9	6,038.9
Aug	556.1	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.2	241.0	71.5	132.9	396.3	125.6	317.1	5,785.7
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	153.1	438.3	148.7	235.7	8,171.0
Q3	1,881.5	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.5	200.0	2,020.3	777.3	198.6	395.3	1,302.1	403.3	748.7	19,995.6
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.8	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	158.0	437.1	145.1	260.5	8,257.7
Nov	667.5	2,255.0	943.2	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.9	65.5	180.4	618.1	163.4	254.0	7,098.6
Dec	672.8	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.5	333.7	62.7	124.6	1,153.7	151.2	313.5	7,781.4
Q4	1,973.6	8,575.9	2,783.6	1,990.1	239.6	2,340.9	1,073.4	200.9	463.1	2,208.9	459.7	828.0	23,137.6
Total_2020	6,962.9	23,037.6	9,518.7	9,669.4	736.8	8,299.0	3,000.8	681.2	1,547.2	6,449.9	1,504.9	3,071.0	74,479.5
Jan	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.6	75.1	127.7	381.2	117.7	215.2	7,250.4
Feb	550.4	2,086.4	795.0	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	156.7	438.1	129.8	242.7	6,401.5
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	889.6	903.9	90.4	928.7	399.4	69.1	179.2	918.2	194.2	316.6	9,578.7
Q1	2,098.9	9,126.1	2,536.6	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.1	1,019.3	209.9	463.6	1,737.5	441.7	774.5	23,230.5
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.0	853.8	63.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	181.7	835.7	148.7	233.2	6,855.8
May	658.9	2,883.7	837.5	812.3	54.3	868.0	412.0	70.9	139.8	688.6	159.8	228.8	7,814.6
June	772.7	2,846.3	863.0	860.0	57.7	874.4	383.5	78.8	137.0	459.2	174.4	234.8	7,741.9
Q2	2,084.7	7,655.5	2,506.5	2,526.1	175.3	2,481.1	1,142.3	219.0	458.5	1,983.6	482.8	696.9	22,412.3
Jul	634.2	2,181.2	842.1	1,584.4	47.1	808.4	357.9	74.7	121.8	358.1	154.0	222.0	7,386.0
Aug	737.6	3,484.8	828.9	1,073.4	67.5	902.7	421.9	75.7	158.2	487.7	193.9	266.0	8,698.2
% Distribution													
2019	9.0	28.4	12.7	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
July	8.6	29.5	11.4	21.5	0.6	10.9	4.8	1.0	1.6	4.8	2.1	3.0	100.0
Aug	8.5	40.1	9.5	12.3	0.8	10.4	4.9	0.9	1.8	5.6	2.2	3.1	100.0

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2019 to August 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	66.3	32.3	9.2	53.7	14.2	24.1	132.3	4,789.1
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.3	13.0	115.4	39.4	26.4	44.8	14.4	54.2	80.9	3,473.8
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.3	12.1	153.9	21.4	14.6	54.6	13.1	44.0	72.5	6,467.2
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.7	34.6	335.6	93.2	50.1	153.1	41.7	122.4	285.7	14,730.2
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.2	13.1	142.2	43.6	31.7	42.9	13.8	41.7	83.9	5,842.4
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.8	142.2	75.8	22.2	56.0	13.3	26.5	118.1	6,057.5
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.4	19.4	145.4	102.1	28.3	30.5	11.8	35.7	110.9	5,686.9
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.8	52.3	429.8	221.6	82.2	129.4	38.9	104.0	312.9	17,586.7
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.2	12.2	136.8	59.1	21.2	56.4	10.8	24.7	83.3	2,681.6
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.7	19.6	160.9	64.8	27.4	46.3	13.3	31.6	87.5	3,923.3
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	1.1	20.8	148.7	89.8	20.4	61.1	12.9	41.9	84.9	4,267.0
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.9	52.6	446.4	213.7	69.0	163.8	37.1	98.1	255.7	10,871.8
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.8	22.6	125.4	94.6	27.3	35.6	12.1	30.9	97.1	2,779.0
Nov	0.2	4,330.3	29.1	0.3	13.9	161.0	24.0	30.0	33.5	17.1	42.3	89.0	4,770.6
Dec	0.1	5,440.4	34.9	0.3	7.6	82.9	16.5	20.9	45.9	14.8	46.0	129.4	5,839.7
Q4	0.5	12,068.4	97.8	2.4	44.1	369.2	135.1	78.2	115.0	44.0	119.2	315.5	13,389.3
Total_2019	2.6	51,088.2	436.5	6.7	183.6	1,581.1	663.5	279.5	561.2	161.7	443.7	1,169.8	56,578.1
Jan_2020	0.2	5,239.7	20.5	0.1	13.0	159.9	12.5	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	139.9	5,716.7
Feb	1.7	2,914.7	46.7	0.1	17.1	169.0	14.8	25.4	65.7	14.9	30.8	165.3	3,466.2
Mar	280.3	3,778.3	22.6	0.1	12.0	128.4	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	32.9	167.9	4,517.0
Q1	282.2	11,932.6	89.8	0.2	42.1	457.3	35.6	67.9	183.8	43.4	91.8	473.1	13,699.9
Apr	3.7	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.7	3.0	12.9	2.5	41.4	0.0	0.0	32.1	147.2
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	13.1	117.7	19.1	27.5	77.9	11.1	27.0	109.0	1,071.9
Q2	9.2	3,574.9	99.5	0.1	18.2	191.7	50.3	41.6	165.9	18.2	30.7	194.8	4,395.2
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	0.1	10.2	254.0	34.7	37.5	56.5	12.8	36.5	98.0	3,196.1
Sep	0.7	7,297.6	56.5	0.1	17.6	179.8	22.1	31.8	56.4	15.6	26.5	92.3	7,797.0
Q3	6.3	11,890.4	174.9	0.2	43.2	568.5	89.6	90.2	165.4	41.0	95.8	296.8	13,462.3
Oct	0.8	5,417.3	33.6	1.0	18.5	193.3	34.2	37.5	72.4	19.4	24.8	155.4	6,008.0
Nov	0.2	5,002.3	51.6	0.1	16.0	158.1	7.1	29.3	80.6	26.9	15.5	159.6	5,547.2
Dec	0.0	5,486.9	75.4	0.8	12.3	63.1	5.8	21.5	61.1	13.0	32.1	166.2	5,938.3
Q4	1.0	15,906.5	160.5	2.0	46.8	414.5	47.1	88.3	214.1	59.3	72.3	481.1	17,493.5
Total_2020	298.7	43,304.5	524.8	2.5	150.2	1,632.0	222.6	288.0	729.1	162.0	290.6	1,445.8	49,050.8
Jan_2021	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	151.4	2.1	29.0	51.5	12.1	20.4	153.9	6,365.6
Mar	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	1.8	25.2	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.7	18.0	48.1	184.4	9,038.4
Q1	1.1	22,576.8	112.3	2.7	50.1	476.8	11.9	80.3	171.9	44.9	90.3	472.2	24,091.3
Apr	0.1	4,400.4	0.0	1.5	19.8	171.5	9.0	33.5	54.8	14.3	29.8	197.4	4,932.2
May	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	1.2	28.3	147.2	17.9	41.6	54.8	15.0	17.5	219.6	4,885.5
June	0.3	6,546.8	35.8	0.1	29.9	159.3	34.6	38.7	73.8	14.4	20.1	217.7	7,171.4
Q2	0.7	15,227.2	97.9	2.8	77.9	477.9	61.5	113.7	183.5	43.7	67.3	634.8	16,989.0
Jul	86.8	7,112.4	0.0	1.5	17.9	178.7	12.7	33.0	104.5	14.6	23.9	235.6	7,821.7
Aug	370.6	5,986.1	71.7	1.8	17.8	157.6	17.8	24.5	50.9	18.2	32.4	235.2	6,984.5
% Distribution													
2019	0.0	90.3	0.8	0.0	0.3	2.8	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.8	2.1	100.0
2020	0.6	88.3	1.1	0.0	0.3	3.3	0.5	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.6	2.9	100.0
Jul	1.1	90.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.3	3.0	100.0
Aug	5.3	85.7	1.0	0.0	0.3	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	3.4	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2019 to August 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	-	293.7	308.0	800.3	-	3.6	-	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	-	984.1	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	-	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	-	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	-	13.6	-	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	-	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	-	-	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	-	6.8	-	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	-	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	-	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
Jun	-	-	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	-	7.5	-	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	-	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	-	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	-	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	-	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	-	5.4	-	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.0
Sep	223.5	-	-	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	-	4.9	-	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	-	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.7
Oct	247.7	-	-	1,041.7	131.3	1,420.8	-	0.1	-	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.7
Nov	36.4	0.1	-	1,539.9	690.3	2,266.7	0.3	8.7	-	3,684.9	636.4	4,330.3
Dec	289.8	1.7	-	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	-	6.5	-	4,848.5	585.4	5,440.4
Q4	573.9	1.8	-	3,774.0	937.1	5,286.7	0.3	15.2	-	10,438.4	1,614.4	12,068.4
Total 2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,756.7	20,050.1	2.0	91.9	-	41,950.7	9,043.6	51,088.2
Jan_2020	191.6	-	-	185.2	341.7	718.4	-	0.9	-	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	-	2,100.7	802.3	2,914.7
Mar	310.9	0.4	-	1,098.4	262.7	1,672.4	-	8.1	-	3,088.9	681.3	3,778.3
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,742.0	1,039.3	3,535.6	1.8	18.8	-	9,957.6	1,954.5	11,932.6
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	900.2	73.9	974.1	-	0.8	-	2,453.7	477.0	2,931.6
Jun	267.1	1.2	-	2,731.8	426.6	3,426.7	-	0.7	-	264.9	377.7	643.3
Q2	267.1	1.2	-	3,632.1	500.4	4,400.8	-	1.6	-	2,718.6	854.7	3,574.9
Jul	236.0	-	-	388.1	318.3	942.4	-	3.0	-	1,336.6	648.8	1,988.4
Aug	53.1	0.0	-	1,562.4	118.9	1,734.4	-	1.9	-	2,160.5	442.1	2,604.5
Sep	-	12.0	-	3,655.1	181.4	3,848.5	-	5.6	-	6,417.1	874.9	7,297.6
Q3	289.1	12.0	-	5,605.6	618.7	6,525.3	-	10.4	-	9,914.2	1,965.8	11,890.4
Oct	658.4	5.3	-	2,717.4	164.0	3,545.1	0.1	13.7	-	4,940.0	463.6	5,417.3
Nov	-	0.1	-	1,948.2	306.7	2,255.0	-	9.4	-	4,325.4	667.5	5,002.3
Dec	319.7	5.4	-	2,361.9	88.8	2,775.8	-	8.3	-	5,010.7	468.0	5,486.9
Q4	978.1	10.8	-	7,027.5	559.5	8,575.9	0.1	31.3	-	14,276.1	1,599.1	15,906.5
Total 2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	18,007.1	2,717.9	23,037.6	1.8	62.2	-	36,866.4	6,374.1	43,304.5
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	-	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	-	23.2	-	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	-	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	-	7.1	-	5,228.0	680.6	5,915.7
Mar	0.0	5.3	-	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	-	20.0	-	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	-	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	-	50.3	-	21,067.3	1,459.3	22,576.8
Apr	-	5.5	-	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	-	2.0	-	3,559.8	838.6	4,400.4
May	298.0	3.9	-	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	-	6.5	-	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
June	263.7	-	-	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	-	12.1	-	5,788.0	746.6	6,546.8
Q2	561.7	9.4	-	5,505.7	1,578.8	7,655.5	-	20.6	-	12,878.4	2,328.2	15,227.2
Jul	268.0	5.1	-	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	-	6,325.6	774.1	7,112.4
Aug	246.7	7.0	-	3,046.5	184.6	3,484.8	-	1.2	-	4,844.5	1,140.4	5,986.1

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – August 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	595.1	870.7	763.0	818.6	62.3	636.6	354.5	65.8	124.1	389.8	162.2	200.1	5,042.8	58.0
Namibia	0.4	528.1	6.5	141.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	9.8	0.0	1.8	0.6	1.7	690.6	7.9
Eswatini	1.7	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	19.3	0.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
SACU	597.2	1,398.8	782.0	959.8	62.3	637.9	354.7	75.7	126.1	391.6	166.0	201.8	5,753.9	66.2
Other SADC	1.3	16.8	28.3	45.4	0.0	0.4	34.7	0.0	0.2	0.9	12.0	1.9	142.0	1.6
SADC	598.5	1,415.6	810.3	1,005.2	62.3	638.3	389.3	75.7	126.3	392.5	177.9	203.8	5,895.9	67.8
Other Africa	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.3	0.1
Africa	600.8	1,415.6	810.3	1,005.5	62.3	640.3	389.3	75.7	126.4	392.5	178.0	204.3	5,901.2	67.8
India	28.2	196.4	1.1	65.3	0.0	11.1	2.0	0.0	0.8	10.1	1.9	1.6	318.6	3.7
China	27.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	4.7	78.5	21.2	0.0	23.8	13.6	5.2	20.1	195.3	2.2
UAE	2.0	145.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.7	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	158.2	1.8
Other Asia	38.9	395.6	4.0	67.6	0.1	41.4	9.2	0.0	2.9	67.3	5.8	6.7	639.6	1.9
Asia	65.9	395.6	5.1	67.6	4.8	119.9	30.3	0.0	26.7	80.9	11.0	26.8	834.9	9.6
Belgium	2.0	1,415.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,418.2	16.3
Other EU	47.1	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.1	90.5	0.5	0.0	3.9	1.7	4.0	21.9	172.4	2.0
EU	49.1	1,415.5	2.5	0.0	0.2	91.1	0.5	0.0	3.9	1.7	4.0	22.0	1,590.6	18.3
Canada	6.6	246.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	266.3	3.1
Rest of the World	15.1	11.4	11.0	0.2	0.1	39.4	1.3	0.0	1.1	12.5	0.8	12.4	105.2	1.2
WORLD	737.6	3,484.8	828.9	1,073.4	67.5	902.7	421.9	75.7	158.2	487.7	193.9	266.0	8,698.2	100.0

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

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	11.8	17.3	15.1	16.2	1.2	12.6	7.0	1.3	2.5	7.7	3.2	4.0	100.0
Namibia	0.1	76.5	0.9	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	100.0
Eswatini	8.9	0.0	64.6	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.2	16.6	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	0.0	0.0	79.7	7.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.4	24.3	13.6	16.7	1.1	11.1	6.2	1.3	2.2	6.8	2.9	3.5	100.0
Other SADC	0.9	11.8	20.0	32.0	0.0	0.3	24.4	0.0	0.1	0.6	8.5	1.4	100.0
SADC	10.2	24.0	13.7	17.0	1.1	10.8	6.6	1.3	2.1	6.7	3.0	3.5	100.0
Other Africa	43.4	0.0	0.3	5.6	0.0	37.2	0.3	0.0	2.1	0.1	0.3	10.7	100.0
Africa	10.2	24.0	13.7	17.0	1.1	10.9	6.6	1.3	2.1	6.7	3.0	3.5	100.0
India	8.9	61.6	0.4	20.5	0.0	3.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	3.2	0.6	0.5	100.0
China	13.9	0.0	0.6	0.0	2.4	40.2	10.8	0.0	12.2	7.0	2.7	10.3	100.0
UAE	1.3	92.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.3	100.0
Other Asia	6.1	61.9	0.6	10.6	0.0	6.5	1.4	0.0	0.5	10.5	0.9	1.1	100.0
Asia	7.9	47.4	0.6	8.1	0.6	14.4	3.6	0.0	3.2	9.7	1.3	3.2	100.0
Belgium	0.1	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	27.3	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	52.5	0.3	0.0	2.3	1.0	2.3	12.7	100.0
EU	3.1	89.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.4	100.0
Canada	2.5	92.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Rest of the World	14.3	10.8	10.4	0.2	0.1	37.5	1.2	0.0	1.0	11.9	0.8	11.8	100.0
WORLD	8.5	40.1	9.5	12.3	0.8	10.4	4.9	0.9	1.8	5.6	2.2	3.1	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – Aug 2021 (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	19.7	296.9	71.7	0.3	16.8	135.9	6.5	19.3	30.2	15.8	21.4	198.1	832.6	11.9
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	4.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.1	4.5	17.4	30.0	0.4
SACU	19.7	296.9	71.7	0.3	17.3	140.5	6.6	20.3	30.2	17.8	26.3	215.8	863.3	12.4
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.9	1.0	3.3	20.7	0.3	6.0	12.7	51.1	0.0
SADC	19.7	296.9	71.7	0.3	17.4	147.4	7.6	23.5	50.9	18.2	32.4	228.4	914.4	13.1
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	5.5	0.1
Africa	19.7	296.9	71.7	0.8	17.4	152.0	7.6	23.7	50.9	18.2	32.4	228.7	919.9	13.2
India	0.0	1,238.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,238.3	17.7
UAE	0.0	1,174.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,175.3	16.8
Israel	0.0	438.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	438.8	6.3
Singapore	0.0	441.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	441.4	6.3
China	349.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	355.8	5.1
Hong Kong	0.0	307.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	307.8	4.4
Other Asia	0.0	1,340.1	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,342.5	1.5
Asia	349.9	3,702.2	0.0	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	4,061.6	58.2
Belgium	0.0	1,890.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,890.8	27.1
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.5	0.1
EU	0.0	1,890.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1,895.3	27.1
USA	0.0	96.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	97.3	1.4
Rest of World	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.5	0.2
World	370.6	5,986.1	71.7	1.8	17.8	157.6	17.8	24.5	50.9	18.2	32.4	235.2	6,984.5	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – Aug 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	2.4	35.7	8.6	0.0	2.0	16.3	0.8	2.3	3.6	1.9	2.6	23.8	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	15.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	6.9	15.1	58.1	100.0
SACU	2.3	34.4	8.3	0.0	2.0	16.3	0.8	2.3	3.5	2.1	3.0	25.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	13.6	2.0	6.4	40.5	0.6	11.8	24.8	100.0
SADC	2.1	32.5	7.8	0.0	1.9	16.1	0.8	2.6	5.6	2.0	3.5	25.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	83.1	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	100.0
Africa	2.1	32.3	7.8	0.1	1.9	16.5	0.8	2.6	5.5	2.0	3.5	24.9	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	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	99.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	8.6	91.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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	0.0	76.2	0.0	18.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	5.5	100.0
EU	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Rest of World	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	88.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	100.0
World	5.3	85.7	1.0	0.0	0.3	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	3.4	100.0

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

Rank	HS	HS Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	3,046.5	35.0
2	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	394.3	4.5
3	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	356.5	4.1
4	71021000	Unsorted	246.7	2.8
5	27160000	Electrical energy	232.5	2.7
6	71023900	Other diamonds	184.6	2.1
7	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02)	151.0	1.7
8	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	105.3	1.2
9	25232900	Other Portland cement	69.6	0.8
10	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	68.8	0.8
11	17011400	Other cane sugar	64.1	0.7
12	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	58.3	0.7
13	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	46.9	0.5
14	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))	46.3	0.5
15	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	40.7	0.5
16	85444990	Other Insulated (Including Enameled Or Anodized) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	40.5	0.5
17	87041090	Other dumpers designed for off-highway use	35.4	0.4
18	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	34.0	0.4
19	84749000	Parts	33.4	0.4
20	34012000	Soap in other forms	33.3	0.4
21	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.)	32.8	0.4
22	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	31.6	0.4
23	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	30.8	0.4
24	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	29.3	0.3
25	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	29.2	0.3
26	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	27.9	0.3
27	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	26.4	0.3
28	85171210	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	26.3	0.3
29	84303100	Self-propelled	25.1	0.3
30	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines, having a rim size of 91 cm or more	24.7	0.3
31	87164000	Other trailers and semi-trailers	24.4	0.3
32	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	23.6	0.3
33	87012020	Tractor of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	23.1	0.3
34	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus	21.8	0.3
35	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	21.7	0.2
36	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, In sealed containers holding 2,5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	21.4	0.2
37	09109900	Other spices	21.2	0.2
38	84713090	Other 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	20.8	0.2
39	42034000	Other clothing accessories	20.7	0.2
40	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	20.5	0.2
41	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	20.3	0.2
42	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	19.6	0.2
43	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	19.1	0.2
44	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	19.0	0.2
45	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	18.4	0.2
46	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	17.9	0.2
47	64059090	Other footwear	17.6	0.2
48	84089090	Other engines	16.9	0.2
49	94035000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	16.3	0.2
50	38249999	Other mixtures	16.0	0.2

Table 4.1 A.: Top 100 Imported Goods – August 2021 (Million Pula); Continued

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	19053100	Sweet biscuits	15.8	0.2
52	48181000	Toilet paper	15.7	0.2
53	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	15.6	0.2
54	87043190	Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods g.v.m. not exceeding 5 tonnes	15.3	0.2
55	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	14.8	0.2
56	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	14.8	0.2
57	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	14.5	0.2
58	84719000	Other Automatic data-processing machines and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines for processing such data, not elsewhere specified or included	13.8	0.2
59	19023000	Other pasta	13.7	0.2
60	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	13.5	0.2
61	04031000	Yoghurt	13.2	0.2
62	87042290	Other vehicles with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), G.V.M. exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 20 tonnes :	13.0	0.1
63	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	12.9	0.1
64	84741000	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines	12.7	0.1
65	30039090	" Other - Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail "	12.5	0.1
66	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	12.3	0.1
67	85369020	Identifiable for use solely or principally with motor vehicles	12.3	0.1
68	94069090	Other Prefabricated buildings	12.1	0.1
69	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	11.8	0.1
70	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)	11.3	0.1
71	84304900	Other self propelled Moving, Grading, Levelling, Scraping, Excavating, Tamping, Compacting, Extracting Or Boring Machinery, For Earth, Minerals Or Ores; Pile-drivers And Pile-extractors; Snow- Ploughs And Snow-blowers	11.3	0.1
72	20098950	Other fruit juices	11.2	0.1
73	84388000	Other machinery	11.2	0.1
74	72230000	Wire of stainless steel	11.0	0.1
75	85044000	Static converters	11.0	0.1
76	84292000	Graders and levellers	10.7	0.1
77	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	10.7	0.1
78	19049090	Other (cereals (other than maize (corn), in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included)	10.6	0.1
79	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	10.4	0.1
80	85389090	Other parts suitable for use solely r principally with the apparatus of heading 8535, 8536 or 8537	10.3	0.1
81	85369090	Other apparatus	10.2	0.1
82	87033390	Other vehicles, with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2500 cc, excluding hearses and ambulances	10.2	0.1
83	76129040	Cans of a capacity not exceeding 500ML	10.1	0.1
84	69074000	Finishing ceramics	9.9	0.1
85	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	9.9	0.1
86	94036000	Other wooden furniture	9.8	0.1
87	34022000	Preparations put up for retail sale	9.8	0.1
88	87032290	Other vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc, excluding hearses and ambulances	9.7	0.1
89	73041100	Of stainless steel	9.6	0.1
90	44209000	Other Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles, of woods; wooden articles of furniture not falling in Chapter 94	9.6	0.1
91	84713010	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, Having a screen with any side exceeding 45 cm	9.6	0.1
92	39012000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more	9.5	0.1
93	39019090	Other Polymers of ethylene	9.5	0.1
94	87042390	Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel),G.V.M. exceeding 20 tonnes	9.5	0.1
95	85176990	Other apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network	9.0	0.1
96	85043400	Having a power handling capacity exceeding 500 kVA	9.0	0.1
97	90319000	Parts and accessories	8.9	0.1
98	87042190	Other motor vehicles g.v.m not exceeding 5 tonnes	8.7	0.1
99	33072090	Other Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	8.7	0.1
100	85444290	Other insulated electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V, fitted with connectors, NES	8.7	0.1
Top 100 Imported			6,543.0	75.2
Other Imported			2,155.1	24.8
Total			8,698.2	100.0

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	4,844.5	69.4
2	71023900	Other diamonds	1,140.4	16.3
3	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	370.6	5.3
4	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	99.1	1.4
5	71081200	Other unwrought forms	71.7	1.0
6	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	68.1	1.0
7	28362000	Disodium carbonate	28.8	0.4
8	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	21.6	0.3
9	01022900	Other (cattle)	20.9	0.3
10	87041090	Other motorvehicles for the transportation of goods excluding dumpers designed for highway use	17.3	0.2
11	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	16.1	0.2
12	07082000	Beans (VIGNA SPP., PHASEOLUS SPP.), shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	15.4	0.2
13	07133190	Other (Beans of the species Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper or Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek)	14.2	0.2
14	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	13.6	0.2
15	27011900	Other coal	12.3	0.2
16	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	11.9	0.2
17	28331100	Disodium sulphate	10.6	0.2
18	27011200	Bituminous coal	10.1	0.1
19	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.3	0.1
20	13021990	Other Vegetable saps and extracts	5.5	0.1
21	07081000	Peas (PISUM SATIVUM), shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	5.4	0.1
22	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	5.1	0.1
23	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	4.8	0.1
24	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap; copper waste and scrap	4.6	0.1
25	84089090	Other engines	4.5	0.1
26	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02)	4.1	0.1
27	47079000	Other Recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard, including unsorted waste and scrap	4.0	0.1
28	85176990	Other apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network	3.9	0.1
29	72149900	Other hot rolled bars and rods of iron or non alloy steel	3.9	0.1
30	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	3.8	0.1
31	85042100	Having a power handling capacity not exceeding 650 kVA	3.5	0.1
32	72042900	Other waste and scrap of alloy steel	3.0	0.0
33	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.9	0.0
34	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.7	0.0
35	85442090	Other co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	2.7	0.0
36	84791000	Machinery for public works, building or the like	2.6	0.0
37	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	2.4	0.0
38	30041091	Other, containing penicillins or derivatives thereof, with a penicillanic acid structure, or streptomycins or their derivatives, for human use	2.4	0.0
39	58081000	Braids in the piece	2.3	0.0
40	85444290	Other insulated electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V, fitted with connectors, NES	2.2	0.0
41	16025090	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood Of bovine animals	2.1	0.0
42	84295190	Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	2.0	0.0
43	02011000	Carcasses and half-carcasses (meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled)	1.9	0.0
44	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	1.8	0.0
45	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	1.8	0.0
46	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	1.7	0.0
47	20055900	Other Beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp)	1.7	0.0
48	72043000	Waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel	1.6	0.0
49	17011400	Other cane sugar	1.6	0.0
50	84329000	Parts	1.6	0.0
Top 50 Exported			6,887.7	98.6
Other Exported			96.9	1.4
Total			6,984.5	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.