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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 the rest of the world. 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 February 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 February 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 February 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. For more information, contact the Directorate of Stakeholder Relations at 3671300. All Statistics Botswana publications are available on the website at www.statsbots.org.bw and at the Statistics Botswana Information Resource Centre (Head Office, Gaborone)

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Executive Summary

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

February 2021 exports were valued at P6, 330.1 million, 27.1 percent decrease from the revised January 2021 value of P8, 683.4 million. Imports amounted to P6, 316.1 million, reflecting a reduction of 12.3 percent from the revised January 2021 value of P7, 203.9 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Food, Beverages & Tobacco; and Fuel, with contributions of 33.0 percent for Diamonds and 12.4 percent each, for Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel. During the month under review, Diamonds were the main export commodity group with a contribution of 93.2 percent to total exports.

In February 2021, imports from **SACU** contributed 63.8 percent to total imports, while those from the **EU** and Asia accounted for 16.8 percent and 11.9 percent, respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 55.3 percent of total imports while those from Belgium represented 15.3 percent. India supplied imports accounting for 4.6 percent of the monthly total.

During the current month, most of the exports were destined to Asia, accounting for 66.7 percent of the monthly total. The **UAE** and India received exports representing 31.3 percent and 17.1 percent of the monthly total respectively. Exports to both the **UAE** and India were mainly Diamonds. The **EU** and **SACU** received 21.6 and 9.5 percent, respectively. Almost all of the exports destined to the **EU** were going to Belgium, having received 21.6 percent of total exports during the month under review, wholly attributable to Diamonds.

Botswana uses Air as its main mode of transport for exports. Air transport accounted for 93.9 percent of total exports during the reference period. Imports by Road accounted for 56.1 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 26.0 percent and 17.9 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

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

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

There has been a 2.0 percent (P166.4 million) upward revision in total exports and a 1.3 percent (P90.6 million) rise in imports for the month of January as displayed in **Table A**.

Table A: Data Revision: November and December 2020 (Million Pula)

Period	As at January 2021 Digest			As at February 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
January	7,113.3	8,517.0	1,403.7	7,203.9	8,683.4	1,479.5	90.6	166.4	75.8	1.3	2.0	5.4

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 February 2021, imports were valued at P6, 316.1 million, 12.3 percent (P887.8 million) less than the revised January import figure of P7, 203.9 million. The decline of 37.7 percent (P1, 261.6 million) in the importation of Diamonds had a substantial effect on the overall drop in total imports value.

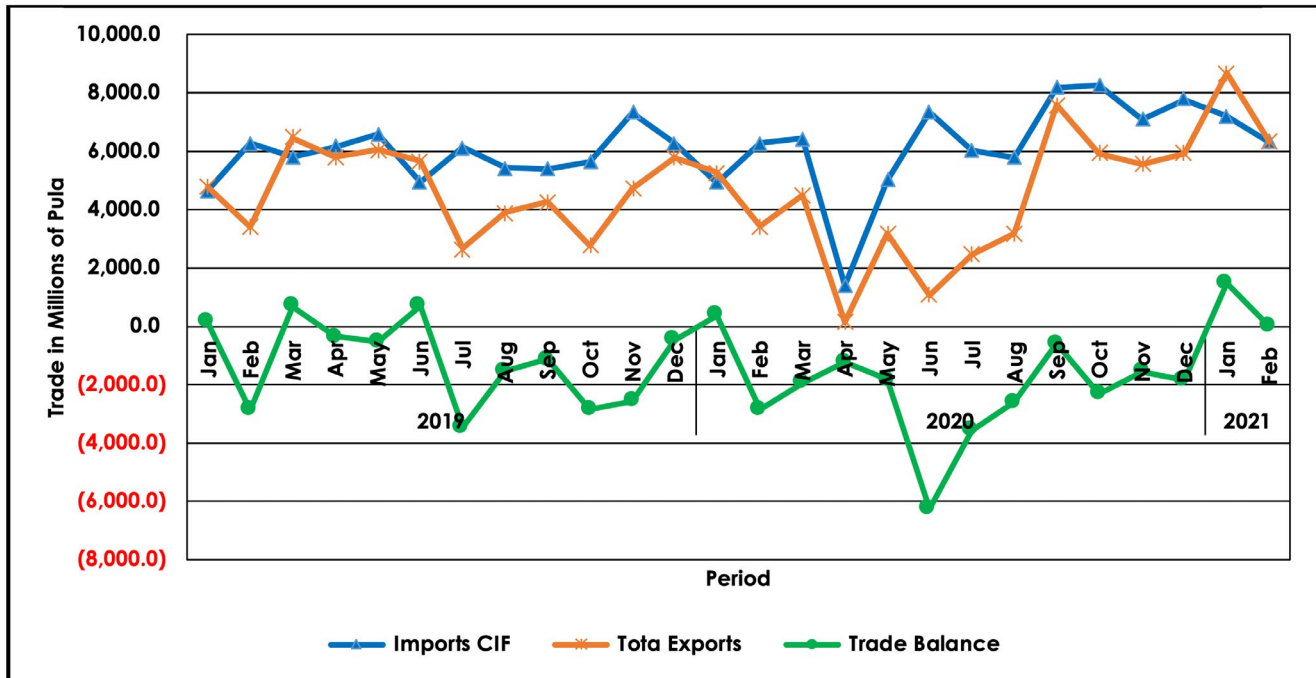
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's total export value fell by 27.1 percent (P2, 353.3 million) from the revised figure of P8, 683.4 million recorded for January, to P6, 330.1 million during the month under review. The decline is largely attributed to the drop of 28.1 percent (P2, 302.3 million) in the value of Diamonds exports, from P8, 201.7 million to P5, 899.5 million.

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade surplus of P13.9 million was recorded during February 2021 as displayed on **Chart 1.0** below. This follows a revised trade surplus of P1, 479.5 million recorded for January 2021.

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



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

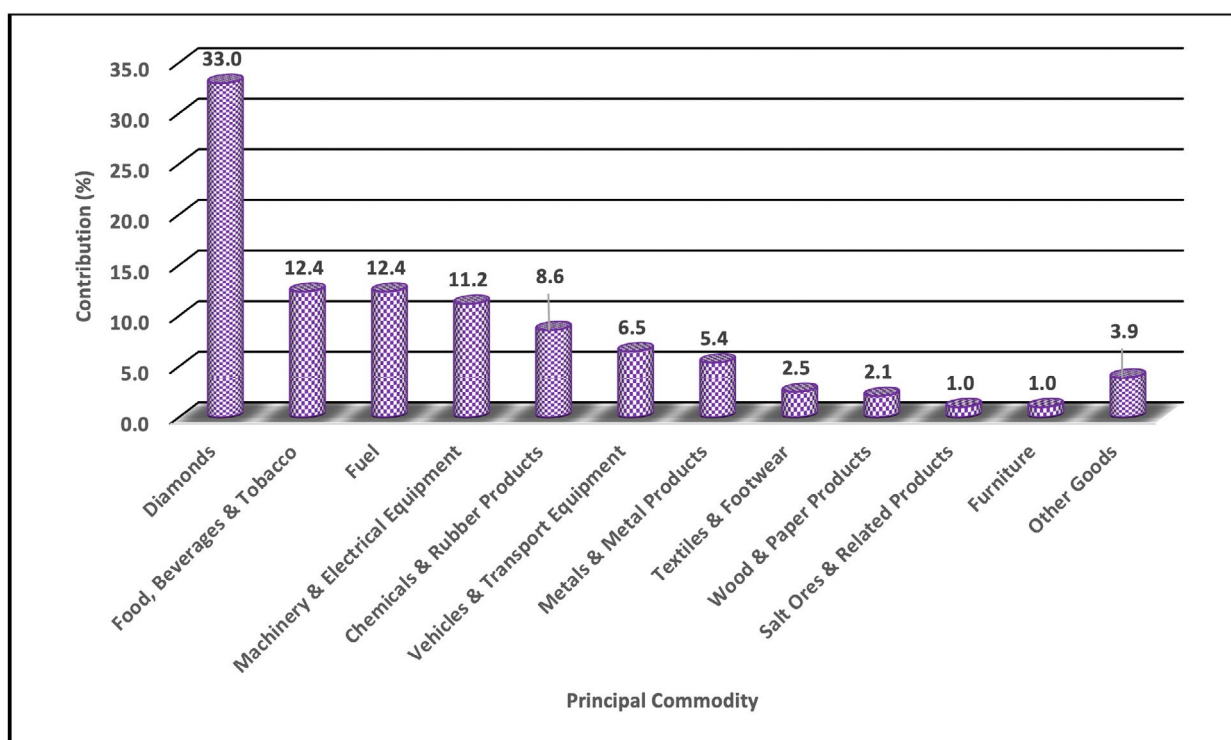
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In cases where it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities, the 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 February 2021, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 316.1 million. Diamonds contributed the most to imports at 33.0 percent (P2, 086.4 million). Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel followed with contributions of 12.4 percent each, at values of P784.2 million and P784.1 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- February 2021

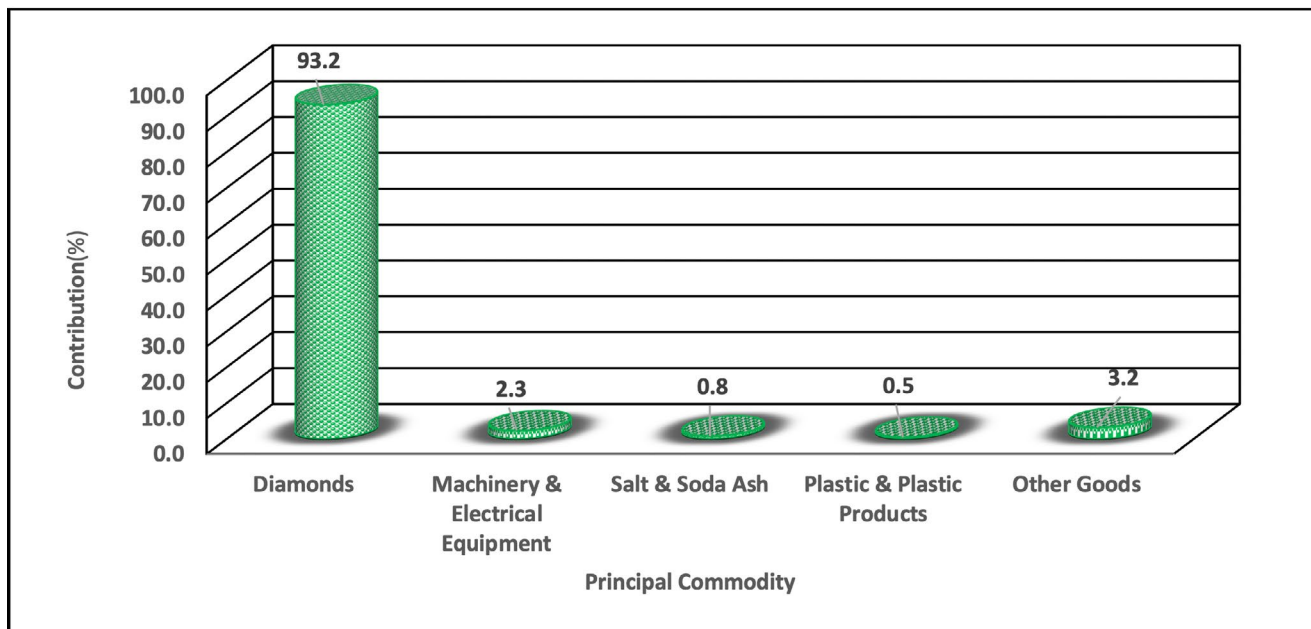


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports were valued at P6, 330.1 million during February 2021. The Diamonds group accounted for 93.2 percent (P5, 899.5 million) of total exports during the month. Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – February 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 February 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, 316.1 million worth of goods from across the globe. The SACU region contributed 63.8 percent (P4, 032.5 million) to total imports during the reference period. The top most imported commodity groups from the **SACU** region were Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel, with contributions of 18.7 percent each, at values of P754.4 million and P752.1 million of total imports from the region, respectively (Refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

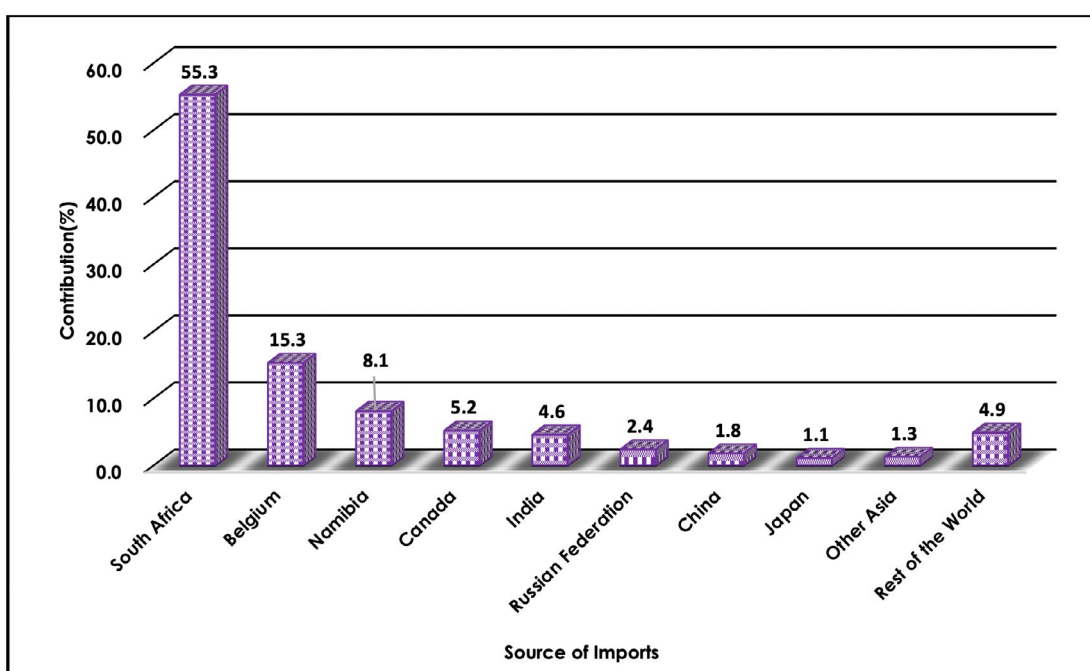
South Africa contributed 55.3 percent (P3, 495.4 million) to total imports during February 2021. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 21.3 percent (P744.4 million) of imports from that country. Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 17.7 percent (P617.0 million) and 15.1 percent (P526.9 million) respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products made a contribution of 12.5 percent (P437.5 million) to imports from South Africa during the month under review.

The **EU** supplied imports amounting to P1, 062.2 million, accounting for 16.8 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the EU was Diamonds, at 90.7 percent (P963.7 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, having supplied 15.3 percent (P967.3 million) of imports during the period under review ([Table 3.1 A](#)). Other sources of imports during February 2021 can be viewed on [Chart 3.1](#).

Imports from Asia amounted to P750.6 million, representing 11.9 percent of February 2021 total imports. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 57.1 percent (P428.7 million), 11.7 percent (P88.0 million) and 7.3 percent (P54.5 million) to total imports from the region, respectively (tables [3.1A](#) & [3.1B](#)). India was the main source of imports from Asia having supplied 4.6 percent (P291.6 million) of total imports during the month under review ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

Imports from Canada were valued at P326.2 million, accounting for 5.2 percent of total imports during the month. Diamonds represented 99.6 percent (P324.7 million) of imports from that country.

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – February 2021



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

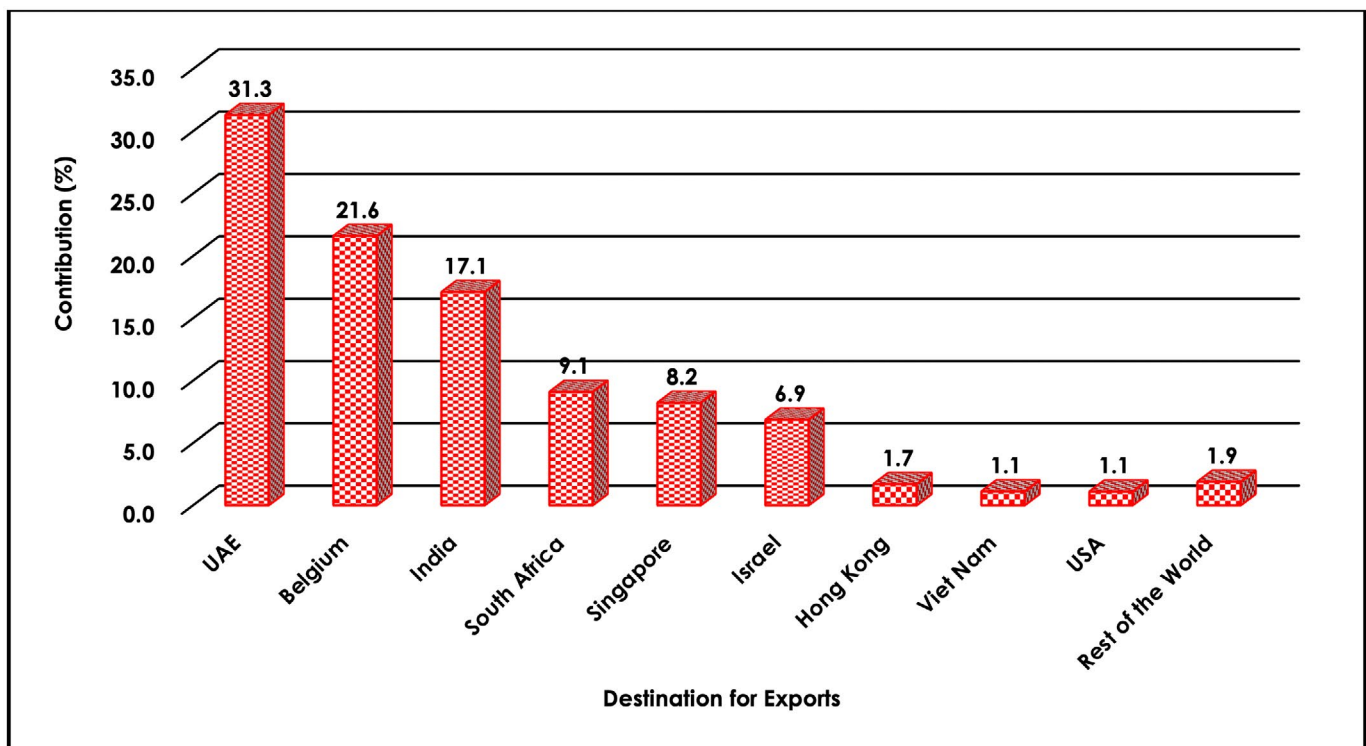
Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 66.7 percent (P4, 224.7 million) of total exports during February 2021. These exports were mostly destined to the UAE and India, having received 31.3 percent (P1, 981.8 million) and 17.1 percent (P1, 082.5 million) of total exports respectively. Diamonds accounted for 100 percent of exports to each of the countries (UAE and India), refer to [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

During the month under review, exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 367.8 million, accounting for 21.6 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional block, acquiring 21.6 percent (P1, 367.7 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 P598.3 million, representing 9.5 percent of total exports during the current period. South Africa received 9.1 percent (P576.2 million) of total exports ([Table 3.2A](#)). The Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment commodity groups accounted for 41.5 percent (P248.5 million) and 21.4 percent (P127.9 million) of total exports to the customs union. ([Table 3.2A](#)).

The USA received 1.1 percent (P71.4 million) of total exports in February 2021, with 99.8 percent (P71.2 million) of that total 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 – February 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.

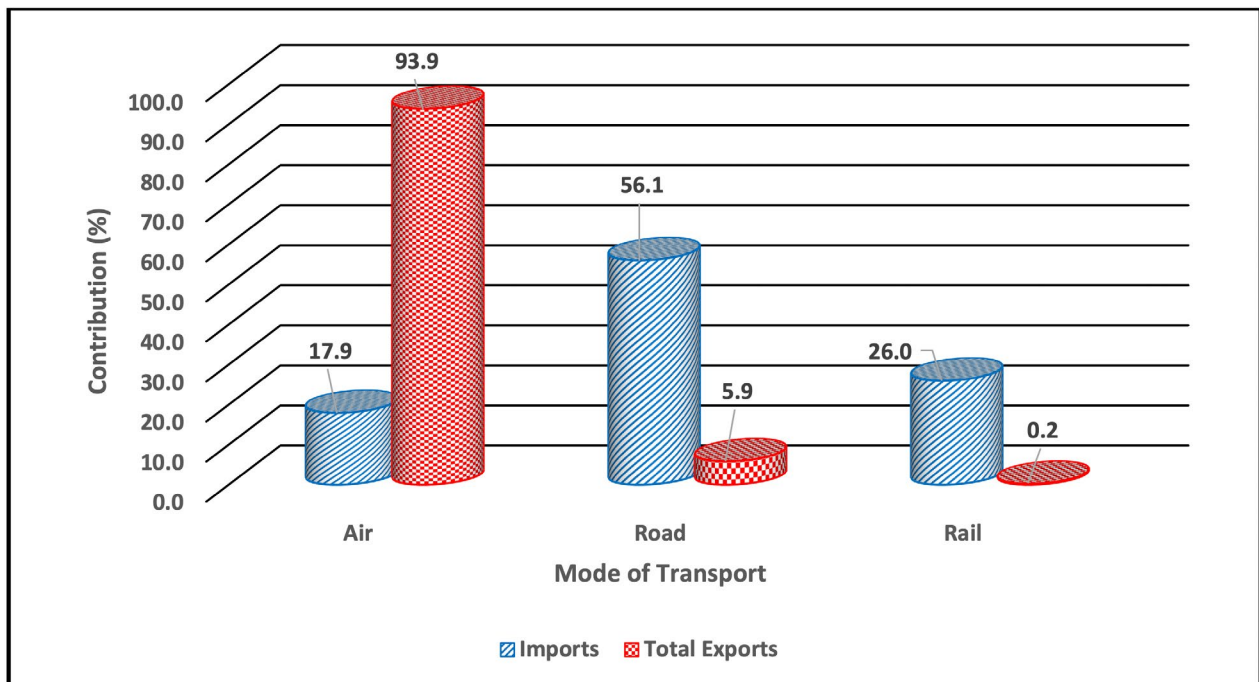
During the reference period, imports representing 56.1 percent (P3, 540.5 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Rail and Air accounted for 26.0 percent (P1, 641.0 million) and 17.9 percent (P1, 133.7 million) respectively.

Exports amounting to P5, 944.2 million, representing 93.9 percent of total exports (P6, 330.1 million) were transported by Air, while Road and Rail transport accounted for 5.9 percent (P370.6 million) and 0.2 percent (P15.3 million) respectively.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Trans type \ Flow Type	BW Value	%	BW Value	%
Air	1,133.7	17.9	5,944.2	93.9
Road	3,540.5	56.1	370.6	5.9
Rail	1,641.0	26.0	15.3	0.2
Other Modes	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	6,316.1	100.0	6,330.1	100.0

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



6.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1.0 : Total Merchandise Trade - January 2019 to February 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	5,383.7	5,152.9	229.8	1.0	4,264.8	1.7	4,266.5	(1,117.2)
Q3	16,968.0	16,246.3	717.3	4.4	10,840.6	2.3	10,842.9	(6,125.1)
Oct	5,628.9	5,396.0	231.7	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.4)
Nov	7,310.6	7,039.9	269.6	1.1	4,732.5	0.5	4,733.0	(2,577.6)
Dec	6,272.7	6,026.4	244.8	1.5	5,792.2	0.4	5,792.7	(480.0)
Q4	19,212.2	18,462.4	746.1	3.7	13,296.2	0.9	13,297.1	(5,915.1)
Total_2019	70,603.9	67,802.3	2,786.0	15.6	56,298.3	28.7	56,326.9	(14,277.0)
Jan_2020	4,921.0	4,697.9	222.2	0.9	5,269.2	9.2	5,278.5	357.5
Feb	6,270.4	5,999.0	270.0	1.4	3,434.3	0.6	3,434.9	(2,835.5)
Mar	6,441.2	6,176.4	263.3	1.4	4,488.2	0.2	4,488.4	(1,952.7)
Q1	17,632.5	16,873.3	755.5	3.7	13,191.7	10.1	13,201.8	(4,430.8)
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	5,746.2	290.6	1.3	2,468.8	0.2	2,469.0	(3,569.1)
Aug	5,785.4	5,563.6	220.4	1.4	3,181.7	1.1	3,182.7	(2,602.6)
Sep	8,170.7	7,931.8	237.9	1.1	7,590.2	0.4	7,590.6	(580.1)
Q3	19,994.2	19,241.6	748.8	3.7	13,240.6	1.7	13,242.3	(6,751.8)
Oct	8,256.4	7,992.7	262.6	1.0	5,932.1	0.7	5,932.8	(2,323.5)
Nov	7,097.7	6,823.1	272.5	2.1	5,545.2	0.0	5,545.2	(1,552.5)
Dec	7,775.1	7,477.1	296.2	1.8	5,927.5	0.6	5,928.1	(1,847.0)
Q4	23,129.2	22,292.8	831.4	4.9	17,404.8	1.4	17,406.2	(5,723.0)
Total_2020	74,462.7	71,536.6	2,911.8	14.4	48,224.6	13.5	48,238.1	(26,224.7)
Jan_2021	7,203.9	6,942.2	260.3	1.4	8,683.1	0.3	8,683.4	1,479.5
Feb	6,316.1	6,051.4	263.1	1.6	6,330.0	0.0	6,330.1	13.9

Table 2.1 : Principal Import Commodity Groups - January 2019 to February 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	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	119.6	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	16,739.8
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	551.2	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	820.8	252.3	59.5	167.1	390.2	147.5	187.8	5,383.7
Q3	1,640.6	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.7	830.1	190.6	448.9	1,336.4	432.3	732.3	16,968.0
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	176.7	460.3	158.5	228.0	5,628.9
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	164.8	1,010.7	144.7	208.7	7,310.6
Dec	635.3	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	6,272.7
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	468.7	1,908.8	448.2	649.3	19,212.2
Total_2019	6,343.9	20,033.6	9,003.4	8,863.6	769.2	8,774.9	3,549.9	690.3	1,677.4	6,819.7	1,623.0	2,455.0	70,603.9
Jan_2020	520.6	712.6	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	96.2	382.7	116.8	169.6	4,921.0
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	463.9	128.5	225.3	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	410.1	1,666.8	394.8	1,015.7	17,632.5
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	119.5	792.5	86.5	235.0	4,992.0
Jun	665.2	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	764.7	229.2	59.4	126.1	460.9	125.9	189.5	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	278.6	1,271.6	247.2	478.6	13,706.9
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	663.6	262.8	62.0	109.3	467.3	129.0	195.9	6,038.1
Aug	555.8	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.2	241.0	71.5	132.9	396.3	125.6	317.1	5,785.4
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	153.0	438.2	148.7	235.7	8,170.7
Q3	1,881.2	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.5	200.0	2,019.6	777.3	198.6	395.2	1,301.8	403.3	748.7	19,994.2
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.7	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	158.0	435.9	145.1	260.5	8,256.4
Nov	666.8	2,255.0	943.1	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.8	65.5	180.4	618.1	163.4	254.0	7,097.7
Dec	667.7	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.2	333.7	62.7	124.4	1,153.3	151.2	313.5	7,775.1
Q4	1,967.8	8,575.9	2,783.3	1,990.1	239.6	2,340.5	1,073.3	200.9	462.8	2,207.3	459.6	828.0	23,129.2
Total_2020	6,956.4	23,031.8	9,518.5	9,669.4	736.8	8,297.9	3,000.7	681.2	1,546.8	6,447.5	1,504.9	3,071.0	74,462.7
Jan_2021	550.5	3,348.0	827.6	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.6	75.1	126.9	379.5	117.7	195.8	7,203.9
Feb	544.1	2,086.4	784.2	784.1	66.1	705.0	343.4	65.7	155.9	409.7	129.5	242.0	6,316.1
% Distribution													
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.4	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
2020	9.3	30.9	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.1	4.2	0.9	2.1	8.7	2.0	4.1	100.0
Jan-21	7.6	46.5	11.5	9.1	0.6	8.5	4.5	1.0	1.8	5.3	1.6	2.7	100.0
Feb	8.6	33.0	12.4	12.4	1.0	11.2	5.4	1.0	2.5	6.5	2.1	3.9	100.0

Table 2.2 : Principal Export Commodity Groups - January 2019 to February 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	4,293.1	29.1	0.3	13.9	160.7	24.0	30.0	33.5	17.1	42.3	89.0	4,733.0
Dec	0.1	5,398.8	34.9	0.2	7.1	81.6	16.5	17.5	45.9	14.8	45.9	129.3	5,792.7
Q4	0.5	11,989.7	97.8	2.0	43.5	367.0	135.1	68.9	115.0	44.0	119.0	314.7	13,297.1
Total_2019	2.6	51,009.5	436.5	5.3	176.7	1,553.7	659.5	202.3	561.1	161.1	399.9	1,158.8	56,326.9
Jan_2020	0.2	4,801.5	20.5	0.1	13.0	159.9	12.4	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	139.9	5,278.5
Feb	1.7	2,888.3	46.7	0.1	17.1	168.5	14.8	21.9	65.6	14.9	30.6	164.8	3,434.9
Mar	280.3	3,750.1	22.6	0.1	12.0	128.4	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	32.9	167.5	4,488.4
Q1	282.2	11,439.9	89.8	0.2	42.1	456.8	35.6	64.4	183.6	43.4	91.6	472.2	13,201.8
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	134.6	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.6	32.8	106.5	2,469.0
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	7,091.6	56.5	0.1	17.5	179.5	22.1	31.8	56.4	15.6	26.5	92.2	7,590.6
Q3	6.3	11,684.4	174.9	0.2	43.1	566.4	89.0	82.8	165.3	40.9	92.7	296.2	13,242.3
Oct	0.8	5,356.1	33.6	1.0	17.0	189.2	34.2	30.4	72.4	19.4	24.5	154.4	5,932.8
Nov	0.2	5,002.3	51.6	0.1	16.0	156.4	7.1	29.2	80.6	26.9	15.5	159.4	5,545.2
Dec	0.0	5,486.9	75.4	0.1	11.7	61.9	5.8	16.8	60.7	13.0	30.8	164.9	5,928.1
Q4	1.0	15,845.3	160.5	1.2	44.7	407.5	47.1	76.4	213.7	59.3	70.7	478.7	17,406.2
Total_2020	298.7	42,544.5	524.8	1.7	147.8	1,622.1	221.2	260.7	728.5	161.9	285.5	1,440.7	48,238.1
Jan_2021	0.2	8,201.7	44.0	0.9	12.4	168.7	0.6	18.9	65.6	14.9	21.8	133.7	8,683.4
Feb	0.0	5,899.5	16.8	0.0	12.0	144.2	2.1	29.0	51.4	12.0	19.1	144.0	6,330.1
% 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	88.2	1.1	0.0	0.3	3.4	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.6	3.0	100.0
Jan-2021	0.0	94.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	1.5	100.0
Feb	0.0	93.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	2.3	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2019 to February 2021 2020 (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	599.2	4,293.1
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,832.2	560.2	5,398.8
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,422.1	1,552.1	11,989.7
Total_2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,934.3	8,981.2	51,009.5
Jan_2020	191.6	0.0	0.0	185.2	335.9	712.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,329.8	470.9	4,801.5
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	435.0	1,144.8	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,078.6	798.0	2,888.3
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,098.4	262.7	1,672.4	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,067.0	675.0	3,750.1
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,742.0	1,033.5	3,529.8	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,475.4	1,943.9	11,439.9
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	6,217.8	868.2	7,091.6
Q3	289.1	12.0	0.0	5,605.6	618.7	6,525.3	0.0	10.4	0.0	9,715.0	1,959.0	11,684.4
Oct	658.4	5.3	0.0	2,717.4	164.0	3,545.1	0.1	13.7	0.0	4,901.9	440.5	5,356.1
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	14,237.9	1,576.0	15,845.3
Total_2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	18,007.1	2,712.1	23,031.8	1.8	62.2	0.0	36,146.9	6,333.6	42,544.5
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,938.2	240.3	8,201.7
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,214.4	677.9	5,899.5

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – February 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 & Foot-wear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	437.5	9.7	744.4	617.0	57.4	526.9	300.1	56.4	125.3	311.7	109.7	199.4	3,495.4
Namibia	0.2	359.5	6.9	135.1	0.2	1.2	0.3	8.1	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.2	513.0
Swaziland	15.5	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.2	0.0	23.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7
SACU	453.2	369.2	754.4	752.1	57.6	528.5	300.4	64.4	126.0	312.9	114.1	199.6	4,032.5
Other SADC	1.6	0.0	12.7	14.5	0.4	1.8	15.8	1.1	0.5	0.1	7.2	1.9	57.6
SADC	454.8	369.2	767.1	766.5	58.0	530.3	316.2	65.6	126.5	313.0	121.3	201.6	4,090.2
Other Africa	6.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	11.1
Africa	460.9	369.2	767.4	766.5	58.0	534.3	316.2	65.6	127.0	313.0	121.3	201.7	4,101.2
India	31.7	235.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	9.3	3.3	0.1	4.4	0.9	0.1	5.8	291.6
Russian federation	0.0	152.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	152.0
China	18.3	0.0	0.8	0.2	6.9	46.3	11.9	0.0	15.7	2.6	2.5	9.4	114.7
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	68.3	0.0	1.6	70.7
UAE	0.8	22.2	2.4	5.4	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	38.1
Other Asia	3.7	19.3	6.3	11.7	0.6	25.5	6.6	0.0	0.9	6.6	0.4	1.8	83.5
Asia	54.5	428.7	10.3	17.3	7.6	88.0	21.8	0.1	21.4	78.9	2.9	19.0	750.6
Belgium	2.5	963.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	967.3
Germany	7.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	21.3	1.8	0.0	5.3	1.4	2.1	2.7	42.3
Other EU	11.1	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	25.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.1	10.8	52.6
EU	20.9	963.7	3.1	0.0	0.4	47.2	2.1	0.0	5.6	2.6	3.2	13.5	1,062.2
Canada	0.3	324.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.6	326.2
USA	1.3	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	12.3	0.7	0.0	0.9	11.6	0.4	5.3	34.1
Rest of World	6.3	0.0	2.0	0.2	0.1	23.1	2.3	0.0	1.1	3.3	1.7	1.7	41.8
World	544.1	2,086.4	784.2	784.1	66.1	705.0	343.4	65.7	155.9	409.7	129.5	242.0	6,316.1

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – February 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	12.5	0.3	21.3	17.7	1.6	15.1	8.6	1.6	3.6	8.9	3.1	5.7	100.0
Namibia	0.0	70.1	1.3	26.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	66.1	0.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	18.1	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	44.9	0.0	0.1	100.0
SACU	11.2	9.2	18.7	18.7	1.4	13.1	7.4	1.6	3.1	7.8	2.8	5.0	100.0
Other SADC	2.8	0.0	22.1	25.1	0.8	3.2	27.3	1.9	0.9	0.2	12.4	3.4	100.0
SADC	11.1	9.0	18.8	18.7	1.4	13.0	7.7	1.6	3.1	7.7	3.0	4.9	100.0
Other Africa	54.5	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	36.0	0.1	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.2	1.6	100.0
Africa	11.2	9.0	18.7	18.7	1.4	13.0	7.7	1.6	3.1	7.6	3.0	4.9	100.0
India	10.9	80.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	3.2	1.1	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.0	2.0	100.0
Russian federation	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	15.9	0.0	0.7	0.2	6.0	40.4	10.4	0.0	13.7	2.3	2.1	8.2	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	96.6	0.0	2.2	100.0
UAE	2.2	58.1	6.2	14.2	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.0	1.0	100.0
Other Asia	4.4	23.1	7.5	14.0	0.8	30.6	7.9	0.0	1.1	7.9	0.5	2.2	100.0
Asia	7.3	57.1	1.4	2.3	1.0	11.7	2.9	0.0	2.8	10.5	0.4	2.5	100.0
Belgium	0.3	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Germany	17.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	50.4	4.3	0.0	12.5	3.3	4.9	6.3	100.0
Other EU	21.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.1	48.8	0.6	0.0	0.5	1.3	2.1	20.5	100.0
EU	2.0	90.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.3	100.0
Canada	0.1	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	100.0
USA	3.8	0.3	4.1	0.0	0.1	36.2	2.1	0.0	2.5	34.2	1.1	15.7	100.0
Rest of World	15.1	0.0	4.7	0.6	0.1	55.3	5.5	0.0	2.5	8.0	4.0	4.2	100.0
World	8.6	33.0	12.4	12.4	1.0	11.2	5.4	1.0	2.5	6.5	2.1	3.8	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – February 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	0.0	248.5	16.8	0.0	9.0	120.6	0.5	27.2	38.7	10.8	3.6	100.4	576.2
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	7.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	4.9	8.4	22.1
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
Lesotho	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	0.0	248.5	16.8	0.0	9.7	127.9	0.5	27.5	38.7	11.4	8.6	108.8	598.3
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	12.5	1.6	1.5	12.7	0.7	10.1	19.3	60.0
SADC	0.0	248.5	16.8	0.0	11.3	140.4	2.1	29.0	51.4	12.0	18.7	128.1	658.3
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
Africa	0.0	248.5	16.8	0.0	11.3	140.4	2.1	29.0	51.4	12.0	18.7	130.6	660.8
UAE	0.0	1,981.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1,981.8
India	0.0	1,082.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	1,082.5
Singapore	0.0	520.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	520.6
Israel	0.0	434.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	434.3
Hong Kong	0.0	102.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	107.9
Viet Nam	0.0	70.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	70.4
Other Asia	0.0	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	27.2
Asia	0.0	4,211.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	11.9	4,224.7
Belgium	0.0	1,367.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,367.7
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
EU	0.0	1,367.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,367.8
USA	0.0	71.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	71.4
Rest of World	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.4
World	0.0	5,899.5	16.8	0.0	12.0	144.2	2.1	29.0	51.4	12.0	19.1	144.0	6,330.1

Table 3.2B: Principal Export Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – February 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	43.1	2.9	0.0	1.6	20.9	0.1	4.7	6.7	1.9	0.6	17.4	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	33.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.3	22.3	38.0	100.0
Swaziland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.8	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	96.9	100.0
SACU	0.0	41.5	2.8	0.0	1.6	21.4	0.1	4.6	6.5	1.9	1.4	18.2	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	20.8	2.7	2.6	21.1	1.1	16.9	32.2	100.0
SADC	0.0	37.7	2.6	0.0	1.7	21.3	0.3	4.4	7.8	1.8	2.8	19.5	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	99.8	100.0
Africa	0.0	37.6	2.5	0.0	1.7	21.2	0.3	4.4	7.8	1.8	2.8	19.8	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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	94.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	100.0
Viet Nam	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	74.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	22.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	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	82.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	100.0
EU	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
USA	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	100.0
Rest of World	0.0	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	19.1	100.0
World	0.0	93.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	2.3	100.0

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	1,366.1	21.6
2	71023900	Other Non- Industrial Diamonds	390.5	6.2
3	71021000	Unsorted diamonds	324.7	5.1
4	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	246.5	3.9
5	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	246.4	3.9
6	27160000	Electrical energy	230.8	3.7
7	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	118.0	1.9
8	30049090	Other Medicaments (Excluding Goods Of Heading 30.02, 30.05 Or 30.06) Consisting Of Mixed Or Unmixed Products For Therapeutic Or Prophylactic Uses	76.8	1.2
9	25232900	Other cement	60.5	1.0
10	73030000	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	54.2	0.9
11	10019900	Other Wheat or Mueslin Flour	54.2	0.9
12	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	52.4	0.8
13	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	46.5	0.7
14	17011400	Other cane sugar	42.4	0.7
15	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	41.4	0.7
16	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	37.0	0.6
17	85444990	Other Insulated (Including Enameled Or Anodized) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	34.0	0.5
18	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	30.3	0.5
19	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))	27.9	0.4
20	85171210	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	26.6	0.4
21	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	24.4	0.4
22	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	24.2	0.4
23	87032290	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	23.6	0.4
24	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	22.5	0.4
25	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	22.3	0.4
26	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	22.1	0.4
27	33049990	Other Beauty Or Make-Up Preparations And Preparations For The Care Of The Skin (Excluding Medicaments), Including Sunscreen Or Sun Tan Preparations; Manicure Or Pedicure Preparations	21.8	0.3
28	20098950	Other fruit juices	21.6	0.3
29	34012000	Soap in other forms	21.1	0.3
30	87033390	Other Hearses and Ambulances Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm ³ :	21.0	0.3
31	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	20.4	0.3
32	84295900	Other machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	20.2	0.3
33	88021100	Of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	20.0	0.3
34	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	19.4	0.3
35	84304100	Self-propelled	19.3	0.3
36	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	19.2	0.3
37	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.)	19.0	0.3
38	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	19.0	0.3
39	39269090	Other Articles Of Plastics And Articles Of Other Materials Of Headings 39.01 To 39.14	18.7	0.3
40	21069090	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	18.4	0.3
41	85176290	Other machines for reception	18.0	0.3
42	07019000	Other (potatoes, fresh or chilled)	16.2	0.3
43	42034000	Other clothing accessories	15.6	0.2
44	64059090	Other footwear	15.5	0.2
45	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	15.3	0.2
46	94041000	Mattress supports	14.7	0.2
47	84749000	Parts	14.1	0.2
48	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	14.0	0.2
49	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	13.9	0.2
50	04031000	Yoghurt	13.2	0.2

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	09109900	Other spices	13.1	0.2
52	84283300	Other, belt type	13.0	0.2
53	73089090	Other	12.6	0.2
54	19053100	Sweet biscuits	12.5	0.2
55	87042290	Other off the road logging trucks	12.3	0.2
56	38249999	Other mixtures	12.2	0.2
57	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	12.2	0.2
58	87012020	Tractor of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	12.2	0.2
59	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	11.7	0.2
60	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	11.4	0.2
61	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	11.3	0.2
62	90283000	Electricity meters	11.0	0.2
63	84089090	Other engines	10.7	0.2
64	84181000	Combined refrigerator-freezers, fitted with separate external doors	10.7	0.2
65	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)	10.7	0.2
66	19023000	Other pasta	10.4	0.2
67	08081000	Apples, fresh	10.4	0.2
68	85389090	Other Parts for automatic curcu itbreakers for a voltage exceeding 1KV	10.3	0.2
69	68021000	Tiles, cubes and similar articles, whether or not rectangular (including square), the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7 cm; artificially coloured granules, chippings and po	10.1	0.2
70	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	9.7	0.2
71	85369020	Identifiable for use solely or principally with motor vehicles	9.6	0.2
72	21032000	Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	9.5	0.2
73	08039010	Fresh Bananas	9.1	0.1
74	48181000	Toilet paper	9.1	0.1
75	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	8.9	0.1
76	34022000	Preparations put up for retail sale	8.8	0.1
77	84291900	Other bulldozers and angle dozers not used for tracklaying	8.6	0.1
78	84122100	Hydraulic power engines and motors : Linear acting (cylinders)	8.5	0.1
79	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	8.0	0.1
80	84082000	Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of Chapter 87	8.0	0.1
81	84304900	Other boring or sinking machinery not self-propelled	7.9	0.1
82	78011000	Refined lead	7.9	0.1
83	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	7.8	0.1
84	44031100	Coniferous	7.7	0.1
85	72223000	Other bars and rods	7.7	0.1
86	39173990	Other tubes, pipes and hoses	7.4	0.1
87	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)	7.4	0.1
88	33072090	Other Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	7.3	0.1
89	84439900	Other rinting machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 84.42; other printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, whether or not combined; parts and accessories thereof not elsewhere specifies	7.3	0.1
90	85369090	Other apparatus: Not Elsewhere Specified	7.3	0.1
91	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	7.2	0.1
92	39241000	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	7.2	0.1
93	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	7.1	0.1
94	85166000	Other ovens; cookers, cooking plates, boiling rings, grillers and roasters	7.0	0.1
95	73269090	Other articles of iron or steel not elsewhere specified	6.9	0.1
96	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 chasis fitted with a cab	6.5	0.1
97	40112026	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on buses or lorries, having a load index not exceeding 121, having a rim size exceeding 51 cm (20 inches)	6.5	0.1
98	21039091	Mayonnaise, put up in packaging for retail sale	6.4	0.1
99	94054090	Other electric lamps and lighting fittings not elsewhere specified	6.3	0.1
100	24012000	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed or stripped	6.2	0.1
Total Top 100			4,535.2	71.8
Other Imports Goods			1,780.9	28.2
Total			6,316.1	100.0

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

Rank	HS	Description	Total Exports	%
1	71023100	Non- Industrial Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	7,790.4	91.5
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	240.3	2.8
3	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	80.3	0.9
4	28362000	Disodium carbonate	46.3	0.5
5	71081200	Other unwrought forms	44.0	0.5
6	01022900	Other (cattle)	40.6	0.5
7	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	34.3	0.4
8	71022100	Industrial Diamonds Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	21.7	0.3
9	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	16.2	0.2
10	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	15.2	0.2
11	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	13.6	0.2
12	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	9.0	0.1
13	27011900	Other coal	7.8	0.1
14	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	7.0	0.1
15	85442090	Other Cable, single- core with a centre conductor of copper plated with silver or gold	6.4	0.1
16	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V: Fitted with connectors: other than those For a voltage not exceeding 80 V and For a voltage exceeding 80 V but not exceeding 240 V	6.0	0.1
17	27011200	Bituminous coal	5.8	0.1
18	84128090	Other engines and motors	4.5	0.1
19	10079000	Other (Grain Sorghum)	4.1	0.0
20	84213930	Other Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles	3.7	0.0
21	84778000	Other machinery	3.6	0.0
22	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	3.4	0.0
23	30042090	Other medicaments, containing antibiotics	3.3	0.0
24	87163100	Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers	3.3	0.0
25	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	3.3	0.0
26	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	3.2	0.0
27	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.8	0.0
28	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	2.7	0.0
29	76020000	Aluminum waste and scrap	2.4	0.0
30	84306900	Other tamping or compacting machinery	2.3	0.0
31	58081000	Braids in the piece	2.3	0.0
32	84669300	For machines of headings 84.56 to 84.61	2.3	0.0
33	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	2.2	0.0
34	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	2.2	0.0
35	74040090	Other Copper waste and Scrap	2.1	0.0
36	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;	2.1	0.0
37	11031390	Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn))	2.1	0.0
38	90318000	Other instruments, appliances and machines	1.8	0.0
39	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	1.7	0.0
40	87041090	Other G.V.M not exceeding 50T	1.7	0.0
41	73053110	High-pressure hydro-electric conduits, of steel, with an internal cross-sectional dimension exceeding 400 mm and a wall thickness exceeding 10,5 mm	1.6	0.0
42	84122100	Hydraulic power engines and motors : Linear acting (cylinders)	1.6	0.0
43	84289090	Other machinery elevating platforms and elevating buckets for overhead maintenance	1.5	0.0
44	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked Not Elsewhere Specified	1.5	0.0
45	87032290	Other ambulances	1.5	0.0
46	44152010	Pallets, box pallets and other load boards	1.4	0.0
47	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	1.3	0.0
48	72042100	Of stainless steel	1.3	0.0
49	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects, new or used	1.2	0.0
50	72210000	Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of stainless steel	1.1	0.0
Total Top 50			8,461.9	99.4
Other Exported Goods			55.1	0.6
Total			8,517.0	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.