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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) for March 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, are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Table 4.1A** presents statistics on the mostly imported commodities during March 2021, while exports are given in **Table 4.1B**.

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

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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 during March 2021.

March 2021 exports were valued at P8, 019.4 million, 26.1 percent increase from the revised February 2021 value of P6, 357.5 million. Imports amounted to P8, 965.1 million, reflecting a rise of 40.2 percent from the revised February 2021 value of P6, 396.5 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Chemicals & Rubber Products and Fuel; with contributions of 40.1 percent for Diamonds, 11.0 percent for Chemicals & Rubber Products and 10.1 percent for Fuel. During the month under review, Diamonds were the main export commodity group with a contribution of 93.5 percent to total exports.

In March 2021, imports from **SACU** contributed 50.2 percent to total imports, while those from the Asia and **EU** accounted for 30.8 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 47.8 percent of total imports while those from UAE represented 16.2 percent. Belgium and India supplied imports accounting for 14.6 percent and 9.3 percent respectively, of the monthly total.

During the current month, most of the exports were destined to Asia, accounting for 71.5 percent of the monthly total. The **UAE** and India received exports representing 33.2 percent and 25.3 percent of the monthly total respectively. Exports to both the **UAE** and India were predominantly Diamonds. The **EU** and **SACU** received 18.8 and 7.7 percent, respectively. Almost all of the exports destined to the **EU** were going to Belgium, having received 18.7 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 94.6 percent of total exports during the reference period, while Road and Rail transport represented 5.2 percent and 0.2 percent respectively. Imports by Road accounted for 48.1 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 31.9 percent and 19.9 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on March 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 and February had late customs duty assessments which were concluded during March 2021, hence the need to show data revision. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the February 2021 Digest and the current.

Revision for January 2021 were for imports only, which shows an increase of 0.6 percent (P45.9 million) from the figure reported in the February 2021 Digest. As regards February 2021, there has been a slight 0.4 percent (P27.5 million) upward revision in total exports and a 1.3 percent (P80.4million) rise in imports as displayed in **Table A**.

Table A: Data Revision: January and February 2021 (Million Pula)

Period/ Indicators	As at February 2021 Digest			As at March 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	7203.9	8,683.9	1,479.5	7,249.8	8,683.9	1,433.6	45.9	0.0	(45.9)	0.6	0.0	(3.1)
February	6,316.1	6,330.0	13.9	6,396.5	6,357.5	(39.0)	80.4	27.5	(53.0)	1.3	0.4	(380.7)

1.2 Imports

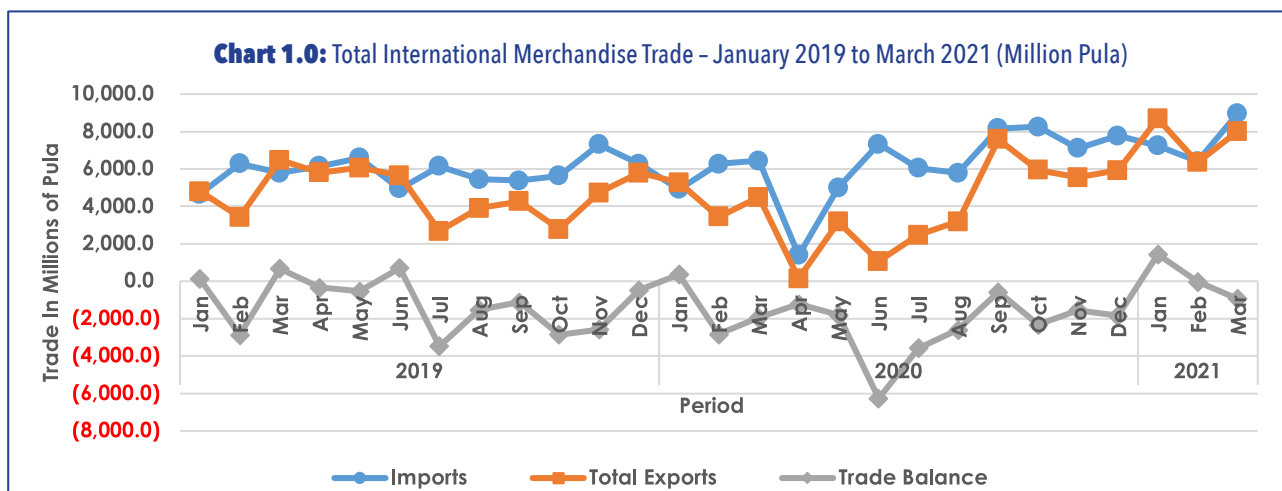
Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. In March 2021, imports were valued at P8, 965.1 million, 40.2 percent (P2, 568.6 million) more than the revised February import figure of P6, 396.5 million. An increase of P1, 504.8 million (72.1 percent) in the importation of Diamonds had a substantial effect on the overall increase in total imports value by contributing 23.5 percentage points.

1.3 Total Exports

March 2021 total export value went up by 26.1 percent (P1, 661.9 million) from the revised February 2021 figure of P6, 357.5 million, to P8, 019.4 million. The rise is largely attributed to the increase of 26.7 percent (P1, 581.1million) in the value of Diamonds exports, from P5, 915.7 million to P7, 496.7 million.

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade deficit of P945.7 million was recorded in March 2021. This follows a revised trade deficit of P39.0 million recorded for February 2021. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2019 to May 2021.



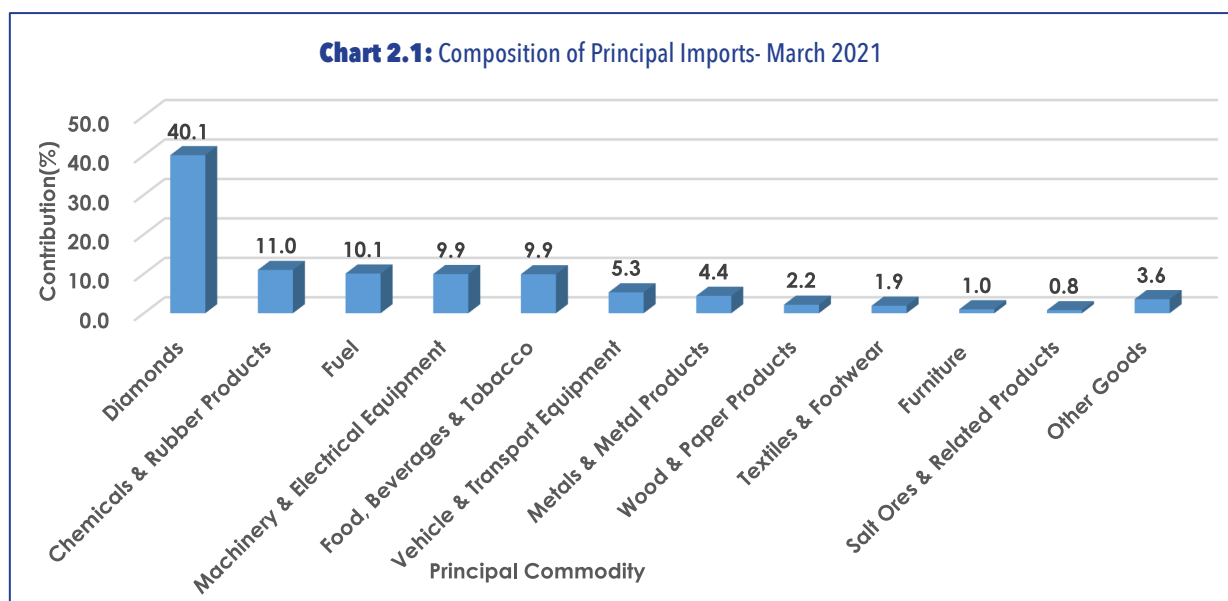
2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

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

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

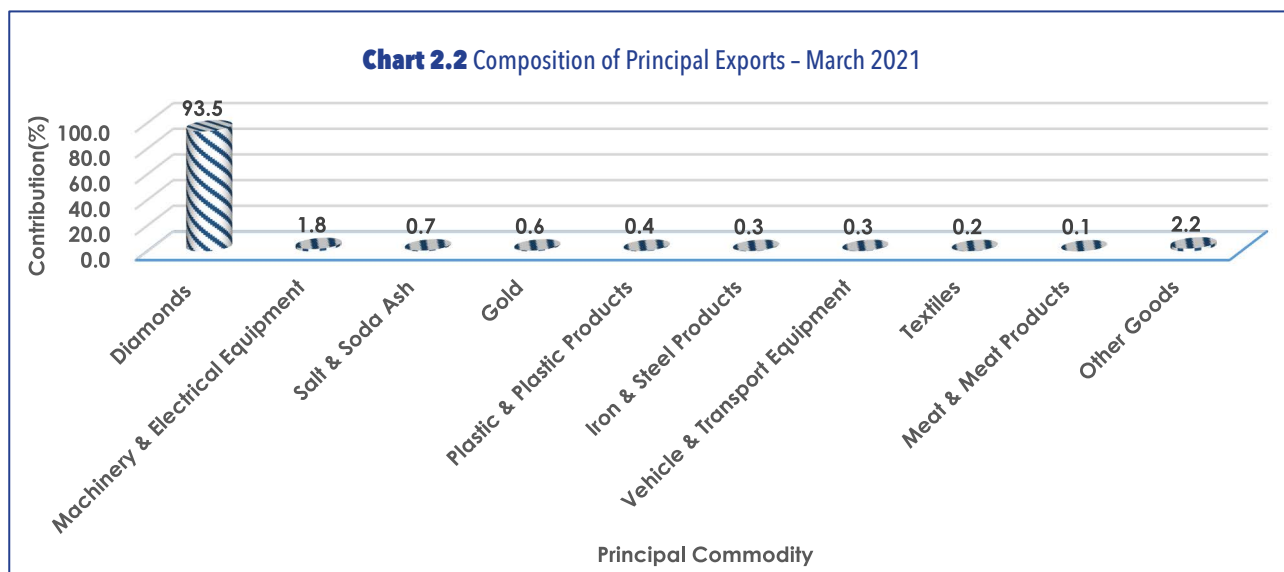
2.1 Principal Imports

During March 2021, Botswana received imports valued at P8, 965.1 million. Diamonds contributed the most to imports at 40.1 percent (P3, 591.2 million). Chemicals & Rubber Products and Fuel followed with contributions of 11.0 percent (P984.4 million) and 10.1 percent (P901.4 million), respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).



2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports were valued at P8, 019.4 million during March 2021. The Diamonds group accounted for 93.5 percent (P7, 496.7 million) of total exports during the month. Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).



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 March 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.

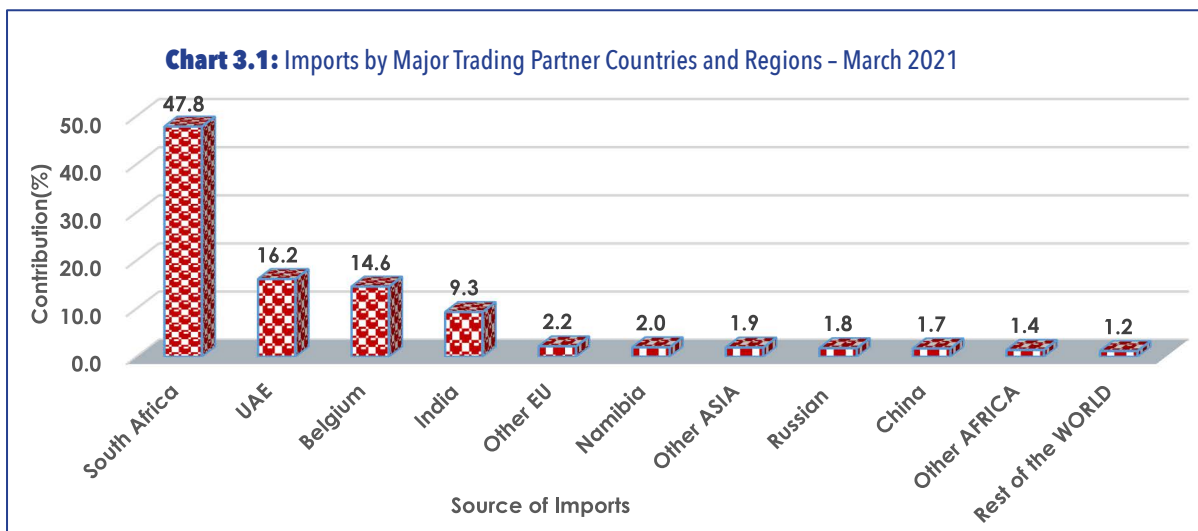
3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana imported P8, 965.1 million worth of goods from across the globe. The **SACU** region contributed 50.2 percent (P4, 496.1million) to total imports during the reference period. The top most imported commodity groups from the **SACU** region were Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, with contributions of 19.1 percent (P859.3 million), 18.3 percent (P825.0 million) and 14.2 percent (P638.2 million) to total imports from the region, respectively (refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

South Africa contributed 47.8 percent (P4, 288.3 million) to total imports during March 2021. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 18.7 percent (P799.9 million) of imports from that country. Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 16.8 percent (P720.1 million) and 14.9 percent (P637.7 million) respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products made a contribution of 11.7 percent (P501.6 million) to imports from South Africa.

Imports from Asia were valued at P2, 765.7 million, representing 30.8 percent of March 2021 total imports. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 72.5 percent (P2, 005.2 million) and 14.8 percent (P409.7 million) to total imports from the region, respectively (tables 3.1A & 3.1B). UAE and India were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 16.2 percent (P1, 448.4 million) and 9.3 percent (P833.0 million) respectively, of total imports during the month under review ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

The EU supplied imports amounting to P1, 501.0 million, accounting for 16.7 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the EU was Diamonds, at 86.9 percent (P1, 304.1 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, having supplied 14.6 percent (P1, 307.2 million) of total imports ([Table 3.1 A](#)). Other sources of imports during March 2021 can be viewed on [Chart 3.1](#).



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 71.5 percent (P5, 733.2 million) of total exports during March 2021. These exports mostly went to the UAE and India, having received 33.2 percent (P2, 665.5 million) and 25.3 percent (P2, 030.3 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds accounted for 100 percent of exports to each of these two countries, refer to [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

During the month under review, exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 504.4 million, accounting for 18.8 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional block, acquiring 99.7 percent (P1, 499.6 million) of total exports to the block 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 P617.0 million, representing 7.7 percent of total exports during the current period. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment commodity groups accounted for 28.9 percent (P178.5 million) and 20.1 percent (P123.8 million) of total exports to the customs union ([Table 3.2A](#)). South Africa received 7.5 percent (P597.5 million) of total exports during the month under review ([Table 3.2A](#)).

The USA received 1.2 percent (P93.8 million) of total exports in March 2021, with 99.8 percent (P93.6 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](#).



'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.

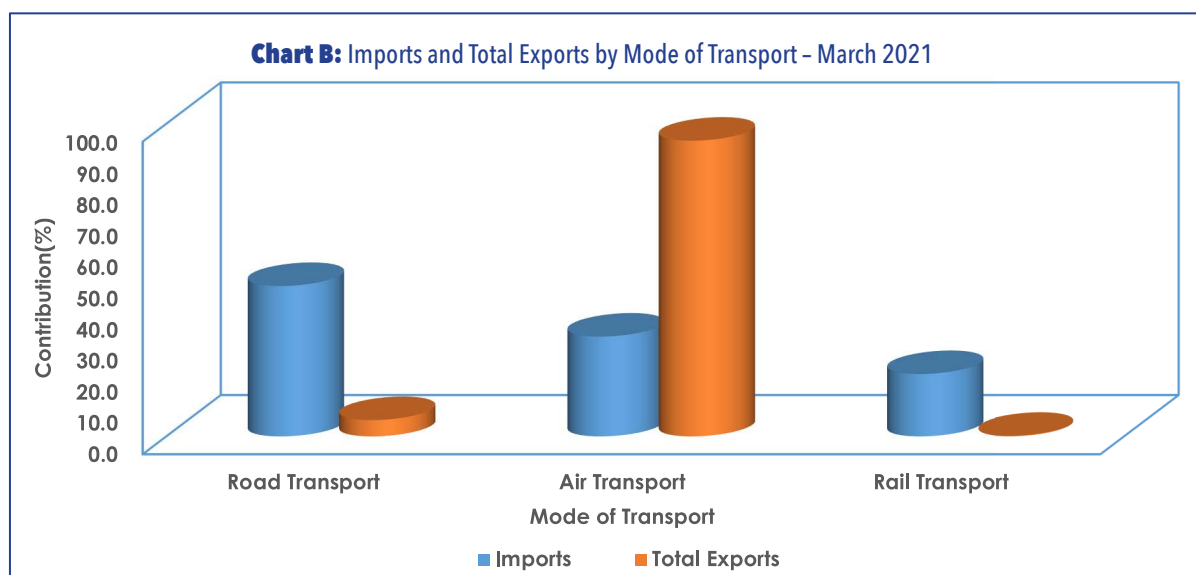
5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For the purpose 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 48.1 percent (P4, 313.5 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 31.9 percent (P2, 862.3 million) and 19.9 percent (P1, 788.4 million) respectively.

Goods exported by air during the month amounted to P7, 586.1 million (94.6 percent) of total exports, while Road and Rail transport accounted for P418.1 million (5.2 percent) and P15.2 million (0.2 percent) respectively.

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

Flow Type Mode of Transport	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail	1,788.4	19.9	15.2	0.2
Road	4,313.5	48.1	418.1	5.2
Air	2,862.3	31.9	7,586.1	94.6
Postal	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	8,965.1	100.0	8,019.4	100.0



6.0 Annexure

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to March 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	4,788.4	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	4,732.6	0.5	4,733.1	(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	13,297.2	(5,915.0)
Total_2019	70,604.0	67,802.3	2,786.1	15.6	56,298.3	28.7	56,327.0	(14,277.0)
Jan	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	5,746.3	290.6	1.3	2,468.8	0.2	2,469.0	(3,569.1)
Aug	5,785.4	5,563.7	220.4	1.4	3,181.7	1.1	3,182.7	(2,602.7)
Sep	8,170.7	7,931.8	237.9	1.1	7,590.2	0.4	7,590.6	(580.1)
Q3	19,994.2	19,241.7	748.8	3.7	13,240.6	1.7	13,242.3	(6,751.9)
Oct	8,256.8	7,993.1	262.7	1.0	5,932.1	0.7	5,932.8	(2,324.0)
Nov	7,097.7	6,823.1	272.5	2.1	5,545.2	0.0	5,545.2	(1,552.5)
Dec	7,776.1	7,478.0	296.3	1.8	5,928.2	0.6	5,928.8	(1,847.3)
Q4	23,130.7	22,294.2	831.5	4.9	17,405.4	1.4	17,406.8	(5,723.9)
Total_2020	74,464.3	71,538.1	2,911.9	14.4	48,225.2	13.5	48,238.7	(26,225.6)
Jan	7,249.8	6,986.9	261.5	1.4	8,683.1	0.3	8,683.4	1,433.6
Feb	6,396.5	6,125.8	269.1	1.6	6,357.5	0.0	6,357.5	(39.0)
Mar	8,965.1	8,641.4	322.3	1.4	8,019.3	0.0	8,019.4	(945.7)
Q1	22,611.4	21,754.0	853.0	4.5	23,059.9	0.4	23,060.3	448.9

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2019 to March 2021 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & 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	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,662.1
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,716.5	171.0	1,975.3	815.3	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,739.8
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.4	139.6	212.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.9	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.1	129.6	163.1	4,945.3
Q2	1,421.3	5,460.7	1,936.9	2,165.7	181.3	2,184.7	1,114.3	174.1	343.0	1,784.2	389.7	528.1	17,683.9
Jul	531.1	1,671.6	700.2	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.4	66.0	134.5	508.7	127.5	340.9	6,140.2
Aug	551.2	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	139.5	437.5	157.3	211.5	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	820.8	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	191.9	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	437.0	1,336.5	432.3	744.2	16,968.0
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.3	158.5	233.5	5,628.9
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	160.6	1,010.7	144.7	212.9	7,310.6
Dec	635.3	1,599.3	1,061.3	1,057.2	67.8	638.5	233.7	57.1	122.6	437.8	145.0	217.2	6,272.7
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	454.4	1,908.8	448.2	663.6	19,212.2
Total_2019	6,343.9	20,033.6	9,003.4	8,863.6	769.2	8,774.9	3,549.9	690.3	1,628.8	6,819.7	1,623.0	2,503.6	70,604.0
Jan	520.6	712.6	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,921.0
Feb	527.0	1,144.8	823.5	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.3	71.5	154.3	820.2	149.6	626.5	6,270.4
Mar	619.2	1,672.4	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.7	248.6	53.9	148.9	463.9	128.5	230.3	6,441.2
Q1	1,666.8	3,529.8	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.3	738.0	186.0	397.0	1,666.8	394.8	1,028.8	17,632.5
Apr	273.3	0.0	521.2	208.9	5.8	193.3	34.8	5.7	32.7	18.2	34.7	54.4	1,383.1
May	502.1	974.1	571.4	1,011.8	33.8	486.5	148.1	30.6	116.9	792.5	86.5	237.6	4,992.0
Jun	665.2	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	764.7	229.2	59.4	122.9	460.9	125.9	192.7	7,331.8
Q2	1,440.7	4,400.8	1,763.0	1,768.7	105.4	1,444.5	412.1	95.7	272.5	1,271.6	247.2	484.7	13,706.9
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	663.6	262.8	62.0	105.8	467.3	129.0	199.4	6,038.1
Aug	555.8	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.2	241.0	71.5	128.5	396.3	125.6	321.4	5,785.4
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	146.3	438.2	148.7	242.4	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	380.6	1,301.9	403.3	763.2	19,994.2
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.8	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	150.0	436.3	145.1	268.5	8,256.8
Nov	666.8	2,255.0	943.2	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.8	65.5	173.5	618.1	163.4	260.9	7,097.7
Dec	668.1	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.3	333.7	62.7	120.8	1,153.5	151.2	317.2	7,776.1
Q4	1,968.2	8,575.9	2,783.6	1,990.1	239.6	2,340.7	1,073.3	200.9	444.3	2,207.9	459.6	846.6	23,130.7
Total_2020	6,956.8	23,031.8	9,518.7	9,669.4	736.8	8,298.1	3,000.7	681.2	1,494.4	6,448.1	1,504.9	3,123.3	74,464.3
Jan	550.5	3,348.0	851.8	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.6	75.1	123.3	380.9	117.7	219.6	7,249.8
Feb	549.7	2,086.4	793.8	784.4	68.2	736.6	345.2	65.7	152.6	437.2	129.8	246.8	6,396.5
Mar	984.4	3,591.2	886.3	901.4	89.4	890.4	395.9	69.1	169.8	474.3	193.8	319.2	8,965.1
Q1	2,084.6	9,025.6	2,531.9	2,339.6	200.3	2,238.7	1,015.8	209.9	445.6	1,292.4	441.3	785.6	22,611.4
% Distribution													
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
2020	9.3	30.9	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.1	4.0	0.9	2.0	8.7	2.0	4.2	100.0
Feb	8.6	32.6	12.4	12.3	1.1	11.5	5.4	1.0	2.4	6.8	2.0	3.9	100.0
March	11.0	40.1	9.9	10.1	1.0	9.9	4.4	0.8	1.9	5.3	2.2	3.6	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2019 to March 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	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan	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	4,733.1
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	43.6	367.0	135.1	68.9	115.0	44.0	119.0	314.7	13,297.2
Total_2019	2.6	51,009.5	436.5	5.3	176.8	1,553.7	659.5	202.3	561.1	161.1	399.9	1,158.8	56,327.0
Jan	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	61.0	13.0	30.8	165.2	5,928.8
Q4	1.0	15,845.3	160.5	1.2	44.7	407.5	47.1	76.4	214.0	59.3	70.7	479.1	17,406.8
Total_2020	298.7	42,544.5	524.8	1.7	147.8	1,622.1	221.2	260.7	728.8	161.9	285.5	1,441.0	48,238.7
Jan	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	5,915.7	16.8	0.0	12.5	151.2	2.1	29.0	51.5	12.1	20.0	146.6	6,357.5
Mar	0.9	7,496.7	51.5	1.8	23.8	143.6	4.3	32.3	54.2	17.1	20.1	173.0	8,019.4
Q1	1.1	21,614.2	112.3	2.7	48.7	463.5	7.0	80.3	171.4	44.0	61.8	453.3	23,060.3
% 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
Feb	0.0	93.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	2.4	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	2.3	100.0
Mar	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.3	2.2	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
Feb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.5
Mar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.0
Q1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.3
Apr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.5
May	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.2
Jun	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.2
Q2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.8
Jul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.2
Aug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.0
Sep	223.5	0.0	0.0	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.5
Q3	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,420.0	573.5	3,947.0	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.7
Oct	247.7	0.0	0.0	1,041.7	115.6	1,405.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.7
Nov	36.4	0.1	0.0	1,539.9	689.5	2,265.9	0.3	8.7	0.0	3,684.9	599.2	4,293.1
Dec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,832.2	560.2	5,398.8
Q4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,422.1	1,552.1	11,989.7
Total_2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,934.3	8,981.2	51,009.5
Jan	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	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	5,228.0	680.6	5,915.7
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.2	579.7	3,591.2	0.0	11.1	0.0	7,029.3	456.4	7,496.7
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,313.8	1,288.3	9,025.6	0.0	41.4	0.0	20,195.5	1,377.3	21,614.2

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

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	501.6	264.0	799.9	720.1	74.2	637.7	343.2	63.2	139.7	374.2	146.2	224.3	4,288.3
Namibia	2.3	2.3	20.8	139.2	0.0	0.4	0.3	5.7	0.6	2.9	1.3	0.5	176.2
Eswatini	23.6	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.1	31.5
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	0.1
SACU	527.5	266.3	825.0	859.3	74.2	638.2	343.5	68.9	140.3	377.1	151.0	224.8	4,496.1
Other SADC	2.0	0.0	28.5	9.4	0.4	6.2	32.8	0.0	0.3	1.8	8.0	2.1	91.5
SADC	530.8	266.3	879.9	878.2	75.0	650.2	409.1	68.9	140.9	380.6	167.0	228.9	4,675.9
Other AFRICA	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.6
AFRICA	530.9	266.3	853.8	868.7	74.6	645.8	376.4	68.9	140.7	378.9	159.0	227.2	4,591.3
UAE	1.5	1,415.7	0.9	18.9	0.0	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.9	1,448.4
India	385.8	409.8	0.7	11.4	0.0	13.9	6.2	0.2	1.9	1.5	0.1	1.5	833.0
Russian federation	0.0	159.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	159.4
China	14.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	12.1	80.6	7.5	0.0	18.0	5.9	3.1	12.4	153.9
Other ASIA	8.3	20.6	6.2	2.3	0.5	41.5	2.6	0.0	2.9	81.4	0.8	4.0	171.0
ASIA	409.7	2,005.2	7.9	32.5	12.7	146.2	16.3	0.2	22.7	89.0	4.4	18.8	2,765.7
Belgium	2.4	1,304.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,307.2
Other EU	20.2	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.1	62.6	0.6	0.0	5.1	1.8	28.3	69.0	193.8
EU	22.6	1,304.1	4.2	0.0	2.1	63.2	0.6	0.0	5.1	1.8	28.3	69.0	1,501.0
Rest of the WORLD	21.1	15.5	20.4	0.1	0.0	35.3	2.6	0.0	1.2	4.6	2.1	4.1	107.1
World	984.4	3,591.2	886.3	901.4	89.4	890.4	395.9	69.1	169.8	474.3	193.8	319.2	8,965.1

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	11.7	6.2	18.7	16.8	1.7	14.9	8.0	1.5	3.3	8.7	3.4	5.2	100.0
Namibia	1.3	1.3	11.8	79.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.3	1.6	0.7	0.3	100.0
Eswatini	74.7	0.0	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	11.4	0.2	100.0
Lesotho	2.8	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	32.1	0.4	0.0	57.1	0.0	0.0	3.3	100.0
SACU	11.7	5.9	18.3	19.1	1.7	14.2	7.6	1.5	3.1	8.4	3.4	5.0	100.0
Other SADC	2.2	0.0	31.1	10.3	0.4	6.8	35.9	0.0	0.3	1.9	8.7	2.2	100.0
SADC	11.4	5.7	18.8	18.8	1.6	13.9	8.8	1.5	3.0	8.1	3.6	4.9	100.0
Other AFRICA	39.4	0.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	37.9	0.5	0.0	1.6	2.5	0.5	9.2	100.0
AFRICA	11.6	5.8	18.6	18.9	1.6	14.1	8.2	1.5	3.1	8.3	3.5	4.9	100.0
UAE	0.1	97.7	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
India	46.3	49.2	0.1	1.4	0.0	1.7	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	100.0
Russian federation	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
China	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	52.4	4.9	0.0	11.7	3.8	2.0	8.1	100.0
Other ASIA	4.9	12.1	3.6	1.3	0.3	24.3	1.5	0.0	1.7	47.6	0.4	2.3	100.0
ASIA	14.8	72.5	0.3	1.2	0.5	5.3	0.6	0.0	0.8	3.2	0.2	0.7	100.0
Belgium	0.2	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	10.4	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.1	32.3	0.3	0.0	2.6	0.9	14.6	35.6	100.0
EU	1.5	86.9	0.3	0.0	0.1	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.9	4.6	100.0
Rest of the WORLD	19.7	14.5	19.0	0.1	0.0	32.9	2.4	0.0	1.2	4.3	1.9	3.8	100.0
World	11.0	40.1	9.9	10.1	1.0	9.9	4.4	0.8	1.9	5.3	2.2	3.6	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – March 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	0.9	178.5	51.5	1.0	23.1	119.4	1.6	28.4	33.6	15.8	4.1	139.6	597.5
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	5.4	8.5	19.4
SACU	0.9	178.5	51.5	1.0	23.1	123.8	1.6	29.1	33.6	16.4	9.6	148.1	617.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.6	0.0	2.1	9.4	0.3	8.9	11.7	38.1
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.7	0.0	1.2	10.9	0.1	0.2	3.0	20.2
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.1	3.0
SADC	0.9	178.5	51.5	1.0	23.5	138.8	3.0	32.3	54.2	17.1	18.7	163.9	683.4
Other AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.3	2.0
AFRICA	0.9	178.5	51.5	1.8	23.5	138.8	3.0	32.3	54.2	17.1	19.7	164.2	685.4
UAE	0.0	2,664.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,665.5
India	0.0	2,030.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,030.3
Singapore	0.0	415.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	415.1
Israel	0.0	383.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	383.4
Hong Kong	0.0	232.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	237.9
Other ASIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
ASIA	0.0	5,725.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	5,733.2
Belgium	0.0	1,499.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,499.6
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.6
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
EU	0.0	1,499.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	1,504.4
USA	0.0	93.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	93.8
Rest Of the World	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	2.6
WORLD	0.9	7,496.7	51.5	1.8	23.8	143.6	4.3	32.3	54.2	17.1	20.1	173.0	8,019.4

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – March 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	0.1	29.9	8.6	0.2	3.9	20.0	0.3	4.8	5.6	2.6	0.7	23.4	100.0
Namibia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	22.5	0.0	3.3	0.0	2.9	27.7	43.5	100.0
SACU	0.1	28.9	8.3	0.2	3.7	20.1	0.3	4.7	5.4	2.7	1.5	24.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	14.7	0.0	5.4	24.6	0.7	23.3	30.6	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	23.3	0.0	5.9	53.9	0.5	1.2	14.7	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	68.0	27.9	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.2	0.0	0.2	9.0	9.7	1.4	35.4	100.0
SADC	0.1	26.1	7.5	0.1	3.4	20.3	0.4	4.7	7.9	2.5	2.7	24.0	100.0
Other AFRICA	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1	46.3	15.1	100.0
AFRICA	0.1	26.0	7.5	0.3	3.4	20.3	0.4	4.7	7.9	2.5	2.9	24.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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	97.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	100.0
Other ASIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	95.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.6	100.0
ASIA	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.7	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	99.7	100.0
EU	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
USA	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Rest Of the World	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	51.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	15.2	4.8	100.0
WORLD	0.0	93.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.3	2.2	100.0

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	3,006,154,170.2	33.5
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	579,718,343.6	6.5
3	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	435,873,104.7	4.9
4	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	389,513,585.5	4.3
5	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	325,685,515.1	3.6
6	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	147,056,197.5	1.6
7	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	134,460,208.4	1.5
8	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	110,910,568.9	1.2
9	25232900	Other Portland cement	63,938,814.3	0.7
10	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	51,474,718.4	0.6
11	38220000	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing,	49,742,683.4	0.6
12	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	48,406,064.2	0.5
13	85177090	OTHER Telephone Sets, Including Telephones For Cellular Networks Or For Other Wireless Networks	42,998,885.6	0.5
14	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption	42,329,785.6	0.5
15	85444990	OTHER Insulated (Including Enamelled Or Anodised) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	41,061,526.4	0.5
16	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content	40,310,047.3	0.4
17	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	38,413,719.8	0.4
18	85171210	DESIGNED FOR USE WHEN CARRIED IN THE HAND OR ON TH	38,276,879.8	0.4
19	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	36,849,354.0	0.4
20	84295900	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	36,760,523.6	0.4
21	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a	36,348,666.2	0.4
22	73030000	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	33,104,864.7	0.4
23	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	32,168,595.5	0.4
24	90158000	Other instruments and appliances	31,920,275.8	0.4
25	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified	31,063,557.1	0.3
26	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions ther	29,040,396.6	0.3
27	84295190	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	28,364,520.5	0.3
28	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, slice	27,241,427.3	0.3
29	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exc	27,049,872.0	0.3
30	49119990	Other printed matter	26,786,409.4	0.3
31	88021100	Of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	26,698,681.4	0.3
32	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparati	26,060,541.4	0.3
33	90319000	Parts and accessories	25,159,780.6	0.3
34	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other m	25,140,344.4	0.3
35	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feedin	24,332,800.7	0.3
36	34012000	Soap in other forms	24,160,266.5	0.3
37	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including frui	24,123,638.5	0.3
38	87032290	Other Motors Vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cm ³ but Not exceeding 1500cm ³ other than Hearses and Ambulances	23,357,788.1	0.3
39	20098950	Other fruit juices	22,707,108.6	0.3
40	84304900	Other boring or sinking machinery;excluding self propelled	21,696,429.2	0.2
41	42034000	Other clothing accessories	21,691,909.3	0.2
42	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	20,554,936.3	0.2
43	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with	20,486,678.8	0.2
44	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortifi	20,055,540.7	0.2
45	64059090	Other footwear	19,907,688.6	0.2
46	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	19,475,522.9	0.2
47	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or	19,154,580.0	0.2
48	85176290	Other machines for reception	18,659,969.7	0.2
49	73089090	Other Structures (Excluding Prefabricated Buildings Of Heading 94.06) And Parts Of Structures	18,289,412.3	0.2
50	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	18,126,448.3	0.2

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	84749000	Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste) form;: Parts	18,110,716.4	0.2
52	94041000	MATTRESS SUPPORTS	17,814,330.6	0.2
53	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding	17,787,843.1	0.2
54	87012020	Tractor of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	17,750,626.5	0.2
55	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content	17,194,154.0	0.2
56	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	16,748,371.7	0.2
57	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting	16,322,088.7	0.2
58	07019000	Other (potatoes, fresh or chilled)	16,127,506.5	0.2
59	68021000	Tiles, cubes and similar articles, whether or not	15,459,863.7	0.2
60	38249999	Other mixtures	15,190,050.8	0.2
61	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocola	14,821,924.8	0.2
62	87042290	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Compression-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine (Diesel Or Semi-Diesel)	14,608,122.2	0.2
63	48181000	TOILET PAPER	14,314,152.7	0.2
64	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other sub	13,882,634.8	0.2
65	09109900	Other spices	13,440,244.5	0.1
66	15121990	Other Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fraction	13,092,241.4	0.1
67	19053100	SWEET BISCUITS	13,036,661.6	0.1
68	39011090	Other Polyethylene having a specific gravity of le	12,825,790.5	0.1
69	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	12,825,182.2	0.1
70	19023000	Other pasta	12,790,987.5	0.1
71	04031000	Yoghurt	12,776,057.5	0.1
72	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing prepar	12,725,979.4	0.1
73	19011000	Preparations suitable for infants or young childre	11,932,465.6	0.1
74	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not	11,497,670.3	0.1
75	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous soluti	11,476,864.7	0.1
76	04012009	Other milk, whether or not containing added minera	10,634,291.1	0.1
77	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucr	10,125,890.5	0.1
78	84818090	OTHER Appliances Not Elsewhere Specified	9,702,533.5	0.1
79	08081000	Apples, fresh	9,679,596.0	0.1
80	96190005	Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material:Of wadding of textile materials	9,570,064.8	0.1
81	17011200	Beet sugar	9,367,629.9	0.1
82	44152010	Pallets, box pallets and other load boards	9,359,433.6	0.1
83	94069000	Other Prefabricated buildings:	9,197,226.9	0.1
84	44031100	Coniferous Wood in the rough, whether or not strip	8,919,918.4	0.1
85	87041090	Other Dumpers designed for off-highway use:	8,902,187.3	0.1
86	33072090	Other Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	8,874,223.6	0.1
87	87164000	Other trailers and semi-trailers	8,668,555.9	0.1
88	84138100	Pumps	8,589,527.1	0.1
89	72104900	Other Otherwise plated or coated with zinc:	8,420,724.6	0.1
90	84715000	Processing units (excluding those of subheading 84	8,405,759.0	0.1
91	94036000	Other wooden furniture	8,333,725.8	0.1
92	39011010	Virgin Polyethylene having a specific gravity of l	8,237,245.7	0.1
93	04011090	Other (milk and cream, not concentrated nor contai	8,226,485.4	0.1
94	84418000	Other machinery	8,181,766.1	0.1
95	16041317	Sardines (pilchards) (SARDINOPS SPP.), in airtight	8,146,508.9	0.1
96	72223000	Other bars and rods	8,106,896.6	0.1
97	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	8,067,470.1	0.1
98	85369020	IDENTIFIABLE FOR USE SOLELY OR PRINCIPALLY WITH MOTOR VEHICLES	8,023,768.7	0.1
99	48191000	Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	8,017,129.2	0.1
100	85369090	Other apparatus:	7,833,469.3	0.1
Top 100 Imported			6,987,007,906.4	77.9
Other Imported			1,978,090,155.6	22.1
Total			8,965,098,062.0	100.0

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

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	7,029,281,712.4	87.7
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	456,375,100.9	5.7
3	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	92,423,108.3	1.2
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	55,588,038.0	0.7
5	71081200	Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form: Non-Monetary; Other unwrought forms	51,463,151.6	0.6
6	01022900	Other (cattle)	35,191,795.4	0.4
7	28362000	DISODIUM CARBONATE	32,258,276.9	0.4
8	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	22,690,012.0	0.3
9	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	21,852,459.4	0.3
10	27011900	Other coal	15,628,720.1	0.2
11	71022100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set:Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted excluding sorted and industrial	11,086,513.1	0.1
12	27011200	Bituminous coal	7,918,215.7	0.1
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	6,960,917.3	0.1
14	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel,Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	6,355,223.1	0.1
15	13021990	Other Vegetable saps and extracts	5,835,758.1	0.1
16	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	4,780,584.0	0.1
17	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	4,763,291.3	0.1
18	28331100	DISODIUM SULPHATE	4,331,683.4	0.1
19	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;	4,061,948.5	0.1
20	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	3,929,283.4	0.0
21	58081000	BRAIDS IN THE PIECE	3,826,102.2	0.0
22	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings nos. 87.01 to 87.05	3,818,421.8	0.0
23	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	3,507,236.8	0.0
24	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	3,404,670.8	0.0
25	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling	3,142,600.1	0.0
26	85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding	3,079,099.5	0.0
27	85481000	Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators; spent primary cells, spent primary batteries and spent electric accumulators	3,020,773.9	0.0
28	84295900	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	2,944,721.6	0.0
29	84799000	Parts;Machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter:	2,799,206.5	0.0
30	76020000	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP	2,731,059.3	0.0
31	84089090	Other engines	2,724,635.0	0.0
32	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2,709,892.6	0.0
33	84314990	OTHER Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Excluding Of Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30 Not Elsewhere Specified	2,699,473.8	0.0
34	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2,688,593.5	0.0
35	72043000	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL	2,632,270.1	0.0
36	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	2,596,897.6	0.0
37	73144900	Other cloth, grill, netting and fencing:	2,453,674.6	0.0
38	58021900	Other Terry towelling and similar woven terry fabrics, of cotton	2,399,396.2	0.0
39	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	2,384,135.9	0.0
40	10079000	Other (Grain Sorghum)	2,293,564.0	0.0
41	74040090	Other Copper waste and scrap:	2,262,692.1	0.0
42	72041000	WASTE AND SCRAP OF CAST IRON	2,193,225.3	0.0
43	39219027	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of polymers of ethylene, unprinted	2,109,864.6	0.0
44	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	2,016,062.2	0.0
45	84291900	Other Bulldozers and angledozers:	1,836,594.0	0.0

Table 4.1 B Cont'd: Top 50 Exported Goods – March 2021 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
46	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	1,781,377.7	0.0
47	48202000	Exercise books	1,653,483.1	0.0
48	99990000	used personal effects	1,578,517.9	0.0
49	84329000	Parts; Electrical capacitors, fixed, variable or adjustable (pre-set):	1,316,791.8	0.0
50	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	1,316,246.7	0.0
Top 50 Exported			7,948,697,074.0	99.1
Other Exported			70,674,635.5	0.9
Total			8,019,371,709.5	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.



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