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#### Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics plays 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 December 2020. 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 December 2020 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 December 2020, 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)

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 trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during December 2020.

In December 2020, Botswana's overall exports amounted to P5, 872.4 million, displaying an increase of 5.9 percent compared to the revised November 2020 value of P5, 543.5 million. Imports amounted to P7, 650.8 million, an increase of 7.8 percent from the revised November 2020 value of P7, 094.3 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 36.1 percent, 14.9 percent and 11.4 percent respectively. Diamonds accounted for 92.7 percent to total exports during the current period.

During the current month, **SACU** was the major source of imports with a contribution of 57.2 percent, while the **EU** and Asia accounted for 16.8 percent and 13.6 percent respectively. Within the **SACU** region, South Africa was the main source of imports into Botswana with a contribution of 49.8 percent to total imports. Within the **EU**, Belgium contributed 10.6 percent while from Asia the United Arab Emirates **(UAE)** made a contribution of 8.4 percent to the monthly total.

Most of the exports were destined to Asia during December 2020, accounting for 67.9 percent of the monthly total. The UAE and India received exports representing 29.0 percent and 21.5 percent of the monthly total respectively. Exports to both the UAE and India were mainly Diamonds. The **EU** and **SACU** received 18.2 and 10.2 percent respectively. Almost all exports destined to the **EU** were going to Belgium, having received 18.2 percent of total exports, wholly attributable to Diamonds.

During the current period, exports transported by Air accounted for 94.7 percent of total exports, while those by Road and Rail represented 5.0 percent and 0.3 percent respectively. Imports by Road accounted for 56.2 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 31.2 percent and 12.6 percent, respectively.

#### 1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on December 2020, 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 September, October and November had late customs duty assessments which were finalised during December 2020, hence the need to show data revision. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the November 2020 Digest and the current.

There has been a 12.0 percent (P594.3 million) upward revision in total exports for the month of November, as displayed in **Table A**. This is largely attributable to revised records of exports of Diamonds which rose by P578.1 million (13.1 percent), from P4, 424.2 million to P5, 002.3 million. Imports for November 2020 increased by 3.1 percent (P213.2 million) from P6, 881.1 million recorded for November 2020 digest to P7, 094.3 million during December 2020. Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports recorded the highest revision of 19.9 percent (P102.3 million). The revision in the value of exports and imports for November 2020 resulted in a reduction of the trade deficit by 19.7 percent. Percentage increases for October and September were minimal, as can be observed in **Table A**.

Table A: Data Revision: September, October and November 2020 (Million Pula)

	As at No	vember 20	20 Digest	As at Dec	ember 20	20 Digest		Difference	•	Diffe	erence as	%
Period	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance									
September	8,167.9	7,589.9	(578.0)	8,170.3	7,590.4	(579.9)	2.4	0.5	(1.9)	0.0	0.0	0.3
October	8,251.0	5,925.2	(2,325.9)	8,256.1	5,932.8	(2,323.3)	5.1	7.7	2.6	0.1	0.1	(0.1)
November	6,881.1	4,949.2	(1,932.0)	7,094.3	5,543.5	(1,550.8)	213.2	594.3	381.2	3.1	12.0	(19.7)

<sup>()</sup> Denotes negative numbers

#### 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 December 2020, total imports were valued at P7, 650.8 million, an increase of 7.8 percent (P556.5 million) over the revised November 2020 figure of P7, 094.3 million. The rise in Diamonds imports of 22.5 percent (P507.0 million) had a significant impact on the overall increase in total imports.

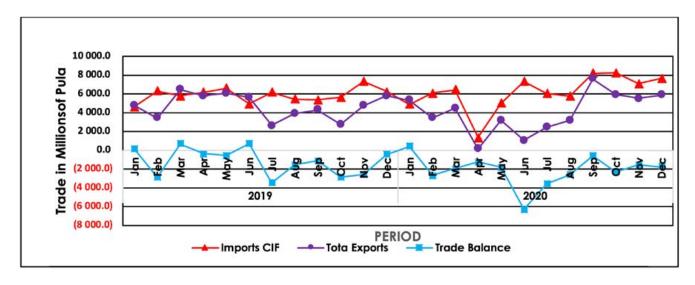
#### 1.3 Total Exports

During December 2020, Botswana's total export value rose by 5.9 percent (P328.9 million) from the revised November 2020 figure of P5, 543.5 million to P5, 872.4 million. The increase is mostly attributed to the rise in the value of Diamonds exports, by 8.8 percent (P439.2 million) from P5, 002.3 million to P5, 441.4 million.

#### 1.4 Trade Balance

In December 2020, Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P1, 778.4 million.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to December 2020 (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

Botswana received total imports amounting to P7, 650.8 million during December 2020. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 36.1 percent (P2, 762.0 million). Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco followed with contributions of 14.9 percent (P1, 142.3 million) and 11.4 percent (P871.7 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

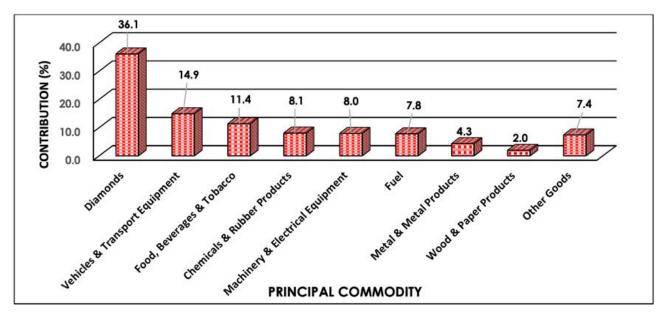


Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- December 2020

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

# 2.2 Principal Exports

During December 2020, Botswana's total exports were valued at P5, 872.4 million. The Diamonds group accounted for 92.7 percent (P5, 441.4 million) of total exports during the month while Gold represented 1.3 percent (P75.4 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

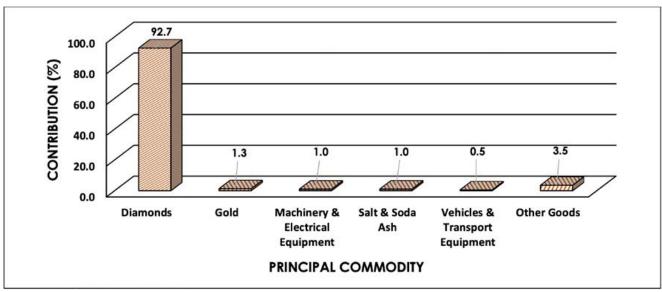


Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – December 2020

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

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 December 2020 appears in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A**, respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups during the same month.

# 3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

In December 2020, Botswana imported P7, 650.8 million worth of goods from across the globe. The SACU region contributed 57.2 percent (P4, 379.6 million) to total imports during the month. The top most imported commodity groups from the SACU region were Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco, with contributions of 20.5 percent (P896.5 million) and 19.0 percent (P832.0 million) of total imports from the region (Refer to **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**).

South Africa accounted for 49.8 percent (P3, 809.0 million) of total imports during the period under review. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 21.1 percent (P802.3 million) of imports from that country. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Fuel accounted for 13.4 percent (P508.8 million) and 13.2 percent (P502.0 million) respectively. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment made contributions of 12.2 percent (P464.8 million) and 11.1 percent (P423.2 million) to total imports from the same country.

Imports from Namibia represented 7.3 percent (P560.3 million) of total imports during the month under review, with 77.0 percent (P431.7 million) of that total attributable to Diamonds.

In December 2020, the EU region supplied Botswana with imports worth P1, 285.4 million, accounting for 16.8 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the EU was Diamonds, accounting for 62.9 percent (P808.7 million) of imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, at 10.6 percent (P813.9 million) of total imports during the period under review (Table 3.1A).

Asia provided Botswana with imports valued at P1, 039.1 million, representing 13.6 percent of December 2020 total imports. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with contributions of 70.8 percent (P735.6 million), 9.3 percent (P97.0 million) and 7.2 percent (P74.4 million) to total imports from the region, respectively (Table 3.1 B).

The UAE was the main source of imports from Asia having supplied imports representing 8.4 percent (P646.4 million) of total imports during the month under review (Table 3.1 A).

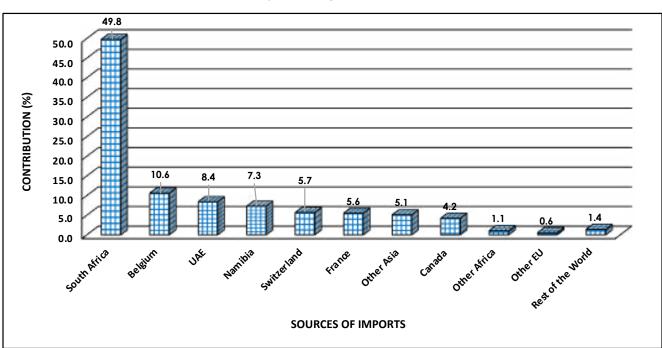


Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries – December 2020

### 3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

During December 2020, Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 67.9 percent (P3, 987.0 million) of total exports. These exports were mostly destined to the UAE and India, having received 29.0 percent (P1, 701.7 million) and 21.5 percent (P1, 264.5 million) of total exports respectively. Diamonds accounted for 100 percent and 99.8 percent of exports to the UAE and India respectively (refer to **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**).

Exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 070.9 million, accounting for 18.2 percent of total exports during the month under review. Belgium received almost all the exports destined to the EU, acquiring 18.2 percent (P1, 069.4 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the EU at 99.9 percent (P1, 069.3 million) of total exports to the region.

The SACU region received exports valued at P599.8 million, representing 10.2 percent of total exports during the current period. South Africa received 8.4 percent (P490.7 million) of total exports (**Table 3.2A**). Diamonds and Gold accounted for 38.5 percent (P189.0 million) and 15.4 percent (P75.4 million) of total exports to the country. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash made contributions of 7.9 percent (P38.7 million) and 7.1 percent (P34.9 million) (**Table 3.2A**).

USA received 1.5 percent (P89.9 million) of total exports in December 2020, with 98.8 percent (P88.9 million) of that total attributable to Diamonds. Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables **3.2 A** and **3.2 B**.

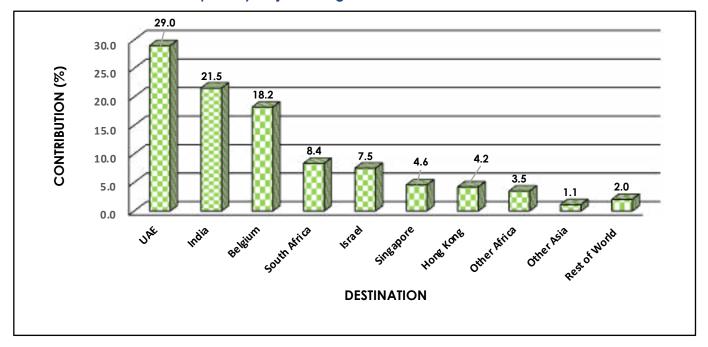


Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries – December 2020

### 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.

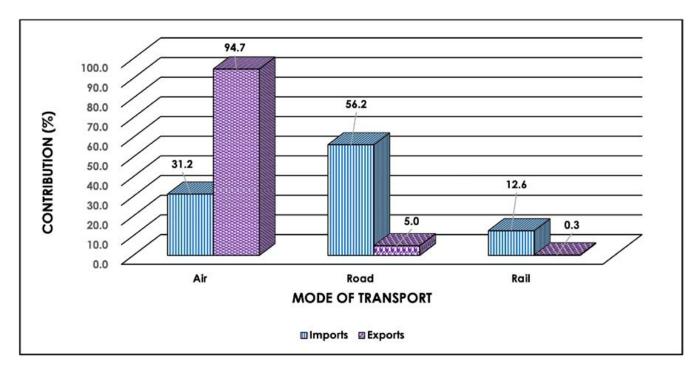
Imports representing 56.2 percent (P4, 303.5 million) were transported into Botswana by Road during the period under review. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 31.2 percent (P2, 386.7 million) and 12.6 percent (P960.5 million) respectively.

During December 2020, 94.7 percent (P5, 563.6 million) of total exports were transported by Air, while Road and Rail transport accounted for 5.0 percent (P292.1 million) and 0.3 percent (P16.8 million) respectively.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – December 2020 (Million Pula)

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Flow Type	Imports		Total Ex	ports
Trans type \ Flow Type	BW Value	%	BW Value	%
Air	2,386.7	31.2	5,563.6	94.7
Road	4,303.5	56.2	292.1	5.0
Rail	960.5	12.6	16.8	0.3
Total	7,650.8	100.0	5,872.4	100.0

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – December 2020



### **6.0 ANNEXURE**

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to December 2020 (Million Pula)

Table 1.0: Total A					_			
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	4,701.8	242.5	0.9	5,647.5	10.5	5,658.0	712.7
Q2	17,683.9	17,000.0	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	3,905.9	0.2	3,906.1	(1,538.1)
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	10,840.4	2.3	10,842.7	(6,125.3)
Oct	5,628.7	5,395.9	231.7	1.1	2,771.4	0.0	2,771.4	(2,857.3)
Nov	7,310.6	7,039.9	269.6	1.1	4,732.3	0.5	4,732.8	(2,577.8)
Dec	6,272.7	6,026.4	244.8	1.5	5,792.2	0.4	5,792.7	(480.0)
Q4	19,212.1	18,462.3	746.1	3.7	13,295.9	0.9	13,296.9	(5,915.2)
Total_2019	70,603.8	67,802.2	2,786.0	15.6	56,297.8	28.7	56,326.5	(14,277.3)
Jan_2020	4,878.2	4,655.2	222.2	0.9	5,269.2	9.2	5,278.5	400.2
Feb	6,093.1	5,821.7	269.9	1.4	3,434.3	0.6	3,434.9	(2,658.2)
Mar	6,428.8	6,164.1	263.3	1.4	4,488.2	0.2	4,488.4	(1,940.4)
Q1	17,400.1	16,640.9	755.4	3.7	13,191.7	10.1	13,201.8	(4,198.3)
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	6,038.0	5,746.2	290.5	1.3	2,468.7	0.2	2,468.9	(3,569.1)
Aug	5,785.2	5,563.5	220.3	1.4	3,181.7	1.1	3,182.7	(2,602.5)
Sep	8,170.3	7,931.4	237.8	1.1	7,590.0	0.4	7,590.4	(579.9)
Q3	19,993.5	19,241.1	748.7	3.7	13,240.3	1.7	13,242.0	(6,751.5)
Oct	8,256.1	7,992.4	262.6	1.0	5,932.1	0.7	5,932.8	(2,323.3)
Nov	7,094.3	6,820.0	272.2	2.1	5,543.5	0.0	5,543.5	(1,550.8)
Dec	7,650.8	7,360.1	288.9	1.8	5,871.8	0.6	5,872.4	(1,778.4)
Q4	23,001.2	22,172.5	823.8	4.9	17,347.4	1.4	17,348.8	(5,652.4)
Total_2020	74,101.6	71,183.3	2,903.9	14.3	48,166.9	13.5	48,180.3	(25,921.3)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups –January 2019 to December 2020 (Million Pula)

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Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2019	441.7	800.3	691.0	593.1	47.3	615.4	240.5	50.9	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,662.1
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.6	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,716.5	171.0	1,975.3	815.3	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,739.8
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.4	139.6	212.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.9	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.0	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	1,784.1	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	1,336.4	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	233.4	5,628.7
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	663.5	19,212.1
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	6,819.6	1,623.0	2,503.5	70,603.8
Jan_2020	520.6	669.9	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,878.2
Feb	527.0	967.6	823.5	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.2	71.5	154.3	820.2	149.5	626.5	6,093.1
Mar	619.2	1,660.0	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.7	248.6	53.9	148.9	463.9	128.5	230.3	6,428.8
Q1	1,666.8	3,297.5	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.3	737.9	186.0	397.0	1,666.8	394.8	1,028.8	17,400.1
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	105.7	467.3	129.0	199.4	6,038.0
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	5,785.2
Sep	686.0	3,848.5	911.9	613.7	73.5	722.7	273.4	65.0	146.3	438.0	148.7	242.4	8,170.3
Q3	1,881.1	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.3	200.0	2,019.5	777.3	198.6	380.6	1,301.5	403.3	763.2	19,993.5
Oct	633.1	3,545.1	942.7	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	150.0	435.9	145.1	268.5	8,256.1
Nov	666.6	2,255.0	943.0	652.5	80.1	828.2	389.1	65.5	173.4	617.3	163.3	260.4	7,094.3
Dec	617.6	2,762.0	871.7	599.6	70.5	608.6	331.4	62.7	119.9	1,142.3	151.0	313.4	7,650.8
Q4	1,917.3	8,562.2	2,757.4	1,989.9	239.6	2,323.4	1,070.2	200.9	443.3	2,195.5	459.4	842.2	23,001.2
Total_2020	6,905.9	22,785.8	9,492.6	9,669.1	736.7	8,280.7	2,997.5	681.2	1,493.4	6,435.4	1,504.6	3,118.9	74,101.6
% Distribution													
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
2020	9.3	30.7	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.2	4.0	0.9	2.0	8.7	2.0	4.2	100.0
% 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
	8.1	36.1	11.4			8.0	4.3				2.0		

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2019 to December 2020 (Million Pula)

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Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel- Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salf & 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	85.9	3,906.1
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	252.3	10,842.7
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	88.7	4,732.8
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	314.5	13,296.9
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	1,158.4	56,326.5
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	134.5	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.6	32.8	106.5	2,468.9
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	26.4	92.1	7,590.4
Q3	6.3	11,684.4	174.9	0.2	43.1	566.4	89.0	82.8	165.3	40.9	92.6	296.1	13,242.0
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	155.9	7.1	29.2	80.6	26.9	15.1	158.6	5,543.5
Dec	0.0	5,441.4	75.4	0.1	11.2	59.3	5.8	16.7	60.5	12.8	29.7	159.4	5,872.4
Q4	1.0	15,799.8	160.5	1.2	44.3	404.4	47.1	76.2	213.5	59.1	69.3	472.3	17,348.8
Total_2020	298.7	42,498.9	524.8	1.7	147.4	1,618.9	221.2	260.6	728.3	161.6	284.0	1,434.1	48,180.3
% Distribution	1												
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
20.7	0.0	70.0											
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

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2019 to December 2020 (Million Pula)

Flow Type			Impo	orts					Total Ex	ports		
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
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	179.0	299.3	669.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,329.8	470.9	4,801.5
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	257.8	967.6	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,078.6	798.0	2,888.3
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,098.4	250.3	1,660.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,067.0	675.0	3,750.1
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,735.8	807.4	3,297.5	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	2,348.1	88.8	2,762.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	5,002.7	430.5	5,441.4
Q4	978.1	10.8	0.0	7,013.7	559.5	8,562.2	0.1	31.3	0.0	14,229.9	1,538.4	15,799.8
Total_2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	17,987.1	2,486.0	22,785.8	1.8	62.2	0.0	36,138.9	6,296.1	42,498.9

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 – December 2020 (Million Pula)

Partner / HS	Chemicals &Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Re- lated Products	Textile & Foot- wear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Distribution
South Africa	508.8	464.8	802.3	502.0	59.3	423.2	274.8	53.8	104.0	277.7	137.0	201.5	3,809.0	49.8
Namibia	0.4	431.7	23.3	90.3	0.1	0.7	0.4	8.8	0.3	2.1	0.3	2.0	560.3	7.3
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	8.6	0.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
SACU	509.2	896.5	832.0	592.3	59.4	425.1	275.2	62.6	105.0	280.1	138.9	203.4	4,379.6	57.2
Zambia	0.2	0.0	13.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	17.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.4	37.7	0.5
Zimbabwe	5.7	0.0	9.8	0.0	0.8	0.2	4.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	5.7	0.7	27.7	0.4
Other SADC	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	7.0	0.1
SADC	515.4	896.5	855.8	597.3	60.2	425.4	302.6	62.7	105.6	281.3	144.6	204.6	4,452.0	58.2
Other Africa	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.2	0.0
Africa	515.7	896.5	855.9	597.3	60.2	426.4	302.7	62.7	105.7	281.3	144.7	205.2	4,454.2	58.2
UAE	0.9	638.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4	646.4	8.4
China	15.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	9.6	61.2	19.5	0.0	9.2	2.9	2.8	14.6	135.4	1.8
India	12.6	47.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	8.9	3.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	2.6	76.2	1.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.7	0.0	0.0	64.0	0.8
Russian federation	0.0	46.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.2	0.6
Other Asia	20.2	4.3	6.2	2.0	0.5	21.1	3.8	0.0	2.4	7.4	1.2	1.7	70.9	0.9
Asia	49.1	735.6	8.3	2.1	10.1	97.0	26.4	0.0	12.6	74.4	4.2	19.4	1,039.1	13.6
Belgium	1.9	808.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3	813.9	10.6
France	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	343.9	0.0	74.5	426.1	5.6
Other EU	12.8	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.1	18.4	0.4	0.0	0.6	3.7	0.6	5.8	45.4	0.6
EU	16.5	808.7	3.1	0.0	0.1	25.9	0.4	0.0	0.6	347.9	0.6	81.6	1,285.4	16.8
Switzerland	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	432.7	0.0	2.6	436.9	5.7
Canada	0.7	319.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	324.8	4.2
USA	28.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	15.1	0.5	0.0	0.4	2.2	0.1	3.2	51.0	0.7
Rest of World	6.6	1.4	3.2	0.2	0.1	39.6	1.1	0.0	0.6	3.8	1.5	1.3	59.5	0.8
World	617.6	2.762.0	871.7	599.6	70.5	608.6	331.4	62.7	119.9	1.142.3	151.0	313.4	7.650.8	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – December 2020

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Partner \ HS	Chemicals &Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Re- lated Products	Textile & Foot- wear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	13.4	12.2	21.1	13.2	1.6	11.1	7.2	1.4	2.7	7.3	3.6	5.3	100.0
Namibia	0.1	77.0	4.2	16.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	100.0
Eswatini	0.1	0.0	74.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	18.4	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	19.1	1.5	0.0	100.0
SACU	11.6	20.5	19.0	13.5	1.4	9.7	6.3	1.4	2.4	6.4	3.2	4.6	100.0
Zambia	0.6	0.0	36.6	12.8	0.0	0.1	46.5	0.0	1.4	0.9	0.0	1.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	20.6	0.0	35.5	0.0	2.8	0.8	15.2	0.4	0.2	1.2	20.6	2.6	100.0
Other SADC	3.1	0.0	3.4	2.8	0.0	0.7	82.5	0.0	0.4	6.6	0.4	0.1	100.0
SADC	11.6	20.1	19.2	13.4	1.4	9.6	6.8	1.4	2.4	6.3	3.2	4.6	100.0
Other Africa	14.2	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	43.5	2.2	0.0	4.7	0.1	1.4	29.8	100.0
Africa	11.6	20.1	19.2	13.4	1.4	9.6	6.8	1.4	2.4	6.3	3.2	4.6	100.0
UAE	0.1	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	100.0
China	11.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	7.1	45.2	14.4	0.0	6.8	2.1	2.1	10.8	100.0
India	16.5	61.6	1.9	0.0	0.0	11.7	4.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	3.4	100.0
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	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
Other Asia	28.6	6.0	8.7	2.8	0.7	29.8	5.3	0.0	3.4	10.5	1.8	2.4	100.0
Asia	4.7	70.8	0.8	0.2	1.0	9.3	2.5	0.0	1.2	7.2	0.4	1.9	100.0
Belgium	0.2	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
France	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.7	0.0	17.5	100.0
Other EU	28.1	0.0	6.6	0.0	0.3	40.5	1.0	0.0	1.3	8.2	1.3	12.7	100.0
EU	1.3	62.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.1	0.0	6.3	100.0
Switzerland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Canada	0.2	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	55.9	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.1	29.6	0.9	0.0	0.9	4.3	0.1	6.3	100.0
Rest of World	11.1	2.4	5.4	0.3	0.1	66.5	1.8	0.0	1.1	6.4	2.6	2.3	100.0
World	8.1	36.1	11.4	7.8	0.9	8.0	4.3	0.8	1.6	14.9	2.0	4.1	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – December 2020 (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	% Distribution
South Africa	0.0	189.0	75.4	0.1	8.2	38.7	1.3	12.6	34.9	12.2	4.8	113.4	490.7	8.4
Namibia	0.0	93.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.2	2.1	6.8	108.6	1.8
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	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	0.1	0.1	0.0
SACU	0.0	282.8	75.4	0.1	9.1	42.6	1.3	13.7	34.9	12.4	6.9	120.5	599.8	10.2
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	6.9	0.0	1.0	9.3	0.3	13.4	22.2	54.7	0.9
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	0.0	2.0	15.9	0.0	1.1	0.9	27.2	0.5
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	6.8	4.5	12.2	0.2
SADC	0.0	282.8	75.4	0.1	10.7	57.3	1.3	16.7	60.5	12.8	28.1	148.1	693.9	11.8
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4	2.0	0.0
Africa	0.0	282.8	75.4	0.1	10.7	57.4	1.3	16.7	60.5	12.8	28.7	149.5	695.9	11.9
UAE	0.0	1,701.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,701.7	29.0
India	0.0	1,262.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1,264.5	21.5
Israel	0.0	440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	440.3	7.5
Singapore	0.0	267.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	267.9	4.6
Hong Kong	0.0	247.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	247.5	4.2
Other Asia	0.0	57.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	65.1	1.1
Asia	0.0	3,977.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	3,987.0	67.9
Belgium	0.0	1,069.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,069.4	18.2
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.5	0.0
EU	0.0	1,069.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	1,070.9	18.2
USA	0.0	88.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	89.9	1.5
Canada	0.0	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	10.3	0.2
UK	0.0	12.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.4	0.2
Rest of World	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	6.0	0.1
World	0.0	5,441.4	75.4	0.1	11.2	59.3	5.8	16.7	60.5	12.8	29.7	159.4	5,872.4	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – December 2020

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	38.5	15.4	0.0	1.7	7.9	0.3	2.6	7.1	2.5	1.0	23.1	100.0
Namibia	0.0	86.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	3.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2	1.9	6.3	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.4	0.0	23.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	50.4	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0
SACU	0.0	47.2	12.6	0.0	1.5	7.1	0.2	2.3	5.8	2.1	1.1	20.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	12.6	0.0	1.8	17.0	0.6	24.4	40.6	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.3	0.0	7.2	58.2	0.0	4.1	3.2	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.1	4.2	0.0	55.4	36.9	100.0
SADC	0.0	40.8	10.9	0.0	1.5	8.3	0.2	2.4	8.7	1.8	4.1	21.3	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.9	67.7	100.0
Africa	0.0	40.6	10.8	0.0	1.5	8.2	0.2	2.4	8.7	1.8	4.1	21.5	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	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	88.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	100.0
Asia	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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	14.0	61.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.6	21.1	100.0
EU	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	100.0
UK	0.0	97.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	100.0
Rest of World	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.2	60.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	14.6	100.0
World	0.0	92.7	1.3	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.5	2.7	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top 100 Imported Goods – December 2020 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Non- Industrial Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	2,348.1	30.7
2	87100000	Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, motorised, whether or not fitted with weapons, a	776.5	10.1
3	71021000	Unsorted diamonds	319.7	4.2
1	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	238.4	3.
5	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	211.6	2.
3	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	99.1	1.3
7	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	91.8	1.3
3	71023900	Other Non-Industrial Diamonds	88.8	1.
9	93059990	Other parts of spring, air or gas guns and pistols	70.8	0.
10	25232900	Other cement	58.3	0.
11	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	53.5	0.
12	38220000	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents	53.0	0.
13	10019900	Other Wheat or Mueslin Flour	51.3	0.
14	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	50.2	0.
15	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	48.4	0.
16	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	42.2	0.
17	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	40.5	0.
18	73030000	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	40.3	0.
19	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or proc	33.3	0
20	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	29.7	0
21	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	27.2	0
2	85171210	DESIGNED FOR USE WHEN CARRIED IN THE HAND OR ON THE PERSON	24.7	0
:3	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the	24.0	0
24	85444990	Other Insulated (Including Enamelled Or Anodised) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	23.7	0
25	20098950	Other fruit juices	23.6	0
6	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	23.5	0
7	84295900	Other machinery with a 360 degress revolving superstructure	22.2	0
8	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least	22.0	0
9	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	21.7	0
0	39269090	Other Articles Of Plastics And Articles Of Other Materials Of Headings 39.01 To 39.14	20.9	0
1	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500	20.5	0
2	10051000	Maize (Corn) Seed	19.9	0
3	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	19.6	0
4	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	19.4	0
35	10059090	Other Maize Corn	19.0	0
6	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	18.9	0
37	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	17.7	0
88	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	17.6	0
39	16041317	Sardines (pilchards) (SARDINOPS SPP.), in airtight metal containers for human consumption	17.0	0
10	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded	16.7	0
11	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	16.7	0
2	34012000	Soap in other forms	16.3	0
13	72022900	Other Ferro- silicon	15.2	0
14	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	15.2	0.
15	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	15.0	0.
6	04012009	Other milk, whether or not containing added minerals, vitamins, enzymes and similar additive	15.0	0
17	73089090	Other Structures (Excluding Prefabricated Buildings Of Heading 94.06) And Parts Of Structures	14.7	0
18	84749000	Other Parts for Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste)	14.7	0.
19	04031000	Yoghurt	14.2	0.
50	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resultin	14.1	0.

Table 4.1 A Cont: Top 100 Imported Goods – December 2020 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	64059090	Other footwear	14.1	0.2
52	09109900	Other spices	14.1	0.2
53	19023000	Other pasta	13.9	0.2
54	94041000	MATTRESS SUPPORTS	13.0	0.2
55	10061000	RICE IN THE HUSK (PADDY OR ROUGH)	13.0	0.2
56	48181000	TOILET PAPER	12.6	0.2
57	31059000	Other Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two of the fertilising elements nitrogen a	12.3	0.2
58	84713000	PORTABLE AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES, OF A MASS NOT EXCEEDING 10 KG, CONSISTING O	11.7	0.2
59	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500	11.3	0.1
60	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least	11.1	0.1
61	87033390	"Other Hearses and Ambulances Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm3: "	11.0	0.1
62	87032290	Other ambulances	11.0	0.1
63	42034000	Other clothing accessories	11.0	0.1
64	87042390	Other Shuttle cars for use in underground mines: low construction flame proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear	10.9	0.1
65	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	10.9	0.1
66	31052000	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphor	10.9	0.1
67	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing prepar	10.9	0.1
68	34021900	Other Organic surface-active agents	10.9	0.1
69	48191000	Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	10.4	0.1
70	21032000	TOMATO KETCHUP AND OTHER TOMATO SAUCES	10.2	0.1
71	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	10.2	0.1
72	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	10.1	0.1
73	85176290	Other machines for reception	10.0	0.1
74	76129040	CANS OF A CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 500 ML	9.9	0.1
75	68021000	Tiles, cubes and similar articles, whether or not rectangular (including square), the larges	9.9	0.1
76	39011010	Virgin Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94	9.8	0.1
77	87042290	Other off the road logging trucks	9.7	0.1
78	40118010	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handlin	9.6	0.1
79	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	9.6	0.1
80	30023000	VACCINES FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE	9.5	0.1
81	84304100	Self-propelled	9.1	0.1
82	84249000	Parts of Mechanical appliances (whether or not hand-operated) for projecting, dispersing or	9.0	0.1
83	08081000	Apples, fresh	9.0	0.1
84	19053100	SWEET BISCUITS	8.7	0.1
85	34022000	Preparations put up for retail sale	8.6	0.1
86	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	8.5	0.1
87	72104100	Corrugated	8.1	0.1
88	75011000	NICKEL MATTES	8.0	0.1
89	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	8.0	0.1
90	84089090	Other engines	7.9	0.1
91	72223000	Other bars and rods	7.8	0.1
92	34011900	Other Soap and organic surface-active products and preparations, in the form of bars, cakes,	7.8	0.1
93	30021200	Antisera and other blood fractions	7.7	0.1
94	87164000	Other trailers and semi-trailers	7.5	0.1
95	73083090	Other doors or gates for lifts	7.5	0.1
96	84181000	Combined refrigerator-freezers, fitted with separate external doors	7.4	0.1
97	94036000	Other wooden furniture	7.4	0.1
98	39241000	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	7.4	0.1
99	22030005	Traditional African beer, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	7.3	0.1
100	94016100	Upholstered	7.1	0.1
Total T	op 100		5,810.2	75.9
Other	Imports God	ods	1,840.6	24.1
Total			7,650.8	100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods – December 2020 (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	5002.7	85.2
2	71023900	Other Diamonds	430.5	7.3
3	71081200	Other unwrought forms	75.4	1.3
4	01022900	Other (cattle)	44.8	0.8
5	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	34.5	0.6
6	28362000	Disodium Carbonate	34.0	0.6
7	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	26.5	0.5
8	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a	10.1	0.2
9	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of v	10.1	0.2
10	71022100	Industrial Diamonds Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	8.3	0.1
11	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	7.8	0.1
12	27011900	Other coal	7.6	0.1
	13021990			
13 14	84314990	Other Vegetable saps and extracts  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	7.2 6.4	0.1
15	87163100	TANKER TRAILERS AND TANKER SEMI-TRAILERS	6.1	0.1
16	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	5.8	0.1
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17	27011200	Bituminous coal		0.1
18	94054090	Other	5.6	0.1
19	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	5.4	0.1
20	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;	5.4	0.1
21	87042210	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low	5.1	0.1
22	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	3.5	0.1
23	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.4	0.1
24	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	3.3	0.1
25	58081000	Braids in the peace	3.2	0.1
26	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn	3.1	0.1
27	85442090	Other Cable, single- core with a centre conductor of copper plated with sliver or gold	3.1	0.1
28	48202000	Exercise books	2.9	0.0
29	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	2.7	0.0
30	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.6	0.0
31	74040010	Copper waste and Scrap Of Refined Copper	2.5	0.0
32	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other	2.5	0.0
33	84295900	Other Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	2.1	0.0
34	76020000	Aluminium waste and scrap	2.0	0.0
35	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	2.0	0.0
36	87089990	Other Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles Of Headings 87.01 To 87.05	2.0	0.0
37	84089090	Other engines	1.9	0.0
38	84719000	Other units of automatic data processing machines	1.9	0.0
39	87041025	G.V.M. NOT EXCEEDING 50 T	1.8	0.0
40	11031390	Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn))	1.8	0.0
41	10079000	Other (Grain Sorghum )	1.7	0.0
42	30042090	Other medicaments, containing antibiotics	1.6	0.0
43	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	1.6	0.0
44	85285915	Colour, with a screen size exceeding 3 m x 4 m	1.6	0.0
45	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked Not Elsewhere Specified	1.6	0.0
46	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects	1.6	0.0
47	87085090	Other parts of drive axels	1.5	0.0
48	87032290	Other ambulances	1.4	0.0
49	36020000	Prepared explosives (excluding propellent powder)	1.4	0.0
50	39232940	Carrier bags, of other thermoplastic materials,	1.3	0.0
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# 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.