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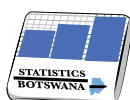
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Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measures the movement of goods across the border of a country, hence has a vital role in the world economy as it accounts for all transactions of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value and quantity of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports), the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics remain 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 2023. 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 the region or country level, for March 2023 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Tables 4.1A** and **4.1B** present statistics on the most imported and most exported commodities (excluding Diamonds) during March 2023 respectively.

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

International trade statistics by mode of transport are collected for the 'active modes of transport (road, rail, air) with which goods are presumed to leave or enter the statistical territory of the country. Such data may be used to formulate transport policy, monitor international transport routes or assess the impact of international trade on the environment.

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

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I sincerely thank all stakeholders involved in the formulation of this monthly digest, for their continued support and feedback, as we strive to serve users of our products and services.



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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest provides a summary of trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods for March 2023.

In March 2023, Botswana's merchandise imports stood at P6, 937.5 million, a 0.1 percent decline compared to the revised February 2023 value of P6, 943.7 million. Total exports amounted to P7, 649.7 million, an increase of 25.7 percent from the revised February 2023 value of P6, 083.8 million.

The leading import commodity groups were Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with a contribution of 21.8 percent and 17.5 percent respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds contributed 14.8 percent, 11.3 percent and 10.2 percent, to total imports respectively. Diamonds and Copper contributed 85.6 percent, and 5.8 percent to total exports respectively, during the period under consideration.

During the current month, imports from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) made a contribution of 75.1 percent, whilst those from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 9.4 percent and 3.5 percent of total imports respectively. South Africa supplied 69.9 percent of total imports while those from Canada and Namibia accounted for 6.8 percent and 4.5 percent respectively.

Exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** during the month under review represented 61.6 percent, 23.0 percent and 10.9 percent of the total exports, respectively. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), Belgium, India and South Africa received exports accounting for 27.7 percent, 22.9 percent, 11.6 percent and 10.5 percent of the monthly total, in that order. The United States of America (**USA**) received 2.7 percent of total export in March 2023.

During the current period, imports transported by Road accounted for 75.9 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 16.3 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively. Exports by Air accounted for 86.6 percent of total exports, while those by Road and Rail transport represented 13.1 percent and 0.3 percent respectively.

Merchandise worth P 45, 778.7 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 48.2 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift Border post. Kazungula Bridge and Pioneer border posts followed with 31.1 percent and 6.6 percent of the total transiting goods.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on March 2023, which is also referred to as the reference period, the period under review or the current month, throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

The current monthly digest is based on preliminary figures as regards the reference period. Revisions to the monthly data are subsequently made when new information becomes available or when there are late customs duty assessments. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, bringing additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

Transactions for January and February 2023 had significant revisions brought by late customs duty assessments which were undertaken in March 2023. **Table A** shows revised data, comparing figures as at the February 2023 Digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised significantly upwards for February 2023, that is; Imports by 1.5 percent (P99.3 million) and Total exports by 19.4 percent (P989.2 million). January 2023 reported minimum revisions for both imports and exports.

Table A: Data Revision: January and February 2023 (Million Pula)

Period/ Indicators	As at February 2022 Digest			As at March 2023 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
Jan	5,994.3	7,210.5	1,216.2	6,007.7	7,246.9	1,239.2	13.5	36.5	23.0	0.2	0.5	1.9
Feb	6,844.4	5,094.6	(1,749.7)	6,943.7	6,083.8	(859.8)	99.3	989.2	889.9	1.5	19.4	(50.9)

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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 of the border of the importing country. In March 2023, the value of total imports was P6, 937.5 million, registering a decrease of less than one (1.0) percent (P6.2 million) from the revised February 2023 figure of P6, 943.7 million despite an increase in all commodity groups except Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco. The minor decrease was mostly attributed to a decline in the importation of Diamonds by 46.4 percent (P609.7 million) as shown in **Table 2.1**.

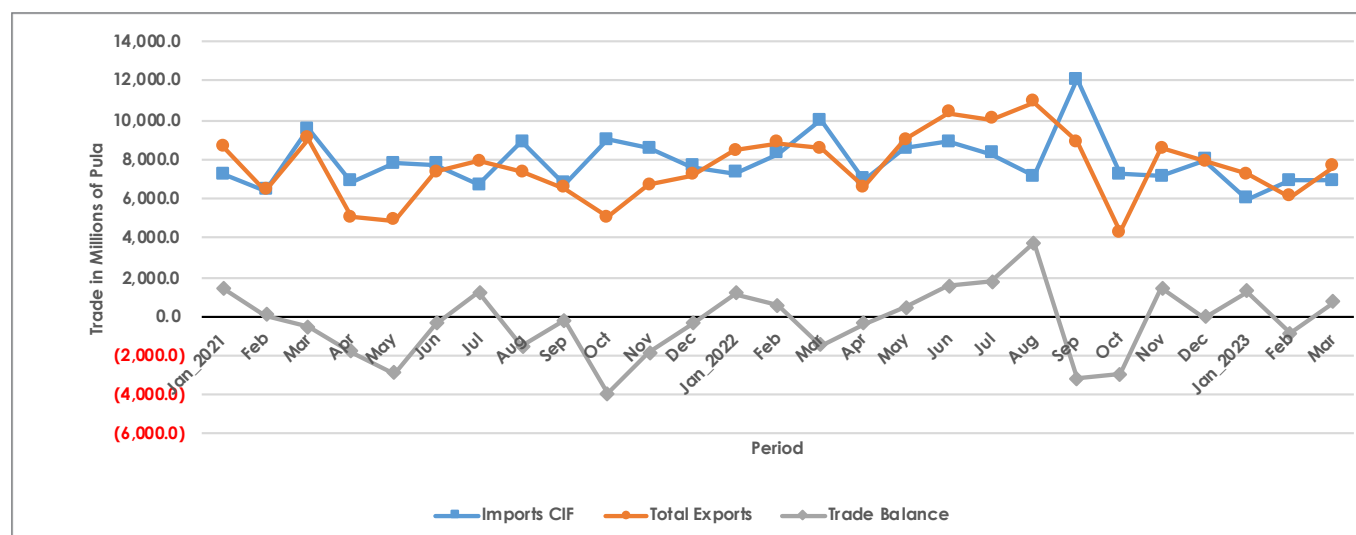
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's total exports went up by 25.7 percent (P1, 565.8 million), from the revised February 2023 figure of P6, 083.8 million to P7, 649.7 million in March 2023. The main contributor to the increase in total exports by 34.8 percent (P1,688.1 million), was Diamonds from a revised February 2023 value of P4, 857.5 million to P6, 545.6 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P712.2 million. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to March 2023.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to March 2023 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

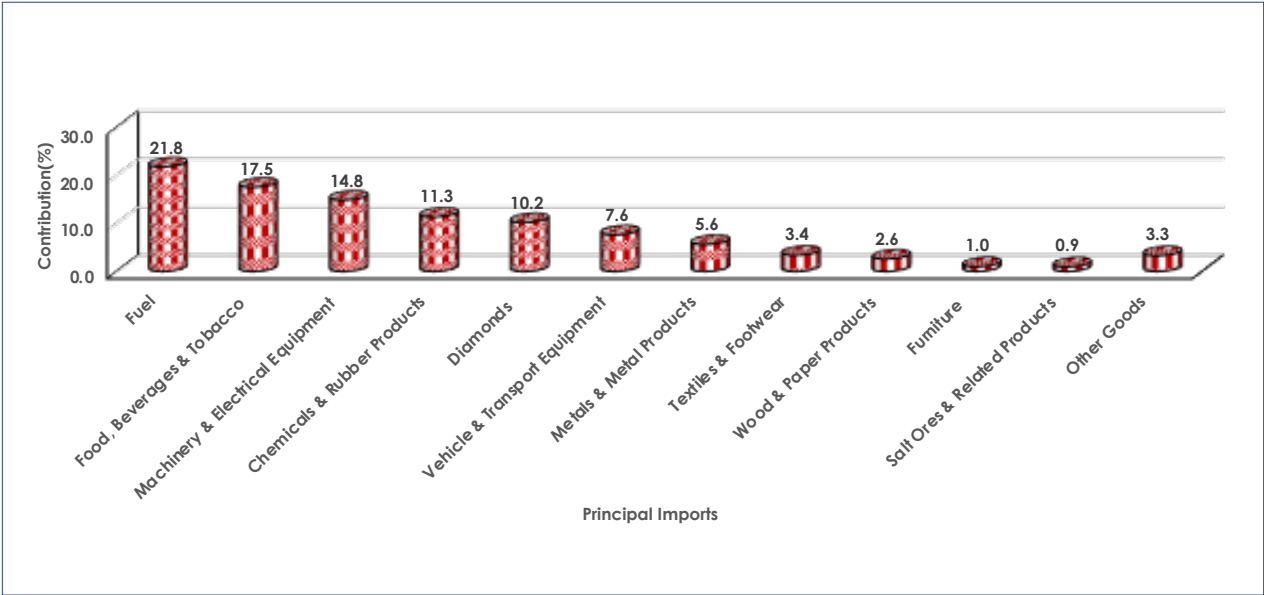
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In cases where 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 2023, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 937.5 million. The top import groups were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco; Machinery & Electrical Equipment; Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds. The top three items in Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment imports contributed 21.8 percent (P1, 510.7 million), 17.5 percent (P1, 217.3 million) and 14.8 percent (P1, 029.8 million) to total imports respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds followed with contributions of 11.3 percent (P786.1 million) and 10.2 percent (P705.0 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports-March 2023 (Percentage)

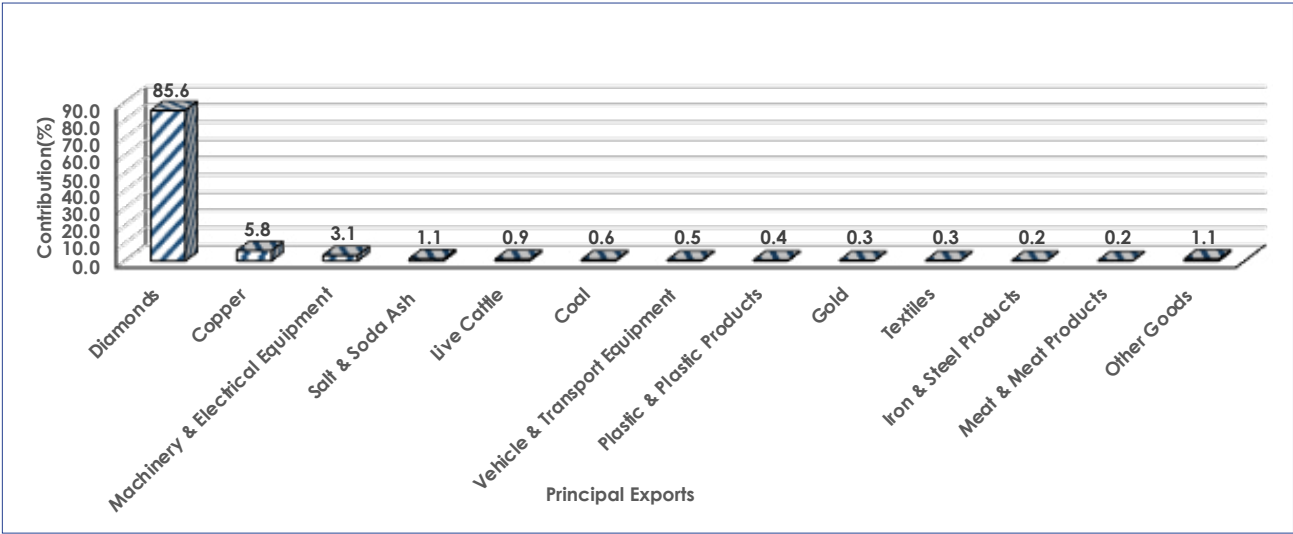


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P7, 649.7 million in March 2023. The Diamonds group accounted for 85.6 percent (P6, 545.6 million), followed by Copper at 5.8 percent (P442.9 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – March 2023



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 disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result 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 2023 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

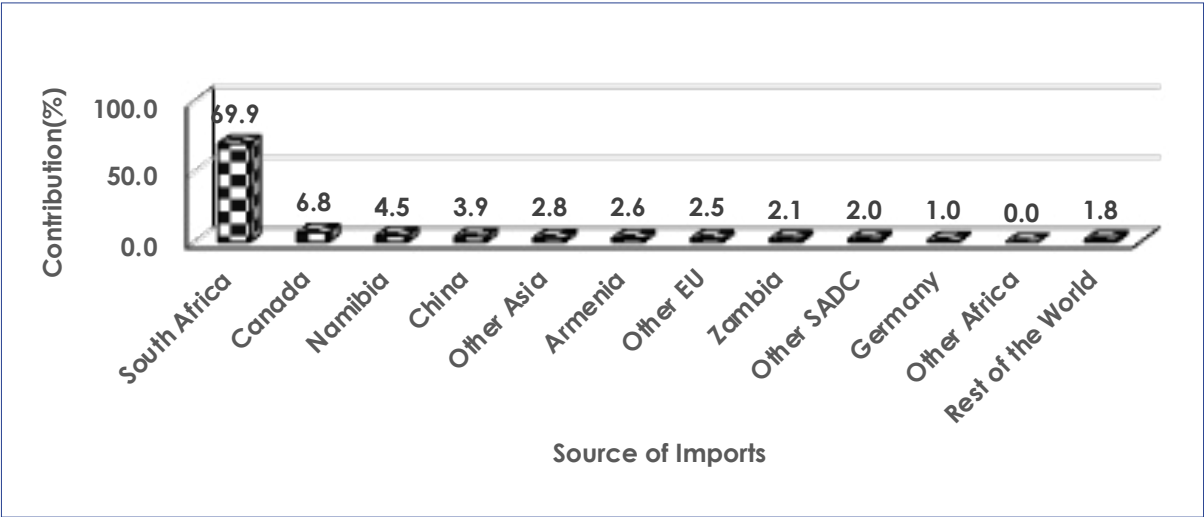
Botswana imported goods worth P6, 937.5 million, in March 2023. The **SACU** region was the top supplier at 75.1 percent (P5, 212.2 million) to the total imports. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 25.6 percent (P1, 334.6 million), 22.3 percent (P1, 161.9 million) and 12.5 percent (P652.9 million), respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 11.3 percent (P590.4 million). Within the SACU region, South Africa and Namibia were Botswana's main sources of imports during the reporting period. The countries supplied 69.9 percent (P4, 845.9 million) and 4.5 percent (P314.1 million) of Botswana's total imports in that order.

Asia supplied imports worth P652.4 million, representing 9.4 percent of Botswana's total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds, with contributions of 38.1 percent (P248.3 million) and 32.8 percent (P213.9 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. China and Armenia made contributions of 3.9 percent (P273.1 million) and 2.6 percent (P183.4 million) to total imports respectively, during the month under review.

Botswana received imports worth P244.7 million (3.5 percent) from the **EU** in March 2023. The major commodity groups imported from the EU were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds at 44.6 percent (P109.2 million), 19.2 percent (P47.2 million) and 17.4 percent (P42.5 million) of total imports from the union, respectively. Germany supplied 1.0 percent (P69.0 million) of all the imports.

In March 2023, Canada contributed 6.8 percent (P471.9 million) of total imports, of which 90.4 percent are Diamonds. Sources of imports during March 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – March 2023



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.1A
"Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

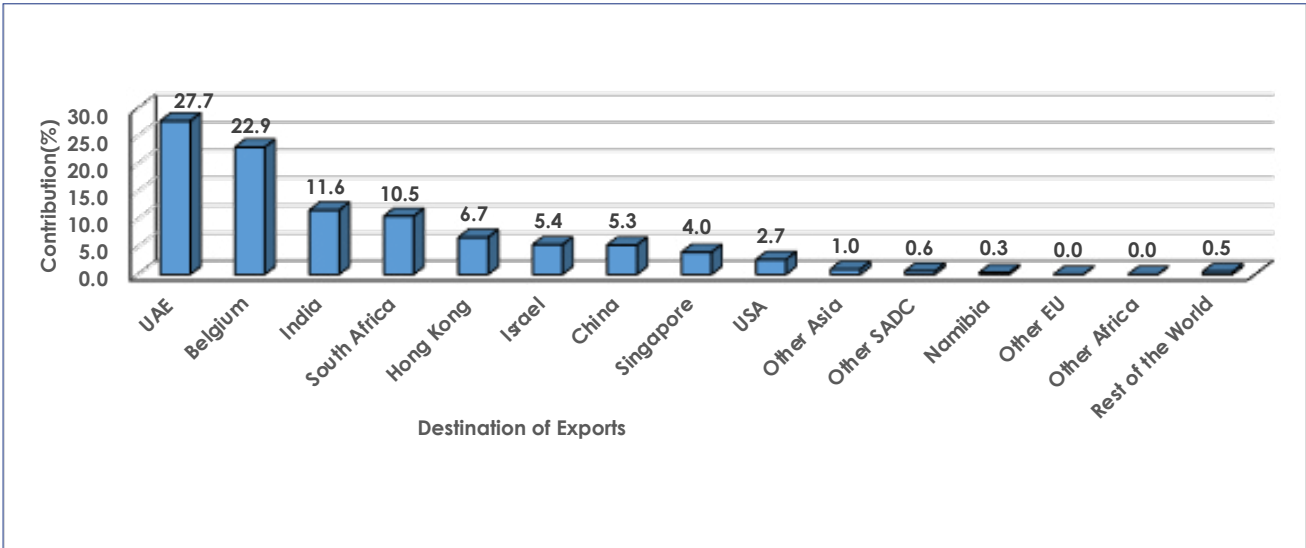
Botswana exported merchandise valued at P7, 649.7 million in March 2023. Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 61.6 percent (P4, 711.5 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined for the **UAE**, India and Hong Kong at 27.7 percent (P2, 117.4 million), 11.6 percent (P887.3 million) and 6.7 percent (P511.8 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia, at 91.1 percent (P4, 291.1 million), followed by Copper at 8.6 percent (P404.1 million), as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

The EU received exports amounting to P1, 757.5 million, translating to 23.0 percent of total exports during the month. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, having received 22.9 percent (P1, 755.2 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at almost 100 percent (P1, 754.8 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P831.6 million, accounting for 10.9 percent of total exports. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 35.6 percent (P296.4 million) and 24.8 percent (P205.8 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of SACU destined exports at 10.5 percent (P804.0 million).

The **USA** received exports worth P204.5 million, representing 2.7 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to the USA was Diamonds at 99.4 percent (P203.4 million) of exports to that country. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – March 2023



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.2

"Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart

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 (excluding Diamonds) with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution, possible exportation and economic diversification.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For purposes of the compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics, the mode of transport refers to the method used for the mobility 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 or assess the impact of international trade on the environment, as transport is critical for trade facilitation. Active modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for movement of 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 month under review Imports accounting for 75.9 percent (P5, 563.5 million) of the monthly total value were transported into the country by Road, while those carried by Rail and Air represented 16.3 percent (P1, 129.7 million) and 7.8 percent (P544.3 million) respectively.

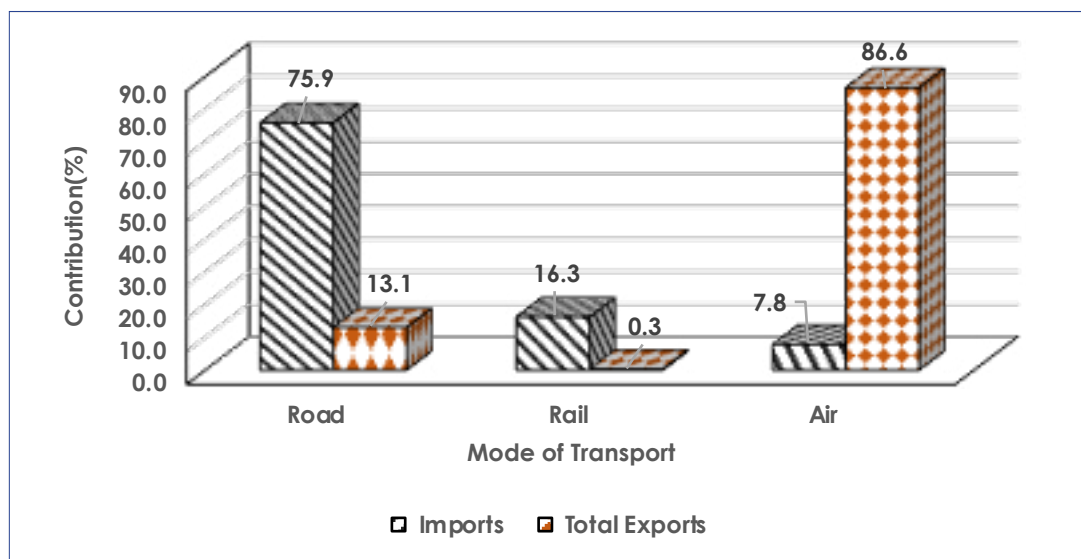
Goods that left the country by Air were valued at P6, 628.4 million, representing 86.6 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail accounted for 13.1 percent (P999.5 million) and 0.3 percent (P21.7 million) in that order.

Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – March 2023 (Million Pula)

Trans type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Road	5,262.6	75.9	998.6	13.1
Rail	1,129.7	16.3	21.7	0.3
Air	544.3	7.8	6,628.4	86.6
Other	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0
Total	6,937.5	100.0	7,649.7	100.0

"Other Modes..." includes Inland water ways and Postal service transport

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – March 2023



6.0 Transit Trade

Transit trade means internal transportation of goods which are still under customs control and are not customs cleared yet. International transit can include one or more border crossings when goods are carried from the origin country to destination country. Botswana is a very important country for transit trade. It serves as a gateway to Southern Africa. Transit trade is exempted from all kinds of taxes as it is executed before entering Botswana customs area.

Table C1 and **Chart C1** below shows that for the month of March 2023, goods worth P45, 778.7 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift and Kazungula Bridge border posts handled goods accounting for 48.2 percent (P22, 068.3 million) and 31.1 percent (P14, 251.0 million) respectively. The top most transiting goods were Chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind), 74 (Copper and articles thereof) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals) at 28.3 percent (P12, 968.6 million), 18.0 percent (P8, 243.2 million) and 11.3 percent (P5, 190.4 million) respectively.

Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – March 2023 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	22,068.3	48.2
Kazungula Bridge	14,251.0	31.1
Pioneer Gate	3,029.3	6.6
Kazungula Road Border	2,051.8	4.5
Tlokweng Gate	1,651.2	3.6
Mamuno Borderpost	775.4	1.7
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	706.7	1.5
Ramatlabama Borderpost	622.1	1.4
Ngoma Borderpost	594.1	1.3
Other	28.8	0.1
Total	45,778.7	100.0

Chart C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – March 2023 (Percentage)

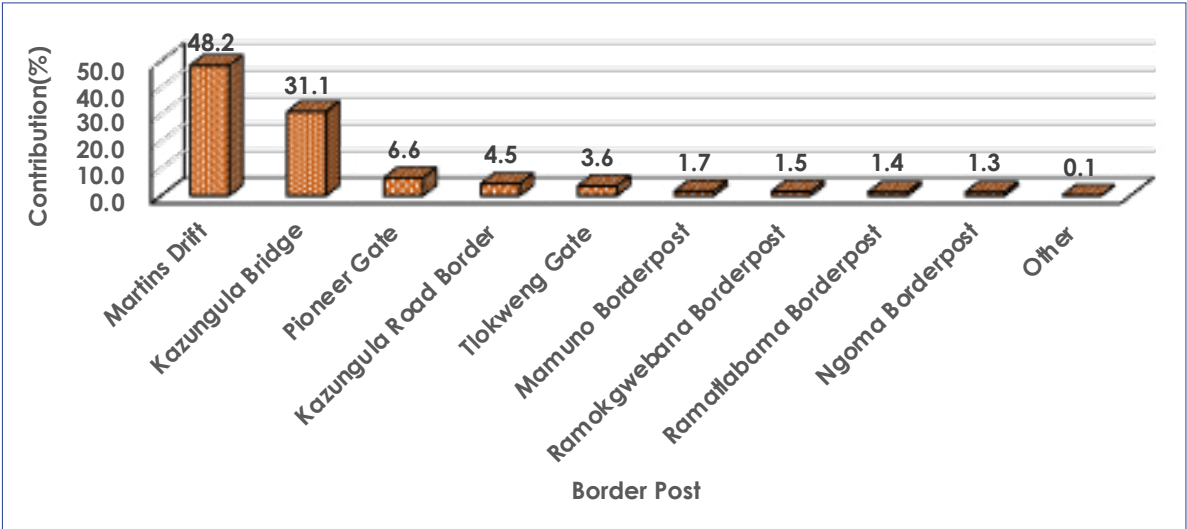


Table C2:Top Transit Goods - March 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	12,968.6	28.3
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	8,243.2	18.0
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of ra	5,190.4	11.3
4	73	Iron or steel articles	4,795.8	10.5
5	26	Ores, slag and ash	2,131.1	4.7
6	31	Fertilizers	1,738.0	3.8
7	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,509.9	3.3
8	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	1,463.5	3.2
9	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	788.7	1.7
10	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	753.2	1.6
11	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television im	700.0	1.5
12	24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	635.2	1.4
13	39	Plastics and articles thereof	583.6	1.3
14	72	Iron and steel	531.9	1.2
Top Transit Goods			42,033.2	91.8
Other Transit Goods			3,745.6	8.2
Total Transit Goods			45,778.7	100.0

Chart C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – March 2023 (Percentage)

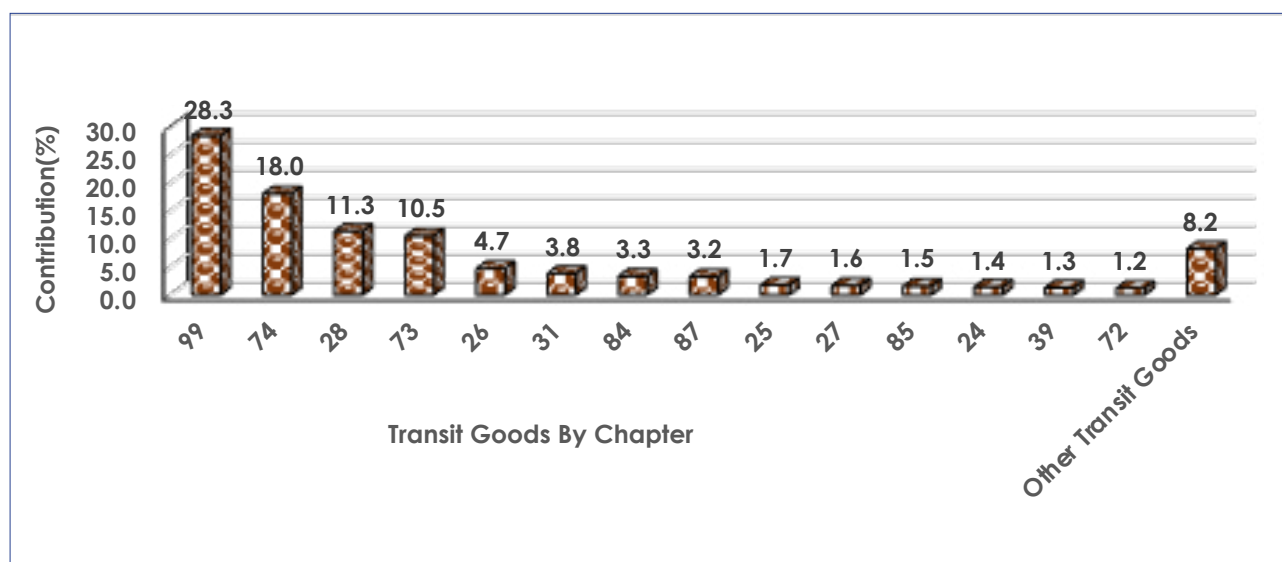


Table 1.0 : Total Merchandise Trade - January 2021 to March 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.7	261.6	1.4	8,689.1	0.3	8,689.4	1,438.7
Feb	6,402.0	6,130.6	269.7	1.6	6,449.1	0.0	6,449.1	47.1
Mar	9,580.1	9,228.0	350.7	1.4	9,039.7	0.0	9,039.7	(540.4)
Q1	23,232.9	22,346.4	882.0	4.5	24,177.9	0.4	24,178.2	945.4
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.5	0.0	5,030.5	(1,825.8)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.7)
Jun	7,735.6	7,463.1	270.8	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(366.1)
Q2	22,407.7	21,550.8	852.6	4.3	17,297.1	0.9	17,298.1	(5,109.7)
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.4	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.6	8,561.1	340.9	1.7	7,374.1	0.0	7,374.1	(1,529.6)
Sep	6,751.7	6,473.4	276.7	1.6	6,553.6	1.9	6,555.5	(196.1)
Q3	22,360.9	21,463.0	893.4	4.5	21,857.9	2.0	21,859.9	(501.0)
Oct	9,003.2	8,649.6	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.8)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.2	4.3	6,706.5	(1,841.4)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
Q4	25,158.7	24,109.4	1,042.8	6.4	18,931.1	10.5	18,941.7	(6,217.0)
Total_2021	93,160.2	89,469.6	3,670.9	19.7	82,264.0	13.9	82,277.9	(10,882.3)
Jan_2022	7,288.4	6,974.4	312.1	1.9	8,446.3	0.0	8,446.3	1,157.9
Feb	8,276.3	7,935.9	338.2	2.2	8,841.5	0.1	8,841.6	565.3
Mar	10,020.4	9,625.8	392.2	2.4	8,548.8	0.3	8,549.1	(1,471.4)
Q1	25,585.2	24,536.1	1,042.5	6.5	25,836.6	0.3	25,837.0	251.8
Apr	6,978.8	6,671.9	304.9	1.9	6,606.4	0.0	6,606.4	(372.4)
May	8,577.3	8,252.8	322.8	1.7	9,032.7	0.1	9,032.8	455.5
Jun	8,882.4	8,348.1	532.6	1.8	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,521.9
Q2	24,438.5	23,272.8	1,160.3	5.4	26,041.8	1.7	26,043.5	1,605.0
Jul	8,282.2	7,931.8	348.8	1.6	10,057.3	0.9	10,058.2	1,776.1
Aug	7,153.2	6,811.7	339.0	2.5	10,910.1	1.7	10,911.9	3,758.7
Sep	12,081.3	11,747.7	331.6	2.0	8,880.3	0.0	8,880.3	(3,201.0)
Q3	27,516.7	26,491.2	1,019.4	6.1	29,847.7	2.6	29,850.4	2,333.7
Oct	7,231.1	6,918.8	310.8	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,964.5)
Nov	7,135.7	6,798.8	335.2	1.7	8,563.5	22.6	8,586.1	1,450.4
Dec	7,954.7	7,657.1	295.4	2.2	7,897.5	0.7	7,898.1	(56.6)
Q4	22,321.5	21,374.7	941.4	5.4	20,727.5	23.3	20,750.8	(1,570.7)
Total_2022	99,861.8	95,674.7	4,163.7	23.5	102,453.7	28.0	102,481.7	2,619.8
Jan_2023	6,007.7	5,728.2	278.0	1.6	7,246.9	0.0	7,246.9	1,239.2
Feb	6,943.7	6,650.5	291.6	1.6	6,077.8	6.0	6,083.8	(859.8)
Mar	6,937.5	6,632.2	303.9	1.4	7,644.6	5.0	7,649.7	712.2
Q1	19,888.8	19,010.8	873.5	4.5	20,969.3	11.1	20,980.4	1,091.6

Table 2.1 : Principal Imports Commodity Groups - January 2021 to March 2023 (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	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.9	274.7	75.1	123.3	381.4	117.7	219.6	7,250.8
Feb	550.5	2,086.4	795.1	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	152.6	438.2	129.8	246.8	6,402.0
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	929.0	399.4	69.1	174.6	918.2	194.2	321.1	9,580.1
Q1	2,099.1	9,126.1	2,537.8	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.6	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,737.9	441.7	787.5	23,232.9
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	836.0	148.7	236.8	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	62.2	868.1	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.8	159.8	225.0	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	866.5	860.0	67.5	888.6	384.6	78.8	133.6	459.9	147.7	228.6	7,735.6
Q2	2,085.3	7,655.5	2,511.0	2,526.1	194.1	2,495.5	1,143.5	219.0	446.4	1,984.7	456.2	690.4	22,407.7
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	53.8	810.6	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.1	154.0	219.0	6,705.6
Aug	748.7	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	81.9	962.9	432.1	75.8	156.6	517.1	195.8	264.1	8,903.6
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	957.0	389.7	76.2	189.6	454.9	181.8	256.5	6,751.7
Q3	2,107.2	7,360.3	2,628.5	2,839.6	221.0	2,730.5	1,179.8	226.7	464.7	1,331.2	531.7	739.6	22,360.9
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	86.4	960.9	321.8	70.4	236.5	512.2	162.9	225.2	9,003.2
Nov	796.2	3,014.2	1,036.0	1,110.1	85.1	931.2	392.4	67.9	224.9	480.3	174.4	235.2	8,547.9
Dec	814.7	2,090.8	966.8	1,213.1	61.4	832.4	307.2	61.6	153.8	724.7	151.6	229.4	7,607.5
Q4	2,492.0	8,518.6	3,044.1	3,414.2	232.9	2,724.5	1,021.4	199.9	615.2	1,717.2	488.9	689.9	25,158.7
Total_2021	8,783.6	32,660.5	10,721.4	11,122.0	849.1	10,230.1	4,364.1	855.5	1,976.9	6,771.0	1,918.5	2,907.4	93,160.2
Jan_2022	1,075.4	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	132.1	429.8	130.9	159.0	7,288.4
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,045.5	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	185.0	429.1	142.2	198.3	8,276.3
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	68.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	212.3	514.2	165.7	241.5	10,020.4
Q1	2,563.2	9,233.3	2,936.6	3,572.4	169.4	2,845.2	1,141.8	183.0	529.4	1,373.1	438.8	598.9	25,585.2
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	902.9	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	165.3	392.5	140.8	194.2	6,978.8
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	105.4	1,105.5	409.1	70.1	182.1	388.9	150.8	234.7	8,577.3
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.1	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	166.4	720.3	148.4	242.5	8,882.4
Q2	2,331.1	5,545.6	4,117.1	4,572.3	236.5	3,174.2	1,138.0	196.6	513.8	1,501.8	440.0	671.4	24,438.5
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.5	2,295.6	89.4	1,018.5	369.4	67.9	204.4	619.9	163.7	231.4	8,282.2
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.9	964.9	384.0	78.5	215.9	514.8	183.1	328.7	7,153.2
Sep	853.5	5,769.1	1,037.9	1,469.3	74.9	1,100.7	391.2	65.2	215.9	629.4	194.8	279.6	12,081.3
Q3	2,286.7	8,207.8	3,063.8	5,499.2	237.2	3,084.1	1,144.6	211.7	636.2	1,764.1	541.6	839.6	27,516.7
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,030.7	1,499.6	80.9	1,067.9	326.6	61.3	203.7	470.0	160.9	270.0	7,231.1
Nov	969.1	641.5	1,170.7	1,521.8	83.0	1,069.5	381.6	63.0	265.4	484.0	193.9	292.2	7,135.7
Dec	766.5	2,351.7	1,011.2	1,670.7	77.3	750.2	313.2	50.5	167.2	367.0	157.9	271.3	7,954.7
Q4	2,485.9	4,302.3	3,212.6	4,692.0	241.3	2,887.6	1,021.4	174.7	636.3	1,321.0	512.8	833.5	22,321.5
Total_2022	9,667.0	27,289.0	13,330.1	18,336.0	884.5	11,991.2	4,445.8	766.0	2,315.8	5,959.9	1,933.3	2,943.4	99,861.8
Jan_2023	639.8	988.8	888.2	1,338.0	46.5	847.8	279.7	56.3	133.4	418.6	134.9	235.7	6,007.7
Feb	771.4	1,314.7	1,247.0	1,288.2	57.3	887.5	376.9	46.6	180.7	420.0	142.6	210.7	6,943.7
Mar	786.1	705.0	1,217.3	1,510.7	67.9	1,029.8	388.8	65.2	232.5	528.0	178.8	227.4	6,937.5
Q1	2,197.3	3,008.5	3,352.5	4,136.9	171.8	2,765.1	1,045.4	168.1	546.6	1,366.6	456.3	673.8	19,888.8
%Contribution													
2021	9.4	35.1	11.5	11.9	0.9	11.0	4.7	0.9	2.1	7.3	2.1	3.1	100.0
2022	9.7	27.3	13.3	18.4	0.9	12.0	4.5	0.8	2.3	6.0	1.9	2.9	100.0
Feb	11.1	18.9	18.0	18.6	0.8	12.8	5.4	0.7	2.6	6.0	2.1	3.0	100.0
Mar	11.3	10.2	17.5	21.8	1.0	14.8	5.6	0.9	3.4	7.6	2.6	3.3	100.0

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2021 to March 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	14.7	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	12.4	56.0	169.8	0.6	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	63.8	8,689.4
Feb	14.1	-	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	60.8	151.7	2.1	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	85.7	6,449.1
Mar	25.1	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	65.3	9,039.7
Q1	53.9	1.1	22,653.0	112.3	50.1	213.5	478.1	11.9	81.3	172.0	44.9	91.4	214.8	24,178.2
Apr	22.9	0.1	4,471.4	-	20.5	63.0	182.3	9.0	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	126.7	5,030.5
May	31.3	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	18.2	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	107.6	4,898.1
Jun	33.1	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	34.8	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	111.9	7,369.5
Q2	87.3	0.8	15,461.5	97.9	79.8	251.2	498.0	62.1	114.8	183.6	46.0	69.2	346.1	17,298.1
Jul	33.1	86.8	7,210.0	-	18.3	80.5	183.3	12.7	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	125.5	7,930.3
Aug	22.7	398.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	165.9	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	35.7	130.4	7,374.1
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.4	26.0	92.7	6,555.5
Q3	83.7	732.7	19,307.2	97.0	60.4	190.8	545.2	45.9	89.4	218.5	51.5	88.9	348.6	21,859.9
Oct	30.6	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	9.8	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	79.6	5,030.5
Nov	25.4	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.7	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	85.7	6,706.5
Dec	21.0	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	15.0	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	101.9	7,204.7
Q4	77.1	490.7	16,707.8	80.5	51.7	221.2	411.3	43.3	72.0	234.4	74.2	210.3	267.2	18,941.7
Total_2021	302.0	1,225.3	74,129.5	387.7	241.9	876.7	1,932.6	163.2	357.4	808.5	216.6	459.8	1,176.7	82,277.9
Jan_2022	29.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	3.8	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	118.7	8,446.3
Feb	18.2	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	8.4	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	80.3	8,841.6
Mar	35.1	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	15.8	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.7	96.7	8,549.1
Q1	83.0	653.5	23,288.6	102.2	62.3	318.0	571.9	28.0	77.8	205.2	54.4	96.4	295.7	25,837.0
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.6	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.1	69.0	84.3	6,606.4
May	66.9	314.1	7,882.7	-	22.7	133.9	238.5	19.4	30.9	75.2	33.3	34.1	181.1	9,032.8
Jun	46.3	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	22.2	37.3	93.2	25.5	57.9	156.9	10,404.4
Q2	153.8	939.4	22,730.1	74.8	71.5	359.6	687.7	54.0	96.8	210.5	82.0	161.1	422.3	26,043.5
Jul	60.2	414.9	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	33.9	185.1	10,058.2
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,645.7	30.1	20.1	85.1	216.9	8.8	30.6	125.4	33.1	55.9	145.6	10,911.9
Sep	71.3	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	272.9	3.5	36.2	109.1	25.4	115.8	132.9	8,880.3
Q3	196.1	1,169.3	26,225.7	79.7	63.8	196.6	733.1	26.5	100.8	307.1	82.4	205.6	463.6	29,850.4
Oct	85.7	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.2	4.4	33.7	89.7	29.8	30.0	138.1	4,266.6
Nov	65.1	319.3	7,384.8	16.3	19.9	85.3	293.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	184.9	8,586.1
Dec	62.1	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.6	82.7	129.8	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	182.3	7,898.1
Q4	212.9	1,254.2	17,051.9	51.4	51.3	308.9	633.7	28.2	84.6	282.9	99.8	185.7	505.3	20,750.8
Total_2022	645.9	4,016.4	89,296.3	308.2	248.9	1,183.0	2,626.4	136.6	360.0	1,005.7	318.6	648.8	1,686.9	102,481.7
Jan_2023	68.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	111.8	198.7	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	23.8	96.6	7,246.9
Feb	52.5	454.0	4,857.5	15.7	24.8	111.1	292.2	7.3	28.4	65.7	19.5	63.5	91.6	6,083.8
Mar	44.9	442.9	6,545.6	23.6	15.1	70.9	238.3	12.8	31.7	85.8	20.3	35.5	82.3	7,649.7
Q1	165.9	1,420.8	17,431.3	55.8	52.0	293.8	729.2	23.4	94.7	257.9	62.6	122.8	270.4	20,980.4
%Contribution														
2021	0.4	1.5	90.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	100.0
2022	0.6	3.9	87.1	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.6	100.0
Feb	0.9	7.5	79.8	0.3	0.4	1.8	4.8	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.3	1.0	1.5	100.0
Mar	0.6	5.8	85.6	0.3	0.2	0.9	3.1	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.1	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2021 to March 2023 (Million Pula)

FlowType	IMPORTS						TOTAL EXPORTS					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	0.0	50.3	0.0	21,143.4	1,459.3	22,653.0
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,630.9	838.6	4,471.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,951.3	746.6	6,710.0
Q2	561.7	9.4	0.0	5,505.7	1,578.8	7,655.5	0.0	20.6	0.0	13,112.7	2,328.2	15,461.5
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,423.2	774.1	7,210.0
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	5,072.8	1,252.0	6,326.1
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,755.2	992.2	5,771.1
Q3	514.7	12.1	0.0	5,988.4	845.2	7,360.3	0.0	37.6	0.0	16,251.2	3,018.4	19,307.2
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	280.8	3,413.6	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,805.5	193.6	3,014.2	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	1,235.2	589.6	2,090.8	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,039.5	6,565.1
Q4	614.6	38.4	0.1	6,801.5	1,064.0	8,518.6	0.0	140.9	0.0	13,983.8	2,583.0	16,707.8
Total_2021	2,098.1	76.4	0.1	25,609.9	4,876.0	32,660.5	0.0	249.4	0.0	64,491.2	9,388.9	74,129.5
Jan_2022	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,922.0	291.4	2,225.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	6,726.8	967.7	7,702.8
Feb	0.0	18.6	0.0	2,756.0	521.1	3,295.7	0.0	53.2	0.0	6,729.9	1,276.9	8,060.0
Mar	512.4	14.4	0.0	2,526.8	658.7	3,712.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	5,919.0	1,578.5	7,525.8
Q1	512.4	44.8	0.0	7,204.8	1,471.3	9,233.3	0.0	89.8	0.0	19,375.8	3,823.1	23,288.6
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	851.9	822.8	1,674.8	0.0	29.1	0.0	4,311.7	1,245.5	5,586.4
May	0.0	295.3	0.0	1,619.3	828.0	2,742.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	6,034.3	1,827.7	7,882.7
Jun	374.7	1.6	0.0	183.0	568.9	1,128.2	0.0	41.0	0.0	7,577.3	1,642.7	9,261.0
Q2	374.8	296.9	0.0	2,654.3	2,219.7	5,545.6	0.0	90.8	0.0	17,923.4	4,715.9	22,730.1
Jul	371.6	0.0	0.0	239.7	936.9	1,548.2	0.0	44.3	0.0	7,382.3	1,392.8	8,819.4
Aug	323.3	0.4	0.0	155.0	411.8	890.5	0.0	62.0	0.0	7,572.9	2,010.9	9,645.7
Sep	415.3	0.8	0.0	5,088.8	264.3	5,769.1	0.0	37.8	0.0	5,827.4	1,895.4	7,760.6
Q3	1,110.2	1.2	0.0	5,483.4	1,613.0	8,207.8	0.0	144.1	0.0	20,782.5	5,299.0	26,225.7
Oct	349.2	0.1	0.0	591.5	368.4	1,309.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,644.0	1,353.5	2,997.5
Nov	21.2	7.0	0.0	321.7	291.6	641.5	2.4	55.4	0.0	5,649.5	1,677.5	7,384.8
Dec	534.2	4.8	0.0	1,092.2	720.5	2,351.7	5.9	36.7	0.0	5,405.1	1,221.9	6,669.5
Q4	904.6	11.9	0.0	2,005.3	1,380.5	4,302.3	8.3	92.1	0.0	12,698.5	4,253.0	17,051.9
Total_2022	2,902.0	354.8	0.0	17,347.8	6,684.4	27,289.0	8.3	416.8	0.0	70,780.2	18,091.0	89,296.3
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	5,101.8	891.5	6,028.1
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	109.3	280.1	1,314.7	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	51.1	227.3	705.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,013.1	1,499.2	6,545.6
Q1	1,671.7	0.8	0.0	295.7	1,040.3	3,008.5	0.0	100.2	0.0	13,635.1	3,695.9	17,431.3

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 – March 2023 (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	% Contribution
South Africa	616.8	1.9	1,144.0	1,065.2	61.3	587.3	345.9	53.2	195.8	444.4	161.5	168.6	4,845.9	69.9
Namibia	0.6	17.7	6.2	269.4	0.0	3.1	0.8	11.9	0.3	1.3	1.9	0.8	314.1	4.5
Eswatini	35.4	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	3.5	0.0	50.8	0.7
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
SACU	652.9	19.7	1,161.9	1,334.6	61.3	590.4	346.8	65.1	197.5	445.6	166.9	169.4	5,212.2	75.1
Zambia	1.9	0.0	15.3	106.4	0.1	2.4	16.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.1	145.3	2.1
Other SADC	1.0	0.0	12.4	60.7	0.1	0.2	4.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	3.0	4.0	86.2	1.2
SADC	655.8	19.7	1,189.7	1,501.7	61.5	593.1	367.5	65.1	197.9	446.3	170.0	175.5	5,443.7	78.5
Other Africa	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	3.0	0.0
Africa	656.3	19.7	1,189.9	1,501.7	61.5	594.7	367.5	65.1	198.1	446.3	170.0	176.0	5,446.7	78.5
China	12.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	2.9	198.9	12.2	0.0	15.3	19.4	1.1	10.0	273.1	3.9
Armenia	0.0	183.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	183.4	2.6
Other Asia	37.8	30.5	6.7	8.9	3.0	49.4	2.7	0.0	5.9	40.9	2.1	7.9	195.9	2.8
Asia	50.0	213.9	7.8	8.9	5.9	248.3	14.9	0.0	21.2	60.3	3.1	17.9	652.4	9.4
Germany	13.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	30.9	1.1	0.0	10.6	5.1	3.2	3.5	69.0	1.0
Other EU	33.8	42.5	2.8	0.0	0.1	78.3	1.9	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.6	13.5	175.6	2.5
EU	47.2	42.5	4.0	0.0	0.1	109.2	2.9	0.1	11.0	5.8	4.8	17.0	244.7	3.5
Canada	22.0	426.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	471.9	6.8
Rest of the World	10.6	2.4	15.6	0.1	0.3	55.5	3.1	0.0	2.1	15.5	0.9	15.6	121.7	1.8
World	786.1	705.0	1,217.3	1,510.7	67.9	1,029.8	388.8	65.2	232.5	528.0	178.8	227.4	6,937.5	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Import Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – March 2023

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	12.7	0.0	23.6	22.0	1.3	12.1	7.1	1.1	4.0	9.2	3.3	3.5	100.0
Namibia	0.2	5.6	2.0	85.8	0.0	1.0	0.3	3.8	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	100.0
Eswatini	69.8	0.0	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.0	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	94.7	1.4	0.4	0.8	100.0
SACU	12.5	0.4	22.3	25.6	1.2	11.3	6.7	1.2	3.8	8.6	3.2	3.3	100.0
Zambia	1.3	0.0	10.6	73.2	0.1	1.7	11.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.4	100.0
Other SADC	1.2	0.1	14.4	70.4	0.1	0.3	4.7	0.0	0.1	0.6	3.5	4.6	100.0
SADC	12.0	0.4	21.9	27.6	1.1	10.9	6.8	1.2	3.6	8.2	3.1	3.2	100.0
Other Africa	16.3	0.0	6.8	0.7	0.5	51.3	0.1	0.0	6.9	0.1	0.2	17.3	100.0
Africa	12.0	0.4	21.8	27.6	1.1	10.9	6.7	1.2	3.6	8.2	3.1	3.2	100.0
China	4.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	72.8	4.5	0.0	5.6	7.1	0.4	3.7	100.0
Armenia	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	19.3	15.6	3.4	4.6	1.6	25.2	1.4	0.0	3.0	20.9	1.1	4.0	100.0
Asia	7.7	32.8	1.2	1.4	0.9	38.1	2.3	0.0	3.3	9.2	0.5	2.7	100.0
Germany	19.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.1	44.7	1.5	0.0	15.3	7.4	4.7	5.1	100.0
Other EU	19.2	24.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	44.6	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.9	7.7	100.0
EU	19.3	17.4	1.6	0.0	0.1	44.6	1.2	0.0	4.5	2.4	2.0	7.0	100.0
Canada	4.7	90.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Rest of the World	8.7	2.0	12.8	0.0	0.3	45.6	2.5	0.0	1.7	12.7	0.7	12.8	100.0
World	11.3	10.2	17.5	21.8	1.0	14.8	5.6	0.9	3.4	7.6	2.6	3.3	100.0

Table 3.2 A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – March 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	36.1	0.1	296.4	23.6	13.0	69.0	201.2	6.7	21.5	62.1	12.3	18.8	43.2	804.0	10.5
Namibia	7.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	4.4	6.8	26.6	0.3
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
SACU	43.4	1.2	296.4	23.6	14.2	69.0	205.8	6.9	21.5	62.1	13.4	23.3	50.7	831.6	10.9
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	9.9	0.0	2.9	12.1	6.2	9.9	18.0	59.3	0.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	12.0	5.9	7.2	11.1	0.5	2.0	4.2	44.7	0.6
SADC	43.4	1.2	296.4	23.6	14.4	70.9	227.7	12.8	31.7	85.3	20.1	35.2	72.9	935.6	12.2
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.2	1.3	0.0
Africa	43.4	1.2	296.4	23.6	14.4	70.9	227.7	12.8	31.7	85.3	20.2	35.2	74.1	936.9	12.2
UAE	1.4	0.0	2,114.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2,117.4	27.7
India	0.0	0.0	884.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	887.3	11.6
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	511.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	511.8	6.7
Israel	0.0	0.0	410.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	410.8	5.4
China	0.0	404.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	405.6	5.3
Singapore	0.0	0.0	297.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	305.8	4.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	72.9	1.0
Asia	1.4	404.1	4,291.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	4,711.5	61.6
Belgium	0.0	0.0	1,754.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,755.2	22.9
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.3	0.0
EU	0.0	0.0	1,754.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1,757.5	23.0
USA	0.0	0.0	203.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	204.5	2.7
Rest of the World	0.0	37.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	39.3	0.5
World	44.9	442.9	6,545.6	23.6	15.1	70.9	238.3	12.8	31.7	85.8	20.3	35.5	82.3	7,649.7	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Export Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – March 2023

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	4.5	0.0	36.9	2.9	1.6	8.6	25.0	0.8	2.7	7.7	1.5	2.3	5.4	100.0
Namibia	27.5	4.1	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	17.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	4.0	16.6	25.7	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	95.4	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	9.7	56.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	31.6	100.0
SACU	5.2	0.1	35.6	2.8	1.7	8.3	24.8	0.8	2.6	7.5	1.6	2.8	6.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	16.7	0.0	5.0	20.4	10.5	16.8	30.4	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.1	26.8	13.1	16.2	24.9	1.0	4.4	9.5	100.0
SADC	4.6	0.1	31.7	2.5	1.5	7.6	24.3	1.4	3.4	9.1	2.2	3.8	7.8	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	8.7	0.0	89.0	100.0
Africa	4.6	0.1	31.6	2.5	1.5	7.6	24.3	1.4	3.4	9.1	2.2	3.8	7.9	100.0
UAE	0.1	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	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	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Singapore	0.0	0.0	97.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	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
Asia	0.0	8.6	91.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Belgium	0.0	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	0.0	32.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	67.4	100.0
EU	0.0	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
USA	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	95.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
World	0.6	5.8	85.6	0.3	0.2	0.9	3.1	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.1	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – March 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	750.1	19.1	10.8
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	515.1	13.1	7.4
3	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, In sealed containers holding 2,5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	251.7	6.4	3.6
4	27160000	Electrical energy	136.0	3.5	2.0
5	87032390	Other liquid dielectric transformers:	115.6	2.9	1.7
6	85177900	Other parts;Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus:	75.1	1.9	1.1
7	72081000	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	60.4	1.5	0.9
8	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	60.2	1.5	0.9
9	25232900	Other Portland cement	58.3	1.5	0.8
10	85444990	Other Rubber insulated:	56.7	1.4	0.8
11	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	56.1	1.4	0.8
12	87089990	Other Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes; parts thereof	55.9	1.4	0.8
13	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	55.8	1.4	0.8
14	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30: Not Elsewhere Specified	50.3	1.3	0.7
15	85171310	Smartphones:Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	38.9	1.0	0.6
16	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	37.0	0.9	0.5
17	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	33.7	0.9	0.5
18	84264900	Other Ships' derricks; On Tyres	32.0	0.8	0.5
19	17011400	Other cane sugar	31.2	0.8	0.4
20	34012000	Soap in other forms	30.6	0.8	0.4
21	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery	29.4	0.7	0.4
22	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	28.6	0.7	0.4
23	23040000	Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil	28.2	0.7	0.4
24	84713090	Other portable automatic data processing machines, of a mass not exceeding 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	27.5	0.7	0.4
25	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus:	27.3	0.7	0.4

Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – March 2023 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	38249999	"Other mixtures consisting mainly of chemicals containing a phosphorus atom to which is bonded one methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl group carbon atoms:"	26.8	0.7	0.4
27	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	26.1	0.7	0.4
28	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	25.9	0.7	0.4
29	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	25.6	0.7	0.4
30	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	25.1	0.6	0.4
31	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	25.0	0.6	0.4
32	30039090	"Other - Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail"	24.4	0.6	0.4
33	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01)	24.3	0.6	0.4
34	84749000	Parts mixing or kneading machines:	23.1	0.6	0.3
35	64059090	Other footwear	23.0	0.6	0.3
36	87012920	Tractors (excluding tractors of heading 87.09):Of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	22.7	0.6	0.3
37	87042390	Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods: G.V.M. exceeding 20 t:	21.4	0.5	0.3
38	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixture Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	21.0	0.5	0.3
39	87041090	Other dumpers designed for off-highway use:	20.6	0.5	0.3
40	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	20.6	0.5	0.3
41	09109900	Other spices	20.3	0.5	0.3
42	87043190	Other Motor vehicles for the transport of goods:	20.2	0.5	0.3
43	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	19.8	0.5	0.3
44	84561100	Machine-tools for working any material by removal of material Operated by laser	19.5	0.5	0.3
45	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.)	19.3	0.5	0.3
46	87033390	Other vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³:	18.6	0.5	0.3
47	48181000	Toilet paper	18.6	0.5	0.3
48	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	18.3	0.5	0.3
49	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	18.1	0.5	0.3
50	85446090	Other Rubber insulated cabels:	17.9	0.5	0.3
Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods			3,187.9	81.1	46.0
Other Non Diamond Imports Goods			3,044.6	18.9	43.9
Total Non-Diamond Goods			6,232.5	100.0	89.8
Diamonds Imports			705.0		10.2
Total Imports			6,937.5		100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – March 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	442.9	40.1	5.8
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	134.6	12.2	1.8
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	57.0	5.2	0.7
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	50.6	4.6	0.7
5	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V: fitted with con-nectors:	31.9	2.9	0.4
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	27.9	2.5	0.4
7	27011900	Other coal	24.2	2.2	0.3
8	71081200	Other unwrought forms	23.6	2.1	0.3
9	27011200	Bituminous coal	20.7	1.9	0.3
10	01022900	Other (cattle)	20.3	1.8	0.3
11	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	16.5	1.5	0.2
12	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	9.6	0.9	0.1
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	8.3	0.8	0.1
14	84071000	Aircraft engines	7.9	0.7	0.1
15	87041090	Other dumpers designed for off-highway use:	6.2	0.6	0.1
16	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.2	0.6	0.1
17	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30: Not Elsewhere Specified	5.5	0.5	0.1
18	87032390	Other vehicles, with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel)	5.5	0.5	0.1
19	84295900	Other front-end shovel loaders:	5.5	0.5	0.1
20	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	4.6	0.4	0.1
21	87051000	Crane lorries	4.3	0.4	0.1
22	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel,	4.0	0.4	0.1
23	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	3.9	0.3	0.1
24	87089990	Other Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes; parts thereof:Not Elsewhere Specified	3.6	0.3	0.0
25	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	3.5	0.3	0.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – March 2023 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	11042310	Chopped dried kernels, of maize(corn) not further prepared or processed	3.3	0.3	0.0
27	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery	3.3	0.3	0.0
28	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	3.3	0.3	0.0
29	72042100	Waste and scrap of alloy steel:Of stainless steel	3.2	0.3	0.0
30	74040090	Other Copper waste and scrap:	3.2	0.3	0.0
31	84799000	Parts;Machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, not speci- fied or included elsewhere in this Chapter	3.1	0.3	0.0
32	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.7	0.2	0.0
33	85444990	Other Rubber insulated cables	2.6	0.2	0.0
34	62171090	Other clothing accessories	2.5	0.2	0.0
35	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	2.5	0.2	0.0
36	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	2.4	0.2	0.0
37	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	2.4	0.2	0.0
38	39235090	Other Stoppers, lids caps and other closures	2.4	0.2	0.0
39	87042210	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	2.4	0.2	0.0
40	87044110	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	2.4	0.2	0.0
41	64059090	Other footwear	2.3	0.2	0.0
42	85491190	Other Waste and scrap of lead-acid accumulators; spent lead-acid accumulators	2.2	0.2	0.0
43	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	2.2	0.2	0.0
44	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	2.2	0.2	0.0
45	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	2.1	0.2	0.0
46	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.0	0.2	0.0
47	58081000	Braids in the piece	2.0	0.2	0.0
48	85444220	Rubber insulated cables:FOR A VOLTAGE EXCEEDING 80 V BUT NOT EXCEEDING 240 V	1.9	0.2	0.0
49	74040020	Copper waste and scrap:Of copper-zinc base alloys (brass)	1.8	0.2	0.0
50	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	1.8	0.2	0.0
Top 50 Exported Non Diamond Goods			991.2	89.8	13.0
Other Non Diamond Exports Goods			112.8	10.2	1.5
Total Non-Diamond Exports Goods			1,104.0	100.0	14.4
Diamonds Exports			6,545.6		85.6
Total Exports			7,649.7		100.0

8.0 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.

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 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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