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List of Acronyms

CIF	: Cost, Insurance and Freight
EU	: European Union
FOB	: Free On Board
IMTS	: International Merchandise Trade Statistics
NES	: Not Elsewhere Specified
SACU	: Southern Africa Customs Union
SADC	: Southern Africa Development Community
UAE	: United Arab Emirates
UK	: United Kingdom
USA	: United States of America

PREFACE

International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) measure the flow of goods across national borders and can be used to spot emerging markets, gauge competition, and identify export and import opportunities. As a result, it is integral to the process of globalisation by keeping track of all exchanges of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports), the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics continue to be one of the key indicators of economic performance and global competitiveness.

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 April 2026. The report provides summaries of international trade in goods, as shown in **Table 1.0**. **Tables 2.1** and **2.2** show trade by Principal commodity groupings for imports and exports, respectively, whereas **Table 2.3** solely shows trade in diamonds. 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 regional or country level, for the current period are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. The top traded import and export commodities excluding diamonds for the month under review are presented in **Tables 4.1** & **4.2** respectively. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

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 or delayed customs processes. 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) through which goods are presumed to enter or leave 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.

This publication also reflects the value of Goods in Transit. Transit trade is vital in facilitating economic transformation and regional trade, while contributing to the growth of employment, incomes, tax revenues, and directly to improving the balance of payments through export of services.

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 effectively.



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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 April 2026. International Merchandise Trade Statistics records all goods which add to, or subtract from, the stock of material resources of a country by entering (as imports) or leaving (as exports) its economic territory.

In April 2026, Botswana's imported goods valued at P8, 219.3 million reflecting an increase of 55.4 percent from the revised March 2026 value of P5, 288.6 million. The leading import commodity groups were Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 23.0 percent and 16.6 percent of the total, respectively. Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Diamonds followed with contributions of 16.1 percent and 11.9 percent respectively. The main source of imports was the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) at 55.6 percent. The European Union (**EU**) and Asia accounted for 17.3 percent and 15.4 percent of total imports, correspondingly. At country level, South Africa was the main supplier of imports at 44.7 percent of the total, followed by Italy and Namibia at 11.4 percent and 10.5 percent, respectively (**Table 3.1A**).

The value of Botswana's exports in April 2026 amounted to P5, 911.4 million, registering a 50.0 percent increase compared to the revised export value of P3, 941.9 million recorded in March 2026. Diamonds and Copper were the most exported commodities accounting for 59.4 percent and 28.0 percent of total exports respectively.

During the period under review, Botswana's exports were mostly absorbed by Asia, followed by the **EU** with market shares of 48.8 percent and 21.1 percent respectively. The **SACU** regional block received 13.5 percent. At country level, Botswana's top export destinations were Belgium, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and China at 21.1 percent, 19.0 percent and 15.7 percent of total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**). India, South Africa and Australia contributed significantly by receiving 11.7 percent, 10.9 percent and 10.5 percent of Botswana's exports, respectively.

Imports amounting to 66.4 percent were transported into the country by Road during the period under consideration. Goods transported by Air and Rail made 23.7 percent and 9.9 percent of total imports, respectively. Goods exported by Air accounted for 59.9 percent of total exports, while those transferred by Road and Rail represented 39.3 percent and 0.8 percent respectively (**Table B**).

Merchandise worth P40, 202.1 million transited through the country to various destinations. Ngoma processed the highest value of transit goods at 33.3 percent, while Martins Drift border post and Kazungula Bridge handled 33.1 percent and 23.5 percent of goods in transit, respectively (Table C1). The top transiting goods were classified under, Chapter 87 (Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof) at 35.1 percent followed by Chapter 74 (copper & articles thereof) at 27.4 percent. Chapter 85 (Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof etc.) followed with 10.4 percent of all goods in transit, (**Table C2**).



IMPORTS

P8, 219.3 million

recording an increase of **55.4 percent** (P2, 930.7 million) from the revised March 2026 figure of **P5, 288.6 million**

EXPORTS

P5, 911.4 million

Botswana's export earnings increased by **50.0 percent** (P1, 969.6 million) from the revised March 2026 figure of **P3, 941.9 million** to **P5, 911.4 million**

1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance between countries or regions over a specific period. The discussions are based on April 2026, 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 with regard to the reference period. Revisions to the monthly trade statistics data are a standard practice necessary to allow for the incorporation of the additional and refined data that were not available at the previous release date, or when there are late customs duty assessments or processes. Revisions are made on a monthly basis when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, thereby enriching the information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible, while notably significant in others.

The inclusion of additional data from the previous month, incorporated in April 2026, led to upward revisions in both trade flows for March 2026. Imports increased by 5.1 percent (P256.3 million), while total exports rose by 19.0 percent (P628.3 million).

Table A shows revised data, comparing figures from the previous digest with those of the month under review.

TABLE A: Data Revision: March 2026 (Million Pula)

Period	As at March 2026 Digest (P Million)			As at April 2026 Digest (P Million)			Difference (P Million)			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
Mar_2026	5,032.3	3,313.5	(1,718.8)	5,288.6	3,941.9	(1,346.8)	256.3	628.3	372.0	5.1	19.0	(21.6)

() Denotes negative

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued on a Cost, Insurance, and Freight (**CIF**) basis. This means the price includes the value of the goods, as well as the insurance and freight costs incurred in transporting them to their destination. However, it excludes customs duties and any other charges paid upon arrival at the importing country's border.

In April 2026, Botswana's total imports were valued at P8, 219.3 million, recording an increase of 55.4 percent (P2, 930.7 million) from the revised March 2026 figure of P5, 288.6 million. The overall rise was driven by an increase in Fuel and Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports by 129.4 percent (P1, 068.3 million) and 259.6 percent (P956.2 million), respectively. More details are displayed in **Table 2.1**.

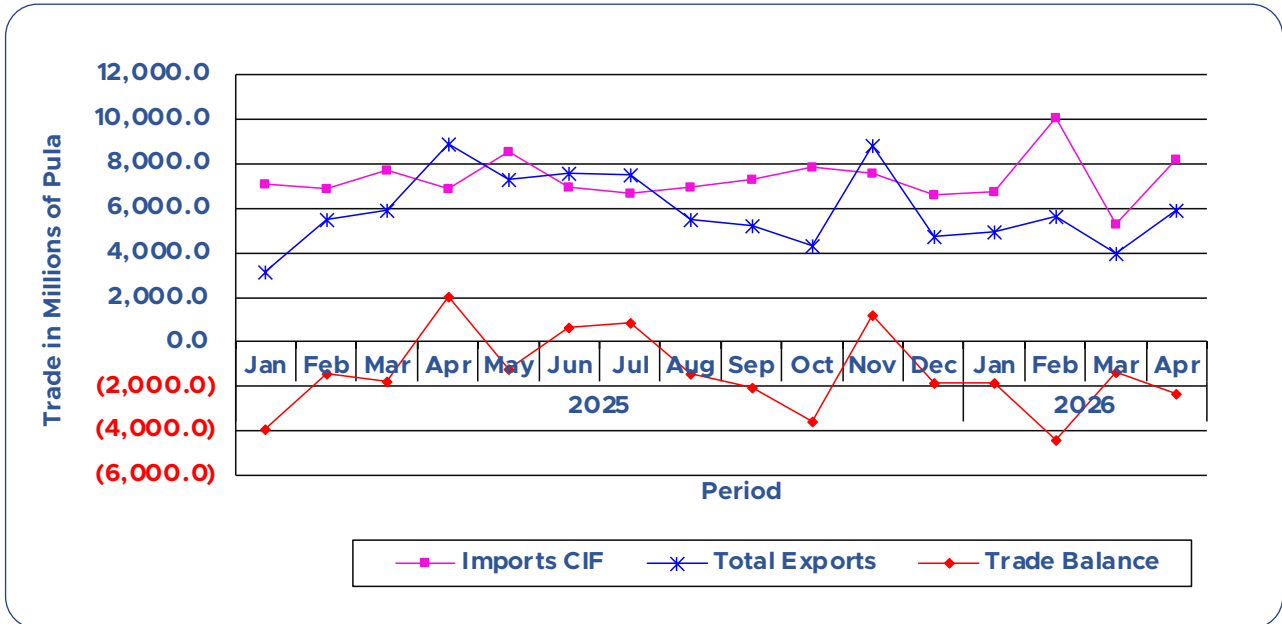
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's export earnings increased by 50.0 percent (P1, 969.6 million) from the revised March 2026 figure of P3, 941.9 million to P5, 911.4 million registered in April 2026. The rise was mainly driven by Diamonds and Copper, which rose by 36.1 percent (P930.2 million) and 117.0 percent (P892.1 million) correspondingly.

1.4 Trade Balance

In April 2026, Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P2, 307.9 million, (**Table 1.0**). **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2025 to April 2026.

CHART 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2025 to April 2026 (Million Pula)



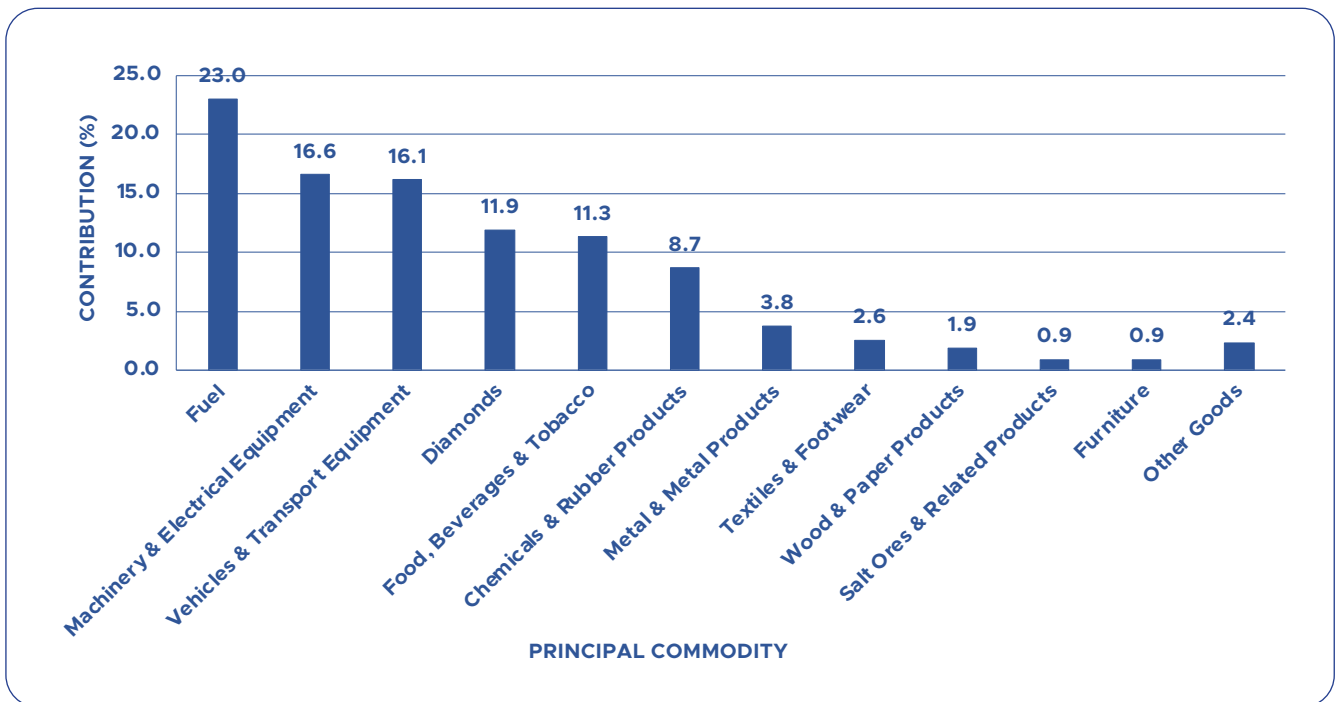
2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS

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

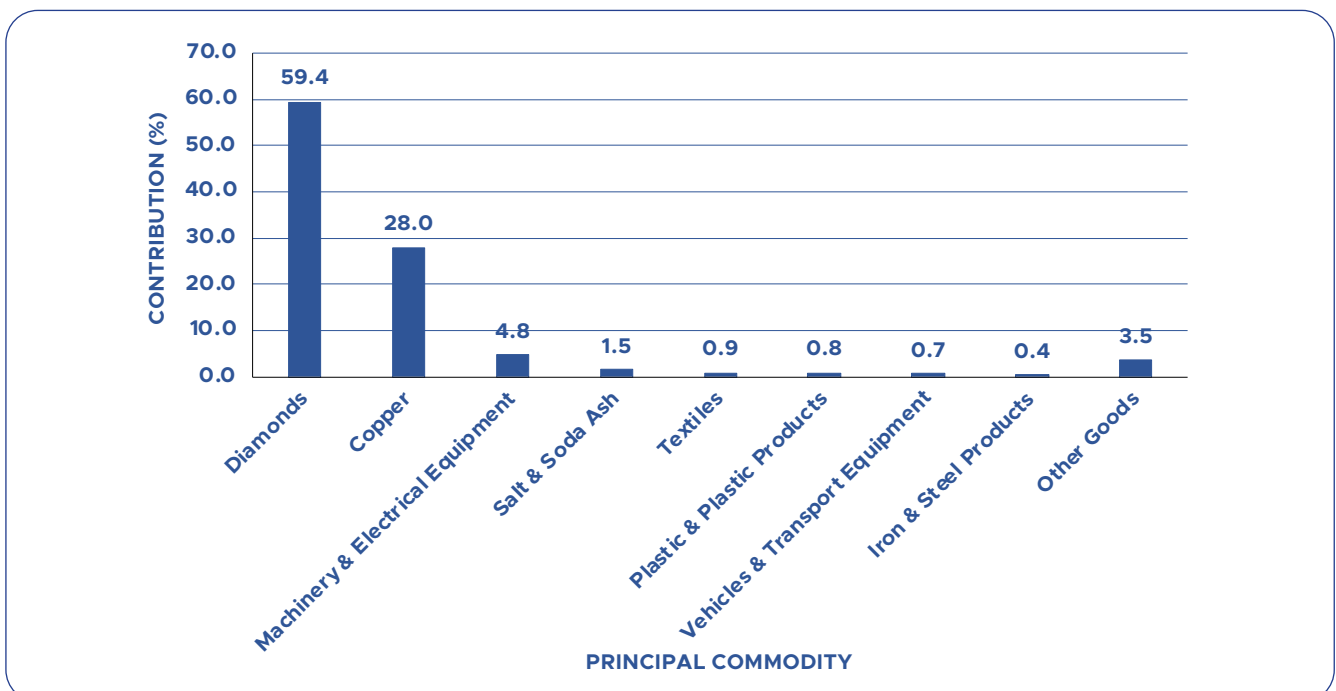
The top imported commodity groups were Fuel; Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment. These were followed by Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco. Fuel was the leading imported commodity group, accounting for 23.0 percent (P1, 893.8 million) of total imports, followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment, which contributed 16.6 percent (P1, 363.6 million). Vehicles & Transport Equipment, Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 16.1 percent (P1, 324.6 million), 11.9 percent (P977.2 million) and 11.3 percent (P927.3 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 – April 2026 (Percentage)

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

2.2 Principal Exports

Diamonds was the dominant export commodity group with a contribution of 59.4 percent (P3, 510.4 million) to total exports, followed by Copper at 28.0 percent (P1, 654.3 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with a contribution of 4.8 percent (P283.7 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

CHART 2.2: Composition of Principal Exports – April 2026 (Percentage)

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 outlines 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 partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during April 2026 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

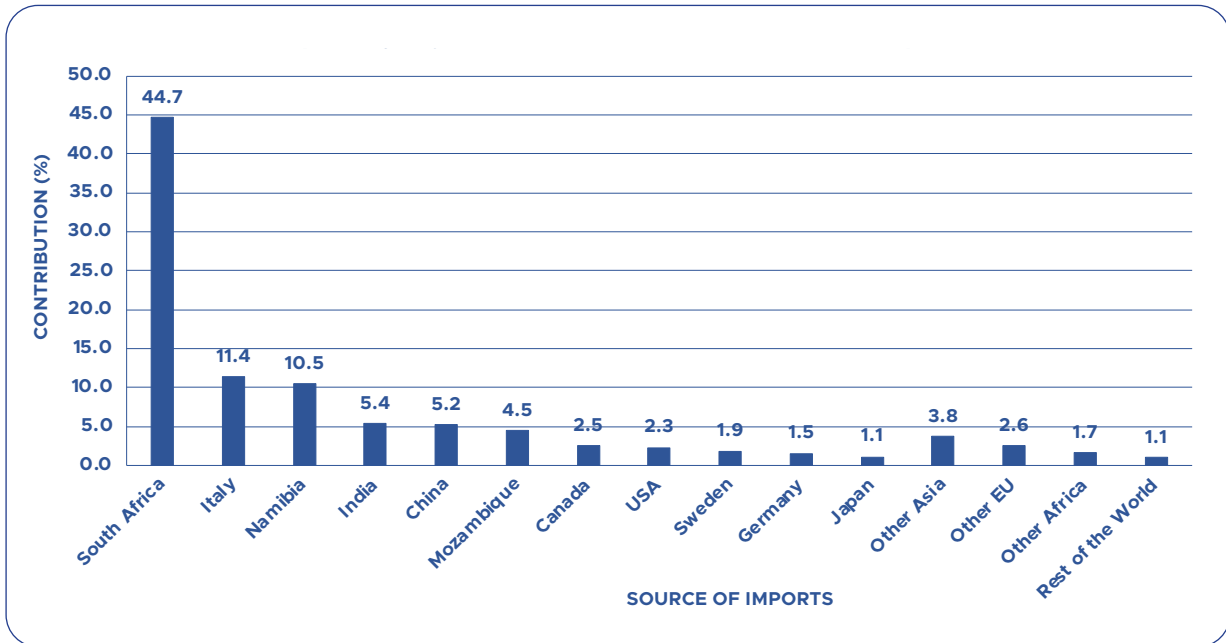
The **SACU** region remained the largest source of imports, accounting for 55.6 percent (P4, 572.6 million) of total imports. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco, were the most imported commodity groups, at 29.2 percent (P1, 333.9 million), 18.0 percent (P822.0 million) in that order. Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed at 11.3 percent (P516.1 million) and 10.8 percent (P493.8 million) in that sequence. Among the **SACU** member states, South Africa was the largest source of imports, accounting for 44.7 percent (P3, 675.3 million) of the total. Namibia was the second largest source, contributing 10.5 percent (P861.6 million) of total imports as displayed in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

Botswana imported goods valued at P1, 423.8 million from the **EU** during the period under review, accounting for 17.3 percent of total imports. Vehicles & Transport Equipment dominated imports, contributing 65.7 percent (P934.8 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment made up 14.7 percent (P209.3 million) of the total imports from the region. Within the **EU**, Italy contributed highest, at 11.4 percent (P933.3 million) to the total imports from the region (**Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**).

During the period under review, Botswana imported goods valued at P1, 269.8 million from the Asia region, accounting for 15.4 percent of total imports. The main commodity group imported from the region was Machinery & Electrical Equipment with a contribution of 49.6 percent (P629.7 million) to total imports from the region. Diamonds, Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed at 12.8 percent (P161.9 million), 10.5 percent (P132.8 million) and 10.3 percent (P130.5 million), respectively. In Asia, India contributed highest to total imports at 5.4 percent (P441.1 million), followed by China at 5.2 percent (P427.9 million). Figures are shown in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**.

During the month under review, Botswana sourced imports worth P205.6 million from Canada, representing 2.5 percent of total imports, while imports from the **USA** amounted to P190.0 million, accounting for 2.3 percent of total imports. Both countries primarily supplied Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. In the case of Canada, Diamonds accounted for 87.1 percent (P179.1 million) of imports while Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 11.5 percent (P23.6 million). Similarly, imports from the **USA**, were largely composed of Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, which constituted 43.1 percent (P81.9 million) and 36.4 percent (P69.2 million) of total Imports from that country, respectively. Sources of imports during April 2026 can be viewed in **Table 3.1A** and **Chart 3.1**.

CHART 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – April 2026



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

The majority of Botswana's merchandise exports were destined for Asian markets, followed by shares to Europe (EU) and SACU regions in that order.

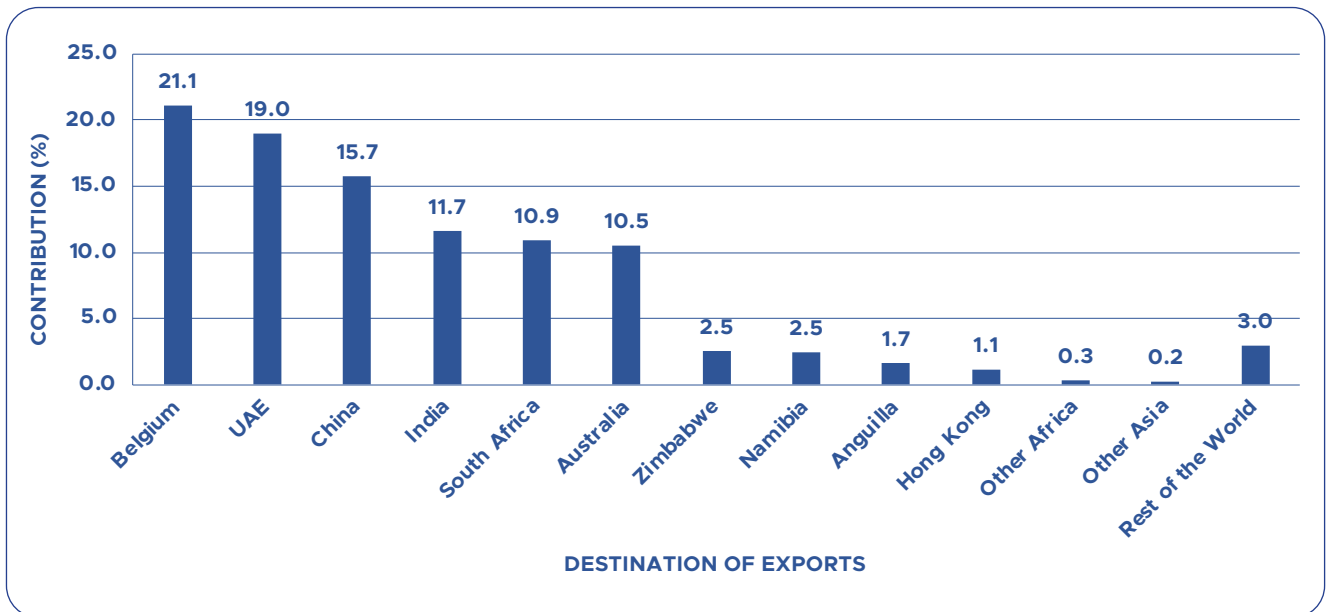
Asia being the largest export market for Botswana received 48.8 percent (P2, 883.1 million) of total exports. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to the region, at 67.1 percent (P1, 933.3 million) and 32.4 percent (P934.9 million), respectively. Top export destinations within Asia were the UAE and China which received 19.0 percent (P1, 121.0 million) and 15.7 percent (P928.0 million) of total exports, respectively. India followed with a contribution of 11.7 percent (P688.9 million) of total exports, as displayed in Table 3.2A and Table 3.2B.

During the assessment period, exports to the EU amounted to P1, 246.8 million, representing 21.1 percent of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU, at 99.8 percent (P1, 244.7 million). Belgium was the main destination for exports to the union, accounting for 21.1 percent (P1, 244.7 million) of total exports. All exports to Belgium consisted of Diamonds, as displayed in Table 3.2A and Table 3.2B.

In April 2026, exports to the SACU region represented 13.5 percent (P796.0 million) of Botswana's total exports. Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 32.7 percent (P260.4 million) and 32.1 percent (P255.4 million), respectively. Salt & Soda Ash contributed 10.1 percent (P80.6 million). South Africa was the main recipient of exports within SACU, at 10.9 percent (P644.4 million) of total exports, as in Table 3.2A.

Australia received exports worth P619.0 million, representing 10.5 percent of Botswana's total exports in April 2026. Copper was the only commodity group exported to that country. Contributions made by other countries are presented in Table 3.2A and Table 3.2B.

CHART 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – April 2026



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

4.0 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY TOP IMPORTED AND EXPORTED COMMODITIES

The top traded commodities for both import and export flows for April 2026 are summarized in **Table 4.1** and **Table 4.2**, respectively. These tables highlight the most actively traded goods (excluding diamonds) to help users identify opportunities for import substitution, potential export expansion, and broader economic diversification.

4.1 Top Imported commodities (excluding Diamonds)

The country's top 50 imported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 53.3 percent (P4, 380.9 million) of total imports during April 2026. Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg ranked as the leading import among the top 50 commodities during the month under review, contributing 12.6 percent (P910.7 million) to total non-diamond imports. Distillate fuel and Petrol ranked second and third, with shares of 12.4 percent (P897.7 million) and 9.6 percent (P691.5 million), respectively. Other Static converters and Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders followed in fourth and fifth place with a share of 2.8 percent (P200.0 million) and 1.8 percent (P132.5 million), respectively.

4.2 Top Exported commodities (excluding Diamonds)

In April 2026, the country's top 50 exported commodities excluding diamonds accounted for 38.5 percent (P2, 277.5 million) of total exports. Among the top 50, Copper ores & concentrates was the leading export commodity accounting for 68.9 percent (P1, 654.3 million) of total non-diamonds exports. Ignition wiring sets & other wiring sets (used in vehicles, aircraft or ships) and Disodium carbonate followed in second and third positions, with contributions of 6.5 percent (P155.2 million) and 2.9 percent (P70.8 million), respectively. Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V fitted with connectors ranked fourth at 1.9 percent (P45.5 million). Vaccines for veterinary medicine completed the top five, with a share of 1.3 percent (P30.0 million).

5.0 TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

Trade by mode of transport refers to trade classification activities based on the method of transportation used to move goods between countries or regions. This helps in understanding the flow of goods across borders and can provide insights into trade patterns, identifying bottlenecks and infrastructure needs and can be used as guidance in formulating transport policies. 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.

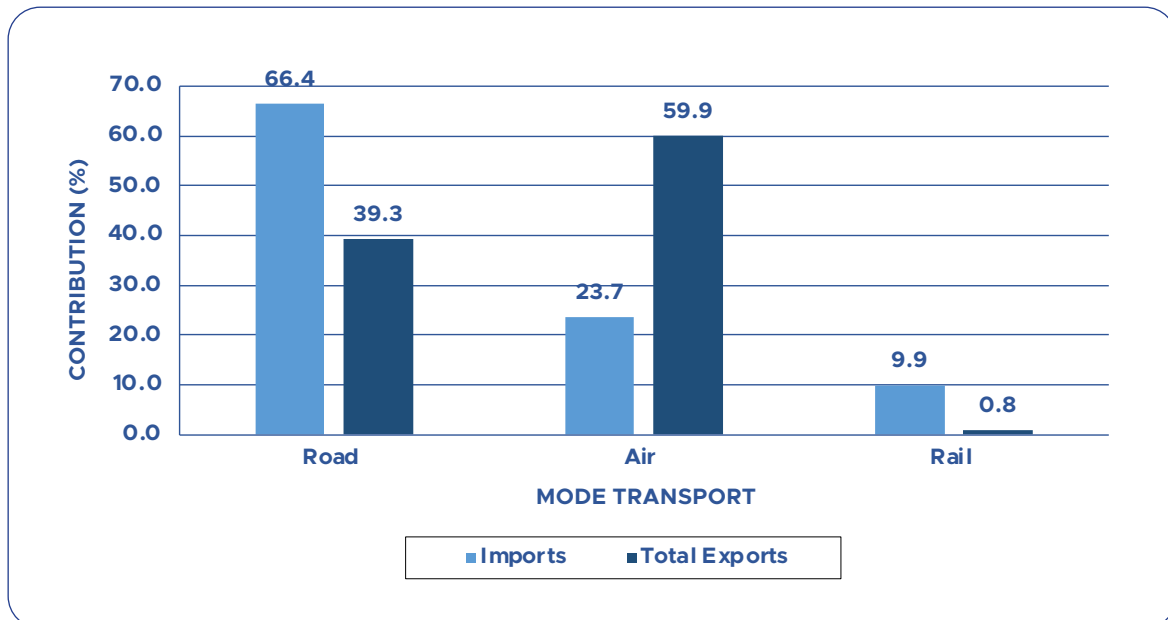
During the month under review, imports representing 66.4 percent (P5, 458.8 million) were transported into the country by Road, whereas those imported by Air and Rail accounted for 23.7 percent (P1, 948.7 million) and 9.9 percent (P811.8 million) of total imports respectively.

In April 2026, goods valued at P3, 543.8 million, reflecting 59.9 percent of total exports left the country by Air. Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 39.3 percent (P2, 322.1 million) and 0.8 percent (P45.4 million) of total exports, respectively.

TABLE B: Trade by Mode of Transport – April 2026 (Million Pula)

FlowType	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Road Transport	5,458.8	66.4	2,322.1	39.3
Air Transport	1,948.7	23.7	3,543.8	59.9
Rail Transport	811.8	9.9	45.4	0.8
Total	8,219.3	100.0	5,911.4	100.0

CHART B: Trade by Mode of Transport – April 2026 (Percentage)



6.0 TRANSIT TRADE

Transit trade refers to the movement of goods from one country to another through a third country, without the goods being subject to customs duties and other import restrictions in the intermediary country. Essentially, it involves the transportation of goods across a country that lies between the country of origin and the final destination. Countries that serve as transit hubs often provide infrastructure and services to facilitate transit trade. These countries may benefit economically from transit trade through fees, tariffs, or other charges associated with transportation services or by stimulating economic activity related to trade and transportation.

Overall, the purpose of transit trade is to overcome geographical, logistical, and economic constraints to facilitate the movement of goods between countries or regions efficiently, cost-effectively and securely. It plays a crucial role in promoting international trade, economic development, and regional integration.

Countries involved in transit trade typically have agreements and protocols in place to govern the movement of goods through their territory without the imposition of customs duties and other trade barriers. This helps to streamline the transportation of goods and reduce logistical challenges for businesses engaged in international trade.

Transit trade is subject to compliance with specific regulations and documentation requirements to ensure the proper monitoring and control of the movement of goods. Violations or misuse of transit trade arrangements can lead to penalties and legal consequences.

6.1 Transit Trade by Border Post

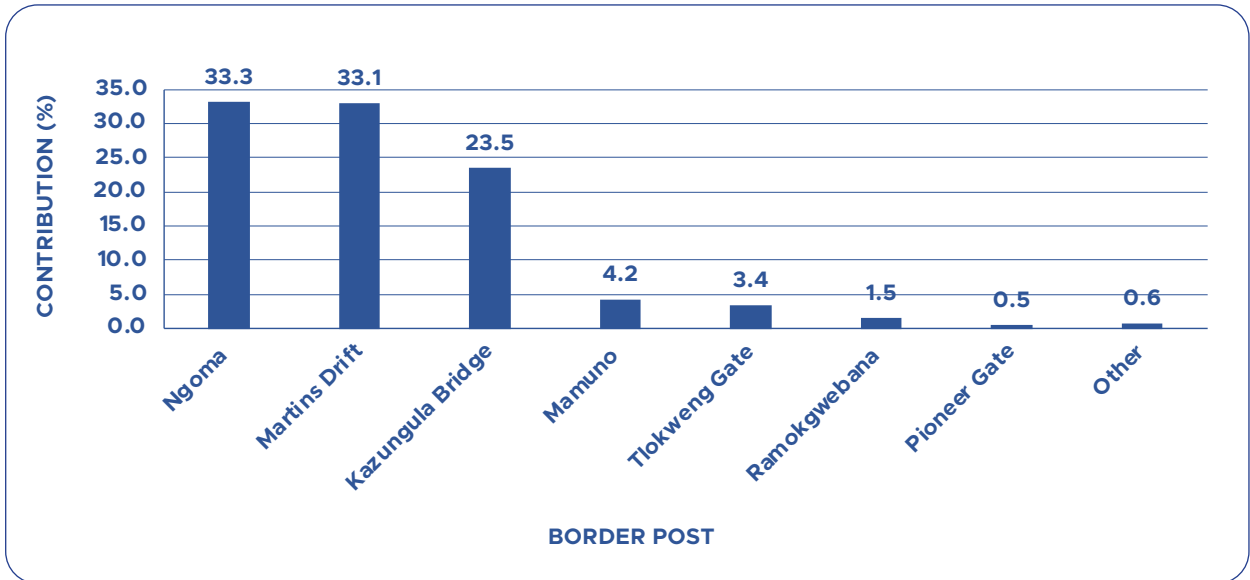
During April 2026, goods amounting to P40, 202.1 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Ngoma, Martins Drift and Kazungula bridge handled goods accounting for 33.3 percent (P13, 385.4 million), 33.1 percent (P13, 310.7 million) and 23.5 percent (P9, 434.5 million) respectively as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**.

TABLE C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Ngoma	13,385.4	33.3
Martins Drift	13,310.7	33.1
Kazungula Bridge	9,434.5	23.5
Mamuno	1,675.9	4.2
Tlokweng Gate	1,349.3	3.4
Ramokgwebana	595.0	1.5
Pioneer Gate	198.1	0.5
Other	253.2	0.6
Total	40,202.1	100.0

“Other Border Posts...” includes all border posts in Botswana not displayed on Table C1

CHART C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – April 2026 (Percentage)



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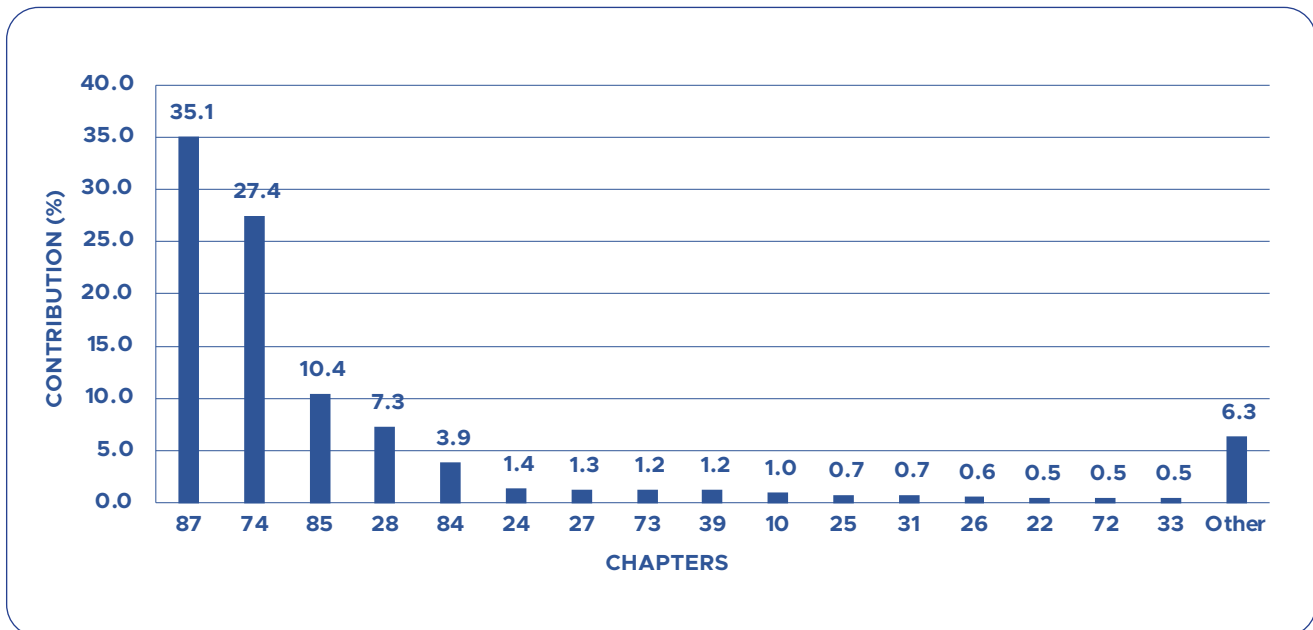
6.2 Transit by Chapter

Chapter 87 (Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof) was the main transiting good, contributing 35.1 percent (P14, 103.1 million). Chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof) and Chapter 85 (Electrical machinery, equipment and parts thereof) followed at 27.4 percent (P11, 013.8 million) and 10.4 percent (P4, 182.7 million) of all goods in transit, respectively, as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

TABLE C2: Transit by Chapter – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
1	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	14,103.1	35.1
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	11,013.8	27.4
3	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, parts and accessories of such articles	4,182.7	10.4
4	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	2,915.2	7.3
5	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,579.9	3.9
6	24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	578.4	1.4
7	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	525.3	1.3
8	73	Iron or steel articles	496.9	1.2
9	39	Plastics and articles thereof	488.5	1.2
10	10	Cereals	393.4	1.0
11	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	283.8	0.7
12	31	Fertilizers	266.8	0.7
13	26	Ores, slag and ash	255.1	0.6
14	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	199.3	0.5
15	72	Iron and steel	198.2	0.5
16	33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	183.9	0.5
Other			2,537.8	6.3
Total			40,202.1	100.0

Other... includes all chapters not displayed on Table C2

CHART C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – April 2026 (Percentage)

Other... includes all chapters not displayed on Table C2

7.0 Annexure

TABLE 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2025 to April 2026 (Million Pula)

Period\ Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2025	7,058.4	6,705.2	351.2	2.0	3,165.1	0.0	3,165.1	(3,893.2)
Feb	6,908.4	6,556.7	349.7	2.0	5,485.0	0.0	5,485.0	(1,423.4)
Mar	7,696.3	7,334.7	359.6	1.9	5,905.2	0.0	5,905.2	(1,791.1)
Q1	21,663.0	20,596.6	1,060.5	5.9	14,555.3	0.0	14,555.4	(7,107.7)
Apr	6,872.1	6,507.7	360.3	4.1	8,911.6	1.4	8,913.0	2,040.8
May	8,546.4	8,180.8	362.1	3.6	7,296.3	1.6	7,297.9	(1,248.5)
Jun	6,933.0	6,601.4	328.9	2.6	7,583.1	0.0	7,583.1	650.1
Q2	22,351.5	21,289.9	1,051.4	10.3	23,791.0	3.0	23,794.0	1,442.4
Jul	6,677.1	6,357.0	316.8	3.3	7,513.0	0.0	7,513.0	835.9
Aug	6,938.2	6,582.9	352.3	3.0	5,485.6	1.3	5,486.9	(1,451.4)
Sep	7,277.8	6,928.3	347.1	2.3	5,198.2	0.4	5,198.6	(2,079.2)
Q3	20,893.1	19,868.3	1,016.2	8.7	18,196.8	1.7	18,198.5	(2,694.6)
Oct	7,877.0	7,491.7	381.8	3.6	4,328.6	9.9	4,338.5	(3,538.5)
Nov	7,574.1	7,203.7	367.3	3.2	8,797.8	4.1	8,801.8	1,227.7
Dec	6,580.6	6,259.4	319.1	2.1	4,747.0	0.6	4,747.6	(1,833.1)
Q4	22,031.8	20,954.8	1,068.2	8.8	17,873.3	14.6	17,887.9	(4,143.9)
Total_2025	86,939.5	82,709.5	4,196.2	33.7	74,416.4	19.3	74,435.7	(12,503.8)
Jan_2026	6,739.5	6,401.7	335.5	2.3	4,932.9	0.8	4,933.7	(1,805.8)
Feb	10,073.5	9,786.6	285.6	1.3	5,639.1	0.0	5,639.1	(4,434.4)
Mar	5,288.6	5,073.2	214.5	0.9	3,941.2	0.6	3,941.9	(1,346.8)
Q1	22,101.6	21,261.5	835.7	4.4	14,513.3	1.4	14,514.7	(7,586.9)
Apr	8,219.3	7,828.9	388.4	2.1	5,910.8	0.6	5,911.4	(2,307.9)
Change	2,930.7	2,755.6	173.9	1.2	1,969.6	(0.0)	1,969.6	(961.1)
% Change	55.4	54.3	81.0	134.6	50.0	(3.3)	50.0	71.4

TABLE 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2025 to April 2026 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2025	646.9	1,046.4	1,113.6	1,292.7	62.7	1,261.5	327.0	67.5	167.3	679.3	157.8	235.7	7,058.4
Feb	808.3	542.4	1,266.7	1,163.2	85.1	1,166.8	414.4	74.9	206.0	727.8	181.8	271.0	6,908.4
Mar	818.3	1,091.3	1,232.9	1,355.9	89.0	1,190.3	444.7	88.7	235.0	727.3	179.2	243.6	7,696.3
Q1	2,273.6	2,680.1	3,613.2	3,811.9	236.7	3,618.6	1,186.1	231.1	608.3	2,134.4	518.8	750.2	21,663.0
Apr	669.3	376.5	1,076.6	1,809.9	87.6	987.0	395.6	96.2	226.6	727.7	191.8	227.4	6,872.1
May	784.2	1,818.4	1,281.2	1,534.2	92.5	1,242.5	454.7	101.1	233.2	586.1	187.1	231.2	8,546.4
Jun	724.5	714.3	1,111.8	1,438.9	103.8	1,123.9	381.2	97.8	165.8	644.2	181.4	245.4	6,933.0
Q2	2,178.0	2,909.2	3,469.7	4,783.1	283.9	3,353.4	1,231.5	295.0	625.6	1,958.1	560.2	703.9	22,351.5
Jul	665.1	645.1	1,024.2	1,506.9	94.8	1,062.3	382.6	110.8	188.0	574.2	177.0	246.0	6,677.1
Aug	730.6	381.6	1,241.2	1,544.8	100.6	1,129.9	407.4	99.7	238.4	597.9	219.4	246.7	6,938.2
Sep	796.6	743.4	1,195.8	1,302.8	116.7	1,449.6	410.1	98.0	219.6	460.7	191.3	293.3	7,277.8
Q3	2,192.2	1,770.2	3,461.2	4,354.4	312.1	3,641.9	1,200.2	308.5	646.0	1,632.8	587.8	786.0	20,893.1
Oct	926.0	681.8	1,228.7	1,358.3	119.3	1,610.4	430.1	97.2	260.5	655.5	210.1	299.0	7,877.0
Nov	887.8	733.7	1,342.8	1,464.4	112.3	1,342.6	408.8	90.7	228.9	456.5	220.6	285.0	7,574.1
Dec	677.8	657.3	1,126.3	1,169.3	91.8	1,307.7	334.9	87.5	201.4	574.5	171.2	181.0	6,580.6
Q4	2,491.6	2,072.8	3,697.8	3,992.0	323.5	4,260.7	1,173.8	275.5	690.7	1,686.5	601.9	764.9	22,031.8
Total_2025	9,135.3	9,432.3	14,241.9	16,941.4	1,156.1	14,874.6	4,791.5	1,110.1	2,570.7	7,411.6	2,268.7	3,005.1	86,939.5
Jan_2026	786.6	502.1	1,278.5	1,593.1	61.8	1,179.3	266.5	74.6	160.7	512.4	133.9	190.0	6,739.5
Feb	788.1	4,725.4	1,061.1	1,045.0	60.6	999.7	314.9	75.4	216.0	423.3	166.7	197.2	10,073.5
Mar	470.6	1,425.4	658.2	825.5	46.9	912.2	177.5	47.3	128.1	368.3	109.0	119.5	5,288.6
Q1	2,045.3	6,652.9	2,997.8	3,463.6	169.3	3,091.3	758.9	197.4	504.8	1,304.1	409.6	506.7	22,101.6
Apr	711.6	977.2	927.3	1,893.8	75.1	1,363.6	310.2	75.8	211.6	1,324.6	154.9	193.6	8,219.3
Change	241.0	(448.2)	269.1	1,068.3	28.2	451.4	132.7	28.5	83.6	956.2	45.9	74.2	2,930.7
% Change	51.2	(31.4)	40.9	129.4	60.0	49.5	74.7	60.2	65.2	259.6	42.1	62.1	55.4
% Contribution													
2025	10.5	10.8	16.4	19.5	1.3	17.1	5.5	1.3	3.0	8.5	2.6	3.5	100.0
Mar_2026	8.9	27.0	12.4	15.6	0.9	17.2	3.4	0.9	2.4	7.0	2.1	2.3	100.0
Apr_2026	8.7	11.9	11.3	23.0	0.9	16.6	3.8	0.9	2.6	16.1	1.9	2.4	100.0

TABLE 2.2: Principal Exports Commodity Groups – January 2025 to April 2026 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2025	31.7	995.1	1,531.4	27.4	4.4	210.7	5.8	31.4	146.8	34.6	56.9	88.8	3,165.1
Feb	31.3	907.9	3,903.8	31.4	15.0	247.8	5.9	32.7	90.5	29.6	45.7	143.5	5,485.0
Mar	42.2	995.5	4,177.2	35.0	23.2	267.0	17.3	40.7	88.2	30.3	71.8	116.7	5,905.2
Q1	105.2	2,898.5	9,612.4	93.8	42.6	725.5	29.0	104.9	325.5	94.5	174.5	349.0	14,555.4
Apr	34.6	865.1	7,323.1	29.3	30.6	232.2	27.0	30.5	93.6	44.7	81.3	121.0	8,913.0
May	25.8	1,056.7	5,502.3	30.2	0.0	250.5	10.0	37.0	94.7	60.1	54.5	176.2	7,297.9
Jun	21.7	1,074.9	5,687.0	36.8	0.0	257.1	49.4	38.1	121.1	42.6	88.6	165.8	7,583.1
Q2	82.1	2,996.7	18,512.3	96.3	30.6	739.8	86.4	105.5	309.4	147.3	224.4	463.1	23,794.0
Jul	22.1	773.8	5,993.4	32.0	1.6	267.5	14.7	39.8	124.9	28.8	59.0	155.2	7,513.0
Aug	25.9	865.7	3,683.0	31.3	0.0	316.8	50.4	38.2	161.0	34.0	69.0	211.7	5,486.9
Sep	32.9	797.8	3,583.4	35.8	0.4	296.0	47.6	57.3	133.0	28.2	44.9	141.1	5,198.6
Q3	80.9	2,437.3	13,259.8	99.1	2.0	880.3	112.7	135.4	418.8	91.0	173.0	508.1	18,198.5
Oct	32.4	930.4	2,390.3	40.9	0.0	340.0	64.1	58.3	89.8	36.4	97.1	258.8	4,338.5
Nov	31.1	817.8	7,163.8	36.2	0.0	260.4	46.8	58.1	122.5	38.6	60.5	165.9	8,801.8
Dec	22.6	985.8	3,055.9	21.4	0.1	134.8	102.5	43.3	134.2	39.5	49.5	157.9	4,747.6
Q4	86.1	2,734.0	12,610.1	98.5	0.1	735.2	213.4	159.8	346.6	114.5	207.0	582.5	17,887.9
Total_2025	354.3	11,066.5	53,994.7	387.6	75.3	3,080.9	441.5	505.6	1,400.3	447.4	778.9	1,902.7	74,435.7
Jan_2026	21.8	1,236.2	2,925.4	29.1	0.0	270.5	53.7	41.9	118.8	32.0	75.1	129.2	4,933.7
Feb	18.7	945.6	3,871.4	31.0	0.0	370.9	27.5	41.0	107.2	34.5	53.6	137.8	5,639.1
Mar	18.8	762.2	2,580.1	20.1	0.0	263.7	24.5	38.8	58.4	30.6	49.3	95.4	3,941.9
Q1	59.3	2,944.1	9,376.9	80.2	0.0	905.1	105.7	121.7	284.3	97.1	178.0	362.4	14,514.7
Apr	14.0	1,654.3	3,510.4	23.7	0.0	283.7	2.9	47.3	91.2	50.4	41.7	191.8	5,911.4
Change	(4.8)	892.1	930.2	3.7	0.0	20.0	(21.6)	8.5	32.9	19.7	(7.6)	96.5	1,969.6
% Change	(25.6)	117.0	36.1	18.3	0.0	7.6	(88.1)	21.8	56.3	64.4	(15.4)	101.1	50.0
% Contribution													
2025	0.5	14.9	72.5	0.5	0.1	4.1	0.6	0.7	1.9	0.6	1.0	2.6	100.0
Jan_2026	0.5	19.3	65.5	0.5	0.0	6.7	0.6	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.3	2.4	100.0
Feb_2026	0.2	28.0	59.4	0.4	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.9	0.7	3.2	100.0

TABLE 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2025 to April 2026 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2025	128.1	0.1	0.0	604.1	314.1	1,046.4	0.0	1.5	0.0	976.9	553.0	1,531.4
Feb	131.0	0.4	0.0	275.4	135.7	542.4	0.0	2.1	0.0	3,201.4	700.3	3,903.8
Mar	0.0	0.2	0.0	948.2	142.9	1,091.3	0.2	78.6	0.0	3,492.5	605.9	4,177.2
Q1	259.1	0.6	0.0	1,827.7	592.6	2,680.1	0.2	82.2	0.0	7,670.8	1,859.3	9,612.4
Apr	208.8	0.0	0.0	57.1	110.6	376.5	0.0	9.8	0.0	6,656.4	656.9	7,323.1
May	145.7	0.3	0.0	1,396.1	276.3	1,818.4	0.3	25.7	0.0	4,646.5	829.8	5,502.3
Jun	0.0	0.3	0.0	571.9	142.1	714.3	118.1	17.3	0.0	4,879.0	672.6	5,687.0
Q2	354.5	0.6	0.0	2,025.1	529.0	2,909.2	118.4	52.8	0.0	16,181.9	2,159.3	18,512.3
Jul	4.2	0.1	0.0	382.1	258.7	645.1	4.0	9.0	0.0	5,382.3	598.0	5,993.4
Aug	109.4	0.0	0.0	66.1	206.1	381.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	2,735.2	946.8	3,683.0
Sep	123.4	0.2	0.0	380.9	238.8	743.4	0.0	15.7	0.0	2,869.2	698.5	3,583.4
Q3	237.1	0.3	0.0	829.1	703.7	1,770.2	4.6	25.1	0.0	10,986.8	2,243.3	13,259.8
Oct	189.3	0.1	0.7	308.2	183.5	681.8	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,650.2	728.2	2,390.3
Nov	13.1	0.2	0.0	630.9	89.5	733.7	0.0	9.7	0.0	6,331.9	822.3	7,163.8
Dec	247.3	0.2	0.0	323.1	86.8	657.3	0.0	9.1	0.0	2,519.3	527.6	3,055.9
Q4	449.7	0.4	0.7	1,262.2	359.8	2,072.8	0.0	30.6	0.0	10,501.4	2,078.1	12,610.1
Total_2025	1,300.4	1.9	0.7	5,944.2	2,185.1	9,432.3	123.2	190.7	0.0	45,340.8	8,340.0	53,994.7
Jan_2026	242.3	0.1	0.0	155.4	104.4	502.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,411.0	514.3	2,925.4
Feb	169.4	0.0	0.0	4,294.0	262.0	4,725.4	0.0	12.9	0.0	1,988.2	1,870.2	3,871.4
Mar	277.8	0.3	0.0	1,105.1	42.2	1,425.4	0.0	17.7	0.0	2,269.3	293.1	2,580.1
Q1	689.4	0.5	0.0	5,554.4	408.6	6,652.9	0.0	30.7	0.0	6,668.6	2,677.6	9,376.9
Apr	186.8	0.1	0.0	523.5	266.8	977.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,088.2	422.1	3,510.4

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: Principal Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups - April 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ 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	% Contribution
South Africa	468.4	10.2	805.4	1,014.0	60.7	394.8	247.3	59.8	121.0	235.5	134.6	123.6	3,675.3	44.7
Namibia	0.2	505.9	12.1	319.9	0.5	4.6	1.7	15.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	861.6	10.5
Eswatini	25.1	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	3.7	0.0	35.0	0.4
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
SACU	493.8	516.1	822.0	1,333.9	61.2	399.8	249.0	75.4	122.8	235.8	138.8	124.1	4,572.6	55.6
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	368.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	368.9	4.5
Zambia	0.7	0.0	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.0	11.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	4.9	37.0	0.5
Zimbabwe	2.2	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.9	0.0	3.5	3.4	0.4	2.6	24.8	0.3
Other SADC	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.6	0.0	5.2	3.4	0.0	0.2	12.8	0.2
SADC	497.4	516.1	843.2	1,712.3	61.3	401.8	263.0	75.4	132.2	242.5	139.2	131.8	5,016.1	61.0
Other Africa	5.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.2	26.1	0.3
Africa	502.4	516.1	845.0	1,712.3	61.3	416.6	263.0	75.4	132.4	242.5	139.3	135.9	5,042.2	61.3
India	54.9	71.3	7.1	0.0	0.2	291.2	3.2	0.0	2.4	8.2	0.2	2.5	441.1	5.4
China	47.6	0.0	1.3	0.5	12.9	206.7	26.8	0.5	53.9	47.3	9.9	20.6	427.9	5.2
Japan	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	34.8	0.7	0.0	2.0	42.7	0.0	2.1	91.3	1.1
Israel	0.0	74.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.7	0.9
Thailand	1.5	0.0	22.9	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	23.5	0.0	0.2	51.7	0.6
Oman	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.7	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.7	0.6
UAE	6.2	0.0	0.2	1.7	0.0	7.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	19.2	0.2
Viet Nam	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	15.4	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	18.8	0.2
Cambodia	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.2
Korea Republic	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.6	13.8	0.2
Hong Kong	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.7	10.9	0.1
Other Asia	9.8	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	23.5	1.3	0.0	4.0	10.6	0.5	3.3	55.5	0.7
Asia	130.5	161.9	34.0	21.1	13.3	629.7	37.0	0.5	65.4	132.8	10.8	32.8	1,269.8	15.4
Italy	3.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	17.3	0.6	0.0	0.2	910.5	0.0	1.1	933.3	11.4
Sweden	0.6	0.0	0.1	145.2	0.0	8.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	155.2	1.9
Germany	22.9	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	73.3	1.6	0.0	9.5	10.2	3.2	3.7	125.3	1.5
Latvia	0.0	0.0	22.6	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.8	0.4
Finland	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	12.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.4	26.6	0.3
Hungary	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	21.6	0.3
France	6.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	21.0	0.3
Portugal	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	16.8	0.2
Czech Republic	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	13.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	16.6	0.2
Austria	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	2.2	13.2	0.2
Poland	2.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	7.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	11.8	0.1
Slovakia	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	0.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.5	0.1
Other EU	14.2	0.2	6.9	5.1	0.0	11.0	0.3	0.0	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.9	41.0	0.5
EU	55.6	0.2	32.7	158.1	0.2	209.3	6.0	0.0	13.0	934.8	3.6	10.1	1,423.8	17.3
Canada	1.4	179.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	23.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	205.6	2.5
USA	13.5	81.9	1.5	1.2	0.1	69.2	2.5	0.0	0.2	8.7	0.5	10.5	190.0	2.3
Switzerland	1.6	37.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	41.5	0.5
UK	3.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	5.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.7	0.2	0.8	15.3	0.2
Brazil	0.3	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	14.4	0.2
Rest of the World	2.5	0.0	1.9	0.6	0.0	6.5	0.8	0.0	0.2	1.8	0.0	2.5	16.8	0.2
Total	711.6	977.2	927.3	1,893.8	75.1	1,363.6	310.2	75.8	211.6	1,324.6	154.9	193.6	8,219.3	100.0

TABLE 3.1B: Principal Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups - April 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ 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
South Africa	12.7	0.3	21.9	27.6	1.7	10.7	6.7	1.6	3.3	6.4	3.7	3.4	100.0
Namibia	0.0	58.7	1.4	37.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	71.8	0.0	12.8	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	10.7	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	93.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.8	11.3	18.0	29.2	1.3	8.7	5.4	1.6	2.7	5.2	3.0	2.7	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	1.9	0.0	26.2	25.8	0.1	0.0	31.2	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	13.2	100.0
Zimbabwe	8.9	0.0	42.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	7.5	0.0	14.3	13.7	1.7	10.6	100.0
Other SADC	5.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.2	14.1	4.4	0.0	40.2	26.4	0.1	1.4	100.0
SADC	9.9	10.3	16.8	34.1	1.2	8.0	5.2	1.5	2.6	4.8	2.8	2.6	100.0
Other Africa	19.3	0.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	56.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	16.0	100.0
Africa	10.0	10.2	16.8	34.0	1.2	8.3	5.2	1.5	2.6	4.8	2.8	2.7	100.0
India	12.4	16.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	66.0	0.7	0.0	0.5	1.9	0.0	0.6	100.0
China	11.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	3.0	48.3	6.3	0.1	12.6	11.0	2.3	4.8	100.0
Japan	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	38.1	0.7	0.0	2.1	46.8	0.0	2.3	100.0
Israel	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Thailand	2.9	0.0	44.4	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	45.5	0.0	0.3	100.0
Oman	0.0	0.0	0.1	38.4	0.0	61.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	32.2	0.0	0.8	8.9	0.0	36.4	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	8.9	100.0
Viet Nam	2.2	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	81.6	0.1	0.0	14.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	100.0
Cambodia	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Korea Republic	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.7	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	11.6	100.0
Hong Kong	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	56.8	22.5	0.0	1.3	2.8	1.4	6.2	100.0
Other Asia	17.7	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.2	42.3	2.4	0.0	7.2	19.1	1.0	6.0	100.0
Asia	10.3	12.8	2.7	1.7	1.0	49.6	2.9	0.0	5.2	10.5	0.8	2.6	100.0
Italy	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	97.6	0.0	0.1	100.0
Sweden	0.4	0.0	0.0	93.6	0.0	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
Germany	18.3	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	58.5	1.3	0.0	7.6	8.2	2.5	3.0	100.0
Latvia	0.0	0.0	75.7	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Finland	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	47.7	7.3	0.0	0.0	37.7	0.0	1.5	100.0
Hungary	3.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	94.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.8	100.0
France	31.8	0.0	5.4	0.1	0.1	54.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.2	1.6	100.0
Portugal	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	1.0	100.0
Czech Republic	9.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	83.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	2.5	0.0	4.3	100.0
Austria	11.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	65.8	0.4	0.0	2.6	3.0	0.0	16.5	100.0
Poland	16.9	0.0	10.1	0.0	0.4	63.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.1	3.0	100.0
Slovakia	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.4	3.3	0.0	13.8	0.4	0.0	0.5	100.0
Other EU	34.7	0.4	16.8	12.4	0.0	26.8	0.7	0.0	3.0	2.5	0.1	2.3	100.0
EU	3.9	0.0	2.3	11.1	0.0	14.7	0.4	0.0	0.9	65.7	0.3	0.7	100.0
Canada	0.7	87.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	11.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
USA	7.1	43.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	36.4	1.3	0.0	0.1	4.6	0.3	5.5	100.0
Switzerland	3.8	91.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	100.0
UK	24.8	0.4	3.6	0.8	0.2	37.2	0.8	0.0	1.4	24.4	1.2	5.1	100.0
Brazil	2.0	0.0	80.7	0.0	0.7	10.0	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.9	3.8	0.6	100.0
Rest of the World	14.9	0.0	11.1	3.6	0.2	38.7	4.6	0.0	1.5	10.7	0.0	14.7	100.0
Total	8.7	11.9	11.3	23.0	0.9	16.6	3.8	0.9	2.6	16.1	1.9	2.4	100.0

TABLE 3.2A: Principal Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	11.7	0.0	176.3	15.7	243.1	0.0	34.7	80.6	17.4	6.8	58.1	644.4	10.9
Namibia	2.3	1.7	84.1	3.5	12.3	0.1	3.1	0.0	0.8	9.3	29.2	146.3	2.5
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.1	5.1	0.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
SACU	13.9	1.7	260.4	19.2	255.4	0.1	37.7	80.6	18.3	17.1	91.6	796.0	13.5
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	18.1	0.0	5.6	4.8	31.7	22.1	64.4	147.7	2.5
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	6.3	0.0	2.5	5.9	0.3	1.8	8.7	29.0	0.5
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	9.5	15.4	0.3
SADC	14.0	1.7	260.4	23.7	281.2	2.9	47.3	91.2	50.3	41.2	174.2	988.1	16.7
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.7	2.5	0.0
Africa	14.0	1.7	260.4	23.7	281.8	2.9	47.3	91.2	50.3	41.3	175.9	990.6	16.8
UAE	0.0	0.0	1,111.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	1,121.0	19.0
China	0.0	928.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	928.0	15.7
India	0.0	0.0	687.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	688.9	11.7
Hong Kong	0.0	6.9	60.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.4	1.1
Israel	0.0	0.0	51.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.2	0.9
Viet Nam	0.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.2
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.5	12.5	0.2
Asia	0.0	934.9	1,933.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	13.9	2,883.1	48.8
Belgium	0.0	0.0	1,244.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,244.7	21.1
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.0	0.0
EU	0.0	0.0	1,244.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1,246.8	21.1
Australia	0.0	619.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	619.0	10.5
Anguilla	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.7	1.7
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	43.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	43.2	0.7
UK	0.0	0.0	19.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	20.2	0.3
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	9.8	0.2
Total	14.0	1,654.3	3,510.4	23.7	283.7	2.9	47.3	91.2	50.4	41.7	191.8	5,911.4	100.0

TABLE 3.2B: Principal Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	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	1.8	0.0	27.4	2.4	37.7	0.0	5.4	12.5	2.7	1.1	9.0	100.0
Namibia	1.6	1.2	57.5	2.4	8.4	0.1	2.1	0.0	0.5	6.3	20.0	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	19.7	80.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.6	2.0	53.3	100.0
SACU	1.8	0.2	32.7	2.4	32.1	0.0	4.7	10.1	2.3	2.1	11.5	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	12.2	0.0	3.8	3.2	21.5	15.0	43.6	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	21.7	0.0	8.6	20.4	1.1	6.2	30.1	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	18.0	9.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	61.6	100.0
SADC	1.4	0.2	26.4	2.4	28.5	0.3	4.8	9.2	5.1	4.2	17.6	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.2	68.5	100.0
Africa	1.4	0.2	26.3	2.4	28.4	0.3	4.8	9.2	5.1	4.2	17.8	100.0
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	100.0
China	0.0	100.0	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	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	10.3	89.7	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	100.0
Viet Nam	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	73.3	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	20.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	32.4	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	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	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	46.2	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Australia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Anguilla	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
UK	0.0	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	90.9	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	6.9	100.0
Total	0.2	28.0	59.4	0.4	4.8	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.9	0.7	3.2	100.0

TABLE 4.1: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
1	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg	910.7	12.6	11.1
2	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	897.7	12.4	10.9
3	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	691.5	9.6	8.4
4	85044090	Other Static converters	200.0	2.8	2.4
5	84295900	Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	132.5	1.8	1.6
6	27160000	Electrical energy	119.0	1.6	1.4
7	85444990	Other, electric conductors, for a voltagenot exceeding 1000V	78.6	1.1	1.0
8	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	77.4	1.1	0.9
9	25232900	Other Portland cement	67.1	0.9	0.8
10	84264900	Other machinery, self-propelled	55.4	0.8	0.7
11	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with machinery of heading 84.26, 84.29 or 84.30	49.5	0.7	0.6
12	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	43.6	0.6	0.5
13	87032390	Other vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500 cc but not exceeding 3 000 cc:	43.0	0.6	0.5
14	87041090	Other motor vehicles for the transport of goods dumpers designed for off-highway use	42.7	0.6	0.5
15	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and notpackagedasseeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	41.5	0.6	0.5
16	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles	38.5	0.5	0.5
17	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	37.9	0.5	0.5
18	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	36.0	0.5	0.4
19	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	34.8	0.5	0.4
20	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 notexceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	34.7	0.5	0.4
21	84749000	Parts of machinery	34.4	0.5	0.4
22	22030090	Other Beer made from malt	32.7	0.5	0.4
23	87012120	Of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	32.5	0.4	0.4
24	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	31.3	0.4	0.4
25	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), includingsunscreen or sun tan preparations	31.1	0.4	0.4

TABLE 4.1 : Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – April 2026 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
26	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	30.3	0.4	0.4
27	84304100	Self-propelled	30.1	0.4	0.4
28	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	29.9	0.4	0.4
29	62171090	Other clothing accessories	29.1	0.4	0.4
30	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	28.3	0.4	0.3
31	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	27.8	0.4	0.3
32	27101201	Aviation spirit, as defined in Additional Note 1(a)	26.3	0.4	0.3
33	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines, having a rim size of 91 cm or more	25.5	0.4	0.3
34	27101207	Aviation kerosene, as defined in Additional Note 1(d)	25.4	0.4	0.3
35	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.)	25.0	0.3	0.3
36	87032290	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc	23.9	0.3	0.3
37	85176290	"Other, Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus"	23.3	0.3	0.3
38	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	23.1	0.3	0.3
39	85472000	Insulating fittings of plastics	22.2	0.3	0.3
40	19023000	Other pasta	21.7	0.3	0.3
41	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	21.1	0.3	0.3
42	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V fitted with connectors	21.0	0.3	0.3
43	16041317	Sardines (pilchards) (SARDINOPS SPP.), in airtight metal containers for human consumption	20.0	0.3	0.2
44	84145900	Other fans	19.8	0.3	0.2
45	39269099	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	19.7	0.3	0.2
46	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	19.3	0.3	0.2
47	73269090	Other, other articles of iron or steel	19.2	0.3	0.2
48	21039095	Other mayonnaise	18.6	0.3	0.2
49	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 sale"	18.4	0.3	0.2
50	38249999	Other mixtures, of prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores; chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries	18.2	0.3	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non-Diamond Goods			4,380.9	60.5	53.3
Other Non-Diamond Imports Goods			2,859.9	39.5	34.8
Total Non-Diamond Imports			7,240.9	100.0	88.1
Diamond Imports			977.2		11.9
Total Imports			8,219.3		100.0

Table 4.2 : Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – April 2026 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non- Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	1,654.3	68.9	28.0
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	155.2	6.5	2.6
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	70.8	2.9	1.2
4	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V fitted with connectors	45.5	1.9	0.8
5	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	30.0	1.3	0.5
6	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	24.9	1.0	0.4
7	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	24.6	1.0	0.4
8	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	16.9	0.7	0.3
9	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	16.8	0.7	0.3
10	94038900	Other furniture of other materials, including cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	15.3	0.6	0.3
11	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	14.6	0.6	0.2
12	87041090	Other Dumpers designed for off-highway use of motor vehicles for the transport of goods	14.5	0.6	0.2
13	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	13.3	0.6	0.2
14	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	12.8	0.5	0.2
15	62171090	Other clothing accessories	11.5	0.5	0.2
16	72071900	Other semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel, containing by weight. less than 0,25 per cent of carbon	9.7	0.4	0.2
17	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	9.1	0.4	0.2
18	74031900	Other refined copper	7.5	0.3	0.1
19	27011200	Bituminous coal	7.2	0.3	0.1
20	27011900	Other coal	6.8	0.3	0.1
21	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the of machinery of heading 84.26, 84.29 or 84.30	6.5	0.3	0.1
22	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	6.1	0.3	0.1
23	85442090	Other co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	6.1	0.3	0.1
24	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	6.0	0.2	0.1
25	25232900	Other Portland cement	5.6	0.2	0.1

Table 4.2 : Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – April 2026 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
26	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	5.4	0.2	0.1
27	48202000	Exercise books	4.6	0.2	0.1
28	84089090	Other engines	4.5	0.2	0.1
29	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	4.1	0.2	0.1
30	61121100	Track suits, Of cotton	4.1	0.2	0.1
31	10051000	Maize (Corn) Seed	4.1	0.2	0.1
32	87032390	Other, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1500 cc but not exceeding 3 000 cc	4.0	0.2	0.1
33	72165000	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded	3.9	0.2	0.1
34	42034000	Other clothing accessories	3.8	0.2	0.1
35	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects, new or used	3.8	0.2	0.1
36	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	3.8	0.2	0.1
37	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	3.5	0.1	0.1
38	84292000	Graders and levellers	3.5	0.1	0.1
39	64059090	Other footwear	3.4	0.1	0.1
40	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	3.4	0.1	0.1
41	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.2	0.1	0.1
42	85285220	Colour, with a screen size exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.1	0.1	0.1
43	84295190	Other front-end shovel loaders	2.9	0.1	0.0
44	39174000	Fittings (for example, joints, elbows, flanges), of plastics	2.7	0.1	0.0
45	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.4	0.1	0.0
46	87032290	Other vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc	2.4	0.1	0.0
47	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	2.4	0.1	0.0
48	85285990	Other monitors	2.3	0.1	0.0
49	44152010	Pallets, box pallets and other load boards	2.3	0.1	0.0
50	87019300	Other, tractors (other than tractors of heading 87.09) of an engine power exceeding 37 kW but not exceeding 75 kW	2.3	0.1	0.0
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			2,277.5	94.9	38.5
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			123.6	5.1	2.1
Total Non-Diamond Exports			2,401.0	100.0	40.6
Diamond Exports			3,510.4		59.4
Total Exports			5,911.4		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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