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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 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 May 2025. 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 region 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 May 2025. 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.

Botswana's imports amounted to P8, 157.2 million, registering an increase of 19.3 percent from the revised April 2025 value of P6, 835.4 million. The leading import commodity groups were Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco; and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 19.1 percent, 18.8 percent, 15.6 percent and 14.8 percent of the total, respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Vehicles & Transport Equipment followed with contributions of 9.3 percent and 6.8 percent in that order.

The main source of imports was the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) at 72.4 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 10.4 percent and 5.4 percent of total imports, respectively. At country level, South Africa was the main supplier of imports at 60.1 percent of the total, followed by Namibia at 11.7 percent. China, Mozambique, and United States of America (**USA**) contributed 4.8 percent, 3.9 percent and 2.3 percent respectively (**Table 3.1A**).

In May 2025, Botswana's exports were valued at P7, 082.1 million, marking 18.9 percent decrease compared to the revised export value of P8, 735.9 million recorded in April 2025. Diamonds and Copper were the main contributors to total exports at 75.4 percent and 14.7 percent in that sequence. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 3.4 percent to total exports.

Asia was the top destination for Botswana's exports, having received 58.7 percent. The **EU** and **SACU** received 21.6 percent and 6.8 percent of Botswana's exports. At country level, Botswana's top export destinations were the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), Belgium and India at 29.9 percent, 21.5 percent and 18.9 percent, of total exports respectively (**Table 3.2A**). Australia, China and South Africa received 7.7 percent, 6.4 percent and 5.8 percent of Botswana's exports during the period under review, in that order.

In May 2025, imports representing 66.8 percent were transported into the country by Road, whereas those imported by Air and Rail accounted for 17.0 percent and 16.2 percent of total imports, respectively. Goods exported by Air accounted for 76.1 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail represented 23.1 percent and 0.8 percent respectively (**Table B**).

During the period under review Merchandise worth P34, 189.9 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 50.0 percent transited through Kazungula Bridge. Martins Drift and Pioneer Gate border posts followed with 38.0 percent and 5.2 percent respectively (**Table C1**). The top transiting goods were Chapter 84 (Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof) at 38.7 percent. Chapter 74 (Copper & articles thereof) followed at 33.3 percent of all goods on transit (**Table C2**).

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TOTAL TRADE

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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 May 2025, 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. 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 for the previous month, incorporated in May 2025, resulted in the upward revision to both trade flows for April 2025. A growth of 2.3 percent (P155.9 million) and 14.6 percent (P1, 112.6 million) was recorded for imports and total exports respectively. The increase in total exports is attributable to Diamonds which were initially recorded at P6, 090.9 million in April 2025 and revised upward to P7, 146.7 million in May 2025. **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures from the previous digest with those of the month under review.

Table A: Data Revision: April 2025 (Million Pula)

Period	As at April 2025 Digest (P Million)			As at May 2025 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
April	6,679.5	7,623.3	943.8	6,835.4	8,735.9	1,900.5	155.9	1,112.6	956.7	2.3	14.6	101.4

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance and freight costs required for delivering the commodities to the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country.

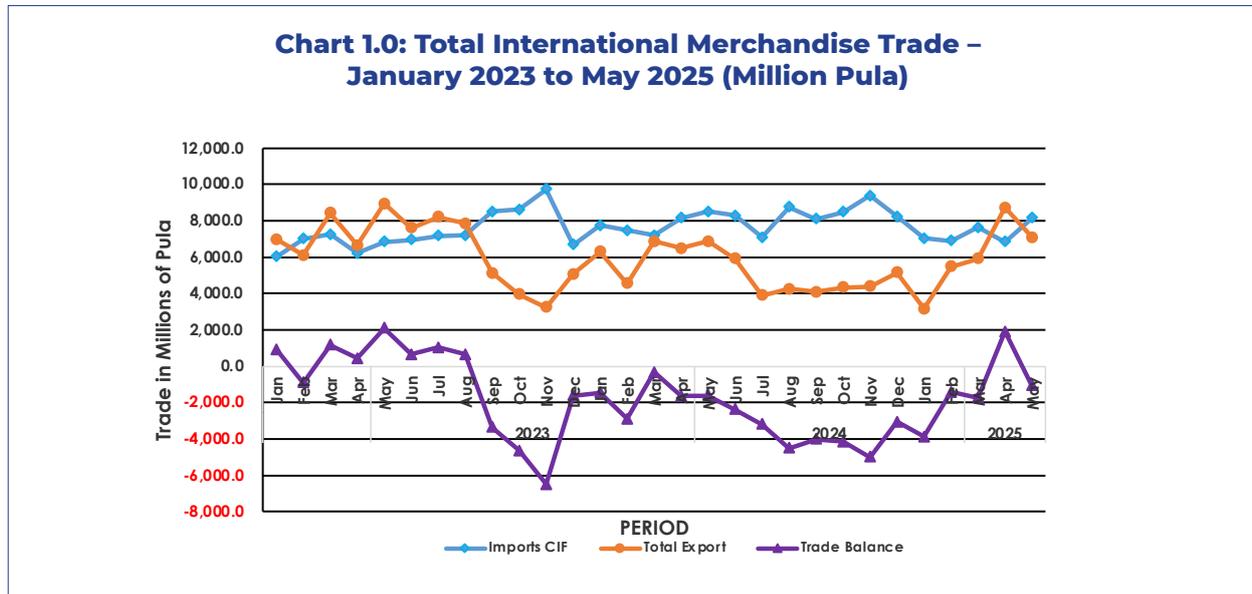
Botswana's total imports were valued at P8, 157.2 million in May 2025, recording a rise of 19.3 percent (P1, 321.8 million) from the revised April 2025 figure of P6, 835.4 million. Diamonds played a major contribution to the increase in overall imports, rising by threefold from the revised April 2025 value of P376.5 million to P1, 560.6 million in the current month. Additionally, Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed to the overall increase, rising by 22.9 percent (P224.4 million) from the revised April 2025 figure of P979.9 million, as shown on **Table 2.1**.

1.3 Total Exports

In May 2025, Botswana's export earnings declined by 18.9 percent (P1, 653.8 million), from the revised April 2025 figure of P8, 735.9 million to P7, 082.1 million. The decrease in total exports was largely driven by a drop in diamond exports, by 25.3 percent (P1, 806.7 million) from a revised April 2025 value of P7, 146.7 million to P5,340.0 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P1, 075.1 million in May 2025 following a revised P1, 900.5 million surplus recorded in April 2025, (Table 1.0). Chart 1.0 displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2023 to May 2025.



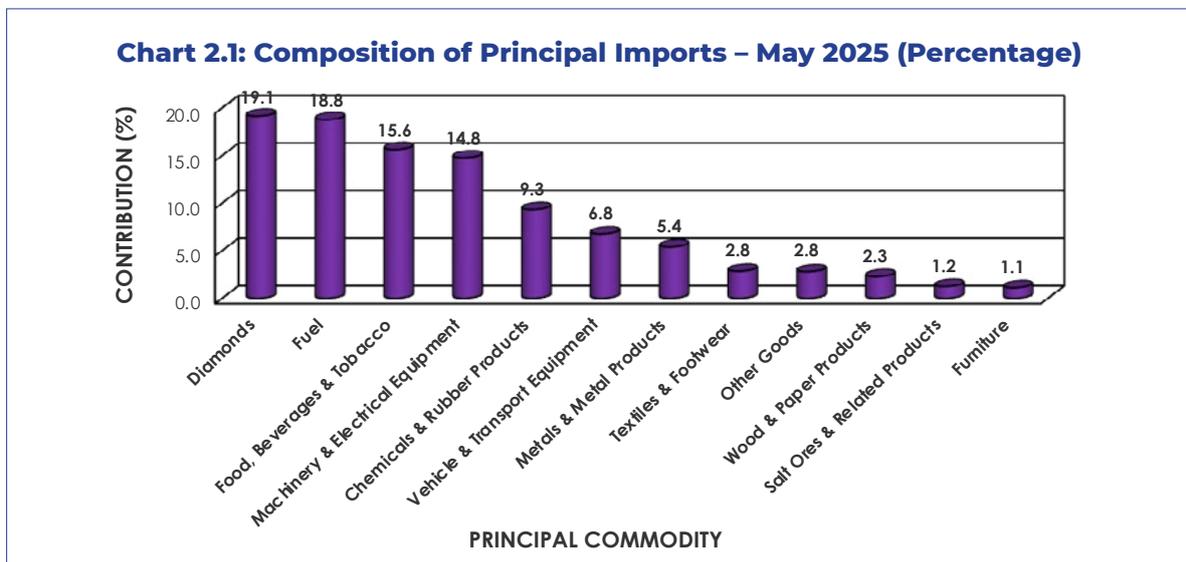
2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

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

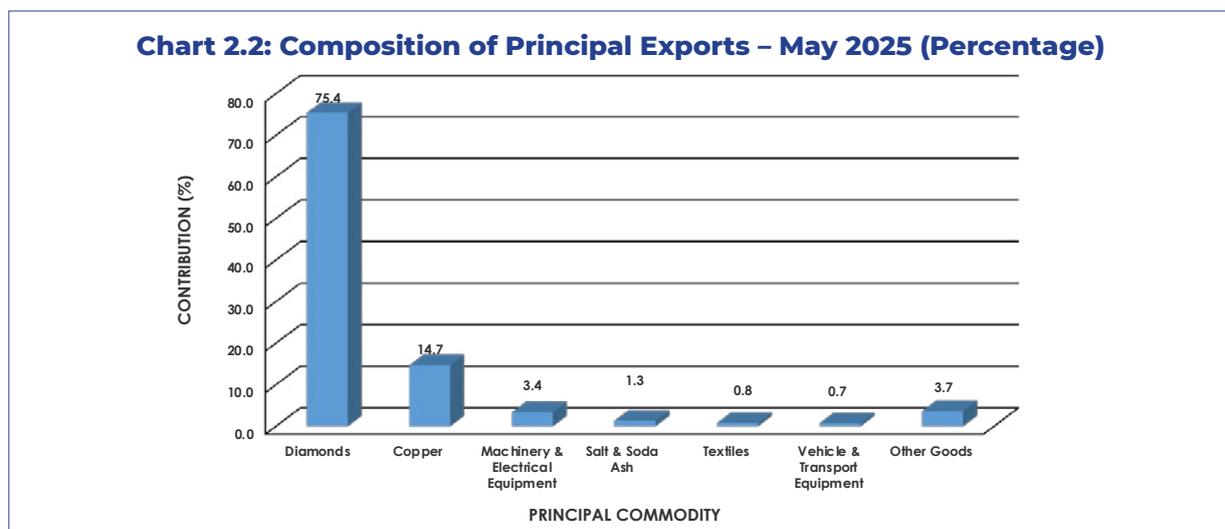
Botswana received imports valued at P8, 157.2 million in May 2025. The leading imported commodity groups were Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Diamonds contributed 19.1 percent (P1, 560.6 million) of total imports, followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 18.8 percent (P1, 530.1 million) and 15.6 percent (P1, 275.5 million), respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 14.8 percent (P1, 204.3 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in Table 2.1 and Chart 2.1.



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

2.2 Principal Exports

During May 2025, merchandise amounting to P7, 082.1 million were exported to the external markets. Diamonds and Copper were the leading export commodity groups with contributions of 75.4 percent (P5, 340.0 million) and 14.7 percent (P1, 042.1 million), respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#)



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

3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade 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 May 2025 appears in [Table 3.1 A](#) 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 Principal Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

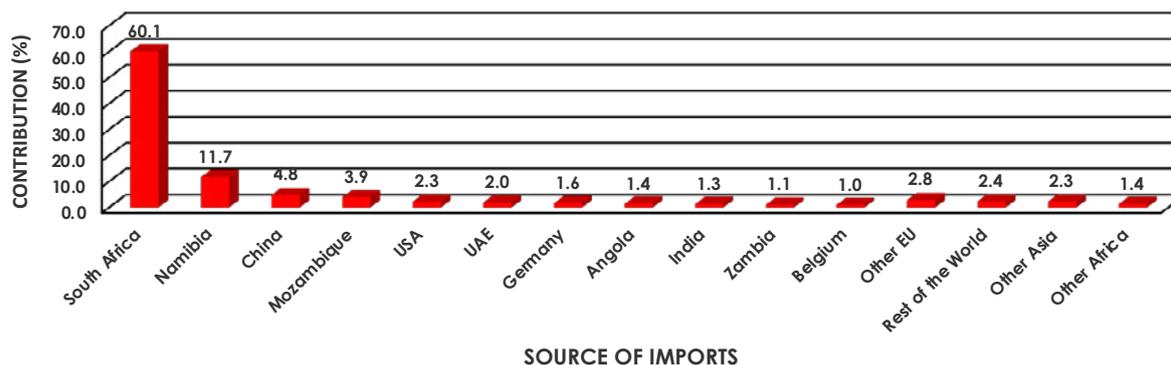
During the period under review, Botswana imported goods worth P8, 157.2 million. The **SACU** region supplied Botswana with imports valued at P5, 903.7 million, representing 72.4 percent of total imports. The top imported commodity groups from the custom union were Fuel; Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco. These commodity groups accounted for 19.8 percent (P1, 167.2 million), 19.5 percent (P1, 152.3 million) and 18.1 percent (P1,070.3 million) respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with, 9.8 percent (P580.0 million), and 8.6 percent (P510.5 million), correspondingly. Among the **SACU** member states, South Africa was the largest source of imports at 60.1 percent (P4, 902.1 million). Namibia followed with 11.7 percent (P953.5 million). These are displayed in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

In May 2025, Asia supplied Botswana with imports worth P851.9 million equivalent to 10.4 percent to total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds contributed 35.0 percent (P297.8 million) and 24.9 percent (P212.3 million), respectively. Vehicles & Transport Equipment constituted 11.5 percent (P98.2 million). In Asia, China, **UAE** and India contributed highest at 4.8 percent (P391.9 million), 2.0 percent (P160.3 million) and 1.3 percent (P109.2 million) to total imports respectively. Figures are shown in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

Botswana imported goods valued at P442.4 million from the **EU**, accounting for 5.4 percent of total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products, Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment were the key commodity groups imported from the Union at 46.4 percent (P205.5 million), 14.7 percent (P65.1 million), 12.9 percent (P57.2 million) and 10.4 percent (P46.2 million), respectively. Germany and Belgium made contributions of 1.6 percent (P134.3 million) and 1.0 percent (P79.3 million) to the total imports, respectively ([Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

During the period of assessment, the USA supplied imports worth P184.5 million to Botswana, accounting for 2.3 percent (P184.5 million) of the country's total imports. The main commodity groups supplied were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment constituting 56.0 percent (P103.3 million), 13.8 percent (P25.5 million) and 11.8 percent (P21.7 million) of the imports from that country. Sources of imports during May 2025 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – May 2025



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

3.2 Principal Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

In May 2025, Botswana exported goods valued at P7, 082.1 million, with majority destined for Asian markets, followed by smaller shares to Europe and the **SACU** region.

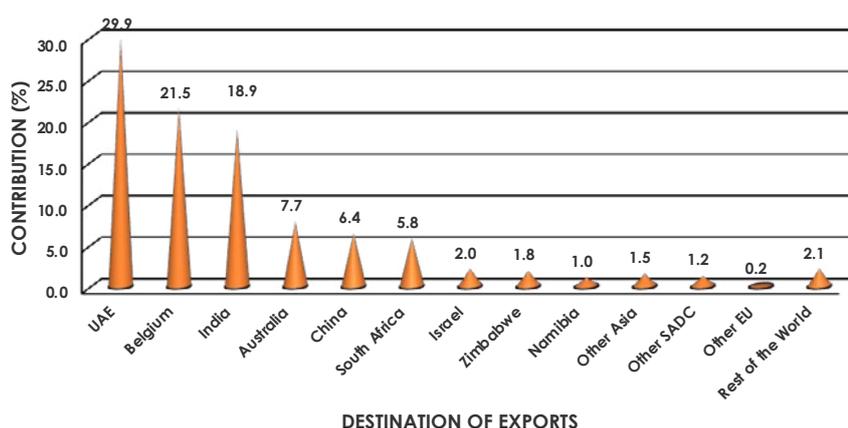
Asia was the largest export destination for Botswana goods, having received 58.7 percent (P4, 155.2 million). Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 88.5 percent (P3, 676.6 million) and 10.9 percent (P451.9 million) respectively. Top exports destinations within Asia were the UAE, India and China at 29.9 percent (P2, 118.4 million), 18.9 percent (P1, 335.0 million) and 6.4 percent (P451.9 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds was the primary export commodity group to the **UAE**, and India accounting for 99.6 percent (P2, 109.2 million) and 99.2 percent (P1, 324.0 million) to each country accordingly. Copper was the sole commodity group exported to China, at P451.9 million. **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

In May 2025, export destined to the **EU** amounted to P1, 531.5 million, reflecting 21.6 percent of total exports. Belgium received most of the exports destined for the union, at 21.5 percent (P1, 519.2 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.2 percent (P1, 519.2 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During the reference period, the **SACU** region received exports reflecting 6.8 percent (P484.1 million) of total exports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment; Salt & Soda Ash and Diamonds were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. These accounted for 40.3 percent (P194.9 million), 13.5 percent (P65.5 million) and 8.7 percent (P42.0 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports to **SACU**, at 5.8 percent (P410.2 million) of total exports, as in **Table 3.2A**.

Australia received exports worth P548.6 million, representing 7.7 percent of Botswana's total exports. Copper was the sole commodity group exported to Australia. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Chart 3.2: Principal Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – May 2025



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

4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1** for imports and **Table 4.2** for exports for May 2025. 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 Trade by Mode of Transport

Trade by mode of transport refers to categorising trade activities based on the method of transportation used to move goods between countries or regions. This classification 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.

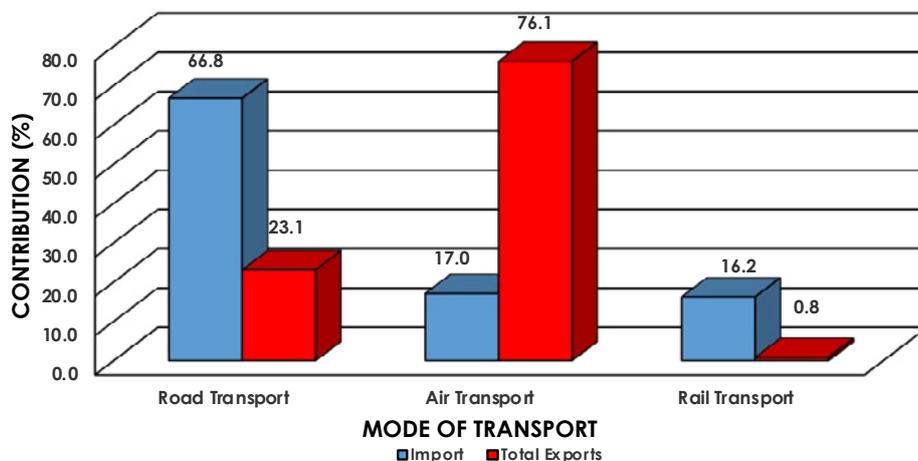
In May 2025, imports representing 66.8 percent (P5, 445.5 million) were transported into the country by Road, whereas those imported by Air and Rail accounted for 17.0 percent (P1, 390.4 million) and 16.2 percent (P1, 321.2 million) of total imports respectively.

Goods exported by Air were valued at P5, 391.5 million, representing 76.1 percent of total exports. Exports transported by Road and Rail accounted for 23.1 percent (P1,633.9 million) and 0.8 percent (P56.7 million) of total exports, respectively.

Table B: Trade by Mode of Transport – May 2025 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Road Transport	5,445.5	66.8	1,633.9	23.1
Air Transport	1,390.4	17.0	5,391.5	76.1
Rail Transport	1,321.2	16.2	56.7	0.8
Total	8,157.2	100.0	7,082.1	100.0

Chart B: Trade by Mode of Transport – May 2025 (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.

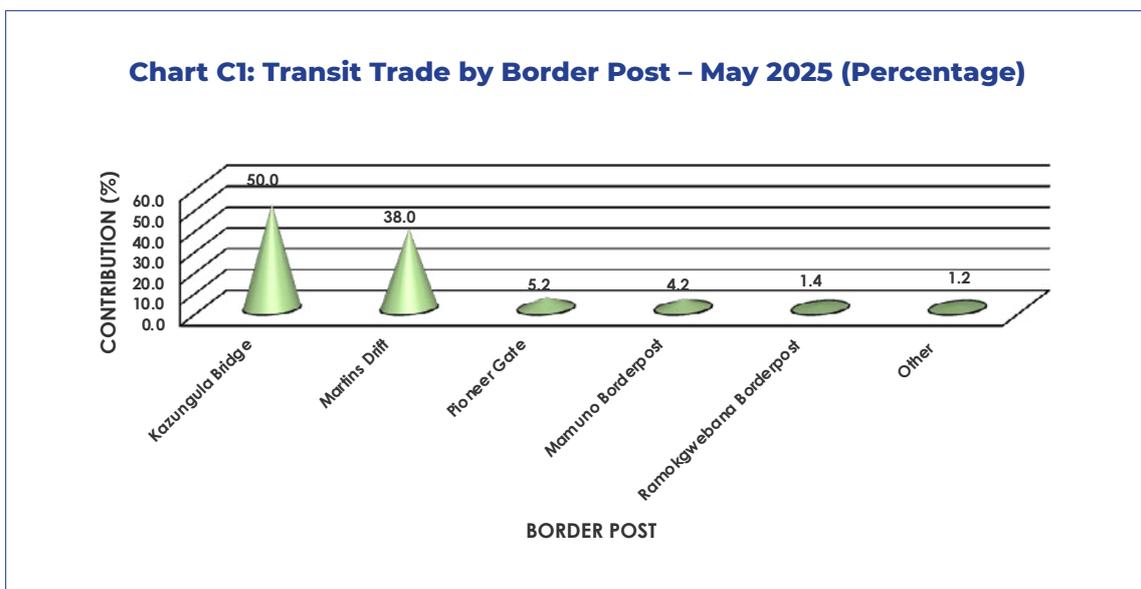
6.1 Transit Trade by Border Post

Goods amounting to P34, 189.9 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries in May 2025. Kazungula bridge, Martins Drift, and Pioneer Gate border posts handled goods accounting for 50.0 percent (P17, 105.3 million), 38.0 percent (P12,985.7 million) and 5.2 percent (P1, 776.2 million) respectively, as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**.

Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – May 2025 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
Kazungula Bridge	17,105.3	50.0
Martins Drift	12,985.7	38.0
Pioneer Gate	1,776.2	5.2
Mamuno Borderpost	1,422.3	4.2
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	478.9	1.4
Other	421.5	1.2
Total	34,189.9	100.0

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



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

6.2 Transit by Chapter

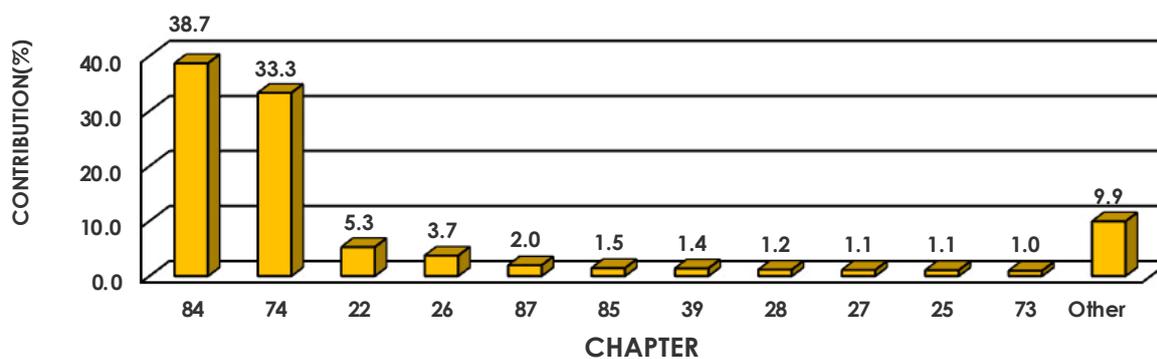
The top most transiting goods were chapter 84 (Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof) with a contribution of 38.7 percent (P13, 225.0 million). Chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof) followed at 33.3 percent (P11,386.2 million) as shown in [Table C2](#) and [Chart C2](#).

Table C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – May 2025 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	13,225.0	38.7
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	11,386.2	33.3
3	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,801.2	5.3
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	1,269.2	3.7
5	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	669.4	2.0
6	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	496.8	1.5
7	39	Plastics and articles thereof	477.0	1.4
8	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	399.0	1.2
9	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	377.3	1.1
10	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	361.8	1.1
11	73	Iron or steel articles	328.3	1.0
		Other	3,398.6	9.9
		Total	34,189.9	100.0

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

Chart C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – May 2025 (Percentage)



“Other...” includes all chapters not displayed on Chart C2

7.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2023 to May 2025 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Export	Trade Balance
Jan_2023	6,033.3	5,752.4	279.4	1.6	6,969.5	0.0	6,969.5	936.1
Feb	7,004.6	6,709.7	293.2	1.6	6,097.4	6.1	6,103.4	(901.1)
Mar	7,253.4	6,935.2	316.3	1.9	8,423.6	5.7	8,429.3	1,175.9
Q1	20,291.3	19,397.3	888.9	5.1	21,490.4	11.7	21,502.2	1,210.9
Apr	6,216.0	5,937.9	276.7	1.4	6,633.6	2.7	6,636.3	420.3
May	6,842.4	6,529.0	312.3	1.1	8,923.6	3.4	8,927.0	2,084.6
Jun	6,948.2	6,622.1	324.1	2.1	7,607.5	0.5	7,608.0	659.7
Q2	20,006.6	19,089.0	913.1	4.6	23,164.7	6.6	23,171.3	3,164.6
Jul	7,174.4	6,854.7	318.1	1.7	8,211.5	0.1	8,211.5	1,037.1
Aug	7,199.3	6,863.8	333.7	1.9	7,835.9	0.5	7,836.4	637.1
Sep	8,492.6	8,149.0	342.0	1.6	5,121.6	0.1	5,121.7	(3,371.0)
Q3	22,866.4	21,867.5	993.8	5.2	21,169.0	0.6	21,169.6	(1,696.8)
Oct	8,601.2	8,244.8	354.8	1.6	3,954.1	3.7	3,957.8	(4,643.3)
Nov	9,739.6	9,365.9	370.9	2.8	3,243.0	0.4	3,243.4	(6,496.2)
Dec	6,690.2	6,392.8	295.3	2.0	5,067.6	0.8	5,068.4	(1,621.8)
Q4	25,030.9	24,003.6	1,021.1	6.3	12,264.7	5.0	12,269.6	(12,761.3)
Total_2023	88,195.3	84,357.3	3,816.8	21.1	78,088.8	23.9	78,112.7	(10,082.6)
Jan_2024	7,744.6	7,424.4	317.9	2.2	6,299.8	0.0	6,299.8	(1,444.8)
Feb	7,457.8	7,124.6	331.4	1.8	4,556.5	0.2	4,556.7	(2,901.1)
Mar	7,202.0	6,898.6	301.5	1.9	6,853.8	14.4	6,868.1	(333.9)
Q1	22,404.3	21,447.6	950.9	5.9	17,710.0	14.6	17,724.6	(4,679.7)
Apr	8,136.4	7,751.1	382.9	2.5	6,484.5	14.4	6,498.9	(1,637.5)
May	8,495.6	8,148.3	345.0	2.3	6,871.1	0.1	6,871.2	(1,624.4)
Jun	8,292.1	7,952.7	336.3	3.0	5,918.7	0.4	5,919.1	(2,373.0)
Q2	24,924.1	23,852.1	1,064.2	7.8	19,274.4	14.8	19,289.2	(5,634.9)
Jul	7,094.3	6,740.0	352.3	2.0	3,845.3	52.4	3,897.7	(3,196.6)
Aug	8,757.0	8,375.0	380.3	1.7	4,246.4	0.0	4,246.4	(4,510.6)
Sep	8,093.8	7,753.4	338.7	1.7	4,081.4	1.6	4,083.0	(4,010.7)
Q3	23,945.1	22,868.4	1,071.3	5.4	12,173.0	54.1	12,227.1	(11,718.0)
Oct	8,481.7	8,079.4	400.4	1.9	4,341.4	0.0	4,341.4	(4,140.2)
Nov	9,376.7	8,957.5	416.8	2.4	4,377.7	0.7	4,378.4	(4,998.3)
Dec	8,219.7	7,859.5	357.1	3.0	5,152.6	0.0	5,152.6	(3,067.1)
Q4	26,078.0	24,896.4	1,174.3	7.3	13,871.7	0.7	13,872.4	(12,205.6)
Total_2024	97,351.5	93,064.4	4,260.6	26.4	63,029.1	84.2	63,113.3	(34,238.2)
Jan_2025	7,027.1	6,674.7	350.4	2.0	3,161.8	0.0	3,161.8	(3,865.2)
Feb	6,899.4	6,548.3	349.1	2.0	5,463.8	0.0	5,463.8	(1,435.6)
Mar	7,628.8	7,268.8	358.1	1.9	5,899.9	0.0	5,899.9	(1,728.9)
Q1	21,555.3	20,491.9	1,057.6	5.9	14,525.6	0.0	14,525.6	(7,029.7)
Apr	6,835.4	6,475.0	356.5	3.9	8,734.6	1.4	8,735.9	1,900.5
May	8,157.2	7,804.2	349.5	3.6	7,080.5	1.6	7,082.1	(1,075.1)
Change	1,321.8	1,329.2	(7.0)	(0.4)	(1,654.0)	0.2	(1,653.8)	(2,975.6)
% Change	19.3	20.5	(2.0)	(9.5)	(18.9)	17.6	(18.9)	(156.6)

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2023 to May 2025 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2023	640.9	988.8	907.0	1,338.4	46.6	852.5	279.7	56.3	133.4	418.9	134.9	235.8	6,033.3
Feb	771.5	1,352.4	1,260.4	1,288.5	57.3	894.3	376.9	46.6	180.8	422.4	142.9	210.6	7,004.6
Mar	795.7	818.8	1,221.3	1,511.1	68.3	1,111.2	394.7	65.4	235.4	566.0	179.3	286.1	7,253.4
Q1	2,208.0	3,160.0	3,388.7	4,138.0	172.2	2,858.0	1,051.4	168.3	549.6	1,407.3	457.2	732.5	20,291.3
Apr	768.6	765.9	1,093.7	1,366.8	55.9	817.1	352.0	63.6	197.8	382.6	140.3	211.7	6,216.0
May	902.1	874.4	1,013.1	1,311.5	75.3	1,058.4	391.2	77.3	187.3	550.3	161.8	239.8	6,842.4
Jun	904.4	779.6	1,153.4	1,321.9	80.3	1,120.5	422.4	100.1	153.4	528.1	176.9	207.4	6,948.2
Q2	2,575.1	2,419.9	3,260.1	4,000.1	211.6	2,996.0	1,165.6	240.9	538.5	1,460.9	479.1	658.9	20,006.6
Jul	823.9	811.5	1,077.2	1,437.5	67.3	1,015.8	418.1	63.4	173.9	873.7	167.4	244.8	7,174.4
Aug	916.9	597.0	1,255.8	1,486.1	79.8	1,132.9	431.7	74.8	204.6	572.9	183.6	263.4	7,199.3
Sep	779.9	1,435.5	1,340.1	1,823.0	87.8	1,187.9	449.3	64.7	228.9	625.6	171.8	298.3	8,492.6
Q3	2,520.6	2,844.0	3,673.1	4,746.5	235.0	3,336.5	1,299.1	202.9	607.3	2,072.1	522.8	806.5	22,866.4
Oct	859.4	1,436.6	1,475.0	1,798.8	84.7	1,117.8	409.5	61.5	270.4	561.7	186.2	339.6	8,601.2
Nov	1,151.8	2,276.0	1,436.6	1,854.9	89.7	1,131.2	419.3	68.4	277.5	578.3	198.0	257.9	9,739.6
Dec	760.4	1,097.0	1,045.3	1,404.0	79.6	859.8	367.3	83.0	161.9	469.3	159.2	203.5	6,690.2
Q4	2,771.6	4,809.5	3,956.8	5,057.7	254.0	3,108.8	1,196.2	212.8	709.8	1,609.2	543.4	801.1	25,030.9
Total_2023	10,075.4	13,233.5	14,278.7	17,942.3	872.8	12,299.3	4,712.2	824.9	2,405.2	6,549.6	2,002.4	2,998.9	88,195.3
Jan_2024	914.7	1,826.0	1,107.4	1,355.3	45.9	834.2	324.6	94.2	140.2	765.5	147.1	189.4	7,744.6
Feb	879.1	756.8	1,115.6	1,622.8	88.8	1,263.4	429.8	76.1	204.6	592.6	177.0	251.0	7,457.8
Mar	746.2	1,229.0	1,170.3	1,342.4	91.8	1,043.2	370.6	79.0	209.3	510.0	194.9	215.1	7,202.0
Q1	2,540.1	3,811.8	3,393.3	4,320.5	226.5	3,140.8	1,125.0	249.3	554.2	1,868.2	519.0	655.5	22,404.3
Apr	788.5	1,281.5	1,175.6	1,361.0	90.0	1,511.9	432.0	83.9	257.1	695.5	187.9	271.6	8,136.4
May	748.4	1,975.3	1,285.2	1,393.9	100.9	1,219.8	443.7	89.3	231.3	597.5	181.5	228.9	8,495.6
Jun	861.6	1,912.4	1,147.4	1,291.7	94.0	1,195.0	408.3	88.1	197.1	683.6	190.4	222.4	8,292.1
Q2	2,398.5	5,169.1	3,608.3	4,046.6	284.9	3,926.7	1,284.0	261.3	685.5	1,976.6	559.7	723.0	24,924.1
Jul	847.5	449.0	1,244.0	1,474.7	86.8	1,173.7	405.1	96.4	210.3	647.3	179.7	279.7	7,094.3
Aug	888.6	1,521.9	1,332.5	1,603.2	98.2	1,194.9	502.0	87.2	250.1	761.3	207.2	309.9	8,757.0
Sep	888.6	1,560.8	1,226.2	1,382.2	82.4	1,114.3	395.6	87.2	244.3	651.4	179.6	281.1	8,093.8
Q3	2,624.8	3,531.7	3,802.8	4,460.1	267.5	3,482.9	1,302.7	270.8	704.7	2,060.0	566.6	870.7	23,945.1
Oct	863.9	1,332.3	1,324.2	1,241.3	147.3	1,377.8	515.7	91.5	308.5	710.3	205.6	363.1	8,481.7
Nov	904.3	1,923.0	1,479.9	1,503.9	109.1	1,459.1	472.3	77.4	256.0	676.7	202.2	312.8	9,376.7
Dec	733.5	1,996.4	1,349.5	1,234.2	89.5	1,012.0	399.3	91.0	196.6	620.3	191.1	306.2	8,219.7
Q4	2,501.7	5,251.7	4,153.6	3,979.4	346.0	3,848.9	1,387.3	259.9	761.1	2,007.3	599.0	982.1	26,078.0
Total_2024	10,065.1	17,764.3	14,957.9	16,806.6	1,124.9	14,399.4	5,099.0	1,041.3	2,705.5	7,912.0	2,244.3	3,231.4	97,351.5
Jan_2025	646.6	1,020.5	1,113.4	1,292.7	62.6	1,260.3	326.8	67.5	167.3	676.0	157.7	235.5	7,027.1
Feb	808.3	535.1	1,266.6	1,163.2	85.1	1,166.4	414.4	74.9	206.0	726.7	181.7	271.0	6,899.4
Mar	818.2	1,027.1	1,232.8	1,355.9	89.0	1,189.8	443.9	88.7	235.0	725.7	179.2	243.5	7,628.8
Q1	2,273.2	2,582.7	3,612.8	3,811.9	236.7	3,616.4	1,185.1	231.1	608.3	2,128.4	518.7	750.0	21,555.3
Apr	669.1	376.5	1,076.5	1,808.1	87.5	979.9	395.4	96.2	226.3	700.8	191.7	227.4	6,835.4
May	760.7	1,560.6	1,275.5	1,530.1	90.3	1,204.3	439.3	101.1	231.1	552.3	185.0	227.0	8,157.2
Change	91.6	1,184.1	199.0	(278.0)	2.7	224.4	43.9	4.9	4.9	(148.6)	(6.8)	(0.3)	1,321.8
% Change	13.7	314.5	18.5	(15.4)	3.1	22.9	11.1	5.1	2.2	(21.2)	(3.5)	(0.1)	19.3
% Contribution													
2024	10.3	18.2	15.4	17.3	1.2	14.8	5.2	1.1	2.8	8.1	2.3	3.3	100.0
Apr	9.8	5.5	15.7	26.5	1.3	14.3	5.8	1.4	3.3	10.3	2.8	3.3	100.0
May	9.3	19.1	15.6	18.8	1.1	14.8	5.4	1.2	2.8	6.8	2.3	2.8	100.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.2 Principal Exports Commodity Groups – January 2023 to May 2025 (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_2023	68.6	525.0	5,739.7	16.5	12.0	116.1	204.6	3.2	34.8	106.6	22.8	24.4	95.4	6,969.5
Feb	52.5	454.0	4,857.5	23.1	25.2	116.7	297.5	7.3	28.5	65.7	19.5	63.8	92.0	6,103.4
Mar	46.7	467.0	7,253.9	33.5	18.6	76.6	250.5	12.8	35.4	86.4	22.1	37.8	88.1	8,429.3
Q1	167.8	1,446.0	17,851.1	73.1	55.9	309.3	752.5	23.4	98.6	258.6	64.4	125.9	275.5	21,502.2
Apr	39.5	388.2	5,620.3	40.0	16.7	64.6	179.7	19.9	25.2	87.9	27.4	39.9	87.1	6,636.3
May	54.4	544.6	7,535.2	27.8	26.1	69.7	269.1	23.9	32.9	57.5	45.3	63.7	176.8	8,927.0
Jun	42.0	424.4	6,378.9	21.1	28.7	69.4	265.1	36.5	33.4	68.2	31.8	58.9	149.5	7,608.0
Q2	135.9	1,357.2	19,534.5	88.8	71.5	203.7	713.9	80.3	91.6	213.6	104.5	162.5	413.4	23,171.3
Jul	34.1	636.0	6,818.8	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.7	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.9	123.5	8,211.5
Aug	30.0	653.0	6,361.5	23.0	27.4	29.6	344.2	45.0	31.5	102.6	30.1	35.2	123.3	7,836.4
Sep	28.2	733.2	3,623.6	19.0	27.9	28.6	269.2	38.9	45.8	106.6	31.4	25.8	143.7	5,121.7
Q3	92.2	2,022.2	16,803.9	59.4	78.9	84.2	899.1	121.9	104.4	326.6	92.3	93.9	390.5	21,169.6
Oct	23.4	703.8	2,430.4	21.4	43.9	16.3	280.9	40.4	37.2	100.2	37.1	91.6	131.2	3,957.8
Nov	26.9	782.9	1,528.2	30.0	30.8	14.9	312.1	28.0	114.1	93.8	40.2	30.1	211.4	3,243.4
Dec	20.5	646.8	3,755.0	13.7	25.2	19.1	112.1	17.8	22.2	214.3	37.6	23.4	160.8	5,068.4
Q4	70.8	2,133.5	7,713.7	65.0	99.9	50.3	705.0	86.3	173.5	408.2	114.9	145.1	503.5	12,269.6
Total_2023	466.7	6,958.8	61,903.1	286.3	306.2	647.6	3,070.5	311.9	468.1	1,207.1	376.1	527.5	1,582.9	78,112.7
Jan_2024	25.7	885.7	4,733.1	20.5	14.7	32.2	214.2	21.4	26.0	141.9	27.2	71.2	85.9	6,299.8
Feb	23.1	674.4	3,183.5	6.1	23.6	42.5	309.6	16.5	33.5	87.9	28.3	28.8	99.1	4,556.7
Mar	26.0	775.0	5,335.4	3.4	33.3	50.0	241.3	38.4	39.7	131.7	28.3	24.7	140.9	6,868.1
Q1	74.8	2,335.0	13,252.0	30.0	71.6	124.7	765.1	76.3	99.2	361.5	83.7	124.7	325.9	17,724.6
Apr	26.9	686.0	5,053.7	0.4	23.2	42.8	279.0	34.4	37.8	119.6	50.6	40.8	103.5	6,498.9
May	51.1	1,025.7	5,044.2	0.0	33.5	48.1	249.1	59.6	43.7	108.2	55.8	21.8	130.3	6,871.2
Jun	40.1	985.0	4,040.1	0.0	38.9	48.1	264.9	34.3	39.3	97.3	49.9	118.0	163.1	5,919.1
Q2	118.1	2,696.7	14,138.1	0.4	95.7	139.0	793.0	128.3	120.8	325.2	156.4	180.5	396.9	19,289.2
Jul	44.6	869.9	2,176.1	0.0	38.0	54.9	244.5	33.6	107.2	99.9	33.7	72.8	122.6	3,897.7
Aug	37.8	904.3	2,595.7	0.0	32.2	47.2	208.0	31.2	56.0	97.2	36.4	45.7	154.8	4,246.4
Sep	34.6	852.8	2,545.2	0.0	37.7	39.3	233.3	39.8	35.9	103.9	33.2	24.1	103.3	4,083.0
Q3	117.0	2,627.0	7,317.1	0.0	107.8	141.4	685.8	104.5	199.0	300.9	103.2	142.6	380.7	12,227.1
Oct	40.7	823.0	2,705.4	0.0	51.0	27.1	273.9	48.9	45.0	107.4	30.6	46.3	142.1	4,341.4
Nov	47.0	798.9	2,590.9	0.0	104.7	28.5	268.6	38.5	147.2	121.7	39.2	43.3	149.9	4,378.4
Dec	30.5	783.7	3,721.1	0.0	55.5	62.2	142.2	7.0	33.9	120.0	40.0	43.7	112.7	5,152.6
Q4	118.2	2,405.6	9,017.4	0.0	211.2	117.8	684.7	94.4	226.1	349.1	109.8	133.3	404.7	13,872.4
Total_2024	428.2	10,064.3	43,724.5	30.5	486.3	522.9	2,928.6	403.6	645.2	1,336.7	453.1	581.1	1,508.3	63,113.3
Jan_2025	31.7	995.1	1,531.4	0.0	27.4	4.4	210.7	5.8	31.4	146.5	34.5	54.0	88.8	3,161.8
Feb	31.3	907.9	3,903.8	0.0	31.4	14.3	247.4	5.9	32.7	90.5	29.6	25.7	143.4	5,463.8
Mar	42.2	995.5	4,173.0	0.0	35.0	23.2	266.5	17.3	40.7	88.2	30.2	71.5	116.7	5,899.9
Q1	105.2	2,898.5	9,608.2	0.0	93.8	41.9	724.6	29.0	104.9	325.2	94.4	151.2	348.9	14,525.6
Apr	34.6	865.1	7,146.7	0.0	29.3	30.6	231.8	27.0	30.5	93.6	44.6	81.2	121.0	8,735.9
May	25.1	1,042.1	5,340.0	0.0	27.8	0.0	239.2	10.0	32.9	94.2	55.6	50.8	164.6	7,082.1
Change	(9.5)	177.1	(1,806.7)	0.0	(1.5)	(30.6)	7.5	(17.1)	2.4	0.5	11.1	(30.5)	43.6	(1,653.8)
% Change	(27.4)	20.5	(25.3)	0.0	(5.1)	(100.0)	3.2	(63.1)	7.9	0.5	24.9	(37.5)	36.0	(18.9)
% Contribution														
2024	0.7	15.9	69.3	0.0	0.8	0.8	4.6	0.6	1.0	2.1	0.7	0.9	2.4	100.0
Apr	0.4	9.9	81.8	0.0	0.3	0.4	2.7	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.5	0.9	1.4	100.0
May	0.4	14.7	75.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.4	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.7	2.3	100.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2023 to May 2025 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	4,813.4	891.5	5,739.7
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	117.3	309.8	1,352.4	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	76.0	316.2	818.8	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,509.2	1,711.3	7,253.9
Q1	1,671.7	0.8	0.0	328.6	1,158.9	3,160.0	0.0	100.2	0.0	13,842.9	3,907.9	17,851.1
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	561.2	204.7	765.9	0.0	47.5	0.0	4,323.2	1,249.6	5,620.3
May	237.7	0.8	0.0	201.0	434.8	874.4	0.0	27.8	0.0	5,958.6	1,548.8	7,535.2
Jun	26.8	0.2	0.0	431.8	320.9	779.6	342.2	45.2	0.0	4,662.6	1,329.0	6,378.9
Q2	264.5	1.0	0.0	1,194.0	960.4	2,419.9	342.2	120.5	0.0	14,944.4	4,127.4	19,534.5
Jul	383.7	0.0	0.0	62.7	365.1	811.5	31.0	33.2	0.0	4,981.9	1,772.6	6,818.8
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	77.0	247.3	597.0	0.0	101.3	0.0	4,552.5	1,707.7	6,361.5
Sep	0.0	0.3	0.0	1,077.3	357.9	1,435.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	2,455.8	1,166.9	3,623.6
Q3	656.4	0.4	0.0	1,216.9	970.4	2,844.0	31.0	135.5	0.0	11,990.2	4,647.3	16,803.9
Oct	581.2	0.0	0.0	459.6	395.8	1,436.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	599.3	1,829.5	2,430.4
Nov	0.3	0.0	0.1	1,687.4	588.2	2,276.0	0.0	57.2	0.0	329.2	1,141.8	1,528.2
Dec	260.5	1.0	0.0	545.3	290.2	1,097.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2,941.1	812.9	3,755.0
Q4	842.0	1.0	0.1	2,692.3	1,274.2	4,809.5	0.0	59.9	0.0	3,869.6	3,784.2	7,713.7
Total_2023	3,434.7	3.1	0.1	5,431.7	4,363.9	13,233.5	373.2	416.1	0.0	44,647.1	16,466.7	61,903.1
Jan_2024	373.2	0.0	0.0	1,268.5	184.3	1,826.0	0.0	19.4	0.0	4,335.9	377.9	4,733.1
Feb	283.8	0.2	0.0	357.6	115.3	756.8	0.0	38.6	0.0	2,823.6	321.3	3,183.5
Mar	370.1	0.0	0.0	807.7	51.2	1,229.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	4,488.8	837.2	5,335.4
Q1	1,027.1	0.2	0.0	2,433.8	350.8	3,811.8	0.0	67.4	0.0	11,648.3	1,536.4	13,252.0
Apr	226.5	0.4	0.0	721.0	333.7	1,281.5	0.0	14.1	0.0	4,133.9	905.7	5,053.7
May	252.7	0.0	0.0	1,607.0	115.6	1,975.3	0.0	19.7	0.0	4,123.0	901.4	5,044.2
Jun	2.1	0.2	0.0	1,658.7	251.4	1,912.4	12.7	71.7	0.0	3,365.2	590.6	4,040.1
Q2	481.2	0.6	0.0	3,986.7	700.7	5,169.1	12.7	105.6	0.0	11,622.1	2,397.7	14,138.1
Jul	304.5	0.4	0.0	66.6	77.5	449.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,515.6	660.5	2,176.1
Aug	251.8	0.0	0.0	1,200.1	69.9	1,521.9	0.0	11.3	0.0	1,583.2	1,001.2	2,595.7
Sep	238.1	0.0	0.0	1,122.5	200.2	1,560.8	0.0	10.5	0.0	1,858.5	676.2	2,545.2
Q3	794.4	0.4	0.0	2,389.2	347.7	3,531.7	0.0	21.9	0.0	4,957.3	2,337.9	7,317.1
Oct	196.6	0.1	0.0	783.3	352.3	1,332.3	0.0	9.9	0.0	2,165.7	529.8	2,705.4
Nov	0.0	0.2	0.0	1,665.7	257.2	1,923.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	1,739.6	848.7	2,590.9
Dec	174.0	0.2	0.0	1,610.3	211.9	1,996.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	3,138.7	582.1	3,721.1
Q4	370.6	0.5	0.0	4,059.2	821.3	5,251.7	0.0	12.8	0.0	7,044.0	1,960.5	9,017.4
Total_2024	2,673.3	1.6	0.0	12,868.9	2,220.4	17,764.3	12.7	207.7	0.0	35,271.7	8,232.5	43,724.5
Jan_2025	128.1	0.1	0.0	604.0	288.3	1,020.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	976.9	553.0	1,531.4
Feb	131.0	0.4	0.0	275.4	128.3	535.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	3,201.4	700.3	3,903.8
Mar	0.0	0.2	0.0	910.2	116.7	1,027.1	0.2	78.6	0.0	3,492.5	601.7	4,173.0
Q1	259.1	0.6	0.0	1,789.7	533.3	2,582.7	0.2	82.2	0.0	7,670.8	1,855.1	9,608.2
Apr	208.8	0.0	0.0	57.1	110.6	376.5	0.0	9.2	0.0	6,485.5	652.0	7,146.7
May	2.6	0.3	0.0	1,396.1	161.6	1,560.6	0.3	18.6	0.0	4,569.8	751.2	5,340.0

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

Table 3.1A: Principal Imports by Country, Region and Commodity Groups - May 2025 (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	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	557.5	486.0	1,043.2	916.4	80.3	509.7	347.6	83.9	179.4	374.3	160.1	163.7	4,902.1	60.1
Namibia	0.3	666.3	14.1	250.7	0.0	0.2	2.0	17.1	0.1	1.0	1.2	0.6	953.5	11.7
Eswatini	22.1	0.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	6.6	0.0	43.3	0.5
Lesotho	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.1
SACU	580.0	1,152.3	1,070.3	1,167.2	80.3	510.5	349.6	101.0	184.9	375.3	167.9	164.4	5,903.7	72.4
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	315.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	316.9	3.9
Angola	0.0	113.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	113.3	1.4
Zambia	0.2	0.0	14.0	42.3	0.0	0.9	22.4	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	6.4	87.3	1.1
Other SADC	3.8	0.0	33.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	1.2	0.2	2.2	3.3	50.7	0.6
SADC	584.0	1,265.6	1,117.3	1,524.9	80.3	517.3	373.0	101.0	188.3	375.7	170.3	174.1	6,472.0	79.3
Other Africa	3.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	12.5	0.2
Africa	587.2	1,265.6	1,118.4	1,524.9	80.3	525.0	373.1	101.0	188.5	375.7	170.4	174.3	6,484.5	79.5
China	40.6	0.0	3.0	0.3	7.7	229.7	26.7	0.0	27.4	28.2	8.4	19.9	391.9	4.8
UAE	0.8	149.7	0.2	1.0	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	160.3	2.0
India	17.0	62.6	4.5	0.4	0.0	13.9	2.0	0.0	3.0	2.9	0.1	2.8	109.2	1.3
Other Asia	17.4	0.0	43.3	0.1	0.2	46.6	9.6	0.0	2.5	66.7	0.5	3.6	190.5	2.3
Asia	75.9	212.3	51.0	1.7	8.0	297.8	38.4	0.0	33.1	98.2	8.9	26.5	851.9	10.4
Germany	25.4	0.0	2.9	0.2	0.2	77.5	2.4	0.0	7.9	11.5	2.7	3.6	134.3	1.6
Belgium	12.1	57.2	4.3	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	79.3	1.0
Other EU	27.5	0.0	20.2	2.9	0.4	123.2	6.5	0.0	0.9	34.4	2.1	10.9	228.9	2.8
EU	65.1	57.2	27.4	3.1	0.5	205.5	8.9	0.0	8.8	46.2	4.7	14.9	442.4	5.4
USA	9.1	25.5	2.3	0.2	1.0	103.3	15.4	0.0	0.3	21.7	0.4	5.2	184.5	2.3
Rest of the World	23.4	0.0	76.4	0.2	0.4	72.7	3.6	0.0	0.3	10.4	0.4	6.2	193.9	2.4
TOTAL	760.7	1,560.6	1,275.5	1,530.1	90.3	1,204.3	439.3	101.1	231.1	552.3	185.0	227.0	8,157.2	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – May 2025

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	11.4	9.9	21.3	18.7	1.6	10.4	7.1	1.7	3.7	7.6	3.3	3.3	100.0
Namibia	0.0	69.9	1.5	26.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0
Eswatini	51.1	0.0	30.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	15.2	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
SACU	9.8	19.5	18.1	19.8	1.4	8.6	5.9	1.7	3.1	6.4	2.8	2.8	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Angola	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
Zambia	0.2	0.0	16.1	48.5	0.0	1.0	25.6	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.3	7.4	100.0
Other SADC	7.6	0.0	65.1	0.0	0.0	11.8	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.5	4.3	6.4	100.0
SADC	9.0	19.6	17.3	23.6	1.2	8.0	5.8	1.6	2.9	5.8	2.6	2.7	100.0
Other Africa	25.5	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.1	61.2	0.6	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.5	1.1	100.0
Africa	9.1	19.5	17.2	23.5	1.2	8.1	5.8	1.6	2.9	5.8	2.6	2.7	100.0
China	10.4	0.0	0.8	0.1	2.0	58.6	6.8	0.0	7.0	7.2	2.1	5.1	100.0
UAE	0.5	93.3	0.1	0.6	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	100.0
India	15.6	57.3	4.1	0.3	0.0	12.7	1.8	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.1	2.6	100.0
Other Asia	9.1	0.0	22.8	0.0	0.1	24.5	5.1	0.0	1.3	35.0	0.2	1.9	100.0
Asia	8.9	24.9	6.0	0.2	0.9	35.0	4.5	0.0	3.9	11.5	1.0	3.1	100.0
Germany	19.0	0.0	2.1	0.1	0.1	57.7	1.8	0.0	5.9	8.6	2.0	2.7	100.0
Belgium	15.3	72.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	100.0
Other EU	12.0	0.0	8.8	1.2	0.2	53.8	2.8	0.0	0.4	15.0	0.9	4.8	100.0
EU	14.7	12.9	6.2	0.7	0.1	46.4	2.0	0.0	2.0	10.4	1.1	3.4	100.0
USA	5.0	13.8	1.2	0.1	0.5	56.0	8.3	0.0	0.2	11.8	0.2	2.8	100.0
Rest of the World	12.1	0.0	39.4	0.1	0.2	37.5	1.8	0.0	0.2	5.4	0.2	3.2	100.0
TOTAL	9.3	19.1	15.6	18.8	1.1	14.8	5.4	1.2	2.8	6.8	2.3	2.8	100.0

Table 3.2A: Principal Exports by Country, Region and Commodity Groups – May 2025 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	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	20.6	0.0	23.2	16.1	0.0	181.7	9.2	25.2	65.5	22.7	14.0	0.0	410.2	5.8
Namibia	4.5	3.4	18.8	2.9	0.0	13.3	0.7	2.4	0.0	0.3	13.5	0.0	73.4	1.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0
SACU	25.1	3.4	42.0	19.0	0.0	194.9	10.0	27.6	65.5	23.0	27.7	0.0	484.1	6.8
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	18.0	0.0	3.8	14.4	31.8	17.2	0.0	127.9	1.8
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	7.1	0.0	1.5	14.3	0.8	3.7	0.0	53.5	0.8
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	34.5	0.5
SADC	25.1	3.4	42.0	23.0	0.0	228.8	10.0	32.8	94.2	55.6	50.2	0.0	700.0	9.9
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0
Africa	25.1	3.4	42.0	23.0	0.0	229.1	10.0	32.8	94.2	55.6	50.5	0.0	700.9	9.9
UAE	0.0	0.0	2,109.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,118.4	29.9
India	0.0	0.0	1,324.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,335.0	18.9
China	0.0	451.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	451.9	6.4
Israel	0.0	0.0	144.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	144.7	2.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	105.1	1.5
Asia	0.0	451.9	3,676.6	4.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,155.2	58.7
Belgium	0.0	0.0	1,519.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,519.2	21.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3	0.2
EU	0.0	0.0	1,519.2	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,531.5	21.6
Australia	0.0	548.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	548.6	7.7
Rest of the World	0.0	38.2	102.2	0.1	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	145.9	2.1
TOTAL	25.1	1,042.1	5,340.0	27.8	0.0	239.2	10.0	32.9	94.2	55.6	50.8	0.0	7,082.1	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – May 2025

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	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	5.0	0.0	5.7	3.9	0.0	44.3	2.3	6.1	16.0	5.5	3.4	0.0	100.0
Namibia	6.1	4.7	25.6	4.0	0.0	18.1	1.0	3.3	0.0	0.3	18.4	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	5.2	0.7	8.7	3.9	0.0	40.3	2.1	5.7	13.5	4.7	5.7	0.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	14.1	0.0	3.0	11.2	24.9	13.4	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	13.3	0.0	2.7	26.8	1.4	7.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	100.0
SADC	3.6	0.5	6.0	3.3	0.0	32.7	1.4	4.7	13.5	7.9	7.2	0.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	41.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	33.4	0.0	100.0
Africa	3.6	0.5	6.0	3.3	0.0	32.7	1.4	4.7	13.4	7.9	7.2	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.6	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	99.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	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	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	93.8	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	10.9	88.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	26.2	70.0	0.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	100.0
TOTAL	0.4	14.7	75.4	0.4	0.0	3.4	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.0	100.0

Table 4.1: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2025 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	591.3	9.0	7.2
2	27160000	Electrical energy	451.2	6.8	5.5
3	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	349.1	5.3	4.3
4	25232900	Other Portland cement	92.0	1.4	1.1
5	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	73.0	1.1	0.9
6	85176290	Other Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data...	60.8	0.9	0.7
7	87032390	Other Vehicles with motorcycle-type handlebars and hand-operated controls	58.3	0.9	0.7
8	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	57.0	0.9	0.7
9	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	53.8	0.8	0.7
10	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	53.5	0.8	0.7
11	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	52.3	0.8	0.6
12	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))	50.4	0.8	0.6
13	87089990	Other Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	49.4	0.7	0.6
14	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	48.8	0.7	0.6
15	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	46.7	0.7	0.6
16	85444990	Other ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	46.6	0.7	0.6
17	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	43.8	0.7	0.5
18	87033390	Other vehicles Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cc	39.1	0.6	0.5
19	87032290	Other of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc	38.2	0.6	0.5
20	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	37.7	0.6	0.5
21	22030090	Beer made from malt - Other	34.3	0.5	0.4
22	17011300	Cane Sugar specified in Subheading Note2 to this chapter	33.5	0.5	0.4
23	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.)	33.5	0.5	0.4
24	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	30.7	0.5	0.4
25	84139100	Parts: Of pumps	29.6	0.4	0.4

Table 4.1: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2025 (Million Pula) *Continued*

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Imports	Contribution (%) Against Total Imports
26	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	29.5	0.4	0.4
27	84137090	Other centrifugal pumps	25.2	0.4	0.3
28	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	24.5	0.4	0.3
29	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	24.5	0.4	0.3
30	09109900	Other spices	24.3	0.4	0.3
31	84112100	Turbo-propellers: Of a power not exceeding 1 100 kW	23.2	0.4	0.3
32	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	23.1	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	23.1	0.3	0.3
34	84741000	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines	22.6	0.3	0.3
35	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	22.4	0.3	0.3
36	84082000	Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	22.3	0.3	0.3
37	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	22.1	0.3	0.3
38	84749000	Parts of Mixing or kneading machines	22.0	0.3	0.3
39	85177900	Other Machines for the reception	21.9	0.3	0.3
40	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	21.3	0.3	0.3
41	38249999	Other mixtures	20.9	0.3	0.3
42	85044090	Other Static converters	20.8	0.3	0.3
43	19049090	Other (cereals (other than maize (corn), in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included)	20.6	0.3	0.3
44	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	20.3	0.3	0.2
45	62171090	Other clothing accessories	19.9	0.3	0.2
46	21032000	Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	19.6	0.3	0.2
47	19053100	Sweet biscuits	18.8	0.3	0.2
48	84212100	Filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus for liquids : For filtering or purifying water	18.6	0.3	0.2
49	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	18.6	0.3	0.2
50	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	18.5	0.3	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non-Diamond Goods			3,003.0	45.5	36.8
Other Non-Diamond Imports Goods			3,593.6	54.5	44.1
Total Non-Diamond Imports			6,596.6	100.0	80.9
Diamonds Imports			1,560.6		19.1
Total Imports			8,157.2		100.0

Table 4.2: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2025 (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	1,042.1	59.8	14.7
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	104.6	6.0	1.5
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	60.5	3.5	0.9
4	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	45.6	2.6	0.6
5	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	31.3	1.8	0.4
6	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	19.9	1.1	0.3
7	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	19.9	1.1	0.3
8	62171090	Other clothing accessories	15.5	0.9	0.2
9	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	15.5	0.9	0.2
10	27011900	Other coal	14.0	0.8	0.2
11	87041090	Other Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	12.4	0.7	0.2
12	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	11.3	0.7	0.2
13	27011200	Bituminous coal	11.1	0.6	0.2
14	87059000	Other concrete - mixer lorries	11.0	0.6	0.2
15	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	10.7	0.6	0.2
16	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	10.0	0.6	0.1
17	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	9.2	0.5	0.1
18	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	7.9	0.5	0.1
19	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	7.9	0.5	0.1
20	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	7.6	0.4	0.1
21	08054010	Fresh Grapefruit, including pomelos	7.6	0.4	0.1
22	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	7.4	0.4	0.1
23	74040010	Of refined copper	7.4	0.4	0.1
24	84295190	Other Front end shovel loaders	6.6	0.4	0.1
25	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	6.5	0.4	0.1

Table 4.2: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – May 2025 (Million Pula) *Continued*

Rank	HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
26	84314990	Other parts of radiators	5.9	0.3	0.1
27	84733000	Parts and accessories of the machines of heading 84.71	5.4	0.3	0.1
28	84295900	Other Front-end shovel loaders	5.4	0.3	0.1
29	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	5.0	0.3	0.1
30	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	4.7	0.3	0.1
31	31029000	Other, including mixtures not specified in the foregoing subheadings	4.7	0.3	0.1
32	94032000	Other metal furniture	4.4	0.3	0.1
33	84742000	Crushing or grinding machines	4.0	0.2	0.1
34	87032390	Other Vehicles with motorcycle-type handlebars and hand-operated controls	3.9	0.2	0.1
35	72044900	Other turnings ,shavings,chips ,milling waste,sawdust whether or not in bundles	3.9	0.2	0.1
36	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	3.9	0.2	0.1
37	61121900	Track suits, Of other textile materials	3.1	0.2	0.0
38	08052110	Fresh Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas):	3.1	0.2	0.0
39	94038900	Other furniture of bamboo	2.9	0.2	0.0
40	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.9	0.2	0.0
41	17011400	Other cane sugar	2.6	0.1	0.0
42	85176990	Other apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network	2.5	0.1	0.0
43	94049010	Blankets as defined in additional note 1 to chapter 94	2.4	0.1	0.0
44	08059010	Fresh (Other Citrus fruit)	2.4	0.1	0.0
45	85285905	Colour, with a screen with no side exceeding 45 cm	2.4	0.1	0.0
46	84112100	Turbo-propellers: Of a power not exceeding 1 100 kW	2.4	0.1	0.0
47	42034000	Other clothing accessories	2.3	0.1	0.0
48	87032290	Other of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc	2.3	0.1	0.0
49	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	2.3	0.1	0.0
50	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	2.3	0.1	0.0
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,590.8	91.3	22.5
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			151.3	8.7	2.1
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,742.2	100.0	24.6
Diamonds Exports			5,340.0		75.4
Total Exports			7,082.1		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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