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Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics play a crucial role in the world economy. It is an account of all transactions of goods between a country and its trading partners. The account measures the value and quantity of goods that add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country, by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. Therefore, trade statistics remains one of the major indicators of the performance of a country's economy and its competitiveness in the world market.

The monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics are used extensively in the compilation of national accounts and balance of payments. Furthermore, these statistics are used by government institutions and other stakeholders for trade negotiations and other various purposes.

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for December 2021. It shows summaries of total international merchandise trade as presented in **Table 1.0**. Trade by principal commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports, while **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. Direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at region or country level, for December 2021 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Table 4.1A** presents statistics on commodities that were mostly imported during December 2021, while exports are given in **Table 4.1B**.

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

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



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Executive Summary

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) monthly digest provides a summary of trade statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods for December 2021.

In December 2021, total imports were valued at P6, 417.2 million reflecting a decrease of 24.7 percent from the revised November 2021 value of P8, 521.0 million. During the same month, total exports amounted to P7, 130.1 million, displaying an increase of 6.7 percent from the revised November 2021 value of P6, 684.6 million.

Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the leading import commodity groups; with contributions of 21.6 percent, 18.9 percent, 14.9 percent, 12.6 percent and 12.2 percent respectively. In December 2021, Diamonds and Copper contributed 91.6 percent, and 2.2 percent to total exports, respectively.

Imports from **SACU** made a contribution of 67.0 percent, whilst those from the **EU** and **Asia** accounted for 17.4 and 6.7 percent of total imports respectively during the month under review. Imports from South Africa accounted for 63.5 percent of total imports. Belgium and Canada provided imports representing 16.0 and 4.1 percent respectively.

During the month under review, exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** accounted for 62.9 percent, 21.6 percent and 8.7 percent of the total exports, respectively. The **UAE**, Belgium and India received exports representing 23.5 percent, 21.6 percent and 14.5 percent of the monthly total, respectively.

In December 2021, Air transport accounted for 92.8 percent of total exports, while exports by Road and Rail transport represented 7.0 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. Imports by Road accounted for 65.9 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 30.9 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively.

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on December 2021, which is also referred to as the reference period, the period under review or the current month, throughout the digest.

1.1 Data Revision

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

During December 2021, transactions for November 2021 had late customs duty assessments. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected month, comparing figures as at the November 2021 Digest and the current situation. Imports for November 2021 were revised up by 2.6 percent (P218.2 million) while Total Exports rose by 13.0 percent (P769.6 million) as displayed in **Table A**.

Table A: Data Revision: November 2021 (Million Pula)

Period	As at November 2021 Digest			As at December 2021 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
Indicators	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
November	8,302.8	5,915.0	(2,387.8)	8,521.0	6,684.6	(1,836.4)	218.2	769.6	551.4	2.6	13.0	(23.1)

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. During December 2021, imports were valued at P6, 417.2 million, representing a decline of 24.7 percent (P2, 103.9 million) from the November 2021 revised figure of P8, 521.0 million. The decrease was mainly attributed to the 53.8 percent (P1, 609.9 million) decline in Diamonds imports, from the revised November 2021 figure of P2, 994.4 million to P1, 384.5 during the current period.

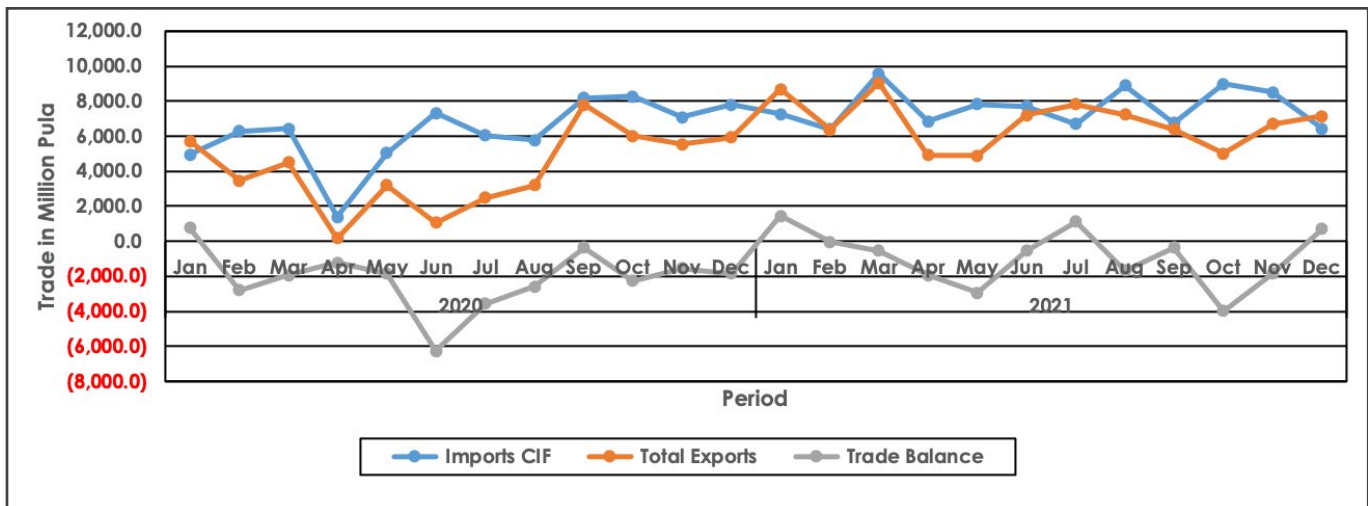
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's total export value rose by 6.7 percent (P445.5 million), from the revised November 2021 figure of P6, 684.6 million to P7, 130.1 million. The increase is attributed largely to the rise in Diamonds exports, by 12.7 percent (P733.6 million) from the revised November 2021 value of P5, 799.1 million to P6, 532.7 million.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade surplus of P713.0 million in December 2021. This follows a revised trade deficit of P1, 836.4 million for November 2021. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2020 to December 2021.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2020 to December 2021 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade By Principal Commodity Groups

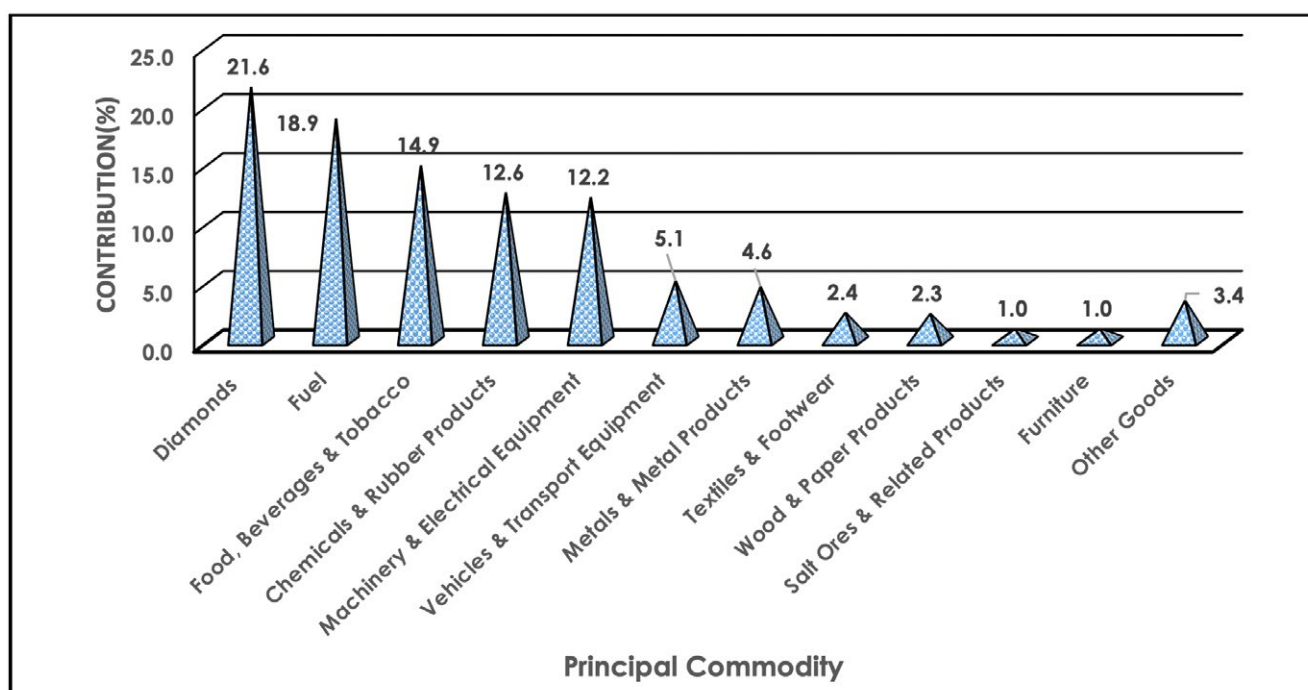
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

Botswana received imports valued at P6, 417.2 million during the reference period. Diamonds contributed 21.6 percent (P1, 384.5 million) to total imports. Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 18.9 percent (P1, 211.8 million), 14.9 percent (P957.4 million) and 12.6 percent (P805.7 million) respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 12.2 percent (P780.8 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

Chart 2.1: Composition of Principal Imports- December 2021

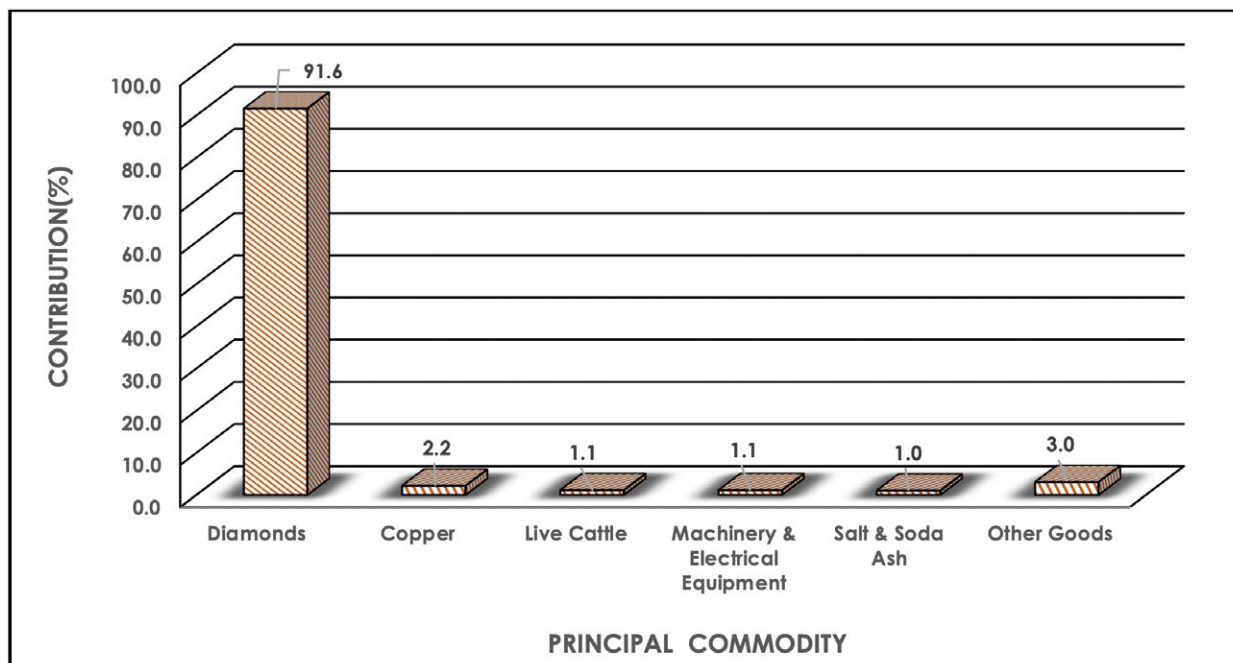


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

In December 2021, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P7, 130.1 million. The Diamonds group accounted for 91.6 percent (P6, 532.7 million), followed by Copper, with 2.2 percent (P153.4 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – December 2021



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

3.0 Direction Of Trade

Direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade between the compiling country and her major trading partners. As a result the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during December 2021 appears in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.2A](#), respectively. [Table 3.1B](#) (imports) and [Table 3.2B](#) (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Botswana imported goods worth P6, 417.2 million in December 2021, with the **SACU** region contributing 67.0 percent (P4, 302.5 million) to the total. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco, with contributions of 26.7 percent (P1, 148.3 million) and 20.7 percent (P890.6 million) to imports from the region, respectively (refer to [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

Imports from South Africa accounted for 63.5 percent (P4, 074.1 million) of total imports during the same month. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco made contributions of 25.1 percent (P1, 024.4. million), and 21.5 percent (P877.7 million) to total imports from that country. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, followed with 15.1 percent (P613.6 million) and 13.5 percent (P548.8 million) respectively. Namibia supplied 3.2 percent (P205.4 million) of total imports during the period.

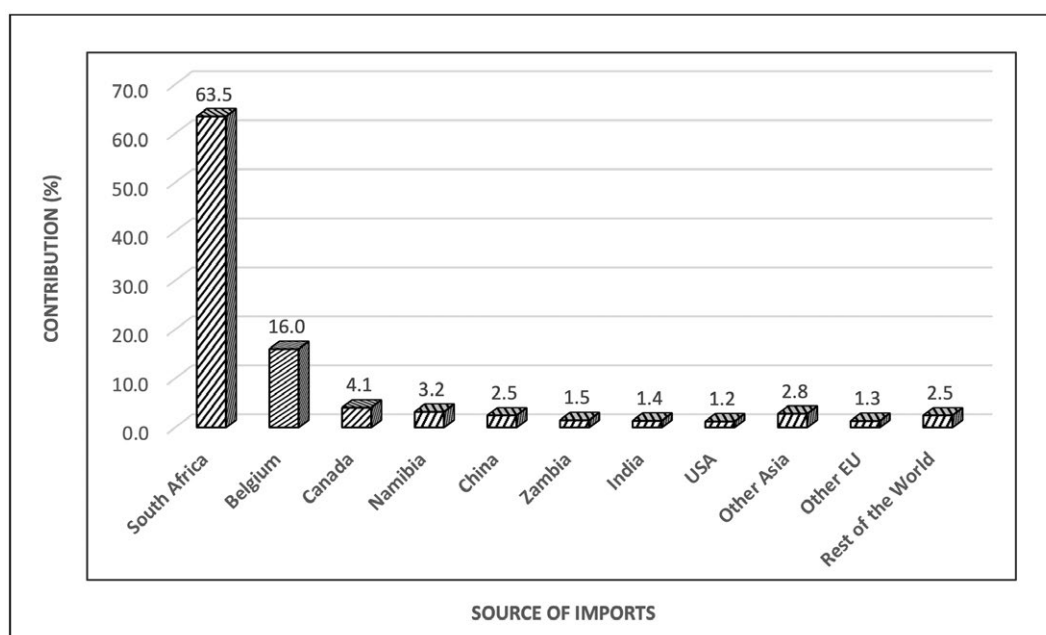
The **EU** region supplied imports worth P1, 115.2 million (17.4 percent) to total imports during the reference period. The major commodity group imported from the **EU** was Diamonds, at 89.4 percent (P997.0 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the **EU**, with a contribution of 16.0 percent (P1, 028.8 million) of total imports during the month under review, refer to [Table 3.1 A](#).

Botswana received imports worth P429.0 million from Asia during December 2021, accounting for 6.7 percent of total imports. The major commodity groups imported from the regional block were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds with contributions of 29.2 percent (P125.1 million) and 17.2 percent (P73.7 million) and 14.2 percent (P60.8 million) of total imports respectively (tables [3.1A](#) & [3.1B](#)).

Canada supplied 4.1 percent (P 260.8 million) of total imports during the period. ([Table 3.1 A](#)).

Graphical presentation of sources of imports during December 2021 can be viewed on [Chart 3.1](#).

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – December 2021



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in [Table 3.1](#)

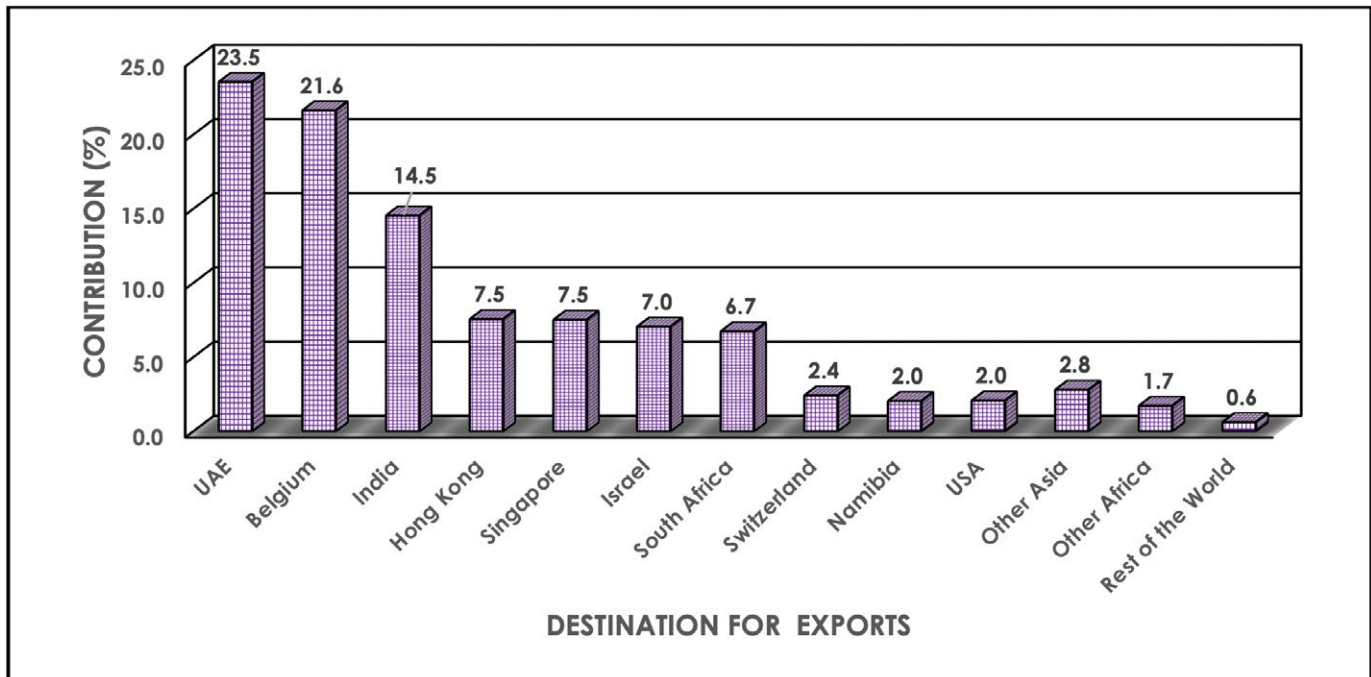
3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

In December 2021, Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 62.9 percent (P4, 485.5 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined to the **UAE** and India, which got 23.5 percent (P1, 677.9 million) and 14.5 percent (P1, 036.0 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia during the current period as shown by **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During the reference period, exports destined to the **EU** amounted to P1, 542.4 million, accounting for 21.6 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional union, acquiring 21.6 percent (P1, 540.8 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the **EU**, at 99.5 percent (P1, 534.7 million) (**Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**).

The **SACU** region received exports valued at P622.6 million, accounting for 8.7 percent of total exports. Diamonds; Live Cattle and Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 51.8 percent (P322.5 million), 12.3 percent (P76.8 million) and 8.7 percent (P53.9 million) of total exports to the customs union (**Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**). South Africa and Namibia received 6.7 percent (P478.6 million) and 2.0 percent (P143.9 million) of total exports respectively during the month under review (**Table 3.2A**).

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – December 2021



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

4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports. This is intended to present the most traded goods with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

For the purposes of compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics, mode of transport refers to the method of transport used for the carriage of goods in and out of the country. These statistics are predominantly collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring international transport routes, as transport is critical for trade facilitation. Modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to modes of transport while **Chart B** gives the graphical illustration.

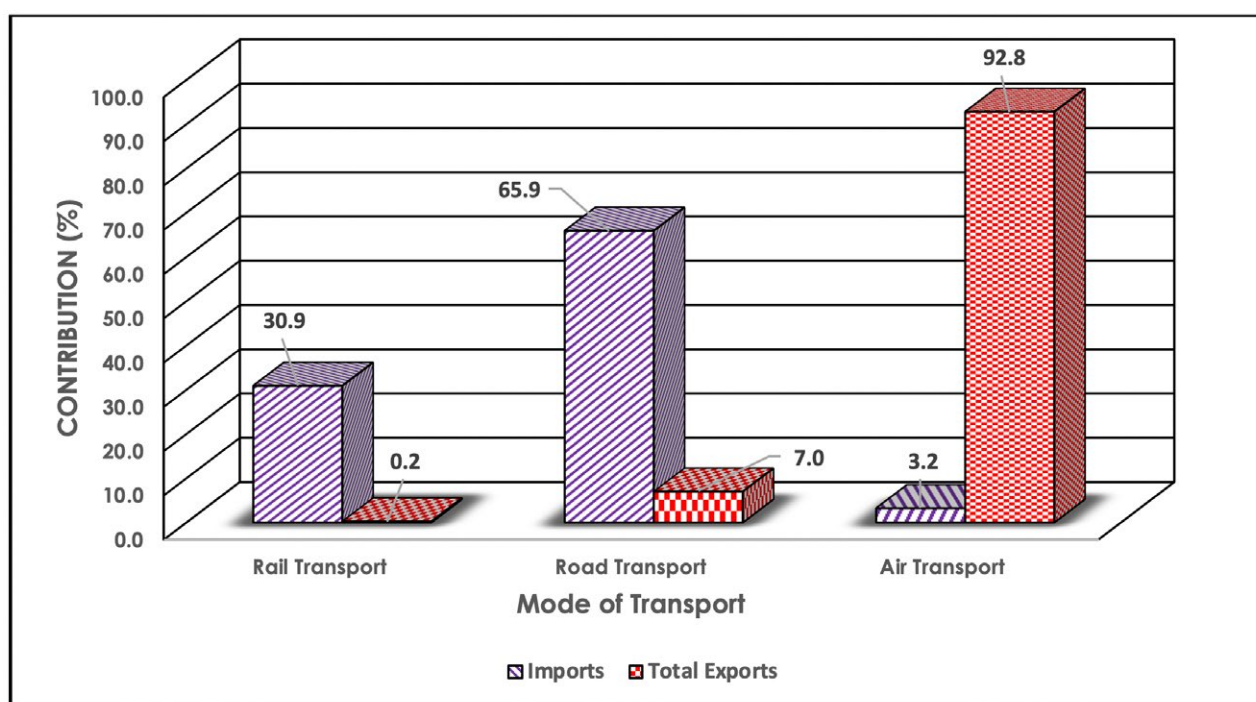
In December 2021, goods amounting to P6, 615.6 million, accounting for 92.8 percent were exported by Air. Road and Rail accounted for 7.0 percent (P498.1 million) and 0.2 percent (P16.4 million) respectively.

Goods representing 65.9 percent (P4, 229.5 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Rail and Air accounted for 30.9 percent (P1, 982.1 million) and 3.2 percent (P205.4 million) respectively.

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

Mode of Transport	Imports	%	Total Exports	%
Rail Transport	1,982.1	30.9	16.4	0.2
Road Transport	4,229.5	65.9	498.1	7.0
Air Transport	205.4	3.2	6,615.6	92.8
Other Modes	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Total	6,417.2	100.0	7,130.1	100.0

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport – December 2021



6.0 ANNEXURE

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2020 to December 2021 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2020	4,959.8	4,736.7	222.2	0.9	5,707.4	9.2	5,716.7	756.9
Feb	6,270.6	5,999.1	270.0	1.4	3,465.9	0.6	3,466.5	(2,804.1)
Mar	6,441.8	6,177.0	263.5	1.4	4,517.7	0.2	4,518.0	(1,923.9)
Q1	17,672.2	16,912.8	755.7	3.7	13,691.1	10.1	13,701.1	(3,971.1)
Apr	1,383.1	1,295.0	87.7	0.4	173.0	0.1	173.0	(1,210.1)
May	5,028.2	4,790.2	237.3	0.6	3,198.2	0.1	3,198.3	(1,829.9)
Jun	7,334.8	7,082.3	251.4	1.0	1,071.6	0.2	1,071.8	(6,263.0)
Q2	13,746.0	13,167.6	576.4	2.0	4,442.8	0.3	4,443.1	(9,302.9)
Jul	6,038.9	5,747.0	290.6	1.3	2,471.5	0.2	2,471.7	(3,567.2)
Aug	5,786.5	5,564.6	220.5	1.4	3,196.2	1.1	3,197.3	(2,589.2)
Sep	8,171.2	7,932.1	238.0	1.1	7,798.8	0.4	7,799.2	(372.0)
Q3	19,996.6	19,243.7	749.2	3.7	13,466.6	1.7	13,468.3	(6,528.3)
Oct	8,257.7	7,994.0	262.7	1.0	6,007.6	0.7	6,008.4	(2,249.4)
Nov	7,098.6	6,823.9	272.6	2.1	5,549.9	0.0	5,549.9	(1,548.7)
Dec	7,783.1	7,484.6	296.6	1.8	5,940.7	0.6	5,941.3	(1,841.8)
Q4	23,139.4	22,302.5	832.0	5.0	17,498.2	1.4	17,499.6	(5,639.9)
Total_2020	74,554.2	71,626.6	2,913.2	14.4	49,098.6	13.5	49,112.1	(25,442.1)
Jan_2021	7,250.4	6,987.4	261.6	1.4	8,687.9	0.3	8,688.2	1,437.8
Feb	6,401.7	6,130.3	269.7	1.6	6,366.1	0.0	6,366.2	(35.5)
Mar	9,579.8	9,227.7	350.7	1.4	9,039.0	0.0	9,039.0	(540.8)
Q1	23,231.9	22,345.5	882.0	4.5	24,093.0	0.4	24,093.4	861.5
Apr	6,856.2	6,563.7	291.2	1.3	4,932.8	0.0	4,932.8	(1,923.4)
May	7,814.9	7,523.1	290.5	1.4	4,886.4	0.0	4,886.4	(2,928.5)
Jun	7,721.7	7,449.7	270.4	1.6	7,195.1	0.9	7,196.1	(525.7)
Q2	22,392.8	21,536.5	852.1	4.3	17,014.3	0.9	17,015.3	(5,377.6)
Jul	6,705.0	6,427.9	275.9	1.3	7,822.6	0.2	7,822.7	1,117.8
Aug	8,901.3	8,558.9	340.7	1.7	7,225.0	0.0	7,225.0	(1,676.3)
Sep	6,750.6	6,472.5	276.5	1.6	6,388.0	1.9	6,389.8	(360.8)
Q3	22,356.9	21,459.2	893.1	4.5	21,435.6	2.0	21,437.6	(919.3)
Oct	8,993.7	8,640.4	350.9	2.5	5,014.7	0.7	5,015.5	(3,978.3)
Nov	8,521.0	8,169.3	349.4	2.3	6,682.6	2.0	6,684.6	(1,836.4)
Dec	6,417.2	6,100.0	315.6	1.6	7,128.0	2.2	7,130.1	713.0
Q4	23,931.9	22,909.7	1,015.9	6.3	18,825.3	4.9	18,830.2	(5,101.7)
Total_2021	91,913.5	88,250.9	3,643.1	19.6	81,368.2	8.3	81,376.5	(10,537.1)
Jan_2021	7,250.4	6,987.4	261.6	1.4	8,687.9	0.3	8,688.2	1,437.8
Feb	6,401.6	6,130.2	269.7	1.6	6,366.1	0.0	6,366.2	(35.4)
Mar	9,579.8	9,227.7	350.7	1.4	9,039.0	0.0	9,039.0	(540.8)
Q1	23,231.7	22,345.3	881.9	4.5	24,093.0	0.4	24,093.4	861.7
Apr	6,856.1	6,563.6	291.2	1.3	4,932.8	0.0	4,932.8	(1,923.3)
May	7,814.7	7,522.8	290.5	1.4	4,886.4	0.0	4,886.4	(2,928.3)
Jun	7,719.2	7,447.5	270.2	1.6	7,195.1	0.9	7,196.1	(523.2)
Q2	22,390.1	21,534.0	851.8	4.3	17,014.3	0.9	17,015.3	(5,374.8)
Jul	6,704.9	6,427.8	275.9	1.3	7,821.9	0.2	7,822.0	1,117.1
Aug	8,900.4	8,558.1	340.7	1.7	7,224.9	0.0	7,224.9	(1,675.5)
Sep	6,747.6	6,469.6	276.4	1.6	6,387.8	1.9	6,389.6	(358.0)
Q3	22,352.9	21,455.4	893.0	4.5	21,434.6	2.0	21,436.6	(916.3)
Oct	8,991.0	8,637.9	350.7	2.5	5,013.1	0.7	5,013.8	(3,977.3)
Nov	8,302.8	7,959.7	341.1	2.0	5,915.0	0.1	5,915.0	(2,387.8)
Dec	6,417.2	6,100.0	315.6	1.6	7,128.0	2.2	7,130.1	713.0
Q4	23,931.9	22,909.7	1,015.9	6.3	18,825.3	4.9	18,830.2	(5,101.7)
Total_2021	91,913.5	88,250.9	3,643.1	19.6	81,368.2	8.3	81,376.5	(10,537.1)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2020 to December 2021 (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_2020	520.6	751.4	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,959.8
Feb	527.0	1,144.8	823.5	731.1	71.8	868.0	282.3	71.5	154.3	820.2	149.6	626.5	6,270.6
Mar	619.2	1,672.4	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	864.0	248.6	53.9	148.9	464.2	128.5	230.4	6,441.8
Q1	1,666.8	3,568.6	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.8	738.0	186.0	397.0	1,667.0	394.8	1,029.0	17,672.2
Apr	273.3	0.0	521.2	208.9	5.8	193.3	34.8	5.7	32.7	18.2	34.7	54.4	1,383.1
May	537.8	974.1	571.4	1,011.8	33.8	486.6	148.1	30.6	117.0	792.6	86.5	237.8	5,028.2
Jun	665.5	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	766.2	229.2	59.4	122.9	462.0	125.9	192.7	7,334.8
Q2	1,476.6	4,400.8	1,763.0	1,768.7	105.4	1,446.1	412.1	95.7	272.6	1,272.9	247.2	484.9	13,746.0
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	664.4	262.8	62.0	105.8	467.4	129.0	199.4	6,038.9
Aug	556.1	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.4	241.1	71.5	128.8	396.3	125.6	321.7	5,786.5
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	146.5	438.5	148.7	242.4	8,171.2
Q3	1,881.5	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.5	200.0	2,020.5	777.3	198.6	381.1	1,302.2	403.3	763.5	19,996.6
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.8	737.8	89.0	886.7	349.7	72.6	150.0	437.1	145.1	268.5	8,257.7
Nov	667.5	2,255.0	943.2	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.9	65.5	173.5	618.1	163.4	260.9	7,098.6
Dec	672.9	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.5	333.7	62.7	121.0	1,155.4	151.2	317.2	7,783.1
Q4	1,973.6	8,575.9	2,783.6	1,990.1	239.6	2,341.0	1,073.4	200.9	444.5	2,210.6	459.7	846.6	23,139.4
Total_2020	6,998.6	23,070.6	9,518.7	9,669.4	736.8	8,301.3	3,000.9	681.2	1,495.2	6,452.6	1,504.9	3,124.0	74,554.2
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.7	75.1	123.3	381.3	117.7	219.6	7,250.4
Feb	550.5	2,086.4	795.1	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	152.6	438.1	129.8	246.8	6,401.7
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	928.7	399.4	69.1	174.6	918.2	194.2	321.1	9,579.8
Q1	2,099.1	9,126.1	2,537.8	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.2	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,737.5	441.7	787.5	23,231.9
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	835.8	148.7	236.8	6,856.2
May	658.9	2,883.7	837.7	812.3	62.2	868.0	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.6	159.8	225.0	7,814.9
Jun	772.9	2,846.3	866.3	860.0	67.5	876.3	384.0	78.8	133.5	459.8	147.7	228.6	7,721.7
Q2	2,084.9	7,655.5	2,510.3	2,526.1	194.1	2,483.1	1,142.8	219.0	446.3	1,984.3	456.2	690.3	22,392.8
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.4	899.5	53.8	810.4	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.0	154.0	219.0	6,705.0
Aug	748.5	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	81.9	961.0	432.1	75.8	156.5	516.9	195.8	264.1	8,901.3
Sep	723.8	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	956.9	389.7	76.2	189.6	454.3	181.8	256.5	6,750.6
Q3	2,106.8	7,360.3	2,628.3	2,839.6	221.0	2,728.2	1,179.8	226.7	464.6	1,330.3	531.7	739.6	22,356.9
Oct	881.0	3,407.4	1,041.0	1,090.8	86.7	959.3	321.3	70.4	236.5	511.6	162.9	224.8	8,993.7
Nov	795.7	2,994.4	1,035.3	1,108.0	85.1	930.1	392.2	67.9	224.5	478.7	174.4	234.7	8,521.0
Dec	805.7	1,384.5	957.4	1,211.8	61.1	780.8	297.7	61.6	153.0	326.7	150.4	226.5	6,417.2
Q4	2,482.4	7,786.2	3,033.7	3,410.6	233.0	2,670.2	1,011.2	199.9	614.0	1,317.0	487.7	686.1	23,931.9
Total_2021	8,773.1	31,928.1	10,710.0	11,118.3	849.3	10,160.7	4,353.1	855.5	1,975.5	6,369.1	1,917.3	2,903.6	91,913.5
% Distribution													
2020	9.4	30.9	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.1	4.0	0.9	2.0	8.7	2.0	4.2	100.0
2021	9.5	34.7	11.7	12.1	0.9	11.1	4.7	0.9	2.1	6.9	2.1	3.2	100.0
Dec	12.6	21.6	14.9	18.9	1.0	12.2	4.6	1.0	2.4	5.1	2.3	3.5	100.0

Table 2.2 : Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2020 to December 2021 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	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_2020	0.2	5,239.7	20.5	0.1	13.0	35.4	159.9	12.5	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	104.5	5,716.7
Feb	1.7	2,914.7	46.7	0.1	17.1	72.8	169.2	14.8	25.4	65.8	14.9	30.9	92.6	3,466.5
Mar	280.3	3,778.3	22.6	0.1	12.0	110.8	128.4	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	33.9	57.1	4,518.0
Q1	282.2	11,932.6	89.8	0.2	42.1	219.0	457.5	35.6	67.9	183.8	43.4	92.9	254.2	13,701.1
Apr	3.7	0.0	76.7	0.0	0.7	0.3	3.0	12.9	2.5	41.4	0.0	0.0	31.8	173.0
May	3.5	2,931.6	46.5	0.0	4.5	0.0	71.0	18.3	12.0	46.5	7.2	3.6	53.7	3,198.3
Jun	2.1	643.3	23.9	0.1	13.1	1.3	117.7	19.1	27.5	77.9	11.1	27.0	107.7	1,071.8
Q2	9.2	3,574.9	147.1	0.1	18.2	1.5	191.7	50.3	42.1	165.9	18.2	30.7	193.2	4,443.1
Jul	2.2	1,988.4	70.2	0.0	15.3	0.0	137.0	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.7	33.0	106.6	2,471.7
Aug	3.3	2,604.5	48.1	0.1	10.5	0.0	254.1	34.7	37.7	56.5	12.8	36.5	98.5	3,197.3
Sep	0.7	7,297.6	56.5	0.1	17.6	0.0	180.1	22.1	31.9	56.4	15.7	28.1	92.4	7,799.2
Q3	6.3	11,890.4	174.9	0.2	43.4	0.0	571.2	89.6	90.4	165.4	41.2	97.6	297.6	13,468.3
Oct	0.8	5,417.3	33.6	1.0	18.5	67.5	193.5	34.2	37.5	72.4	19.4	24.9	87.9	6,008.4
Nov	0.2	5,002.3	51.6	0.1	16.0	79.9	158.6	7.1	29.8	80.6	26.9	16.2	80.6	5,549.9
Dec	0.0	5,486.9	75.4	0.8	12.6	79.3	65.4	5.8	21.5	61.1	13.1	32.1	87.3	5,941.3
Q4	1.0	15,906.5	160.5	2.0	47.1	226.7	417.4	47.1	88.8	214.1	59.4	73.3	255.7	17,499.6
Total_2020	298.7	43,304.5	572.4	2.5	150.7	447.2	1,637.8	222.6	289.2	729.1	162.3	294.4	1,000.7	49,112.1
Jan_2021	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	0.9	12.4	55.8	169.8	0.6	18.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	77.6	8,688.2
Feb	0.0	5,915.7	16.8	0.0	12.5	60.8	151.6	2.1	29.0	51.5	12.1	20.7	93.2	6,366.2
Mar	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	1.8	25.2	96.2	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.7	18.0	48.5	88.5	9,039.0
Q1	1.1	22,576.8	112.3	2.7	50.1	212.8	478.0	11.9	80.3	171.9	44.9	91.3	259.3	24,093.4
Apr	0.1	4,400.4	0.0	1.5	19.8	62.2	171.5	9.0	33.5	54.8	14.3	29.8	135.8	4,932.8
May	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	1.2	28.3	87.1	147.2	17.9	41.6	54.8	15.0	17.5	133.4	4,886.4
Jun	0.3	6,571.0	35.8	0.1	29.9	97.9	159.4	34.6	38.7	73.8	14.4	20.2	120.1	7,196.1
Q2	0.7	15,251.4	97.9	2.8	77.9	247.2	478.0	61.5	113.7	183.5	43.7	67.6	389.3	17,015.3
Jul	86.8	7,112.4	0.0	1.5	17.9	80.5	178.8	12.7	33.0	104.5	14.6	24.2	155.9	7,822.7
Aug	396.7	6,188.5	71.7	1.8	18.1	89.3	160.3	17.8	24.9	51.3	18.5	35.7	150.5	7,225.0
Sep	247.2	5,608.4	25.3	3.3	23.6	19.7	194.6	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.4	26.0	116.8	6,389.8
Q3	730.8	18,909.3	97.0	6.6	59.6	189.5	533.7	43.7	88.5	218.5	51.5	85.8	423.2	21,437.6
Oct	157.7	4,343.6	31.3	0.6	18.8	63.9	136.7	9.7	32.7	69.4	25.6	17.9	107.6	5,015.5
Nov	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	1.4	16.7	75.3	156.3	17.9	24.3	91.4	25.4	167.9	108.5	6,684.6
Dec	153.4	6,532.7	18.8	1.2	12.2	76.8	81.5	15.0	13.6	72.9	20.9	15.5	115.5	7,130.1
Q4	481.2	16,675.4	80.5	3.2	47.7	216.0	374.6	42.6	70.7	233.7	71.9	201.3	331.5	18,830.2
Total_2021	1,213.7	73,412.9	387.7	15.4	235.3	865.5	1,864.2	159.6	353.3	807.5	212.0	446.0	1,403.3	81,376.5
% Distribution														
2020	0.6	88.2	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.9	3.3	0.5	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.6	2.0	100.0
2021	1.5	90.2	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.7	100.0
Dec	2.2	91.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.6	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2020 to December 2021 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2020	191.6	0.0	0.0	185.2	374.7	751.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,767.9	470.9	5,239.7
Feb	251.4	0.0	0.0	458.4	435.0	1,144.8	1.8	9.8	0.0	2,100.7	802.3	2,914.7
Mar	310.9	0.4	0.0	1,098.4	262.7	1,672.4	0.0	8.1	0.0	3,088.9	681.3	3,778.3
Q1	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,742.0	1,072.3	3,568.6	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,957.6	1,954.5	11,932.6
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	900.2	73.9	974.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	2,453.7	477.0	2,931.6
Jun	267.1	1.2	0.0	2,731.8	426.6	3,426.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	264.9	377.7	643.3
Q2	267.1	1.2	0.0	3,632.1	500.4	4,400.8	0.0	1.6	0.0	2,718.6	854.7	3,574.9
Jul	236.0	0.0	0.0	388.1	318.3	942.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	1,336.6	648.8	1,988.4
Aug	53.1	0.0	0.0	1,562.4	118.9	1,734.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	2,160.5	442.1	2,604.5
Sep	0.0	12.0	0.0	3,655.1	181.4	3,848.5	0.0	5.6	0.0	6,417.1	874.9	7,297.6
Q3	289.1	12.0	0.0	5,605.6	618.7	6,525.3	0.0	10.4	0.0	9,914.2	1,965.8	11,890.4
Oct	658.4	5.3	0.0	2,717.4	164.0	3,545.1	0.1	13.7	0.0	4,940.0	463.6	5,417.3
Nov	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,948.2	306.7	2,255.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	4,325.4	667.5	5,002.3
Dec	319.7	5.4	0.0	2,361.9	88.8	2,775.8	0.0	8.3	0.0	5,010.7	468.0	5,486.9
Q4	978.1	10.8	0.0	7,027.5	559.5	8,575.9	0.1	31.3	0.0	14,276.1	1,599.1	15,906.5
Total_2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	18,007.1	2,750.9	23,070.6	1.8	62.2	0.0	36,866.4	6,374.1	43,304.5
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,228.0	680.6	5,915.7
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	0.0	50.3	0.0	21,067.3	1,459.3	22,576.8
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,559.8	838.6	4,400.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,812.2	746.6	6,571.0
Q2	561.7	9.4	0.0	5,505.7	1,578.8	7,655.5	0.0	20.6	0.0	12,902.6	2,328.2	15,251.4
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,325.6	774.1	7,112.4
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	4,935.2	1,252.0	6,188.5
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,592.5	992.2	5,608.4
Q3	514.7	12.1	0.0	5,988.4	845.2	7,360.3	0.0	37.6	0.0	15,853.3	3,018.4	18,909.3
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	274.7	3,407.4	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,788.4	190.8	2,994.4	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	999.7	118.7	1,384.5	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,007.1	6,532.7
Q4	614.6	38.4	0.1	6,548.8	584.2	7,786.2	0.0	140.9	0.0	13,983.8	2,550.7	16,675.4
Total_2021	2,098.1	76.4	0.1	25,357.2	4,396.3	31,928.1	0.0	249.4	0.0	63,807.0	9,356.5	73,412.9

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Group-December 2021

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	%
South Africa	613.6	0.0	877.7	1,024.4	51.5	548.8	242.2	52.7	123.3	257.8	131.5	150.7	4,074.1	63.5
Namibia	0.3	53.4	7.6	124.0	0.0	6.7	1.2	8.8	0.0	3.2	0.1	0.1	205.4	3.2
Eswatini	12.7	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	21.2	0.3
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0
SACU	626.6	53.4	890.6	1,148.3	51.5	555.5	243.4	61.5	125.1	261.0	134.8	150.7	4,302.5	67.0
Zambia	0.7	0.0	15.8	55.8	0.0	0.8	18.5	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.5	93.7	1.5
Other SADC	5.6	0.0	4.8	0.2	0.3	0.6	7.6	0.0	0.4	0.5	6.5	2.0	28.4	0.4
SADC	632.8	53.4	911.2	1,204.4	51.8	556.8	269.4	61.5	126.2	262.5	141.3	153.3	4,424.7	69.0
Other Africa	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.4	3.2	0.0
Africa	634.4	53.4	911.3	1,204.4	51.8	557.2	269.5	61.5	126.6	262.8	141.3	153.7	4,427.8	69.0
China	19.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	5.3	71.7	14.9	0.0	19.8	9.9	4.8	12.3	158.6	2.5
India	28.9	3.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	9.6	2.7	0.0	3.2	1.6	0.0	38.4	89.0	1.4
Other Asia	25.3	57.6	1.1	7.3	3.2	43.8	3.9	0.0	0.4	33.9	1.3	3.7	181.5	2.8
Asia	73.7	60.8	2.8	7.3	8.5	125.1	21.5	0.0	23.4	45.4	6.2	54.3	429.0	6.7
Belgium	30.5	997.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1,028.8	16.0
Other EU	35.2	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.9	21.6	4.7	0.0	1.6	14.3	1.0	3.4	86.3	1.3
EU	65.7	997.0	4.4	0.0	0.9	22.0	4.7	0.0	1.6	14.3	1.0	3.5	1,115.2	17.4
Canada	1.2	252.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	260.8	4.1
USA	21.9	5.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	43.8	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.9	6.2	80.0	1.2
Rest of the World	8.8	16.1	38.6	0.0	0.0	25.7	1.9	0.0	0.8	3.1	0.9	8.6	104.4	1.6
World	805.7	1,384.5	957.4	1,211.8	61.1	780.8	297.7	61.6	153.0	326.7	150.4	226.5	6,417.2	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level - December 2021

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textile & Footwear (IMPORTS)	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	15.1	0.0	21.5	25.1	1.3	13.5	5.9	1.3	3.0	6.3	3.2	3.7	100.0
Namibia	0.1	26.0	3.7	60.4	0.0	3.3	0.6	4.3	0.0	1.6	0.1	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	59.8	0.0	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	14.6	1.2	20.7	26.7	1.2	12.9	5.7	1.4	2.9	6.1	3.1	3.5	100.0
Zambia	0.7	0.0	16.8	59.6	0.0	0.8	19.7	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
Other SADC	19.6	0.0	17.0	0.8	0.9	2.0	26.6	0.0	1.3	1.8	22.8	7.0	100.0
SADC	14.3	1.2	20.6	27.2	1.2	12.6	6.1	1.4	2.9	5.9	3.2	3.5	100.0
Other Africa	50.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	11.3	1.7	0.0	11.8	8.9	0.9	13.9	100.0
Africa	14.3	1.2	20.6	27.2	1.2	12.6	6.1	1.4	2.9	5.9	3.2	3.5	100.0
China	12.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.3	45.2	9.4	0.0	12.5	6.2	3.0	7.7	100.0
India	32.5	3.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	10.8	3.1	0.0	3.6	1.8	0.1	43.1	100.0
Other Asia	13.9	31.7	0.6	4.0	1.7	24.1	2.1	0.0	0.2	18.7	0.7	2.0	100.0
Asia	17.2	14.2	0.7	1.7	2.0	29.2	5.0	0.0	5.5	10.6	1.4	12.7	100.0
Belgium	3.0	96.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	40.8	0.0	4.3	0.0	1.0	25.0	5.4	0.0	1.9	16.5	1.2	4.0	100.0
EU	5.9	89.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.3	100.0
Canada	0.4	96.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	27.3	6.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	54.7	0.2	0.0	0.7	1.5	1.2	7.8	100.0
Rest of the World	8.4	15.4	36.9	0.0	0.0	24.6	1.8	0.0	0.8	2.9	0.9	8.3	100.0
World	12.6	21.6	14.9	18.9	1.0	12.2	4.6	1.0	2.4	5.1	2.3	3.5	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – December 2021 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	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	%
South Africa	0.2	211.2	18.8	0.0	9.5	74.6	45.8	2.9	8.1	34.5	16.2	4.8	57.0	478.6	6.7
Namibia	0.0	111.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	8.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.2	4.9	18.0	143.9	2.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SACU	0.2	322.5	18.8	0.0	9.5	76.8	53.9	2.9	10.1	34.5	18.4	9.7	75.0	622.6	8.7
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	6.2	0.0	1.1	10.8	2.5	3.3	34.8	55.5	0.8
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	5.8	0.0	1.9	26.5	0.0	1.6	12.4	46.9	0.7
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	5.6	2.4	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.9	12.4	0.2
SADC	0.2	322.5	18.8	0.0	10.0	76.8	71.5	5.3	13.4	72.9	20.9	14.7	125.1	737.5	10.3
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.8	3.0	0.0
Africa	0.2	322.5	18.8	1.0	10.0	76.8	72.8	5.3	13.5	72.9	20.9	15.2	125.8	740.5	10.4
UAE	0.0	1,676.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,677.9	23.5
India	0.0	1,035.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,036.0	14.5
Hong Kong	0.0	537.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	537.6	7.5
Singapore	0.0	534.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	534.2	7.5
Israel	0.0	501.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	501.6	7.0
Other Asia	126.8	69.9	0.0	0.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	198.4	2.8
Asia	126.8	4,354.5	0.0	0.2	2.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4,485.5	62.9
Belgium	0.0	1,534.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1,540.8	21.6
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.6	0.0
EU	0.0	1,534.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1,542.4	21.6
Switzerland	0.0	170.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	170.8	2.4
USA	0.0	145.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	146.0	2.0
Rest of the World	26.4	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	44.9	0.6
World	153.4	6,532.7	18.8	1.2	12.2	76.8	81.5	15.0	13.6	72.9	20.9	15.5	131.0	7,130.1	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – December 2021

Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	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
South Africa	0.0	44.1	3.9	0.0	2.0	15.6	9.6	0.6	1.7	7.2	3.4	1.0	11.9	100.0
Namibia	0.0	77.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5	5.6	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.5	3.4	12.5	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8	83.0	98.9	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.3	100.0
SACU	0.0	51.8	3.0	0.0	1.5	12.3	8.7	0.5	1.6	5.5	2.9	1.6	12.0	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	11.2	0.0	2.0	19.4	4.5	6.0	62.6	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	12.4	0.0	4.0	56.6	0.0	3.5	26.5	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	45.4	19.0	2.7	8.9	0.3	0.0	23.1	100.0
SADC	0.0	43.7	2.6	0.0	1.4	10.4	9.7	0.7	1.8	9.9	2.8	2.0	17.0	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.2	0.0	0.0	41.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	16.6	25.8	100.0
Africa	0.0	43.6	2.5	0.1	1.4	10.4	9.8	0.7	1.8	9.8	2.8	2.1	17.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	63.9	35.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	2.8	97.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	39.5	0.0	11.3	0.0	1.1	1.2	36.2	100.0
EU	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Switzerland	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	100.0
Rest of the World	58.8	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	100.0
World	2.2	91.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.8	100.0

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

Rank	HS	HS Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	999.7	15.6
2	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	499.0	7.8
3	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	492.3	7.7
4	71021000	Unsorted diamonds	252.2	3.9
5	30022000	Vaccines for human medicine	191.8	3.0
6	27160000	Electrical energy	130.0	2.0
7	71023900	Other diamonds	118.7	1.9
8	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30; of machinery of heading 84.26, 84.29 or 84.30	68.4	1.1
9	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	61.3	1.0
10	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02)	59.1	0.9
11	25232900	Other Portland cement	56.8	0.9
12	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	48.2	0.8
13	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	44.4	0.7
14	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, in sealed containers holding 2.5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	39.9	0.6
15	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	37.7	0.6
16	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	37.1	0.6
17	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	33.6	0.5
18	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	33.5	0.5
19	85171210	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	33.0	0.5
20	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	30.5	0.5
21	85177090	Other electrical apparatus for telephone	28.7	0.4
22	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	28.6	0.4
23	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus	28.5	0.4
24	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))	28.5	0.4
25	84749000	Other parts for Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste)	26.6	0.4
26	38220000	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing (excluding those of heading 30.02 or 30.06); certified reference materials	24.3	0.4
27	87012020	Tractor of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	24.0	0.4
28	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.)	23.9	0.4
29	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	21.9	0.3
30	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	21.8	0.3
31	22060019	Other fermented beverages or non-malted cereal grains, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 9 per cent by vol. With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	21.1	0.3
32	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	20.4	0.3
33	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	20.4	0.3
34	84742000	Crushing or grinding machines	20.4	0.3
35	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	20.1	0.3
36	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	19.8	0.3
37	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	19.7	0.3
38	64059090	Other footwear	19.4	0.3
39	17011400	Other cane sugar	19.1	0.3
40	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	19.0	0.3
41	87041090	Other dumpers designed for off - highway use	18.9	0.3
42	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	18.5	0.3
43	34012000	Soap in other forms	18.1	0.3
44	30049010	Other medicaments In aerosol containers, consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for	18.1	0.3
45	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	17.6	0.3
46	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	17.5	0.3
47	87042390	Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel),G.V.M. exceeding 20 tonnes	16.5	0.3
48	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	16.5	0.3
49	19023000	Other pasta	16.0	0.2
50	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	14.8	0.2

Table 4.1 A Continued: Top 100 Imported Goods – December 2021 (Million Pula); Continued

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
51	84138100	Pumps	14.6	0.2
52	09109900	Other spices	14.4	0.2
53	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	14.1	0.2
54	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	14.1	0.2
55	71022100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	13.7	0.2
56	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	13.3	0.2
57	85444990	Other insulated (Including Enameled Or Anodized) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	13.2	0.2
58	87163100	Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers	12.8	0.2
59	84295900	Other machinery with a 3600 revolving super structure	12.7	0.2
60	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"	12.5	0.2
61	07019000	Other (potatoes, fresh or chilled)	12.5	0.2
62	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1000 V	12.2	0.2
63	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	12.1	0.2
64	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	12.0	0.2
65	10051000	Maize (Corn) Seed	11.7	0.2
66	38249999	Other mixtures	11.5	0.2
67	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	11.3	0.2
68	88021100	Of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	11.1	0.2
69	04031000	Yoghurt	11.1	0.2
70	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	11.0	0.2
71	94035000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	10.7	0.2
72	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	10.7	0.2
73	20098950	Other fruit juices	10.3	0.2
74	04012009	Other milk, whether or not containing added minerals, vitamins, enzymes and similar additives solely for the purpose of increasing the nutritional value and provided these additives do not exceed 1 per cent by volume of the final product	10.2	0.2
75	21032000	Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	10.1	0.2
76	87042290	Other off the load logging trucks	9.9	0.2
77	34021900	Other Organic surface-active agents	9.9	0.2
78	48181000	Toilet paper	9.8	0.2
79	84439100	Parts and accessories of printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 84.42	9.6	0.1
80	08081000	Apples, fresh	9.5	0.1
81	20091900	Other orange juice	9.5	0.1
82	84818090	Other appliances	9.5	0.1
83	90278000	Other instruments and apparatus	9.5	0.1
84	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)	9.4	0.1
85	27101201	Aviation spirit, as defined in Additional Note 1(a)	9.4	0.1
86	87059000	Other Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods, (for example, breakdown lorries, crane lorries, fire fighting vehicles, concrete-mixer lorries, road sweeper lorries, spraying lorries, mobile workshops, mobile radiological units)	9.3	0.1
87	31052000	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium	9.2	0.1
88	84715000	Processing units (excluding those of subheading 8471.41 or 8471.49), whether or not containing in the same housing one or two of the following types of units: storage units, input units, output units	9.1	0.1
89	38089399	Other Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	9.1	0.1
90	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	9.1	0.1
91	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	9.0	0.1
92	85369090	Other apparatus connectors ; switch cover plates	8.9	0.1
93	04011090	Other (milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1 per cent)	8.9	0.1
94	39201090	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, Of polymers of ethylene	8.9	0.1
95	62171090	Other clothing accessories	8.7	0.1
96	72022900	Other ferro-silico Containing by weight. more than 55 per cent of silicon	8.6	0.1
97	17019100	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	8.6	0.1
98	84714100	Comprising in the same housing at least a central processing unit and an input ;and output unit, whether or not combined	8.6	0.1
99	34013000	Organic surface-active products and preparations for washing the skin, in the form of liquid or cream and put up for retail sale, whether or not containing soap	8.6	0.1
100	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	8.4	0.1
Top 100 Imported			4,429.2	69.0
Other Imported			1,987.9	31.0
Total			6,417.2	100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 100 Imported Goods – December 2021 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
1	71023100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	5,482.0	76.9
2	71023900	Other diamonds	1,007.1	14.1
3	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	153.4	2.2
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	50.7	0.7
5	71022100	Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	43.6	0.6
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	41.5	0.6
7	28362000	Disodium carbonate	30.1	0.4
8	01022900	Other (cattle)	26.1	0.4
9	30023000	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	20.4	0.3
10	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	19.2	0.3
11	71081200	Other unwrought forms	18.8	0.3
12	27011900	Other coal	13.6	0.2
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	12.4	0.2
14	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	10.9	0.2
15	85444290	Other insulated electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V, fitted with connectors, NES	8.8	0.1
16	27011200	Bituminous coal	7.1	0.1
17	20055900	Other Beans (Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp)	6.3	0.1
18	85442090	Other co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors	5.9	0.1
19	84213930	Other Catalytic converters of a kind used for motor vehicles	5.6	0.1
20	30022000	Vaccines for human medicine	5.0	0.1
21	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02)	4.7	0.1
22	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	4.4	0.1
23	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	4.1	0.1
24	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	4.1	0.1
25	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	4.0	0.1
26	48202000	Exercise books	3.5	0.0
27	58081000	Braids in the piece	3.5	0.0
28	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.4	0.0
29	84799000	Parts	3.3	0.0
30	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	3.1	0.0
31	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	3.0	0.0
32	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.5	0.0
33	22042942	Other unfortified wine, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	2.5	0.0
34	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.4	0.0
35	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked Not Elsewhere Specified	2.3	0.0
36	84295190	Other front-end shovel loaders	2.1	0.0
37	84741000	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines	2.1	0.0
38	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.0	0.0
39	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	2.0	0.0
40	62171090	Other clothing accessories	2.0	0.0
41	84292000	Graders and levellers	2.0	0.0
42	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	1.9	0.0
43	72042100	Of stainless steel	1.9	0.0
44	99990020	Household furniture and other household effects, new or used	1.9	0.0
45	84295900	Other machinery with a 360° revolving super structure	1.8	0.0
46	72042900	Other waste and scrap of alloy steel	1.7	0.0
47	74071000	Of refined copper	1.7	0.0
48	85489000	Other waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators; spent primary cells, spent primary batteries and spent electric accumulators	1.7	0.0
49	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap:	1.6	0.0
50	84329000	Parts	1.6	0.0
Top 50 Exported			7,047.3	98.8
Other Exported			82.8	1.2
Total			7,130.1	100.0

7.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana, and uses the General Trade system. International Merchandise Trade refers to external trade in goods only. International Service Trade Statistics (ISTS) are however not compiled by this section. The primary source of international merchandise trade data is the Customs & Excise Division at the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). The Customs & Excise Division is responsible for data capture for both computerised and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Imports are valued CIF (cost, insurance & freight), while exports are valued FOB (free on board). The value of imports includes transport and insurance costs to the importing country. The Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country.

7.1 Time of Recording of Trade

IMTS is compiled using date of recording of trade as opposed to date of assessment of goods by customs. This means that as goods cross the border, trade is recorded and this is the reference month for compilation of IMTS. Some of these goods may however be held by customs for some time pending final assessment for tax or duty purposes.

If the final assessment is done later, for example two or three months, or even more, after the goods had crossed the border, the affected trade will then update trade for the particular month when the goods crossed the border, therefore it does not form part of trade for the month during which the final assessment was done. This is mostly common with imports. Revision of data for the month preceding the one under review will normally show high values as compared to revisions for other months due to more goods (from the previous month) being released after final assessment.

7.2 Concepts and Definitions

- i. **Domestic Exports:** These are goods originating from the compiling country, being permanently exported out of the country for consumption in the outside world. This includes products from customs inwards processing; for example, if a country imports wheat, processes the wheat into bread flour and exports the bread flour and bye products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.
- ii. **Re - Exports:** These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.
- iii. **Total exports:** This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports
- iv. **Imports:** These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.
- v. **Trade Balance (Net Export):** This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

7.3 Exclusions from IMTS

- i. **Goods in Transit** - This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country.
- ii. **Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched** - These are goods that, at the time of admission/dispatch, are intended to stay in the receiving country temporarily and that after their stay they will be returned in the same state. These goods include display equipment for trade fairs and exhibitions, commercial samples, means of transport, containers, equipment for working, etc.
- iii. **Monetary Gold**- This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.
- iv. **Issued banknotes and securities and coins in circulation**-These goods represent evidence of financial claims and are excluded from IMTS

The above list of exclusions from IMTS is, however, not exhaustive and only a few that are common, simple, straightforward and easy to understand have been picked as examples.