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Preface

This report is a revision of the original. The revision is in **tables 1.0**, **2.2** and **3.2**. **Table 1.0** : **Total Merchandise Trade - January 2020 to February 2023 (Million Pula)** , It was realised that the Period for this table was mistakenly detailed. **Table 2.2** : **Principal Export Commodity Groups - January 2021 to February 2023 (Million Pula), Table 3.2A**: **Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – February 2023 (Million Pula)** and **Table 3.2B**: **Principal Export Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – February 2023**: The old table headings were used instead of the revised ones.

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measures the movement of goods across the border of a country, hence has a vital role in the world economy as it accounts for all transactions of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value and quantity of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports) the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics remain one of the major indicators of the performance of a country's economy and its competitiveness in the world market.

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

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for February 2023. It shows summaries of total international merchandise trade as presented in **Table 1.0**. Trade by principal commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for exports, while **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at the region or country level, for February 2023 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. **Tables 4.1A** and **4.1B** present statistics on the most imported and most exported commodities (excluding Diamonds) during February 2023 respectively.

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

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

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

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

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Executive Summary

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

Botswana's merchandise imports in February 2023 were valued at P6, 844.4 million, compared to the revised January 2023 value of P5, 994.3 million, a rise of 14.2 percent. Total exports amounted to P5, 094.6 million, a decline of 29.3 percent from the revised January 2023 value of P7, 210.5 million.

The leading import commodity groups were Diamonds with a contribution of 19.1 percent, followed by Fuel with 18.8 percent. Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Machinery & Electrical Equipment, and Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 18.2 percent, 12.4 percent and 11.1 percent, to total imports respectively. Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electric Equipment contributed 77.0 percent, 8.7 percent and 5.1 percent to total exports respectively, during the reference period.

In February 2023, imports from the Southern African Customs Union **(SACU)** made a contribution of 68.9 percent, whilst those from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 8.5 percent and 3.6 percent of total imports respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 63.7 percent while those from Canada and Namibia accounted for 13.5 percent and 5.0 percent of total imports respectively.

Exports destined to Asia, **SACU** and the **EU** accounted for 67.8 percent, 17.8 percent and 9.5 percent of the total exports, respectively, during the month under review. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), South Africa and India received exports representing 28.2 percent, 15.2 percent and 12.3 percent of the monthly total, in that order. Belgium received 9.5 percent of total export during February 2023.

During the current period, imports transported by Road accounted for 69.6 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 19.2 percent and 11.2 percent, respectively. Exports by Air accounted for 78.8 percent of total exports, while those by Road and Rail transport represented 20.7 percent and 0.5 percent respectively.

Merchandise worth P 31, 910.5 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 41.8 percent of total goods in transit were transported through Martins Drift Border post. Kazungula Bridge and Mamuno border posts followed with 37.0 percent and 10.1 percent of the total transiting goods.

1.0 Total Trade

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

1.1 Data Revision

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

Transactions for January 2023 had significant revisions brought by late customs duty assessments which were undertaken in February 2023. **Table A** shows revised data, comparing figures as at the January 2023 Digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised upwards, that is; Imports by 2.8 percent and Total exports by 11.8 percent.

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

Period/ Indicators	As at January 2022 Digest			As at February 2023 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan	5,832.5	6,447.2	614.8	5,994.3	7,210.5	1,216.2	161.8	763.2	601.4	2.8	11.8	97.8

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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. In February 2023, the value of total imports was P6, 844.4 million, registering an increase of 14.2 percent (P850.1 million) from the revised January 2023 figure of P5, 994.3 million. The increase was mostly attributed to a rise in the importation of Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Diamonds by 40.3 percent (P357.5 million) and 32.4 percent (P320.4 million), respectively as shown in **Table 2.1**.

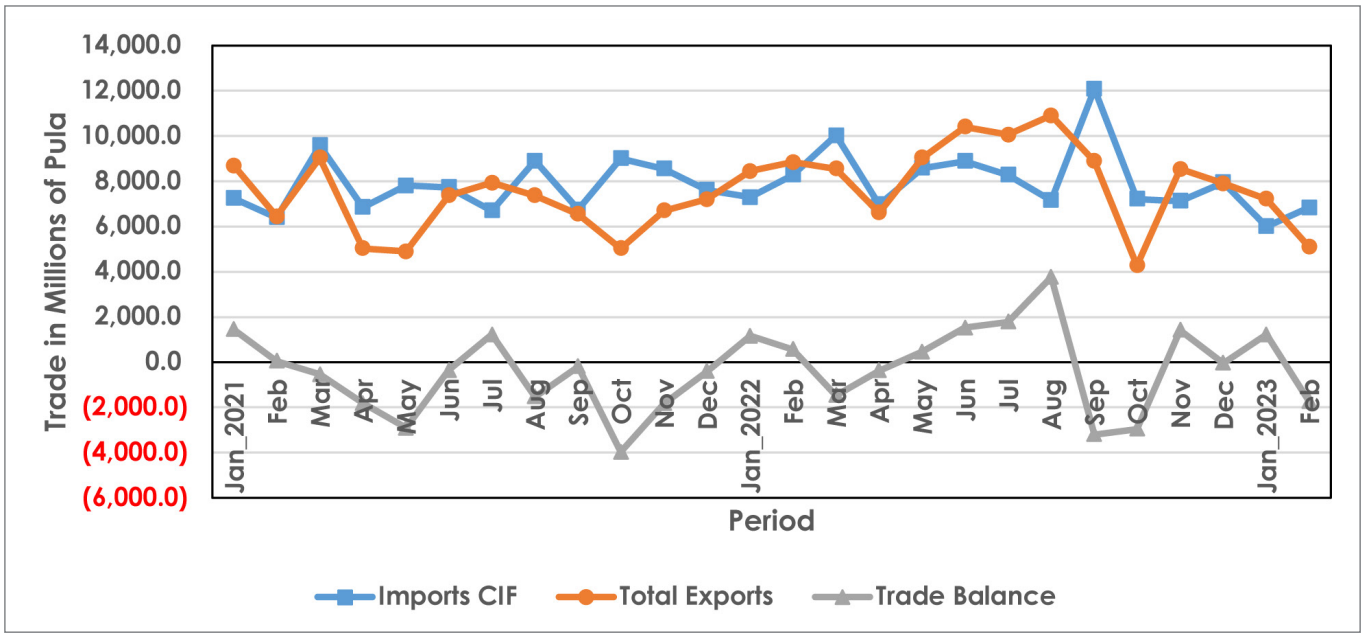
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana registered a drop of 29.3 percent (P2, 115.8 million) in total export value, from the revised January 2023 figure of P7, 210.5 million to P5, 094.6 million in February 2023. The main contributor to the decrease in total exports was Diamonds, having decreased by 34.6 percent (P2, 070.6 million) from a revised January 2023 value of P5, 991.8 million to P3, 921.2 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

In February 2023 Botswana registered a trade deficit of P1, 749.7 million. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to February 2023.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2020 to February 2023 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

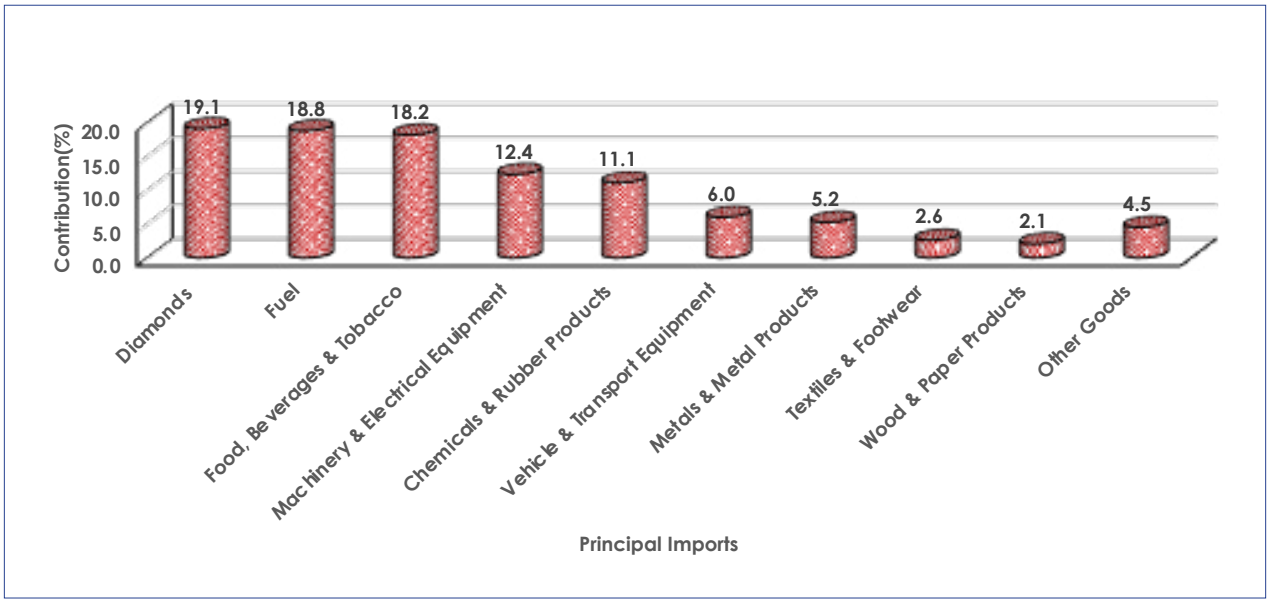
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In cases where it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities, the remaining commodities are grouped together under the general category called 'Other'. This occurs when a commodity group's contribution to the total is minimal.

2.1 Principal Imports

During February 2023, Botswana received imports valued at P6, 844.4 million. The top import groups were; Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products. Diamonds and Fuel imports contributed 19.1 percent (P1, 309.2 million) and 18.8 percent (P1, 286.3 million) of total imports respectively. Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 18.2 percent (P1, 245.5 million), 12.4 percent (P845.3 million) and 11.1 percent(P759.9 million) to total imports respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

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

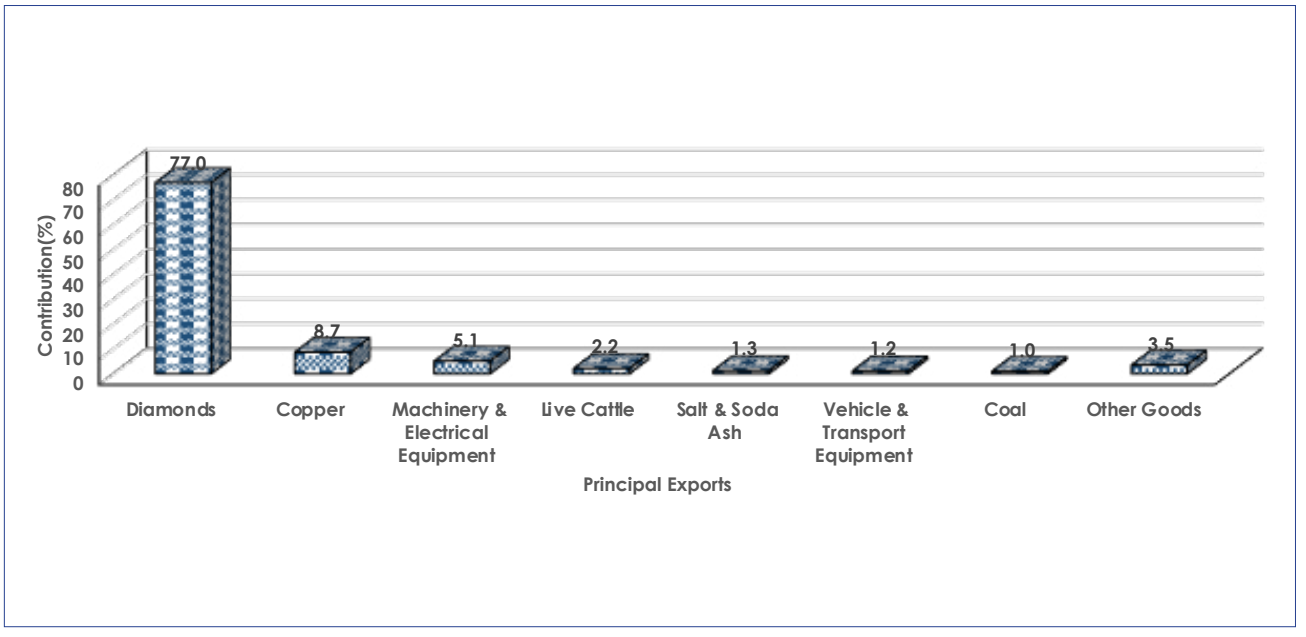


Note: *'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1*

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P5, 094.6 million in February 2023. The Diamonds group accounted for 77.0 percent (P3, 921.2 million), followed by Copper at 8.7 percent (P443.4 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – February 2023



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

3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during February 2023 appears in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A**, respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

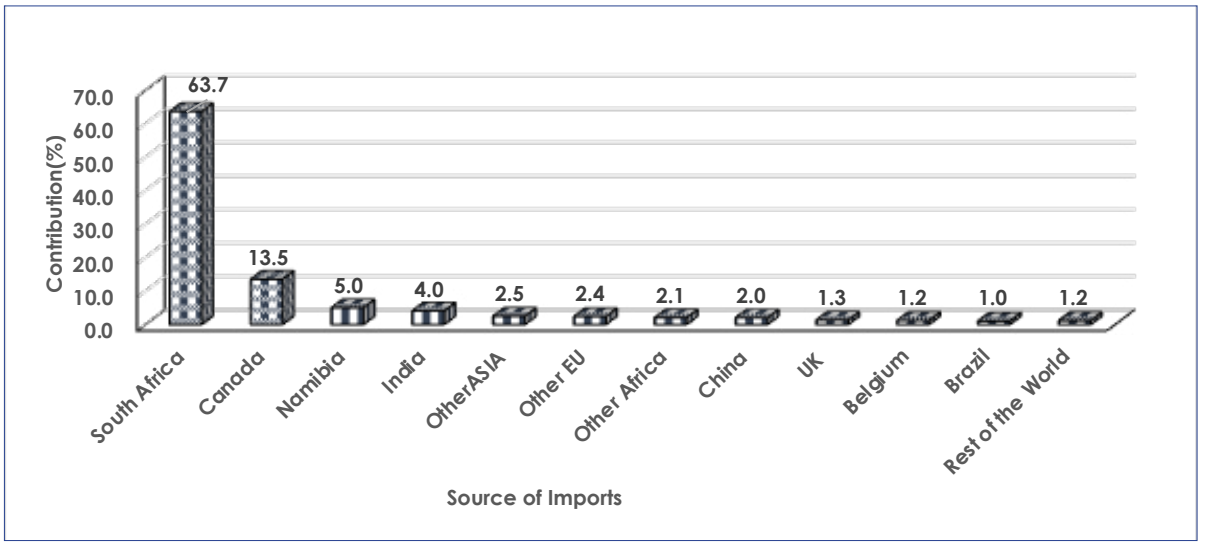
Botswana imported goods worth P6, 844.4 million, in February 2023. The **SACU** region was the top supplier at 68.9 percent (P4, 716.8 million) to the total. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 26.3 percent (P1, 240.1 million), 23.7 percent (P1, 120.2 million) and 12.7 percent (P597.4 million), respectively. Within the SACU region, South Africa and Namibia were Botswana's main sources of imports during the reporting period. The countries supplied 63.7 percent (P4, 358.8 million) and 5.0 percent (343.3 million) of Botswana's total imports.

Asia supplied imports worth P584.8 million, representing 8.5 percent of Botswana's total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 47.5 percent (P277.9 million), 15.5 percent (P90.5 million) and 14.4 percent (P84.5 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. India and China made contributions of 4.0 percent (P276.8 million) and 2.0 percent (P137.5 million) to total imports respectively, during the month under review.

Botswana received imports worth P245.9 million (3.6 percent) from the EU in February 2023. Belgium supplied 1.2 percent (P82.5 million) of all the imports. The major commodity groups imported from the EU were Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products at 31.6 percent (P77.7 million), 30.7 percent (P75.4 million) and 20.6 percent (P50.7 million) of total imports from the union, respectively.

In February 2023, Canada contributed 13.5 percent (P925.9 million) of total imports. Sources of imports during January 2023 can be viewed in **Table 3.1 A** and **Chart 3.1**.

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



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

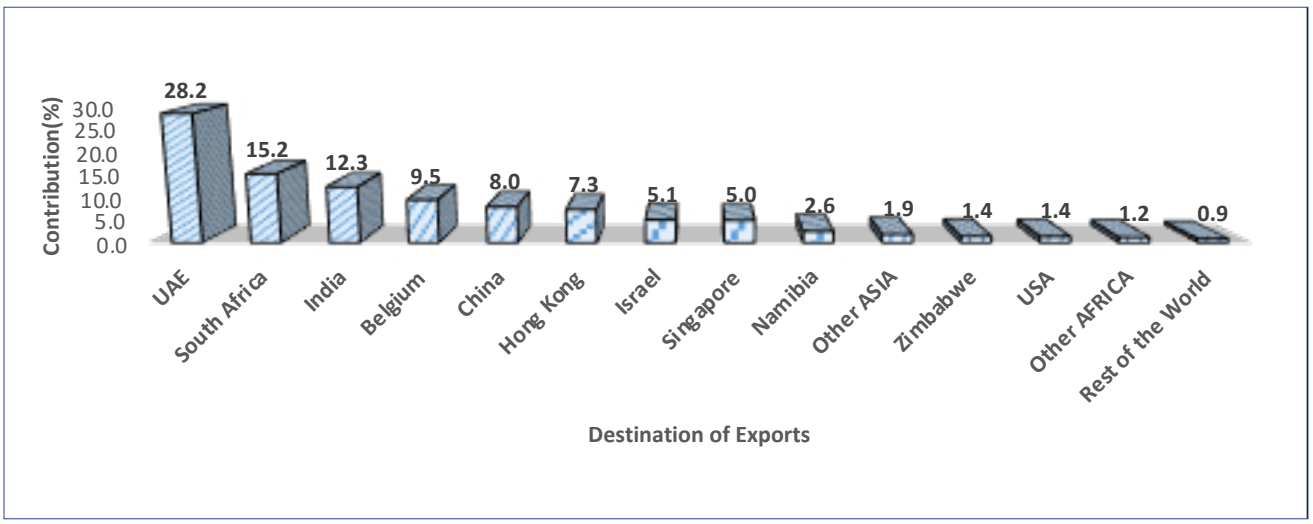
Botswana exported merchandise valued at P5, 094.6 million in February 2023. Regarding the top export destinations, Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 67.8 percent (P3, 453.6 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined for the UAE, India, China and Hong Kong at 28.2 percent (P1, 437.8 million), 12.3 percent (P627.5 million), 8.0 (P405.6 million) and 7.3 percent (P373.1 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia, at 88.0 percent (P3, 040.2 million) followed by Copper at 11.7 percent (P405.6 million), as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P907.2 million, accounting for 17.8 percent of total exports. Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Live Cattle were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 36.3 percent (P329.0 million), 26.3 percent (P238.7 million) and 11.9 percent (P107.6 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa and Namibia were the main recipients of **SACU** destined exports at 15.2 percent (P774.5 million) and 2.6 percent (P131.7 million), respectively.

The **EU** received exports amounting to P484.9 million, representing 9.5 percent of total exports during the month. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, having received 9.5 percent (P484.6 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.9 percent (P484.4 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

The USA received exports worth P71.4 million, representing 1.4 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to the USA was Diamonds at 91.5 percent (P65.3 million) of exports to that country. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

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



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4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

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

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

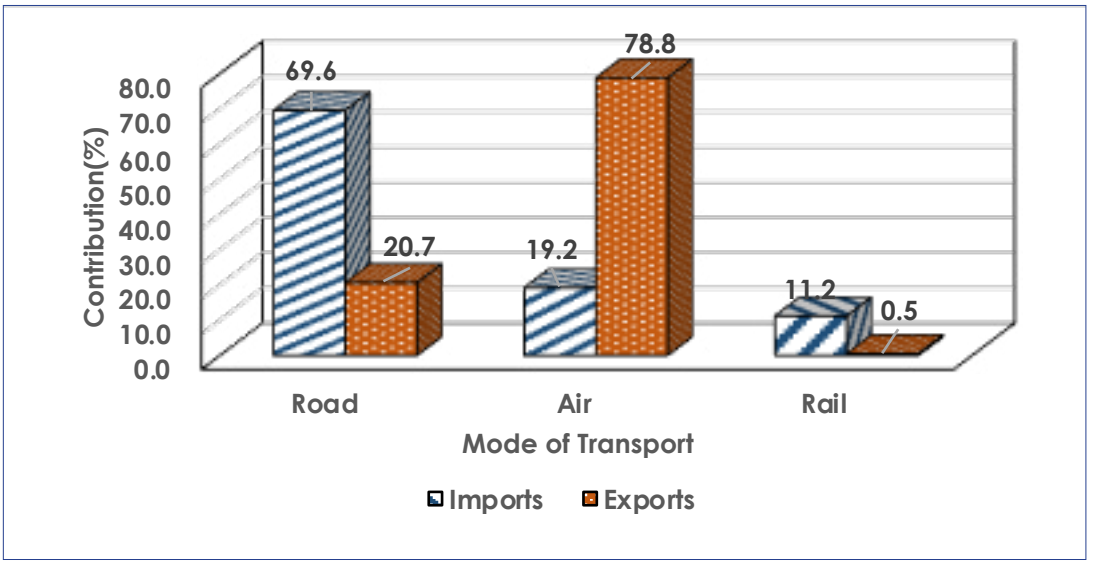
During the month under review Imports accounting for 69.6 percent (P4, 760.8 million) of the monthly total value were transported into the country by Road, while those carried by Air and Rail represented 19.2 percent (P1, 315.4 million) and 11.2 percent (P767.6 million) respectively.

Goods that left the country by Air were valued at P4, 015.9 million, representing 78.8 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail accounted for 20.7 percent (P1, 052.4 million) and 0.5 percent (P25.9 million) in that order.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	**BW Pula**	**%**	**BW Pula**	**%**
Rail	4,760.8	69.6	1,052.4	20.7
Road	1,315.4	19.2	4,015.9	78.8
Air	767.6	11.2	25.9	0.5
Other modes	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Total	**6,844.4**	**100.0**	**5,094.6**	**100.0**

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



6.0 Transit Trade

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

Table C1 and **Chart C1** below shows that for the month of February 2023, goods worth P31, 910.5 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift, Kazungula Bridge and Mamuno border posts handled goods accounting for 41.8 percent (P13, 324.1 million), 37.0 percent (P11, 811.4 million) and 10.1 percent (P3, 207.7 million). The top most transiting goods were Chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind), 74 (Copper and articles thereof) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals) at 26.6 percent (P8, 492.9 million), 24.6 percent (P7, 842.6 million) and 8.3 percent (P2, 640.5 million) respectively.

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

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	13,324.1	41.8
Kazungula Bridge	11,811.4	37.0
Mamuno Border post	3,207.7	10.1
Pioneer Gate	1,522.0	4.8
Ramokgwebana Border post	806.4	2.5
Ngoma Border post	642.9	2.0
Other	596.0	1.8
Total	**31,910.5**	**100.0**

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

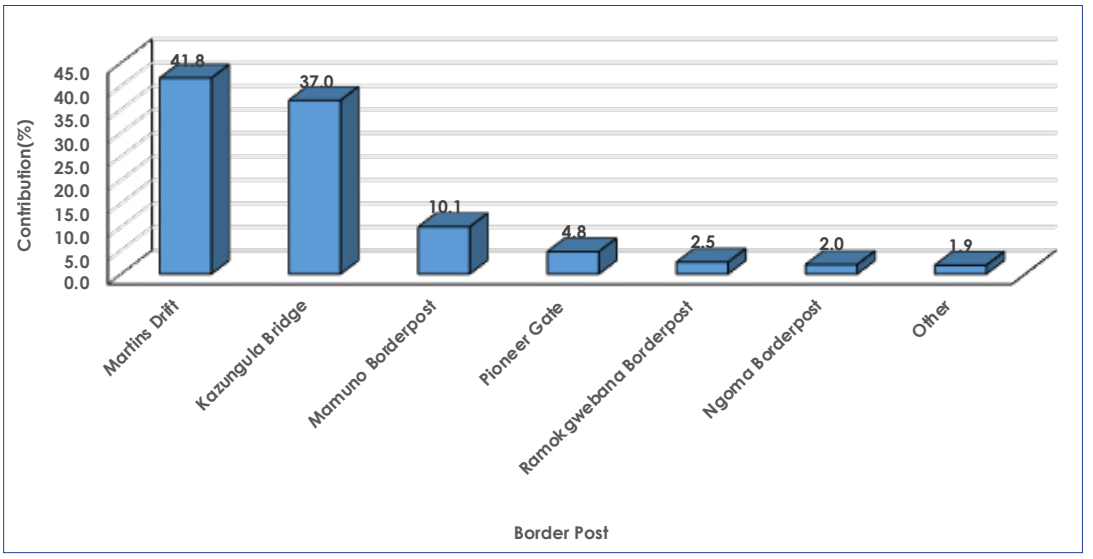


Table C2: Transit by Chapter – February 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	8,492.9	26.6
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	7,842.6	24.6
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals,of radioactive elements or of isotopes	2,640.5	8.3
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	2,342.2	7.3
5	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	1,194.3	3.7
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,143.6	3.6
7	73	Iron or steel articles	1,078.9	3.4
8	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	819.2	2.6
9	24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	700.8	2.2
10	31	Fertilizers	621.2	1.9
11	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	571.3	1.8
12	25	Salt; Sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	517.3	1.6
13	39	Plastics and articles thereof	455.1	1.4
14	72	Iron and steel	398.2	1.2
15	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	389.4	1.2
16	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	335.0	1.0
Top Transit Goods			**29,542.5**	**92.6**
Other Transit Goods			**2,368.1**	**7.4**
Total Transit Goods			**31,910.5**	**100.0**

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

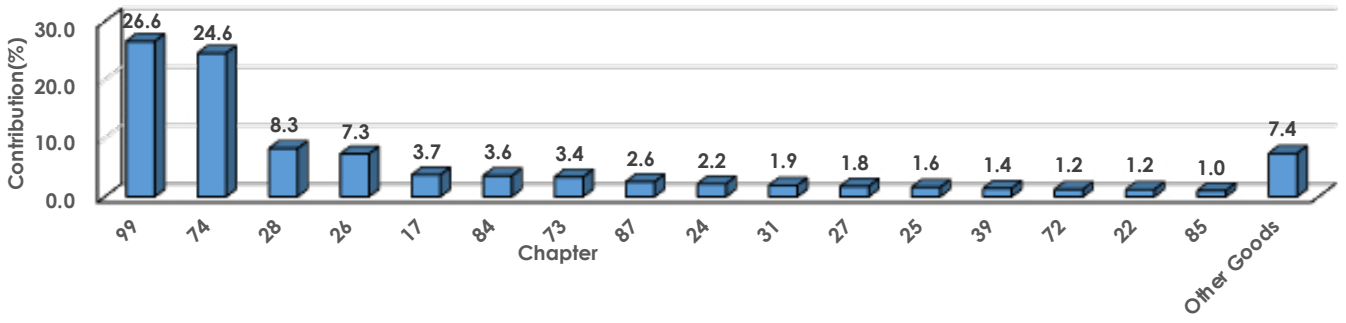


Table 1.0 : Total Merchandise Trade - January 2021 to February 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.7	261.6	1.4	8,689.1	0.3	8,689.4	1,438.7
Feb	6,402.0	6,130.6	269.7	1.6	6,449.1	0.0	6,449.1	47.1
Mar	9,580.1	9,228.0	350.7	1.4	9,039.7	0.0	9,039.7	(540.4)
Q1	**23,232.9**	**22,346.4**	**882.0**	**4.5**	**24,177.9**	**0.4**	**24,178.2**	**945.4**
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.5	0.0	5,030.5	(1,825.8)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.7)
Jun	7,735.6	7,463.1	270.8	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(366.1)
Q2	**22,407.7**	**21,550.8**	**852.6**	**4.3**	**17,297.1**	**0.9**	**17,298.1**	**(5,109.7)**
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.4	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.6	8,561.1	340.9	1.7	7,374.1	0.0	7,374.1	(1,529.6)
Sep	6,751.7	6,473.4	276.7	1.6	6,553.6	1.9	6,555.5	(196.2)
Q3	**22,360.9**	**21,463.0**	**893.4**	**4.5**	**21,857.9**	**2.0**	**21,859.9**	**(501.0)**
Oct	9,003.2	8,649.6	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.8)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.2	4.3	6,706.5	(1,841.4)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
Q4	**25,158.7**	**24,109.4**	**1,042.8**	**6.4**	**18,931.1**	**10.5**	**18,941.7**	**(6,217.0)**
Total_2021	**93,160.2**	**89,469.6**	**3,670.9**	**19.7**	**82,264.0**	**13.9**	**82,277.9**	**(10,882.3)**
Jan_2022	**7,288.3**	**6,974.3**	**312.1**	**1.9**	**8,446.3**	**0.0**	**8,446.3**	**1,158.0**
Feb	8,276.3	7,935.9	338.1	2.2	8,841.5	0.1	8,841.6	565.4
Mar	10,020.4	9,625.8	392.2	2.4	8,548.8	0.3	8,549.1	(1,471.4)
Q1	**25,585.0**	**24,535.9**	**1,042.5**	**6.5**	**25,836.6**	**0.3**	**25,837.0**	**252.0**
Apr	6,978.6	6,671.7	304.9	1.9	6,606.4	0.0	6,606.4	(372.2)
May	8,577.3	8,252.8	322.8	1.7	9,032.7	0.1	9,032.8	455.5
Jun	8,882.4	8,348.0	532.5	1.8	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,522.0
Q2	**24,438.3**	**23,272.6**	**1,160.3**	**5.4**	**26,041.8**	**1.7**	**26,043.5**	**1,605.2**
Jul	8,282.1	7,931.7	348.8	1.6	10,057.3	0.9	10,058.2	1,776.1
Aug	7,152.2	6,810.7	339.0	2.5	10,910.1	1.7	10,911.9	3,759.7
Sep	12,078.7	11,745.3	331.4	2.0	8,880.3	0.0	8,880.3	(3,198.5)
Q3	**27,513.0**	**26,487.7**	**1,019.2**	**6.1**	**29,847.7**	**2.6**	**29,850.4**	**2,337.3**
Oct	7,222.7	6,910.8	310.4	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,956.1)
Nov	7,132.9	6,796.1	335.1	1.7	8,520.6	22.6	8,543.2	1,410.3
Dec	7,946.0	7,648.8	295.0	2.2	7,897.5	0.7	7,898.1	(47.8)
Q4	**22,301.6**	**21,355.7**	**940.5**	**5.4**	**20,684.6**	**23.3**	**20,707.9**	**(1,593.7)**
Total_2022	**99,837.9**	**95,651.9**	**4,162.5**	**23.5**	**102,410.8**	**28.0**	**102,438.7**	**2,600.8**
Jan_2023	5,994.3	5,715.5	277.2	1.6	7,210.5	0.0	7,210.5	1,216.2
Feb	6,844.4	6,560.6	282.2	1.6	5,089.4	5.2	5,094.6	(1,749.7)

Table 2.1 : Principal Imports Commodity Groups - January 2021 to February 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.9	274.7	75.1	123.3	381.4	117.7	219.6	7,250.8
Feb	550.5	2,086.4	795.1	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	152.6	438.2	129.8	246.8	6,402.0
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	929.0	399.4	69.1	174.6	918.2	194.2	321.1	9,580.1
Q1	**2,099.1**	**9,126.1**	**2,537.8**	**2,342.1**	**201.3**	**2,279.6**	**1,019.3**	**209.9**	**450.5**	**1,737.9**	**441.7**	**787.5**	**23,232.9**
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	836.0	148.7	236.8	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	62.2	868.1	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.8	159.8	225.0	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	866.5	860.0	67.5	888.6	384.6	78.8	133.6	459.9	147.7	228.6	7,735.6
Q2	**2,085.3**	**7,655.5**	**2,511.0**	**2,526.1**	**194.1**	**2,495.5**	**1,143.5**	**219.0**	**446.4**	**1,984.7**	**456.2**	**690.4**	**22,407.7**
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	53.8	810.6	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.1	154.0	219.0	6,705.6
Aug	748.7	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	81.9	962.9	432.1	75.8	156.6	517.1	195.8	264.1	8,903.6
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	957.0	389.7	76.2	189.6	454.9	181.8	256.5	6,751.7
Q3	**2,107.2**	**7,360.3**	**2,628.5**	**2,839.6**	**221.0**	**2,730.5**	**1,179.8**	**226.7**	**464.7**	**1,331.2**	**531.7**	**739.6**	**22,360.9**
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	86.4	960.9	321.8	70.4	236.5	512.2	162.9	225.2	9,003.2
Nov	796.2	3,014.2	1,036.0	1,110.1	85.1	931.2	392.4	67.9	224.9	480.3	174.4	235.2	8,547.9
Dec	814.7	2,090.8	966.8	1,213.1	61.4	832.4	307.2	61.6	153.8	724.7	151.6	229.4	7,607.5
Q4	**2,492.0**	**8,518.6**	**3,044.1**	**3,414.2**	**232.9**	**2,724.5**	**1,021.4**	**199.9**	**615.2**	**1,717.2**	**488.9**	**689.9**	**25,158.7**
Total_2021	**8,783.6**	**32,660.5**	**10,721.4**	**11,122.0**	**849.1**	**10,230.1**	**4,364.1**	**855.5**	**1,976.9**	**6,771.0**	**1,918.5**	**2,907.4**	**93,160.2**
Jan_2022	1,075.4	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	132.0	429.8	130.9	159.0	7,288.3
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,045.5	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	185.0	429.1	142.2	198.3	8,276.3
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	68.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	212.3	514.2	165.7	241.5	10,020.4
Q1	**2,563.2**	**9,233.3**	**2,936.6**	**3,572.4**	**169.4**	**2,845.2**	**1,141.8**	**183.0**	**529.4**	**1,373.1**	**438.8**	**598.9**	**25,585.0**
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	902.9	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	165.3	392.4	140.8	194.2	6,978.6
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	105.4	1,105.5	409.1	70.1	182.1	388.9	150.8	234.7	8,577.3
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.1	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	166.4	720.3	148.4	242.5	8,882.4
Q2	**2,331.1**	**5,545.6**	**4,117.1**	**4,572.3**	**236.5**	**3,174.2**	**1,138.0**	**196.6**	**513.8**	**1,501.6**	**440.0**	**671.4**	**24,438.3**
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.5	2,295.6	89.4	1,018.5	369.4	67.9	204.4	619.9	163.7	231.4	8,282.1
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.9	964.2	384.0	78.5	215.9	514.6	183.1	328.7	7,152.2
Sep	853.5	5,769.1	1,037.9	1,469.3	74.9	1,098.2	391.2	65.2	215.9	629.3	194.8	279.5	12,078.7
Q3	**2,286.7**	**8,207.8**	**3,063.8**	**5,499.2**	**237.2**	**3,080.8**	**1,144.6**	**211.7**	**636.2**	**1,763.8**	**541.6**	**839.6**	**27,513.0**
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,022.8	1,499.6	80.9	1,067.8	326.6	61.3	203.7	469.7	160.9	270.0	7,222.7
Nov	968.8	641.5	1,168.2	1,521.8	83.0	1,069.5	381.6	63.0	265.4	484.0	193.9	292.2	7,132.9
Dec	766.5	2,351.7	1,004.4	1,670.7	77.3	750.2	311.4	50.5	167.2	366.8	157.9	271.3	7,946.0
Q4	**2,485.6**	**4,302.3**	**3,195.5**	**4,692.0**	**241.3**	**2,887.5**	**1,019.6**	**174.7**	**636.3**	**1,320.5**	**512.8**	**833.5**	**22,301.6**
Total_2022	**9,666.7**	**27,289.0**	**13,312.9**	**18,336.0**	**884.5**	**11,987.7**	**4,444.0**	**766.0**	**2,315.7**	**5,958.9**	**1,933.2**	**2,943.3**	**99,837.9**
Jan_2023	637.6	988.8	888.0	1,338.0	46.5	837.5	279.7	56.3	133.2	418.0	134.9	235.7	5,994.3
Feb	759.9	1,309.2	1,245.5	1,286.3	56.2	845.3	359.0	46.5	178.2	410.7	140.7	206.8	6,844.4
%Contribution													
2021	**9.4**	**35.1**	**11.5**	**11.9**	**0.9**	**11.0**	**4.7**	**0.9**	**2.1**	**7.3**	**2.1**	**3.1**	**100.0**
2022	**9.7**	**27.3**	**13.3**	**18.4**	**0.9**	**12.0**	**4.5**	**0.8**	**2.3**	**6.0**	**1.9**	**2.9**	**100.0**
Jan	**10.6**	**16.5**	**14.8**	**22.3**	**0.8**	**14.0**	**4.7**	**0.9**	**2.2**	**7.0**	**2.3**	**3.9**	**100.0**
Feb	**11.1**	**19.1**	**18.2**	**18.8**	**0.8**	**12.4**	**5.2**	**0.7**	**2.6**	**6.0**	**2.1**	**3.0**	**100.0**

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	14.7	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	12.4	56.0	169.8	0.6	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	63.8	8,689.4
Feb	14.1	0.0	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	60.8	151.7	2.1	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	85.7	6,449.1
Mar	25.1	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	65.3	9,039.7
Q1	**53.9**	**1.1**	**22,653.0**	**112.3**	**50.1**	**213.5**	**478.1**	**11.9**	**81.3**	**172.0**	**44.9**	**91.4**	**214.8**	**24,178.2**
Apr	22.9	0.1	4,471.4	0.0	20.5	63.0	182.3	9.0	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	126.7	5,030.5
May	31.3	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	18.2	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	107.6	4,898.1
Jun	33.1	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	34.8	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	111.9	7,369.5
Q2	**87.3**	**0.8**	**15,461.5**	**97.9**	**79.8**	**251.2**	**498.0**	**62.1**	**114.8**	**183.6**	**46.0**	**69.2**	**346.1**	**17,298.1**
Jul	33.1	86.8	7,210.0	0.0	18.3	80.5	183.3	12.7	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	125.5	7,930.3
Aug	22.7	398.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	165.9	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	35.7	130.4	7,374.1
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.4	26.0	92.7	6,555.5
Q3	**83.7**	**732.7**	**19,307.2**	**97.0**	**60.4**	**190.8**	**545.2**	**45.9**	**89.4**	**218.5**	**51.5**	**88.9**	**348.6**	**21,859.9**
Oct	30.6	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	9.8	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	79.6	5,030.5
Nov	25.4	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.7	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	85.7	6,706.5
Dec	21.0	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	15.0	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	101.9	7,204.7
Q4	**77.1**	**490.7**	**16,707.8**	**80.5**	**51.7**	**221.2**	**411.3**	**43.3**	**72.0**	**234.4**	**74.2**	**210.3**	**267.2**	**18,941.7**
Total_2021	**302.0**	**1,225.3**	**74,129.5**	**387.7**	**241.9**	**876.7**	**1,932.6**	**163.2**	**357.4**	**808.5**	**216.6**	**459.8**	**1,176.7**	**82,277.9**
Jan_2022	29.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	3.8	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	118.7	8,446.3
Feb	18.2	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	8.4	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	80.3	8,841.6
Mar	35.1	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	15.8	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.7	96.7	8,549.1
Q1	**83.0**	**653.5**	**23,288.6**	**102.2**	**62.3**	**318.0**	**571.9**	**28.0**	**77.8**	**205.2**	**54.4**	**96.4**	**295.7**	**25,837.0**
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.6	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.1	69.0	84.3	6,606.4
May	66.9	314.1	7,882.7	0.0	22.7	133.9	238.5	19.4	30.9	75.2	33.3	34.1	181.1	9,032.8
Jun	46.3	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	22.2	37.3	93.2	25.5	57.9	156.9	10,404.4
Q2	**153.8**	**939.4**	**22,730.1**	**74.8**	**71.5**	**359.6**	**687.7**	**54.0**	**96.8**	**210.5**	**82.0**	**161.1**	**422.3**	**26,043.5**
Jul	60.2	414.9	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	33.9	185.1	10,058.2
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,645.7	30.1	20.1	85.1	216.9	8.8	30.6	125.4	33.1	55.9	145.6	10,911.9
Sep	71.3	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	272.9	3.5	36.2	109.1	25.4	115.8	132.9	8,880.3
Q3	**196.1**	**1,169.3**	**26,225.7**	**79.7**	**63.8**	**196.6**	**733.1**	**26.5**	**100.8**	**307.1**	**82.4**	**205.6**	**463.6**	**29,850.4**
Oct	85.7	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.2	4.4	33.7	89.7	29.8	30.0	138.1	4,266.6
Nov	65.1	319.3	7,341.9	16.3	19.9	85.3	293.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	184.9	8,543.2
Dec	62.1	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.6	82.7	129.8	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	182.3	7,898.1
Q4	**212.9**	**1,254.2**	**17,009.0**	**51.4**	**51.3**	**308.9**	**633.7**	**28.2**	**84.6**	**282.9**	**99.8**	**185.7**	**505.3**	**20,707.9**
Total_2022	**645.9**	**4,016.4**	**89,253.4**	**308.2**	**248.9**	**1,183.0**	**2,626.4**	**136.6**	**360.0**	**1,005.7**	**318.6**	**648.8**	**1,686.9**	**102,438.7**
Jan_2023	68.6	523.8	5,991.8	16.5	12.0	111.8	198.7	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	23.8	96.4	7,210.5
Feb	51.1	443.4	3,921.2	15.7	23.6	109.9	262.0	7.3	27.7	65.4	18.5	60.8	87.9	5,094.6
%Contribution														
2021	**0.4**	**1.5**	**90.1**	**0.5**	**0.3**	**1.1**	**2.3**	**0.2**	**0.4**	**1.0**	**0.3**	**0.6**	**1.4**	**100.0**
2022	**0.6**	**3.9**	**87.1**	**0.3**	**0.2**	**1.2**	**2.6**	**0.1**	**0.4**	**1.0**	**0.3**	**0.6**	**1.6**	**100.0**
Jan	**1.0**	**7.3**	**83.1**	**0.2**	**0.2**	**1.6**	**2.8**	**0.0**	**0.5**	**1.5**	**0.3**	**0.3**	**1.3**	**100.0**
Feb	**1.0**	**8.7**	**77.0**	**0.3**	**0.5**	**2.2**	**5.1**	**0.1**	**0.5**	**1.3**	**0.4**	**1.2**	**1.7**	**100.0**

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

FlowType	IMPORTS						TOTAL EXPORTS					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	**407.2**	**16.4**	**0.0**	**7,314.4**	**1,388.1**	**9,126.1**	**0.0**	**50.3**	**0.0**	**21,143.4**	**1,459.3**	**22,653.0**
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,630.9	838.6	4,471.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,951.3	746.6	6,710.0
Q2	**561.7**	**9.4**	**0.0**	**5,505.7**	**1,578.8**	**7,655.5**	**0.0**	**20.6**	**0.0**	**13,112.7**	**2,328.2**	**15,461.5**
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,423.2	774.1	7,210.0
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	5,072.8	1,252.0	6,326.1
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,755.2	992.2	5,771.1
Q3	**514.7**	**12.1**	**0.0**	**5,988.4**	**845.2**	**7,360.3**	**0.0**	**37.6**	**0.0**	**16,251.2**	**3,018.4**	**19,307.2**
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	280.8	3,413.6	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,805.5	193.6	3,014.2	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	1,235.2	589.6	2,090.8	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,039.5	6,565.1
Q4	**614.6**	**38.4**	**0.1**	**6,801.5**	**1,064.0**	**8,518.6**	**0.0**	**140.9**	**0.0**	**13,983.8**	**2,583.0**	**16,707.8**
Total_2021	**2,098.1**	**76.4**	**0.1**	**25,609.9**	**4,876.0**	**32,660.5**	**0.0**	**249.4**	**0.0**	**64,491.2**	**9,388.9**	**74,129.5**
Jan_2022	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,922.0	291.4	2,225.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	6,726.8	967.7	7,702.8
Feb	0.0	18.6	0.0	2,756.0	521.1	3,295.7	0.0	53.2	0.0	6,729.9	1,276.9	8,060.0
Mar	512.4	14.4	0.0	2,526.8	658.7	3,712.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	5,919.0	1,578.5	7,525.8
Q1	**512.4**	**44.8**	**0.0**	**7,204.8**	**1,471.3**	**9,233.3**	**0.0**	**89.8**	**0.0**	**19,375.8**	**3,823.1**	**23,288.6**
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	851.9	822.8	1,674.8	0.0	29.1	0.0	4,311.7	1,245.5	5,586.4
May	0.0	295.3	0.0	1,619.3	828.0	2,742.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	6,034.3	1,827.7	7,882.7
Jun	374.7	1.6	0.0	183.0	568.9	1,128.2	0.0	41.0	0.0	7,577.3	1,642.7	9,261.0
Q2	**374.8**	**296.9**	**0.0**	**2,654.3**	**2,219.7**	**5,545.6**	**0.0**	**90.8**	**0.0**	**17,923.4**	**4,715.9**	**22,730.1**
Jul	371.6	0.0	0.0	239.7	936.9	1,548.2	0.0	44.3	0.0	7,382.3	1,392.8	8,819.4
Aug	323.3	0.4	0.0	155.0	411.8	890.5	0.0	62.0	0.0	7,572.9	2,010.9	9,645.7
Sep	415.3	0.8	0.0	5,088.8	264.3	5,769.1	0.0	37.8	0.0	5,827.4	1,895.4	7,760.6
Q3	**1,110.2**	**1.2**	**0.0**	**5,483.4**	**1,613.0**	**8,207.8**	**0.0**	**144.1**	**0.0**	**20,782.5**	**5,299.0**	**26,225.7**
Oct	349.2	0.1	0.0	591.5	368.4	1,309.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,644.0	1,353.5	2,997.5
Nov	21.2	7.0	0.0	321.7	291.6	641.5	2.4	55.4	0.0	5,649.5	1,634.7	7,341.9
Dec	534.2	4.8	0.0	1,092.2	720.5	2,351.7	5.9	36.7	0.0	5,405.1	1,221.9	6,669.5
Q4	**904.6**	**11.9**	**0.0**	**2,005.3**	**1,380.5**	**4,302.3**	**8.3**	**92.1**	**0.0**	**12,698.5**	**4,210.1**	**17,009.0**
Total_2022	**2,902.0**	**354.8**	**0.0**	**17,347.8**	**6,684.4**	**27,289.0**	**8.3**	**416.8**	**0.0**	**70,780.2**	**18,048.1**	**89,253.4**
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	5,065.6	891.5	5,991.8
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	109.0	274.9	1,309.2	0.0	30.7	0.0	2,708.9	1,181.6	3,921.2

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

Table 3.1A: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – February 2023 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	595.4	25.1	1,105.7	928.8	45.5	538.1	304.3	35.6	143.2	349.3	124.3	163.4	4,358.8	63.7
Namibia	1.7	6.4	5.7	311.3	0.0	1.0	0.4	10.8	1.1	3.2	0.4	1.4	343.3	5.0
Eswatini	0.4	0.0	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.3	11.8	0.2
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
SACU	**597.4**	**31.5**	**1,120.2**	**1,240.1**	**45.5**	**539.1**	**304.8**	**46.4**	**147.0**	**352.5**	**127.1**	**165.1**	**4,716.8**	**68.9**
Other SADC	**2.8**	**9.5**	**30.9**	**40.3**	**0.2**	**2.6**	**29.6**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**4.6**	**123.1**	**1.8**
SADC	**600.2**	**41.0**	**1,151.1**	**1,280.4**	**45.7**	**541.8**	**334.4**	**46.4**	**147.3**	**352.7**	**129.2**	**169.7**	**4,839.9**	**70.7**
Other Africa	**0.9**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**3.0**	**0.0**
Africa	**601.1**	**41.0**	**1,151.5**	**1,280.4**	**45.7**	**542.7**	**334.4**	**46.4**	**147.3**	**352.7**	**129.3**	**170.4**	**4,842.9**	**70.8**
India	53.2	198.7	1.8	1.6	0.0	9.4	3.2	0.0	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.8	276.8	4.0
China	20.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	4.7	64.0	12.3	0.1	14.0	8.5	3.8	9.7	137.5	2.0
Other Asia	**11.2**	**79.1**	**12.8**	**3.7**	**4.7**	**17.0**	**2.2**	**0.0**	**3.5**	**32.3**	**1.0**	**3.0**	**170.5**	**2.5**
Asia	**84.5**	**277.9**	**14.9**	**5.3**	**9.4**	**90.5**	**17.7**	**0.1**	**19.4**	**43.5**	**7.0**	**14.6**	**584.8**	**8.5**
Belgium	3.0	75.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.3	82.5	1.2
Other EU	**47.7**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**0.6**	**0.8**	**75.4**	**1.4**	**0.0**	**11.1**	**6.5**	**3.4**	**14.6**	**163.4**	**2.4**
EU	**50.7**	**75.4**	**2.0**	**0.6**	**0.8**	**77.7**	**1.4**	**0.0**	**11.1**	**6.7**	**3.5**	**16.0**	**245.9**	**3.6**
Canada	4.7	911.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	925.9	13.5
UK	9.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	78.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	1.1	0.5	1.1	92.2	1.3
Brazil	0.0	0.0	67.6	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.0	1.0
Rest of World	**9.6**	**3.0**	**8.3**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**44.1**	**4.9**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**6.6**	**0.5**	**4.5**	**81.8**	**1.2**
Total World	**759.9**	**1,309.2**	**1,245.5**	**1,286.3**	**56.2**	**845.3**	**359.0**	**46.5**	**178.2**	**410.7**	**140.7**	**206.8**	**6,844.4**	**100.0**

Table 3.1B: Total Imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – February 2023 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	13.7	0.6	25.4	21.3	1.0	12.3	7.0	0.8	3.3	8.0	2.9	3.7	100.0
Namibia	0.5	1.9	1.7	90.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	3.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.4	100.0
Eswatini	3.0	0.0	73.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	20.6	2.7	100.0
Lesotho	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.6	0.0	94.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	100.0
SACU	**12.7**	**0.7**	**23.7**	**26.3**	**1.0**	**11.4**	**6.5**	**1.0**	**3.1**	**7.5**	**2.7**	**3.5**	**100.0**
Other SADC	**2.2**	**7.7**	**25.1**	**32.7**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**24.1**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**0.1**	**1.7**	**3.8**	**100.0**
SADC	**12.4**	**0.8**	**23.8**	**26.5**	**0.9**	**11.2**	**6.9**	**1.0**	**3.0**	**7.3**	**2.7**	**3.5**	**100.0**
Other Africa	**29.0**	**0.0**	**13.5**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**32.2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.6**	**0.8**	**1.3**	**22.3**	**100.0**
Africa	**12.4**	**0.8**	**23.8**	**26.4**	**0.9**	**11.2**	**6.9**	**1.0**	**3.0**	**7.3**	**2.7**	**3.5**	**100.0**
India	19.2	71.8	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.4	1.2	0.0	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7	100.0
China	14.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.4	46.6	8.9	0.1	10.2	6.2	2.8	7.1	100.0
Other Asia	**6.5**	**46.4**	**7.5**	**2.1**	**2.8**	**10.0**	**1.3**	**0.0**	**2.1**	**18.9**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**100.0**
Asia	**14.4**	**47.5**	**2.5**	**0.9**	**1.6**	**15.5**	**3.0**	**0.0**	**3.3**	**7.4**	**1.2**	**2.5**	**100.0**
Belgium	3.7	91.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.6	100.0
Other EU	**29.2**	**0.0**	**1.2**	**0.4**	**0.5**	**46.2**	**0.8**	**0.0**	**6.8**	**4.0**	**2.1**	**9.0**	**100.0**
EU	**20.6**	**30.7**	**0.8**	**0.3**	**0.3**	**31.6**	**0.6**	**0.0**	**4.5**	**2.7**	**1.4**	**6.5**	**100.0**
Canada	0.5	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	10.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	84.9	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.2	100.0
Brazil	0.0	0.0	95.3	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Rest of World	**11.7**	**3.6**	**10.1**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**53.9**	**5.9**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**8.1**	**0.6**	**5.5**	**100.0**
Total World	**11.1**	**19.1**	**18.2**	**18.8**	**0.8**	**12.4**	**5.2**	**0.7**	**2.6**	**6.0**	**2.1**	**3.0**	**100.0**

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	39.7	0.4	226.7	15.7	20.4	107.6	233.6	3.2	18.4	47.5	13.6	8.9	38.8	774.5	15.2
Namibia	6.7	0.0	102.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.4	5.7	7.8	131.7	2.6
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
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	0.2	0.2	0.0
SACU	**46.5**	**0.4**	**329.0**	**15.7**	**21.4**	**107.6**	**238.7**	**3.2**	**20.2**	**47.5**	**15.0**	**15.4**	**46.7**	**907.2**	**17.8**
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	5.4	0.0	2.3	8.2	3.1	29.0	23.2	72.8	1.4
Other SADC	**1.9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**2.3**	**11.3**	**4.1**	**5.2**	**9.4**	**0.4**	**16.3**	**7.3**	**58.4**	**1.1**
SADC	**48.4**	**0.4**	**329.0**	**15.7**	**23.1**	**109.9**	**253.2**	**7.3**	**27.7**	**65.4**	**18.4**	**60.7**	**77.3**	**1,036.5**	**20.3**
Other Africa	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.3**	**1.7**	**0.0**
Africa	**48.4**	**0.4**	**329.0**	**15.7**	**23.1**	**109.9**	**255.5**	**7.3**	**27.7**	**65.4**	**18.4**	**60.7**	**78.6**	**1,040.1**	**20.4**
UAE	2.7	0.0	1,434.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1,437.8	28.2
India	0.0	0.0	623.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	627.5	12.3
China	0.0	405.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	405.6	8.0
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	373.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	373.1	7.3
Israel	0.0	0.0	259.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	259.7	5.1
Singapore	0.0	0.0	253.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	253.3	5.0
Other Asia	**0.0**	**0.0**	**96.2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**96.6**	**1.9**
Asia	**2.7**	**405.6**	**3,040.2**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**4.6**	**3,453.6**	**67.8**
Belgium	0.0	0.0	484.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	484.6	9.5
Other EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.3**	**0.0**
EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**484.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**484.9**	**9.5**
USA	0.0	0.0	65.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	71.4	1.4
Rest of World	**0.0**	**37.4**	**2.3**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**4.4**	**44.7**	**0.9**
Total World	**51.1**	**443.4**	**3,921.2**	**15.7**	**23.6**	**109.9**	**262.0**	**7.3**	**27.7**	**65.4**	**18.5**	**60.8**	**87.9**	**5,094.6**	**100.0**

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	5.1	0.1	29.3	2.0	2.6	13.9	30.2	0.4	2.4	6.1	1.8	1.1	5.0	100.0
Namibia	5.1	0.0	77.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.0	4.3	5.9	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	99.1	0.3	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.8	89.0	100.0
SACU	**5.1**	**0.0**	**36.3**	**1.7**	**2.4**	**11.9**	**26.3**	**0.4**	**2.2**	**5.2**	**1.7**	**1.7**	**5.2**	**100.0**
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	7.4	0.0	3.2	11.2	4.2	39.9	31.9	100.0
Other SADC	**3.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.2**	**3.9**	**19.4**	**7.1**	**9.0**	**16.1**	**0.6**	**27.9**	**12.6**	**100.0**
SADC	**4.7**	**0.0**	**31.7**	**1.5**	**2.2**	**10.6**	**24.4**	**0.7**	**2.7**	**6.3**	**1.8**	**5.9**	**7.5**	**100.0**
Other Africa	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.6**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**18.9**	**1.6**	**1.8**	**76.1**	**100.0**
Africa	**4.7**	**0.0**	**31.6**	**1.5**	**2.2**	**10.6**	**24.6**	**0.7**	**2.7**	**6.3**	**1.8**	**5.8**	**7.6**	**100.0**
UAE	0.2	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	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	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Singapore	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	**0.0**	**0.0**	**99.6**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**100.0**
Asia	**0.1**	**11.7**	**88.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**100.0**
Belgium	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**77.8**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**3.8**	**18.3**	**100.0**
EU	**0.0**	**0.0**	**99.9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**100.0**
USA	0.0	0.0	91.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	100.0
Rest of World	**0.0**	**83.6**	**5.1**	**0.0**	**0.9**	**0.0**	**0.4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.1**	**9.8**	**100.0**
Total World	**1.0**	**8.7**	**77.0**	**0.3**	**0.5**	**2.2**	**5.1**	**0.1**	**0.5**	**1.3**	**0.4**	**1.2**	**1.7**	**100.0**

Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods – February 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	Value (BWP)	Contribu-tion(%)
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	689.8	10.1
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	418.9	6.1
3	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, In sealed containers holding 2,5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	212.6	3.1
4	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	91.8	1.3
5	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	87.5	1.3
6	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	79.6	1.2
7	17019900	Other Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	73.6	1.1
8	84314990	OTHER Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	70.9	1.0
9	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	65.6	1.0
10	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))	62.7	0.9
11	72081000	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, oln coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	49.1	0.7
12	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	48.5	0.7
13	87089990	OTHER Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes; parts thereof	46.1	0.7
14	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	43.8	0.6
15	25232900	Other Portland cement	38.9	0.6
16	85444990	Other electric conductors,	38.9	0.6
17	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	33.9	0.5
18	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01)	33.7	0.5
19	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	32.0	0.5
20	85171310	Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networkDesigned for use when carried in the hand or on the person	29.9	0.4
21	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	28.6	0.4
22	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	27.5	0.4
23	74081100	Of refined copper:Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	27.4	0.4
24	87012920	Tractors (excluding tractors of heading 87.09):Of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	26.0	0.4
25	84295190	Other front-end shovel loaders:	25.7	0.4
26	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	24.6	0.4
27	30039090	"Other - Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail"	24.1	0.4
28	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	23.1	0.3
29	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by volume, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	22.7	0.3
30	39012000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more	22.6	0.3
31	84082000	ENGINES OF A KIND USED FOR THE PROPULSION OF VEHICLES OF CHAPTER 87	22.6	0.3
32	34012000	Soap in other forms	22.4	0.3
33	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	22.1	0.3
34	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	22.1	0.3
35	84749000	Mixing or kneading machines:Parts	22.0	0.3
36	87042390	Other Motor vehicles for the transport of goods: Not Elsewhere Specified	21.7	0.3
37	84295900	Other Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders:	21.1	0.3
38	84089090	Other engines	20.9	0.3
39	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	20.6	0.3
40	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	20.3	0.3
41	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by volume, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	20.2	0.3
42	42034000	Other clothing accessories	19.4	0.3
43	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	18.8	0.3
44	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	18.7	0.3
45	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	18.5	0.3
46	87032290	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles Not Elsewhere Specified	18.4	0.3
47	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	18.4	0.3
48	85369090	Other switches: Not Elsewhere Specified	18.3	0.3
49	64059090	Other footwear	17.9	0.3
50	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	17.8	0.3
Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods			**2,902.3**	**42.4**
Other Imports Goods			**3,942.1**	**57.6**
Total Imports			**6,844.4**	**100.0**

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods- February 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	Value (BWP)	Contribution(%)
1	26030000	COPPER ORES AND CONCENTRATES	443.4	8.7
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	132.4	2.6
3	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	79.1	1.6
4	28362000	DISODIUM CARBONATE	38.7	0.8
5	27011900	Other coal	32.6	0.6
6	01022900	Other (cattle)	30.8	0.6
7	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	26.3	0.5
8	85444290	Other electric conductors	26.1	0.5
9	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	25.5	0.5
10	85021300	Electric generating sets and rotary converters:Of an output exceeding 375 kVA	22.7	0.4
11	27011200	Bituminous coal	18.5	0.4
12	71081200	Gold Non-Monetary Other unwrought forms	15.7	0.3
13	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 k	14.2	0.3
14	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	13.6	0.3
15	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	13.4	0.3
16	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	11.5	0.2
17	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	9.8	0.2
18	84254240	OTHER LIFTING JACKS	7.7	0.2
19	03057110	Fish fins, heads, tails, maws and other edible fish offal:Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	5.5	0.1
20	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	5.4	0.1
21	84071000	Aircraft engines	5.2	0.1
22	72149900	Other Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	4.8	0.1
23	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	4.5	0.1
24	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	4.4	0.1
25	71129990	OTHER Waste and scrap of precious metal Not Elsewhere Specified	4.3	0.1
26	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	4.3	0.1
27	11042310	Chopped dried kernels, of maize(corn) not further prepared or processed	4.0	0.1
28	87041090	Other Dumpers designed for off-highway use:	3.7	0.1
29	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	3.7	0.1
30	72042100	Of stainless steel	3.6	0.1
31	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles	3.5	0.1
32	78020000	LEAD WASTE AND SCRAP	3.5	0.1
33	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	3.4	0.1
34	74040020	Copper waste and scrap:Of copper-zinc base alloys (brass)	3.4	0.1
35	84799000	Parts Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or other mineral substances, in solid	3.3	0.1
36	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel,Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling proces	3.3	0.1
37	84294090	Other tamping machines and road rollers	3.2	0.1
38	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	2.9	0.1
39	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	2.8	0.1
40	84314990	OTHER Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	2.7	0.1
41	73269090	Other articles of iron or steel:Not Elsewhere Specified	2.6	0.1
42	84254250	OTHER JACKS	2.6	0.1
43	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	2.5	0.0
44	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	2.5	0.0
45	87042310	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with	2.4	0.0
46	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	2.3	0.0
47	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.2	0.0
48	48202000	Exercise books	2.1	0.0
49	58081000	BRAIDS IN THE PIECE	2.1	0.0
50	30021300	" Immunological products, unmixed, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail "	2.1	0.0
	Top 50 Exported		1,071.0	21.0
	Other Exported		4,023.7	79.0
	Total		5,094.6	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.

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