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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) during May 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. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at region or country level, for May 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 May 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 during May 2021.

May 2021 exports were valued at P4, 809.8 million, a decrease of 2.4 percent from the revised April 2021 value of P4, 927.5 million. Imports amounted to P7, 424.9 million, reflecting a rise of 8.4 percent from the revised April 2021 value of P6, 851.2 million.

The leading Import commodity groups were Diamonds; Machinery & Electrical Equipment; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel; with contributions of 38.3 percent and 11.3 percent for the first two groups, while Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Fuel contributed 11.2 percent and 10.9 percent respectively. During the month under review, Diamonds were the main export commodity group with a contribution of 87.5 percent to total exports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 2.9 percent.

In May 2021, imports from **SACU** contributed 56.5 percent to total imports, while those from Asia and the **EU** accounted for 19.7 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 54.8 percent of total imports. Imports from the UAE and India represented 6.5 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively. Belgium and Canada supplied 15.1 percent and 4.0 percent respectively, of the monthly total.

During the current month, exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** accounted for 60.2 percent, 25.4 percent and 10.6 percent of the monthly total, respectively. The **UAE** received exports representing 26.1 percent of the monthly total. Belgium, India and South Africa received 25.1 percent, 20.1 percent and 9.5 percent respectively.

Botswana uses Air as its main mode of transport for exports. Air transport accounted for 90.0 percent of total exports during the reference period, while Road and Rail transport represented 9.6 percent and 0.4 percent respectively. Imports by Road accounted for 53.3 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 25.3 percent and 21.4 percent, respectively.

1.0 **Total Trade**

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions are based on May 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

Statistics for previous monthly digests contain preliminary figures which are subsequently revised when new information becomes available. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database with additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

Transactions for February, March and April 2021 had late customs duty assessments which were concluded during May 2021. **Table A** shows revised data for the affected months, comparing figures as at the April 2021 Digest and the current.

Imports and Total Exports for April 2021 were revised up by 1.8 percent each, with values of P118.5 million and P88.3 million, respectively as displayed in **Table A**. Revisions for February and March 2021 were minor as can be observed in the same table.

Table A: Data Revision: February to April 2021 (Million Pula)

Period	As at A	pril 2021 D	igest	As at	May 2021 D	igest		Difference		Di	fference as	%
Period/ Indicators	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance									
Feb	6,397.9	6,364.6	(33.3)	6,400.2	6,365.3	(34.9)	2.3	0.7	(1.6)	0.0	0.0	4.9
Mar	9,156.4	9,038.1	(118.4)	9,159.6	9,038.2	(121.4)	3.2	0.2	(3.0)	0.0	0.0	2.6
Apr	6,732.6	4,839.2	(1,893.5)	6,851.2	4,927.5	(1,923.7)	118.5	88.3	(30.2)	1.8	1.8	1.6

1.2 **Imports**

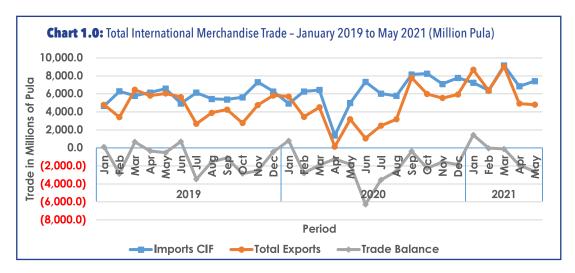
Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. In May 2021, imports were valued at P7, 424.9 million, 8.4 percent (P573.7 million) above the April 2021 revised figure of P6, 851.2 million. An increase of 47.7 percent (P918.8 million) in the importation of Diamonds had a substantial effect on the overall increase in total imports value, contributing 13.4 percentage points to the overall increase. Machinery & Electrical Equipment recorded an increase of 14.2 percent (P104.8 million), translating to 1.5 percentage points contribution to the total increase in the monthly import figure.

1.3 **Total Exports**

May 2021 total export value went down by 2.4 percent (P117.7 million) from the revised April 2021 figure of P4, 927.5 million to P4, 809.8 million. The fall is attributed largely to the decrease in the exportation of Diamonds by 4.3 percent (P189.6 million) from P4, 400.4 million in April 2021 to P4, 210.8 million in May 2021.

1.4 Trade Balance

A trade deficit of P2, 615.1 million was recorded during May 2021. This follows a revised trade deficit of P1, 923.7 million recorded for April 2021. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2019 to May 2021.



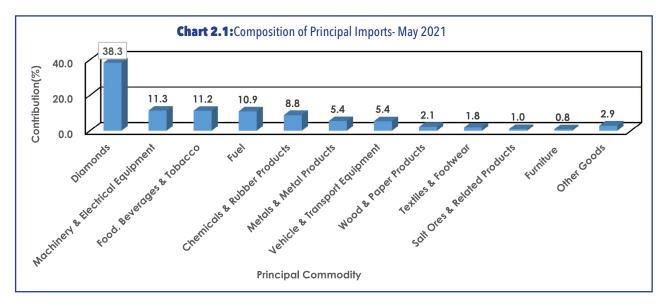
2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

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' which 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.

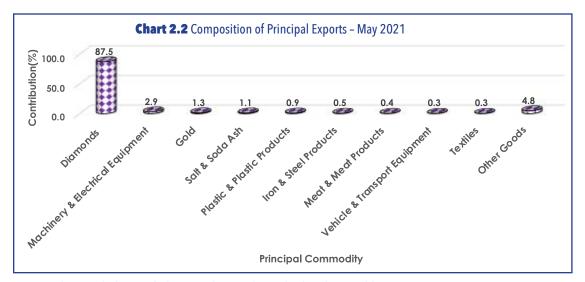
2.1 Principal Imports

During May 2021, Botswana received imports valued at P7, 424.9 million. Diamonds contributed 38.3 percent (P2, 844.3 million) to total imports, Machinery & Electrical Equipment, and Food, Beverages & Tobacco followed with 11.3 percent (P841.2 million) and 11.2 percent (P833.8 million) respectively. Fuel contributed 10.9 percent (P810.2 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are illustrated in Table 2.1 and Chart 2.1.



2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana's total exports were valued at P4, 809.8 million during May 2021. The Diamonds group accounted for 87.5 percent (P4, 210.8 million), followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 2.9 percent (P140.1 million) of total exports. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 2.2** and **Chart 2.2**.



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

3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade between Botswana and her major trading partners. Thus 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 May 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

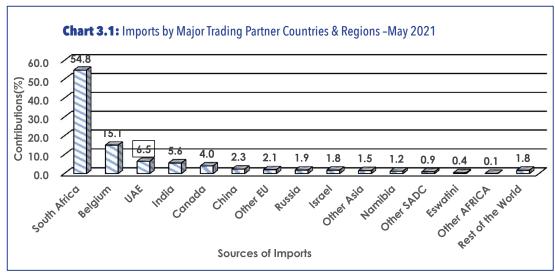
Botswana imported P7, 424.9 million worth of goods from across the globe. The SACU region contributed 56.5 percent (P4, 192.1 million) to total imports during the reference period. The top most imported commodity groups from the **SACU** region were Food, Beverages & Tobacco; Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 18.9 percent (P792.3 million), 18.4 percent (P770.6 million) and 13.1 percent (P547.7 million) to total imports from the region, respectively (refer to **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.1B**).

South Africa contributed 54.8 percent (P4, 071.2 million) to total imports during May 2021. Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 19.1 percent (P776.5 million) of imports from that country. Fuel and Machinery & Electrical Equipment accounted for 17.3 percent (P704.0 million) and 13.4 percent (P547.0 million) respectively. Namibia contributed 1.2 percent (P91.7 million) to the overall imports during the period under review. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco contributed 72.6 percent (P66.5 million) and 12.5 percent (P11.4 million) in that order to imports from the country.

Imports from Asia were valued at P1, 459.4 million, representing 19.7 percent of May 2021 total imports. The major commodity group imported from the regional block were Diamonds; with a contribution of 74.3 percent (P1, 084.1 million to total imports from the region (tables 3.1A & 3.1B). UAE and India, were the main sources of imports from Asia, having supplied 6.5 percent (P481.4 million) and 5.6 percent (P416.2 million) of total imports during the month under review, respectively (Table 3.1 A).

The **EU** supplied imports amounting to P1, 271.7 million, accounting for 17.1 percent of total imports. The major commodity group imported from the EU was Diamonds, at 87.7 percent (P1, 115.4 million) of all imports from the union. Belgium was the major source of imports from the EU, having supplied 15.1 percent (P1, 119.3 million) of total imports during the period under review (**Table 3.1 A**). Graphical presentation of sources of imports during May 2021 can be viewed on **Chart 3.1**.

Canada supplied 4.0 percent (P299.2 million) of the total imports during May 2021. The major commodity traded was Diamonds with a contribution of 99.6 percent (P298.0 million) to the overall imports from the country.



'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

Asia was the main destination for Botswana exports, having received 60.2 percent (P2, 897.6 million) of total exports during May 2021. These exports mostly went to the **UAE** and India, having received 26.1 percent (P1, 254.5 million) and 20.1 percent (P968.0 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Diamonds accounted for 99.9 percent of exports to UAE and 100 percent of exports to India, refer to **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During the month under review, exports destined to the EU amounted to P1, 222.8 million, accounting for 25.4 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all of the exports destined to the regional block, acquiring 25.1 percent (P1, 205.7 million) of total exports during the reporting period. The Diamonds group was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** (Table 3.2A and Table 2.2B).

The SACU region received exports valued at P508.6 million, representing 10.6 percent of total exports during the current period. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Gold commodity groups accounted for 23.8 percent (P120.8 million) and 12.2 percent (P62.1 million) of total exports to the customs union (Table 3.2A and Table 3.2B). South Africa received 9.5 percent (P459.1 million) of total exports during the month under review (Table 3.2A).

The USA received 2.2 percent (P105.5 million) of total exports during May 2021, with 93.3 percent (P98.3 million) of this attributable to Diamonds. Other destinations for exports can be observed in **tables 3.2**A and 3.2 B as well as Chart 3.2.



'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 as to what commodities could be produced in the country for import substitution or possible exportation.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

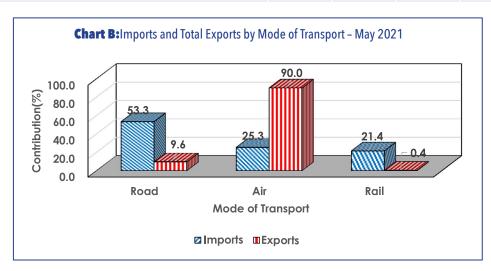
For the purposes of compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics, mode of transport refers to the method of transport used for the carriage of goods in and out of the country. These statistics are predominantly collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring 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.

During the reference period, imports representing 53.3 percent (P3, 953.8 million) were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 25.3 percent (P1, 880.8 million) and 21.4 percent (P1, 589.3 million) respectively.

Goods exported by Air during the month amounted to P4, 327.4 million, accounting for 90.0 percent of total exports, while those leaving the country by Road and Rail transport were valued at P463.2 million (9.6 percent) and P19.0 million (0.4 percent) respectively.

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

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Mode of Transport		Imports	%	Exports	%
Rail		1,589.3	21.4	19.0	0.4
Road		3,953.8	53.3	463.2	9.6
Air		1,880.8	25.3	4,327.4	90.0
Postal		0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inland waterways		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Total		7,424.9	100.0	4,809.8	100.0



6.0 Annexure

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2019 to May 2021 (Million Pula)

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Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan	4,662.1	4,437.4	223.4	1.3	4,788.5	0.0	4,788.5	126.4
Feb	6,282.5	6,076.9	204.4	1.2	3,415.7	4.1	3,419.8	(2,862.7)
Mar	5,795.2	5,579.3	215.0	0.9	6,463.8	0.1	6,463.8	6.836
Q1	16,739.9	16,093.6	642.8	3.5	14,668.0	4.1	14,672.2	(2,067.7)
Apr	6,148.3	5,936.9	209.3	2.0	5,805.9	5.2	5,811.0	(337.3)
May	6,590.3	6,361.2	228.0	1.0	6,048.4	5.6	6,054.0	(536.3)
Jun	4,945.3	4,701.9	242.5	0.9	5,647.7	10.5	5,658.2	712.9
Q2	17,683.9	17,000.1	679.8	4.0	17,502.0	21.3	17,523.2	(160.7)
Jul	6,140.2	5,893.0	245.7	1.5	2,671.7	0.4	2,672.2	(3,468.0)
Aug	5,444.2	5,200.5	241.7	1.9	3,906.5	0.2	3,906.7	(1,537.4)
Sep	5,384.0	5,153.1	229.9	1.0	4,265.3	1.7	4,267.0	(1,117.0)
Q3	16,968.3	16,246.6	717.3	4.4	10,843.5	2.3	10,845.9	(6,122.5)
Oct	5,628.9	5,396.1	231.8	1.1	2,771.7	0.0	2,771.7	(2,857.2)
Nov	7,310.6	7,039.9	269.6	1.1	4,769.8	0.5	4,770.3	(2,540.4)
Dec	6,272.7	6,026.4	244.8	1.5	5,833.8	0.4	5,834.2	(438.5)
Q4	19,212.2	18,462.4	746.1	3.7	13,375.2	0.9	13,376.2	(5,836.1)
Total_2019	70,604.3	67,802.7	2,786.1	15.6	56,388.8	28.7	56,417.4	(14,186.9)
Jan	4,921.0	4,697.9	222.2	0.9	5,707.4	9.2	5,716.7	795.7
Feb	6,270.4	5,999.0	270.0	1.4	3,460.7	0.6	3,461.3	(2,809.1)
Mar	6,441.4	6,176.6	263.4	1.4	4,516.8	0.2	4,517.0	(1,924.3)
Q1	17,632.7	16,873.4	755.6	3.7	13,684.9	10.1	13,695.0	(3,937.7)
Apr	1,383.1	1,295.0	87.7	0.4	146.6	0.1	146.7	(1,236.4)
May	4,992.0	4,754.3	237.1	0.6	3,176.0	0.1	3,176.1	(1,815.9)
Jun	7,331.8	7,079.5	251.3	1.0	1,064.9	0.2	1,065.0	(6,266.8)
Q2	13,706.9	13,128.9	576.0	2.0	4,387.5	0.3	4,387.8	(9,319.1)
Jul	6,038.1	5,746.3	290.6	1.3	2,468.9	0.2	2,469.1	(3,569.0)
Aug	5,785.7	5,564.0	220.4	1.4	3,181.7	1.1	3,182.8	(2,602.9)
Sep	8,170.9	7,931.9	237.9	1.1	7,796.3	0.4	7,796.7	(374.2)
Q3	19,994.8	19,242.1	748.9	3.7	13,446.9	1.7	13,448.6	(6,546.1)
Oct	8,256.8	7,993.1	262.7	1.0	5,994.0	0.7	5,994.7	(2,262.1)
Nov	7,097.7	6,823.1	272.5	2.1	5,547.2	0.0	5,547.2	(1,550.5)
Dec	7,780.9	7,482.5	296.5	1.8	5,929.7	0.6	5,930.3	(1,850.6)
Q4	23,135.5	22,298.7	831.8	4.9	17,470.8	1.4	17,472.2	(5,663.3)
Total_2020	74,469.8	71,543.2	2,912.3	14.4	48,990.2	13.5	49,003.6	(25,466.2)
Jan	7,250.1	6,987.1	261.6	1.4	8,687.0	0.3	8,687.3	1,437.2
Feb	6,400.2	6,129.2	269.4	1.6	6,365.3	0.0	6,365.3	(34.9)
Mar	9,159.6	8,828.2	330.0	1.4	9,038.2	0.0	9,038.2	(121.4)
Q1	22,809.9	21,944.5	861.0	4.5	24,090.5	0.4	24,090.8	1,280.9
Apr	6,851.2	6,559.0	290.9	1.3	4,927.5	0.0	4,927.5	(1,923.7)
May	7,424.9	7,154.3	269.2	1.4	4,809.8	0.0	4,809.8	(2,615.1)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups - January 2019 to May 2021 (Million Pula)

Table 2.1:	Principal Ir	nports Con	nmodity G	roups – Jan	uary 201	9 to May 2	021 (Millio	n Pula)					
Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan	441.7	800.3	691.0	593.1	47.3	615.4	240.5	50.9	95.8	763.7	103.6	218.7	4,662.1
Feb	501.6	2,535.5	633.9	536.6	56.8	634.1	268.4	47.4	137.5	647.7	119.7	163.4	6,282.5
Mar	482.6	2,019.9	699.3	586.8	66.9	725.8	306.4	52.4	161.1	378.9	129.6	185.5	5,795.2
Q1	1,425.9	5,355.6	2,024.2	1,716.5	171.0	1,975.3	815.3	150.8	394.4	1,790.3	352.9	567.7	16,739.9
Apr	424.9	2,315.3	604.6	603.2	62.0	717.9	360.2	51.4	126.4	609.7	120.5	152.1	6,148.3
May	504.8	2,355.8	678.4	655.8	61.2	693.7	316.7	65.8	117.2	788.4	139.6	212.9	6,590.3
Jun	491.6	789.7	653.9	906.7	58.1	773.1	437.4	56.9	99.4	386.1	129.6	163.1	4,945.3
Q2	1,421.3	5,460.7	1,936.9	2,165.7	181.3	2,184.7	1,114.3	174.1	343.0	1,784.2	389.7	528.1	17,683.9
Jul	531.1	1,671.6	700.2	947.1	71.5	739.7	301.4	66.0	134.5	508.7	127.5	340.9	6,140.2
Aug	551.2	1,010.4	806.0	938.9	71.3	779.1	276.4	65.1	139.5	437.5	157.3	211.5	5,444.2
Sep	558.2	1,265.0	774.8	696.6	63.9	821.0	252.3	59.5	163.0	390.2	147.5	192.0	5,384.0
Q3	1,640.6	3,947.0	2,280.9	2,582.6	206.6	2,339.9	830.1	190.6	437.0	1,336.5	432.3	744.3	16,968.3
Oct	569.5	1,405.0	813.3	694.7	74.4	727.0	261.7	59.7	171.2	460.4	158.5	233.5	5,628.9
Nov	651.4	2,265.9	886.9	646.9	68.1	909.7	294.8	58.0	160.6	1,010.7	144.7	212.9	7,310.6
Dec	635.3	1,599.3	1,061.3	1,057.2	67.8	638.5	233.7	57.1	122.6	437.8	145.0	217.2	6,272.7
Q4	1,856.2	5,270.2	2,761.5	2,398.7	210.3	2,275.2	790.2	174.8	454.4	1,908.8	448.2	663.6	19,212.2
Total_2019	6,343.9	20,033.6	9,003.4	8,863.6	769.2	8,775.1	3,549.9	690.3	1,628.8	6,819.7	1,623.1	2,503.7	70,604.3
Jan	520.6	712.6	801.1	1,037.3	54.6	761.7	207.1	60.6	93.8	382.7	116.8	172.0	4,921.0
Feb	527.0	1,144.8	823.5	731.1	71.8	867.8	282.3	71.5	154.3	820.2	149.6	626.5	6,270.4
Mar	619.2	1,672.4	865.8	1,080.7	65.3	863.7	248.6	53.9	148.9	464.1	128.5	230.3	6,441.4
Q1	1,666.8	3,529.8	2,490.4	2,849.1	191.7	2,493.3	738.0	186.0	397.0	1,667.0	394.8	1,028.8	17,632.7
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	502.1	974.1	571.4	1,011.8	33.8	486.5	148.1	30.6	116.9	792.5	86.5	237.6	4,992.0
Jun	665.2	3,426.7	670.4	548.0	65.8	764.7	229.2	59.4	122.9	460.9	125.9	192.7	7,331.8
Q2	1,440.7	4,400.8	1,763.0	1,768.7	105.4	1,444.5	412.1	95.7	272.5	1,271.6	247.2	484.7	13,706.9
Jul	639.4	942.4	783.8	1,725.3	57.2	663.6	262.8	62.0	105.8	467.4	129.0	199.4	6,038.1
Aug	556.1	1,734.4	786.0	722.3	69.3	633.2	241.0	71.5	128.5	396.3	125.6	321.4	5,785.7
Sep	686.1	3,848.5	911.9	613.9	73.5	722.8	273.5	65.0	146.3	438.3	148.7	242.4	8,170.9
Q3	1,881.5	6,525.3	2,481.8	3,061.5	200.0	2,019.6	777.3	198.6	380.6	1,302.1	403.3	763.2	19,994.8
Oct	633.3	3,545.1	942.8	737.8	89.0	886.6	349.7	72.6	150.0	436.3	145.1	268.5	8,256.8
Nov	666.8	2,255.0	943.2	652.7	80.1	828.8	389.8	65.5	173.5	618.1	163.4	260.9	7,097.7
Dec	672.4	2,775.8	897.5	599.6	70.6	625.5	333.7	62.7	121.0	1,153.6	151.2	317.2	7,780.9
Q4	1,972.5	8,575.9	2,783.6	1,990.1	239.6	2,340.9	1,073.3	200.9	444.5	2,208.0	459.6	846.6	23,135.5
Total_2020	6,961.4	23,031.8	9,518.7	9,669.4	736.8	8,298.3	3,000.7	681.2	1,494.6	6,448.6	1,504.9	3,123.3	74,469.8
Jan	550.6	3,348.0	851.8	653.8	42.7	611.7	274.6	75.1	123.3	381.1	117.7	219.6	7,250.1
Feb	549.9	2,086.4	794.8	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	152.6	437.6	129.8	246.8	6,400.2
Mar	997.1	3,691.6	889.3	903.9	90.4	928.6	399.4	69.1	174.6	500.4	194.2	321.1	9,159.6
Q1	2,097.6	9,126.1	2,536.0	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.1	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,319.0	441.7	787.5	22,809.9
Apr	652.5	1,925.5	806.0	853.5	64.4	736.3	346.9	69.2	177.0	834.8	148.7	236.3	6,851.2
May	654.2	2,844.3	833.8	810.2	61.0	841.2	404.2	70.9	134.5	398.3	159.2	213.3	7,424.9
% Distribution							·						
2019	9.0	28.4	12.8	12.6	1.1	12.4	5.0	1.0	2.3	9.7	2.3	3.5	100.0
2020	9.3	30.9	12.8	13.0	1.0	11.1	4.0	0.9	2.0	8.7	2.0	4.2	100.0
Apr	9.5	28.1	11.8	12.5	0.9	10.7	5.1	1.0	2.6	12.2	2.2	3.4	100.0
May	8.8	38.3	11.2	10.9	0.8	11.3	5.4	1.0	1.8	5.4	2.1	2.9	100.0

Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2019 to May 2021 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan	0.1	4,414.8	32.6	0.1	9.6	66.3	32.3	8.6	53.7	14.2	24.1	132.3	4,788.5
Feb	0.2	3,052.5	32.2	0.2	12.7	110.1	39.3	9.9	44.8	14.3	24.0	79.4	3,419.8
Mar	0.3	6,052.0	28.5	0.2	12.1	152.0	21.4	13.8	54.6	13.1	44.0	71.9	6,463.8
Q1	0.6	13,519.3	93.3	0.5	34.4	328.4	93.0	32.4	153.1	41.6	92.1	283.5	14,672.2
Apr	0.1	5,388.5	39.5	1.0	12.0	136.9	41.7	14.2	42.9	13.8	38.6	81.7	5,811.0
May	0.1	5,554.2	29.2	0.2	19.8	141.6	75.8	20.2	56.0	13.3	26.5	117.2	6,054.0
Jun	0.1	5,145.2	57.0	0.1	16.9	139.6	101.0	13.8	30.5	11.6	33.1	109.4	5,658.2
Q2	0.3	16,087.8	125.7	1.3	48.7	418.2	218.5	48.3	129.4	38.7	98.2	308.3	17,523.2
Jul	1.0	2,253.2	22.8	0.2	11.9	134.1	59.1	15.6	56.4	10.8	24.7	82.4	2,672.2
Aug	0.2	3,420.0	51.1	0.3	17.4	159.4	64.0	16.9	46.2	13.2	31.6	86.5	3,906.7
Sep	0.1	3,739.5	45.7	1.1	20.8	148.7	89.8	20.4	61.1	12.9	41.9	84.9	4,267.0
Q3	1.3	9,412.7	119.6	1.5	50.2	442.3	212.8	52.9	163.7	36.9	98.1	253.8	10,845.9
Oct	0.2	2,297.7	33.8	1.5	22.6	124.7	94.6	21.4	35.6	12.1	30.9	96.6	2,771.7
Nov	0.2	4,330.3	29.1	0.3	13.9	160.7	24.0	30.0	33.5	17.1	42.3	89.0	4,770.3
Dec Q4	0.1 0.5	5,440.4 12,068.4	34.9 97.8	0.2 2.0	7.1 43.6	81.6 367.0	16.5 135.1	17.5 68.9	45.9 115.0	14.8 44.0	45.9 119.1	129.3 314.9	5,834.2 13,376.2
Total_2019	2.6	51,088.2	436.5	5.3	176.8	1,555.8	659.5	202.5	561.1	161.2	407.5	1,160.6	56,417.4
Jan	0.2	5,239.7	20.5	0.1	13.0	1,959.8	12.5	23.1	64.1	15.6	28.1	139.9	5,716.7
Feb	1.7	2,914.7	46.7	0.1	17.1	168.5	14.8	21.9	65.6	14.9	30.6	164.8	3,461.3
Mar	280.3	3,778.3	22.6	0.1	12.0	128.4	8.3	19.4	53.9	12.9	32.9	167.9	4,517.0
Q1	282.2	11,932.6	89.8	0.2	42.1	456.8	35.6	64.4	183.6	43.4	91.6	472.6	13,695.0
Apr	3.7	0.0	50.9	0.0	0.7	3.0	12.9	2.5	41.4	0.0	0.0	31.6	146.7
May	3.5	2,931.6	24.7	0.0	4.5	71.0	18.3	11.6	46.5	7.2	3.6	53.7	3,176.1
Jun	2.1	643.3	23.9	0.1	12.9	117.4	18.2	22.9	77.9	11.1	26.9	108.3	1,065.0
Q2	9.2	3,574.9	99.5	0.1	18.0	191.4	49.4	37.0	165.9	18.2	30.5	193.6	4,387.8
Jul	2.2	1,988.4	70.2	0.0	15.3	134.8	32.9	20.9	52.5	12.6	32.8	106.5	2,469.1
Aug	3.3	2,604.5	48.1	0.0	10.2	252.3	34.1	30.1	56.5	12.8	33.4	97.4	3,182.8
Sep	0.7	7,297.6	56.5	0.1	17.6	179.5	22.1	31.8	56.4	15.6	26.5	92.2	7,796.7
Q3	6.3	11,890.4	174.9	0.2	43.2	566.6	89.0	82.8	165.3	41.0	92.7	296.2	13,448.6
Oct	0.8	5,417.3	33.6	1.0	17.0	189.2	34.2	30.4	72.4	19.4	24.5	155.0	5,994.7
Nov	0.2	5,002.3	51.6	0.1	16.0	158.1	7.1	29.3	80.6	26.9	15.5	159.6	5,547.2
Dec	0.0	5,486.9	75.4	0.1	11.7	61.9	5.8	16.8	61.1	13.0	31.8	165.6	5,930.3
Q4	1.0	15,906.5	160.5	1.2	44.7	409.3	47.1	76.5	214.1	59.3	71.8	480.2	17,472.2
Total_2020	298.7	43,304.5	524.8	1.7	147.9	1,624.0	221.2	260.8	728.9	162.0	286.6	1,442.5	49,003.6
Jan	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	0.9	12.4	168.7	0.6	18.9	65.6	14.9	21.8	133.8	8,687.3
Feb	0.0	5,915.7	16.8	0.0	12.5	151.3	2.1	29.0	51.5	12.1	20.4	153.8	6,365.3
Mar	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	1.8	25.2	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.7	18.0	48.1	184.4	9,038.2
Q1	1.1	22,576.8	112.3	2.7	50.1	476.6	11.9	80.3	171.9	44.9	90.3	472.0	24,090.8
Apr	0.1	4,400.4	0.0	1.5	18.9	170.4	9.0	33.2	54.8	14.3	29.4	195.4	4,927.5
May	0.3	4,210.8	62.1	1.2	24.6	140.1	17.9	41.2	54.1	13.5	14.6	229.4	4,809.8
% Distribution	n												
2019	0.0	90.6	8.0	0.0	0.3	2.8	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.7	2.1	100.0
2020	0.6	88.4	1.1	0.0	0.3	3.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.6	2.9	100.0
Apr	0.0	89.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.5	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.6	4.0	100.0
May	0.0	87.5	1.3	0.0	0.5	2.9	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	4.8	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2019 to May 2021 (Million Pula)

			Impo	orts					Total E	xports .		
eriod \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Tota
an	196.0	2.6	0.0	293.7	308.0	800.3	0.0	3.6	0.0	3,968.4	442.9	4,414.8
eb	1,130.0	2.5	0.0	984.1	418.9	2,535.5	1.1	6.3	0.0	2,205.8	839.3	3,052.
lar	290.2	0.0	0.0	1,287.1	442.5	2,019.9	0.0	13.6	0.0	5,124.9	913.5	6,052.
1	1,616.2	5.1	0.0	2,564.9	1,169.4	5,355.6	1.1	23.5	0.0	11,299.1	2,195.7	13,519.
pr	358.2	0.0	0.0	867.6	1,089.4	2,315.3	0.0	6.8	0.0	4,574.0	807.7	5,388.
lay	1,297.7	0.0	0.0	506.8	551.3	2,355.8	0.3	26.6	0.0	4,718.2	809.1	5,554.
Jn	0.0	0.0	0.0	353.7	435.9	789.7	0.0	7.5	0.0	4,076.8	1,060.9	5,145.
2	1,655.9	0.0	0.0	1,728.1	2,076.7	5,460.7	0.3	41.0	0.0	13,369.0	2,677.6	16,087.
ul	542.3	1.8	0.0	892.5	235.0	1,671.6	0.3	2.0	0.0	1,483.6	767.3	2,253.
ug	184.8	0.2	0.9	598.1	226.4	1,010.4	0.0	5.4	0.0	2,840.2	574.4	3,420.
ер	223.5	0.0	0.0	929.4	112.1	1,265.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	2,520.5	1,214.2	3,739.
13	950.6	2.0	0.9	2,420.0	573.5	3,947.0	0.3	12.3	0.0	6,844.2	2,555.9	9,412.
oct	247.7	0.0	0.0	1,041.7	115.6	1,405.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1,905.0	392.7	2,297.
ov	36.4	0.1	0.0	1,539.9	689.5	2,265.9	0.3	8.7	0.0	3,684.9	636.4	4,330.
ec	289.8	1.7	0.0	1,192.4	115.4	1,599.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	4,848.5	585.4	5,440.
4	573.9	1.8	0.0	3,774.0	920.6	5,270.2	0.3	15.2	0.0	10,438.4	1,614.4	12,068.
otal_2019	4,796.6	9.0	0.9	10,487.0	4,740.2	20,033.6	2.0	91.9	0.0	41,950.7	9,043.6	51,088.
an	191.6	0.0	0.0	185.2	335.9	712.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	4,767.9	470.9	5,239.
eb	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.
1ar	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.
21	753.8	0.4	0.0	1,742.0	1,033.5	3,529.8	1.8	18.8	0.0	9,957.6	1,954.5	11,932.
pr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Лау	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.
un	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.
22	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.
ul	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.
ug	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.
ер	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.
3	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.
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.
lov	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.
ec	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.
24	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.
otal_2020	2,288.2	24.5	0.0	18,007.1	2,712.1	23,031.8	1.8	62.2	0.0	36,866.4	6,374.1	43,304.
an	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.
eb	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.
1ar	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.
11	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.
.pr	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.
Лау	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,110.4	432.0	2,844.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	673.8	4,210.8

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

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Table 3.1A: Prince	cipal Impo	rts Comm	odity Gro	ups as a	Percenta	age of Tota	l Imports	at Count	ry and Re	gional Lev	∕el –May	2021	
Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	12.5	8.5	19.1	17.3	1.4	13.4	8.4	1.6	2.7	7.1	3.5	4.5	100.0
Namibia	2.3	0.0	12.5	72.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	8.0	0.1	2.6	0.6	0.2	100.0
Eswatini	68.7	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	15.9	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
SACU	12.7	8.3	18.9	18.4	1.3	13.1	8.2	1.7	2.7	7.0	3.5	4.3	100.0
Other SADC	1.5	0.0	33.1	7.5	0.8	2.0	39.0	0.1	1.0	0.8	11.7	2.4	100.0
SADC	12.5	8.1	19.1	18.2	1.3	12.9	8.7	1.7	2.6	6.9	3.6	4.3	100.0
Other AFRICA	31.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	63.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.3	2.7	100.0
Africa	12.6	8.1	19.1	18.2	1.3	12.9	8.6	1.7	2.6	6.9	3.6	4.3	100.0
UAE	0.1	97.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	100.0
India	1.7	82.3	0.4	8.3	0.0	4.6	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	100.0
China	7.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.7	35.5	15.1	0.0	9.4	23.7	0.8	5.7	100.0
Russia	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	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	100.0
Other Asia	39.3	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.6	7.3	0.8	0.0	0.5	46.4	0.2	1.9	100.0
Asia	4.5	74.3	0.4	2.4	0.3	6.8	2.2	0.0	1.2	6.6	0.1	1.2	100.0
Belgium	0.2	99.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	28.1	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.1	56.5	1.0	0.0	2.1	2.9	1.1	5.0	100.0
EU	3.6	87.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.6	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Rest of the World	5.6	0.1	6.5	0.0	0.3	78.6	1.3	0.0	0.9	3.2	0.3	3.1	100.0

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Table 3.2B:Princ	cipal Exp	orts Com	modity (Groups a	s a Percen	tage of Id	otal Exp	orts at Co	untry an	d Regio	onal Leve	I – May 2	2021
Partner \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	0.1	0.2	13.5	0.0	4.0	24.8	1.9	7.9	7.8	2.7	0.8	36.3	100.0
Namibia	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	4.7	14.3	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.5	7.6	66.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SACU	0.1	0.5	12.2	0.0	4.1	23.8	1.7	7.4	7.1	2.5	1.5	39.2	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	14.4	0.0	6.8	31.9	0.9	11.4	31.4	100.0
SADC	0.1	0.5	11.0	0.0	4.0	22.8	1.5	7.3	9.6	2.4	2.5	38.4	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	13.5	2.9	25.1	100.0
Africa	0.1	0.5	11.0	0.0	4.0	22.9	1.5	7.3	9.5	2.4	2.5	38.4	100.0
UAE	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
India	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
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	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	100.0
Japan	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

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Table 4.1 A: Top 100 Imported Goods - May 2021 (Pula)

apie		p 100 Imported Goods - May 2021 (Pula)		
ank		Description	Value	
	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	2,110,400,860.2	28
	71023900	Other Diamonds	431,951,190.6	
	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	343,346,840.4	•
	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	314,595,492.1	4
	71021000	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set: Unsorted	297,959,446.0	4
	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02)	112,383,492.1	
	27160000	ELECTRICAL ENERGY	84,314,067.5	
	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	65,831,239.9	
	25232900	Other Portland cement	65,539,814.9	
	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	58,070,840.0	
	84295190	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	46,769,451.7	
	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	44,937,121.4	
	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	41,658,411.2	
	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not pack-	41,152,251.9	
	39041000	aged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA)) Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	40,847,980.5	
	87089990	OTHER Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	39,486,891.3	
	84304100	Self-propelled	38,846,270.2	
	86069100	Covered and closed	37,130,121.6	
	88007100	Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing or kneading earth, stone, ores or	37,130,121.6	
	84749000	other mineral substances, in solid (including powder or paste) form;: Parts	33,981,594.6	
	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	33,658,561.0	
	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	33,139,827.5	
	85444990	OTHER Insulated (Including Enamelled Or Anodised) Wire, Cable (Including Co-Axial Cable) And Other Insulated Electric Conductors	31,784,293.8	
	22021010	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, In sealed containers holding 2,5 li or less (excluding those in collapsible plastic tubes)	31,061,454.5	
	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	28,337,918.8	
	85171210	DESIGNED FOR USE WHEN CARRIED IN THE HAND OR ON THE PERSON	28,193,487.5	
	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed,	27,601,529.8	
	85015390	of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.) Other Electrical motors and generators (excluding generating sets):Of an output exceeding 75 kW:	27.394.414.4	
	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), includ-	26,983,004.4	
	22029990	ing sunscreen or sun tan preparations Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	25,161,848.3	
	87043190	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine	24,782,882.1	
	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	21,900,677.9	
	74081100	Copper wire:Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	21,822,755.9	
	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	21,264,435.5	
	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	21,194,240.2	
	34012000	Soap in other forms	21,133,190.5	
	84295900	Other Front-end shovel loaders:	19,968,545.4	
	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	19,832,303.1	
	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	19,534,294.8	
	72081000	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	19,491,594.3	
	64059090	Other footwear	18,853,744.5	
	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	18,596,534.4	
	09109900	Other spices	18,088,500.5	
	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	18,020,722.2	
	23099092	Other Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	17,946,525.9	
	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	16,757,712.4	
	72106900	Other Plated or coated with aluminium:	16,064,557.0	
	84741000	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines	15,464,483.7	
	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	15,283,235.0	
	87012020	Tractor of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	14,958,893.3	
	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	14,539,302.8	
	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	14,319,370.5	
	84082000	ENGINES OF A KIND USED FOR THE PROPULSION OF VEHICLES OF CHAPTER 87	14,148,457.0	

Table	4.1 A Co	nt.: Top 100 Imported Goods - May 2021 (Pula); Continued		
Rank	HS	Description	Value	%
54	38249999	Other mixtures	13,666,223.4	0.2
55	85176290	Other machines for reception	13,463,228.5	0.2
56	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	13,412,490.1	0.2
57	87042390	Other G.V.M. exceeding 20 t:	13,275,393.1	0.2
58	19041000	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	12,832,907.0	0.2
59	39019090	Other Polymers of ethylene	12,723,813.4	0.2
60	72022900	Other Ferro-silicon:	12,723,554.6	0.2
61	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	12,648,670.1	0.2
62	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V:	12,589,216.7	0.2
63	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	12,503,718.1	0.2
64	04031000	Yoghurt	12,294,764.1	0.2
65	19023000	Other pasta	12,290,863.6	0.2
66	48181000	TOILET PAPER	11,860,310.4	0.2
67	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)	11,761,453.0	0.2
68	44031100	Coniferous Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, Treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives	11,525,322.7	0.2
69	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	11,043,689.9	0.1
70	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	10,987,579.0	0.1
71	72223000	Other bars and rods	10,882,581.8	0.1
72	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	10,686,656.5	0.1
73	44182000	Doors and their frames and thresholds	10,595,368.4	0.1
74	17011300	CANE SUGAR SPECIFIED IN SUBHEADING NOTE 2 TO THIS CHAPTER Other (excluding double-cab), of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of	10,578,515.0	0.1
75	87042183	a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	10,552,080.1	0.1
76	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures;Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	10,340,391.8	0.1
77	34011900	Other Soap and organic surface-active products and preparations, in the form of bars, cakes, moulded pieces or shapes, and paper, wadding, felt and nonwovens, impregnated, coated or covered with soap or detergent	10,174,873.3	0.1
78	42034000	Other clothing accessories	10,142,583.6	0.1
79	85369020	Other apparatus:IDENTIFIABLE FOR USE SOLELY OR PRINCIPALLY WITH MOTOR VEHICLES	10,014,385.4	0.1
80	30023000	VACCINES FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE	9,980,168.1	0.1
81	94035000	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	9,885,049.2	0.1
82	87042290	Other Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods; Other, With Compression-Ignition Internal Combustion Piston Engine (Diesel Or Semi-Diesel) Other (milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter of a fat content,	9,761,767.6	0.1
83	04011090	by weight, not exceeding 1 per cent)	9,756,431.7	0.1
84	73030000	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron	9,734,134.5	0.1
85 86	33072090 34022000	Other Personal deodorants and antiperspirants Preparations put up for retail sale	9,560,306.0 9,475,598.6	0.1 0.1
	84185000	Other furniture (chests, cabinets, display counters, show-cases and the like) for storage and display, incorporating		0.1
87 88	15121990	refrigerating or freezing equipment Other Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof	9,368,186.7 9,238,800.8	0.1
89	85287110	Reception apparatus for television <p>With a value for duty purposes not exceeding R5 000</p>	9,218,033.3	0.1
90	85389090	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus of heading 85.35, 85.36 or 85.37:	9,180,291.1	0.1
91	19053100	SWEET BISCUITS	9,020,481.6	0.1
92	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chasis fitted with a cab	8,810,483.6	0.1
93	73269090	OTHER Articles of iron or steel wire:	8,374,152.7	0.1
94	84742000	Crushing or grinding machines	8,139,410.2	0.1
95	85369090	Other apparatus:	7,990,514.9	0.1
96	87032290	Other Motors Vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1000cm3 but Not exceeding 1500cm3 other than Hearses and Ambulances	7,968,401.7	0.1
97	39231000	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles	7,740,272.5	0.1
98	72165000	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded	7,727,947.1	0.1
99	84433100	Machines which perform two or more of the functions of printing, copying or facsimile transmission, capable of connecting to an automatic data processing machine or to a network	7,619,918.7	0.1
100	32089090	Other Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter	7,605,408.0	0.1
	00 Imported		5,471,917,347.9	73.7
	Imported		1,952,952,689.2	26.3
Total			7,424,870,037.1	100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top 50 Exported Goods - May 2021 (Pula)

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		Description	Value	
	71023100	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	3,530,505,337.9	
	71023900	Other Diamonds	673,768,142.8	
	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	76,123,586.6	
	71081200	Gold; Other unwrought forms	62,050,932.5	
	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	51,216,864.7	
	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	33,392,033.2	
	28362000	DISODIUM CARBONATE	30,587,632.0	
	01022900	Other (cattle)	27,817,349.4	
	49070010	Postage stamps, revenue stamps and banknotes	21,919,260.0	
)	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water Other Parts Suitable For Use Solely Or Principally With The Machinery Of Headings 84.25 To 84.30; Excluding Of	21,445,580.4	
	84314990	Machinery Of Heading 84.26, 84.29 Or 84.30 Not Elsewhere Specified	21,379,529.6	
	27011900	Other coal	19,110,047.7	
	42034000	Other clothing accessories	17,245,108.1	
	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	15,238,937.8	
	27011200	Bituminous coal	11,155,740.7	
	71129990	Other Waste and scrap of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal; not elsewhere specified	10,466,359.0	
	22082019	Other Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc, In containers holding 2L or less	9,599,969.8	
	48202000	Exercise books	8,773,154.9	
	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	7,289,781.6	
	71022100	Diamonds; Unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	6,516,609.6	
	84778000	Other machinery	5,787,111.0	
	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	5,021,713.0	
	72149900	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling	5,012,513.7	
	85444290	OTHER Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V:	4,617,773.2	
	87032390	Other Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles Principally Designed For The Transport Of Persons (Excluding Those Of Heading 87.02), Including Station Wagons And Racing Cars; Other Vehicles, With Only Spark-Ignition Internal Combustion Reciprocating Piston Engine;	4,467,663.0	
	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	4,055,913.3	
	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3,724,593.4	
	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V:	3,504,612.6	
	58081000	BRAIDS IN THE PIECE	3,157,523.0	
	72142000	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	2,860,081.1	
	72041000	WASTE AND SCRAP OF CAST IRON	2,850,458.5	
	85481090	Other waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators; spent primary cells, spent primary batteries and spent electric accumulators	2,416,619.1	
	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	2,344,237.5	
	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	2,300,708.5	
	72042900	Other Waste and scrap of alloy steel:	2,234,897.2	
	72043000	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL	2,215,025.4	
	28331100	DISODIUM SULPHATE	2,180,880.6	
	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	2,065,466.9	
	25010010	Salt and pure sodium chloride, sea water, Not for human consumption	2,032,757.8	
	87042110	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control	2,000,032.4	
	87089990	mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings nos. 87.01 to 87.05	1,919,528.1	
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	02011000	Carcasses and half-carcasses (meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled)	1,762,001.6	
	02011000 85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding	1,688,698.9	
	02011000 85442090 85071099	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	1,688,698.9 1,649,169.7	
	02011000 85442090	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn))	1,688,698.9	
	02011000 85442090 85071099 11031390 84619000	Other Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:excluding Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn)) Other Machine-tools for planing, shaping, slotting, broaching, gear cutting, gear grinding or gear finishing, sawing, cutting-off and other machine-tools working by removing metal or cermets, not elsewhere specified or included:	1,688,698.9 1,649,169.7 1,614,927.1 1,613,460.5	
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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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