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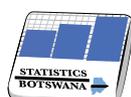
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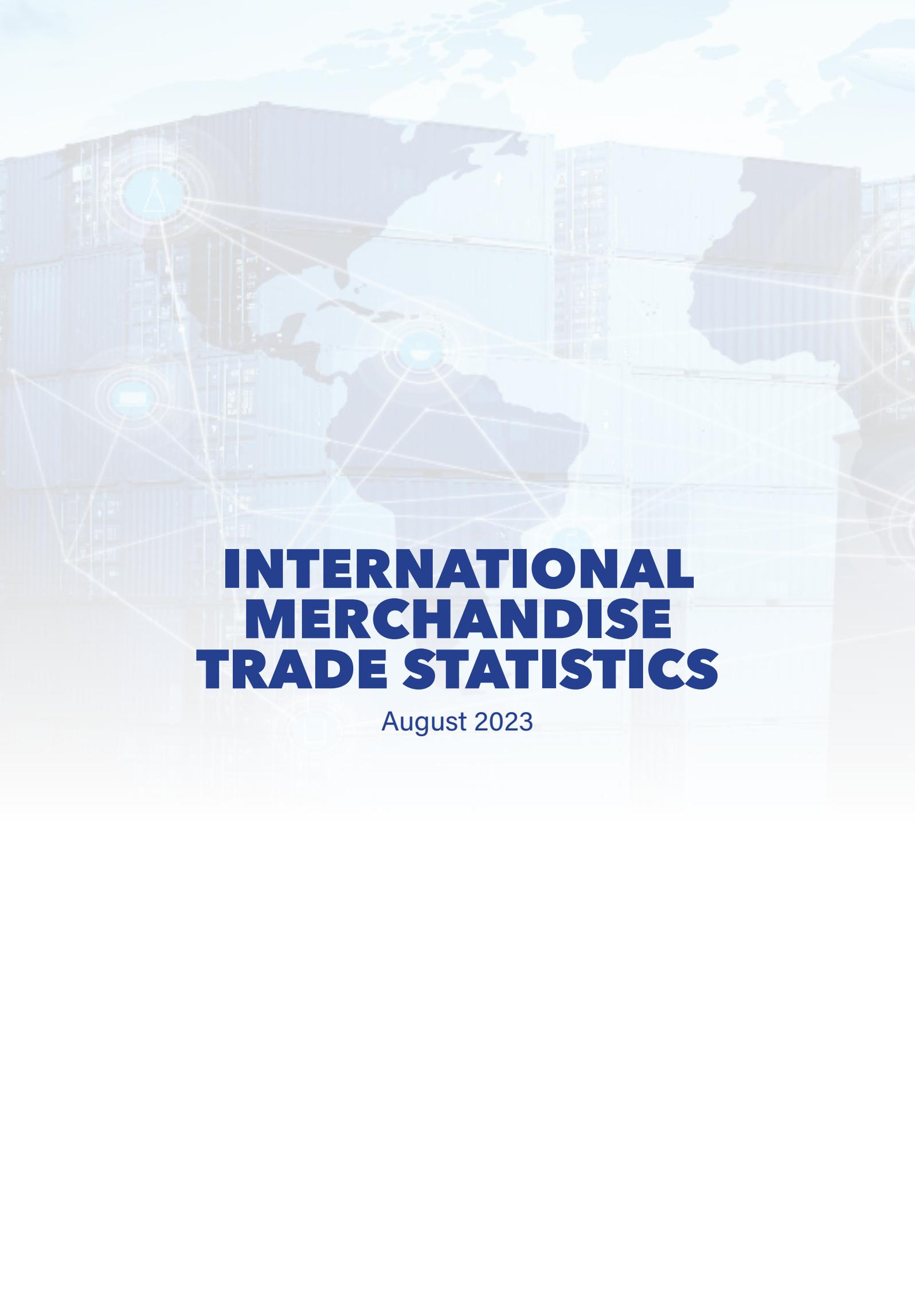
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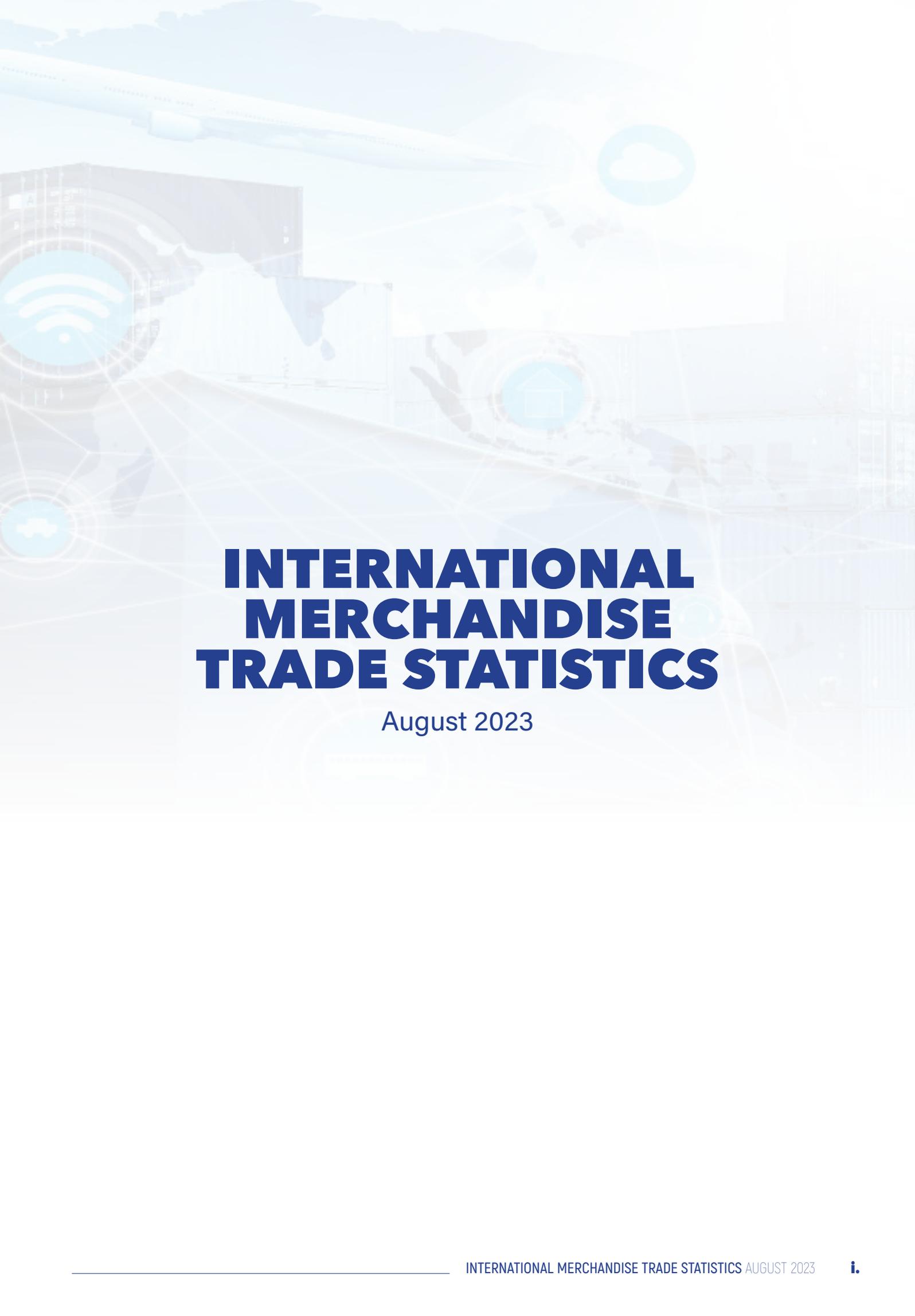


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# Preface

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measure the flows of goods across national borders and can be used to spot emerging markets, gauge competition, and identify export and import opportunities. As a result, it plays a critical role in the global economy by keeping track of all exchanges 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 continue to be one of the key indicators of economic performance and global competitiveness.

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

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for August 2023. The report provides summaries of the entire international trade in goods, as shown in **Table 1.0**. **Tables 2.1** and **2.2** show trade by major commodity groupings for imports and exports, respectively, whereas **Table 2.3** solely shows trade in diamonds. The direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports). Major trading partner countries by commodity groups, as a percentage of trade at region or country level, for August 2023 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. The top traded imports and exports commodities excluding diamonds for August 2023 are presented in **Tables 4.1A & 4.2A** respectively. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

Changes in data for the corresponding months in the current versus previous digests may be attributed to data from transactions that had deferred customs duty assessments. 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.

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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 August 2023.

Botswana's merchandise imports in August 2023 were valued at P6, 995.1 million, compared to the revised July 2023 value of P7, 151.9 million reflecting a decrease of 2.2 percent. During the same month total exports stood at P6, 634.7 million, a decrease of 13.7 percent from the revised July 2023 value of P7, 686.5 million.

The leading import commodity groups were fuel with 21.2 percent, followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 17.9 percent contribution to total imports in August 2023. These were followed by Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 15.2 percent and 12.9 percent, to total imports respectively. In August 2023, Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the top export commodity groups with contribution of 78.4 percent, 9.6 percent and 5.0 percent to total exports in that order.

Imports from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) made a contribution of 75.2 percent, whilst those from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 8.3 percent and 4.8 percent of total imports respectively. South Africa supplied imports worth 70.3 percent while those from Canada and Namibia accounted for 4.3 percent each (**Table 3.1A**).

In August 2023, Asia was the top destination for Botswana exports, having received 63.7 percent of total exports. The **SACU** and the **EU** received 14.6 percent and 12.7 percent of total exports respectively. These exports were mainly destined for the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and India at 32.7 percent and 14.2 percent in that order. Belgium and South Africa received exports worth 12.6 percent and 12.4 percent of total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**).

During the current period, imports transported by Road accounted for 76.5 percent whereas those entering the country by Rail and Air represented 15.4 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively. Goods transported by Air accounted for 79.7 percent of total exports, while those by Road and Rail transport represented 20.0 percent and 0.3 percent respectively.

Merchandise worth P21, 615.8 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 60.8 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift border post. Kazungula Bridge followed with 24.7 percent of the total transiting goods (**Table C1**).

## 1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on August 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 or when there are late customs duty assessments. 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 July 2023 had significant revisions brought by late customs duty assessments which were carried out in August 2023. **Table A** shows revised data, comparing figures in the June & July 2023 Digest and the current month. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised significantly upwards for July 2023, that is; Imports by 3.7 percent (P254.5 million) and Total exports by 1.0 percent (P74.5 million). Revisions for June data were minimal as displayed in **Table A**.

**Table A: Data Revision: June and July 2023 (Million Pula)**

Period/ Indicators	As at June & July 2023 Digest			As at August 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
June	6,936.6	7,587.0	650.4	6,944.5	7,590.5	646.0	7.9	3.5	(4.4)	0.1	0.0	(0.7)
July	6,897.4	7,612.0	714.6	7,151.9	7,686.5	534.6	254.5	74.5	(180.0)	3.7	1.0	(25.2)

( ) denotes negative

## 1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance, and freight costs required for delivering the commodities at the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country. Botswana's total imports was valued P6, 995.1 million in August 2023, registering a decline of 2.2 percent (P156.7 million) from the revised July 2023 figure of P7, 151.9 million. The decline was mainly due to a decrease in Vehicle & Transport Equipment by 36.2 percent (P315.6 million) and Diamonds by 34.3 percent (P272.9 million) as displayed in **Table 2.1**.

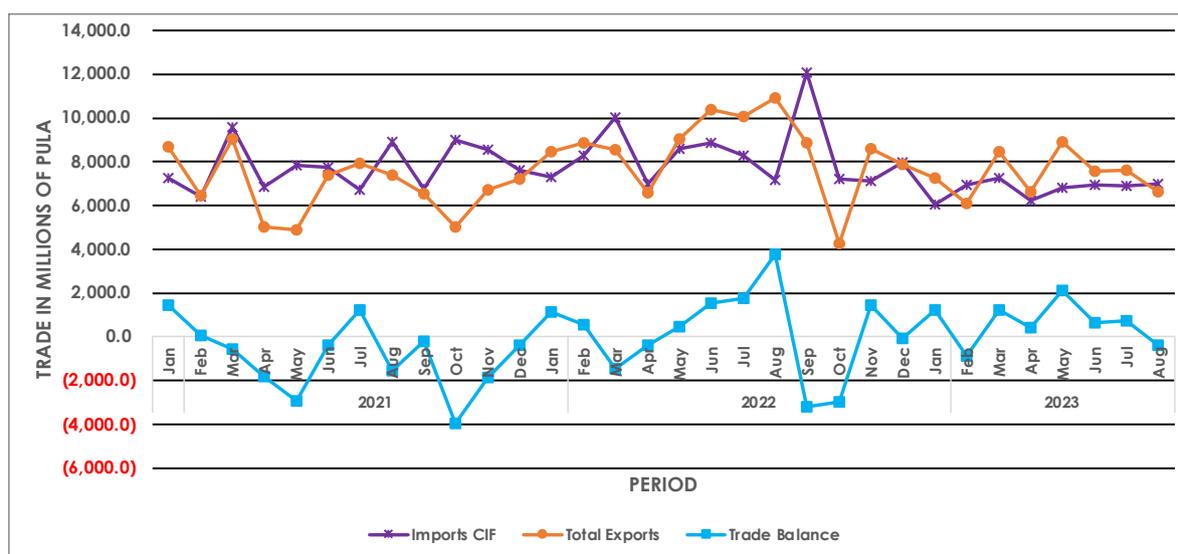
## 1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's value of total exports declined by 13.7 percent (P1, 051 .7 million), from the revised July figure of P7, 686.5 million to P6, 634.7 million in August 2023. The decrease was attributed to diamond exports which went down by 17.3 percent (P1, 090.6 million) from a revised July 2023 value of P6, 294.3 million to P5, 203.7 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

## 1.4 Trade Balance

In August 2023, Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P360.4 million. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to August 2023.

**Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to August 2023 (Million Pula)**



## 2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

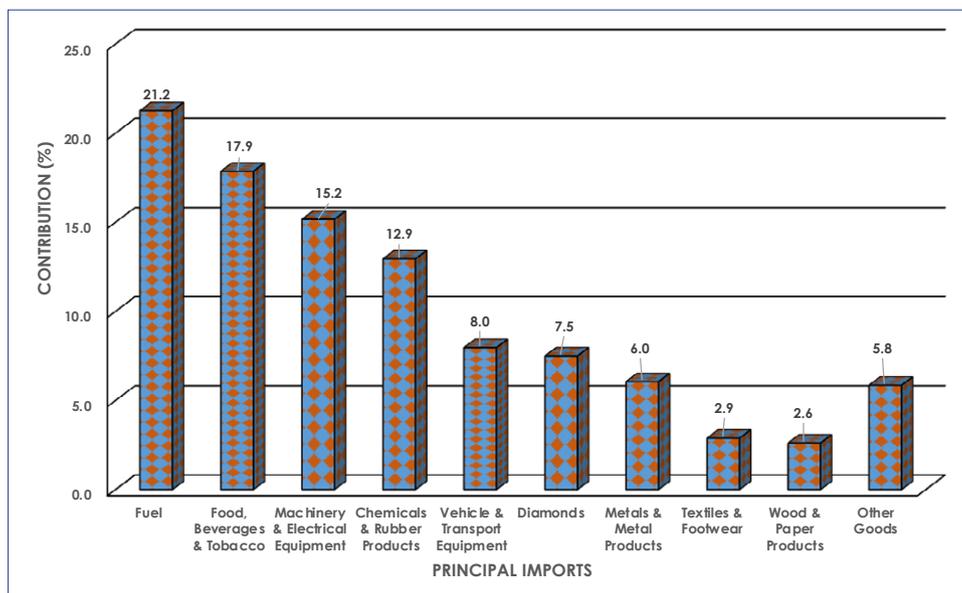
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

In August 2023, total imports recorded a value of P6, 995.1 million. The top imports groups were Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Fuel imports contributed 21.2 percent (P1, 485.6 million) of total imports, while Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment imports accounted for 17.9 percent (P1, 248.7 million) and 15.2 percent (P1,060.1 million) respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Vehicles & Transport Equipment contributed 12.9 percent (P904.9 million) and 8.0 percent (P556.5 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

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

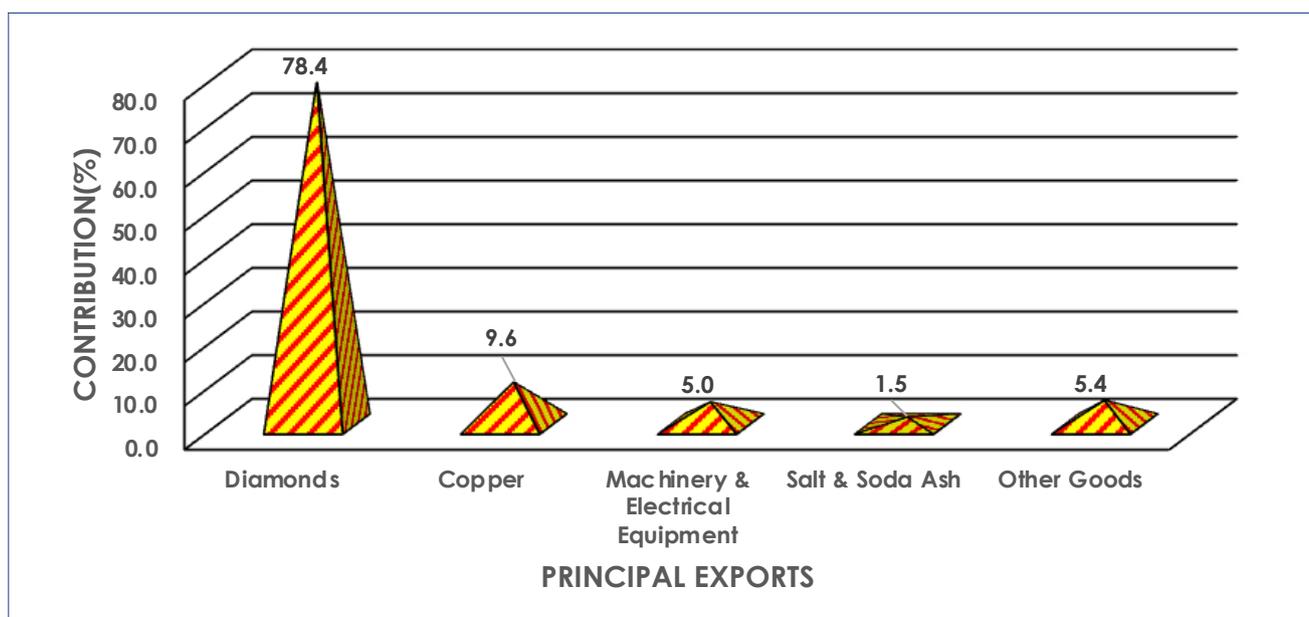


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

## 2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P6, 634.7 million during August 2023. Diamonds led with a contribution of 78.4 percent (P5, 203.7 million), followed by Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 9.6 percent (P636.2 million) and 5.0 percent (P334.2 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

**Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports –August 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 partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during August 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

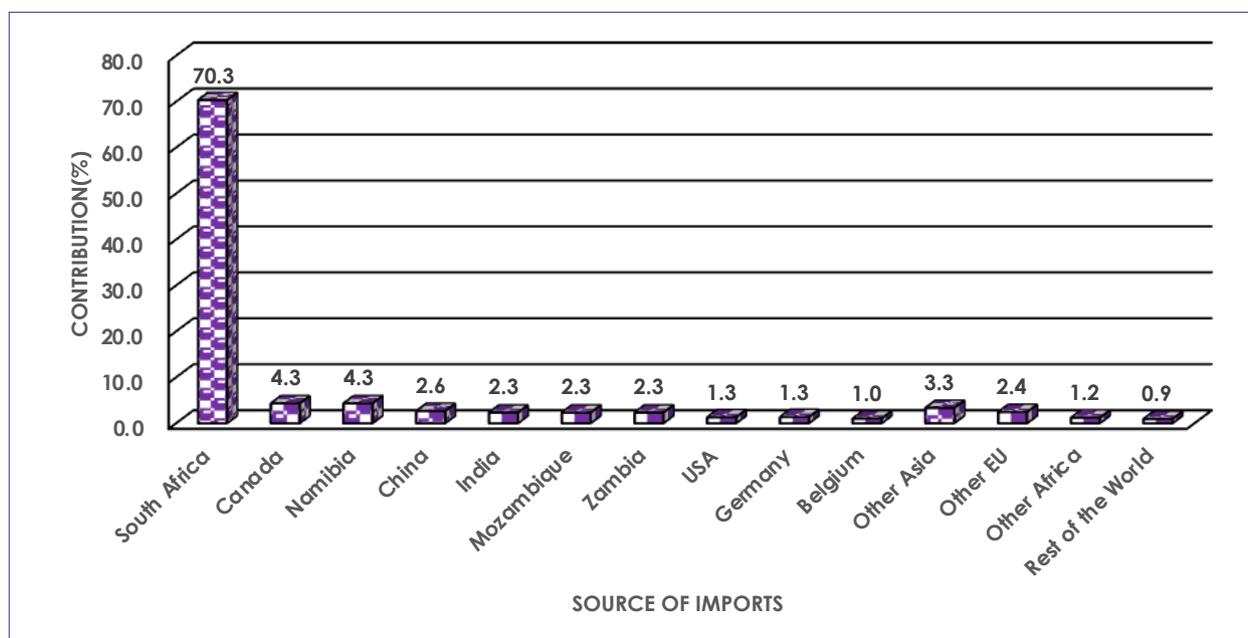
Botswana imported goods worth P6, 995.1 million in August 2023, with the SACU region contributing 75.2 percent (P5, 262.3 million) to the total. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical equipment with contributions of 22.8 percent (P1, 200.9 million), 22.7 percent (P1,195.3 million) and 13.6 percent (P714.5 million), respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products and Vehicles & Transport Equipment accounted for 11.3 percent (P597.1 million) and 8.7 percent (P458.1 million), of total imports from the union. Among the SACU member states, South Africa was the largest source of imports within the region, with a contribution of 70.3 percent (P4, 919.5 million) to total imports during the period under review. Namibia followed with 4.3 percent (P301.6 million) of total imports during the month under review.

Asia supplied Botswana with imports worth P579.3 million, equivalent to 8.3 percent in August 2023. The major commodity groups imported were Chemicals & Rubber Products, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds with contributions of 24.9 percent (P144.2 million), 24.2 percent (P140.5 million) and 19.9 percent (P115.2 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. China and India supplied imports worth 2.6 percent (P185.0 million) and 2.3 percent (P161.5 million) of total imports respectively during the month under review.

In August 2023, Botswana received imports worth P333.1 million from the **EU** translating to 4.8 percent. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Chemicals & Rubber Products and Diamonds were the major commodity groups imported from the **EU** at 40.4 percent (P134.4 million), 24.8 percent (P82.5 million) and 18.5 percent (P61.6 million) of total imports respectively. Germany and Belgium supplied 1.3 percent (P93.6 million) and 1.0 percent (P70.2 million) of total imports respectively.

During the current period, Canada supplied 4.3 percent (P301.0 million) of total imports, of which 90.6 percent (P272.7 million) were Diamonds. The United States of America (**USA**) supplied imports valued at P90.9 million (1.3 percent) of total imports. Sources of imports during August 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

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



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

"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 P6, 634.7 million in August 2023. Exports destinations for Botswana mostly lie in Asia, while some portion falls in Europe and the **SACU** region.

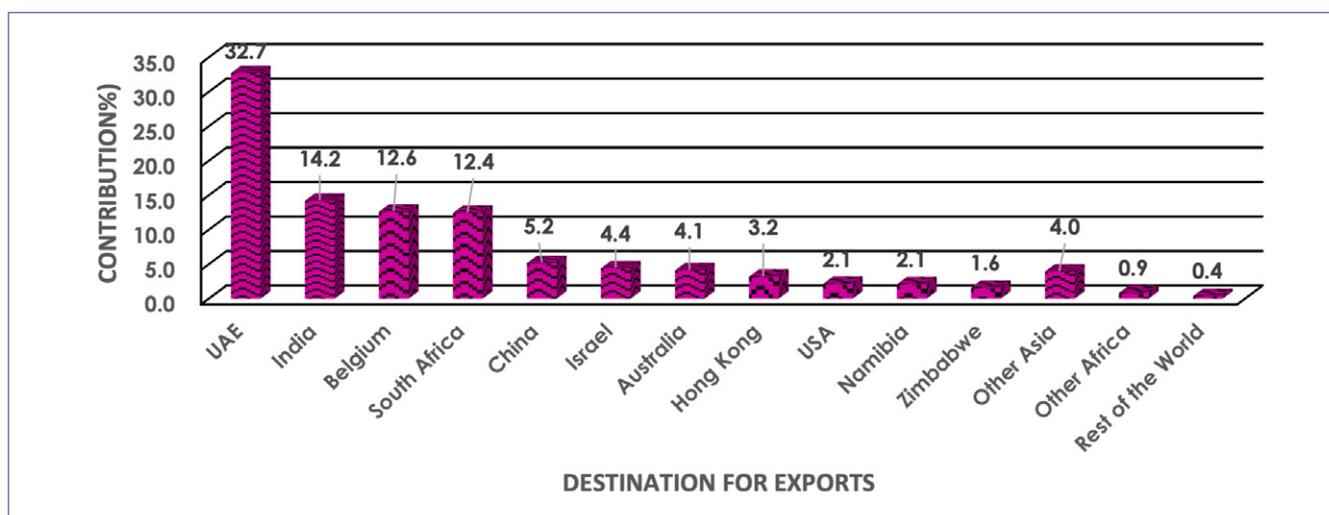
Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 63.7 percent (P4, 225.7 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined to the **UAE**, and India at 32.7 percent (P2, 171.3 million) and 14.2 percent (P943.4 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 91.9 percent (P3, 881.6 million) and 8.1 percent (P342.9 million) respectively, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region amounted to P969.1 million, accounting for 14.6 percent of total exports during the month under review. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 35.5 percent (P343.7 million) and 29.3 percent (P283.5 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports within **SACU**, at 12.4 percent (P825.8 million) **Table 3.2A**.

In August 2023, the **EU** received exports amounting to P839.6 million, accounting for 12.7 percent of total exports. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 12.6 percent (P837.8 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.7 percent (P837.2 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Australia received exports worth P272.3 million, representing 4.1 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to Australia was copper at 99.6 percent (P271.2 million) of exports. 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 – August 2023**



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

"Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart

## 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 for August 2023. 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 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 collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring international transport routes or assess the impact of international trade on the environment, as transport is critical for trade facilitation. Active modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for movement of international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to modes of transport while **Chart B** gives the graphical illustration.

During the month under review imports representing for 76.5 percent (P5, 349.2 million) of the monthly total value were transported into the country by Road, while those conveyed by Rail and Air represented 15.4 percent (P1, 078.9 million) and 8.1 percent (P565.2 million) respectively.

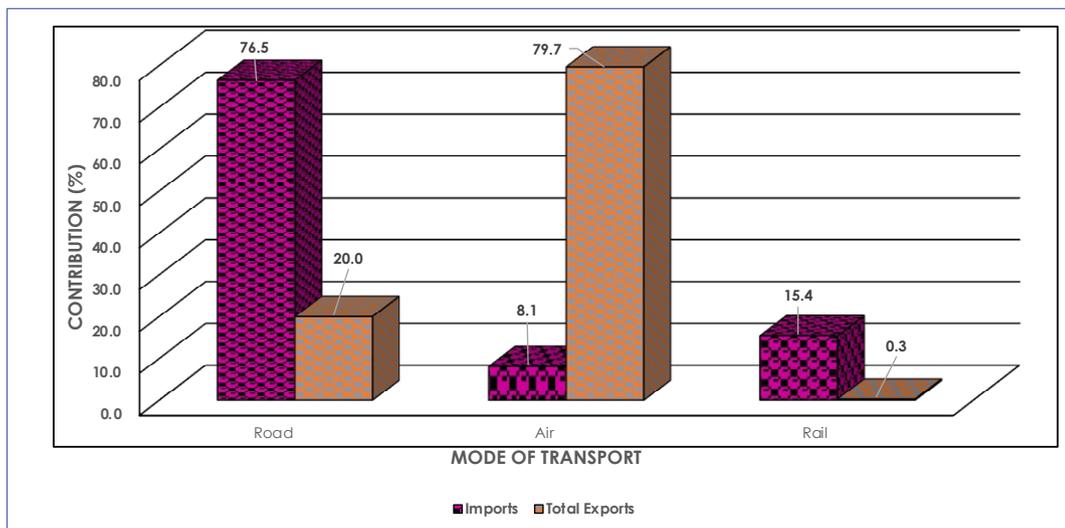
In August 2023, goods exported by Air were valued at P5, 284.9 million, representing 79.7 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and Rail accounted for 20.0 percent (P1, 331.0 million) and 0.3 percent (P18.2 million) in that order.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport/Indicators	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Rail	1,078.9	15.4	18.2	0.3
Road	5,349.2	76.5	1,331.0	20.0
Air	565.2	8.1	5,284.9	79.7
Other	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,897.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,612.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

“Other Modes...” includes Inland water ways and Postal service transport

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



## 6.0 Transit Trade

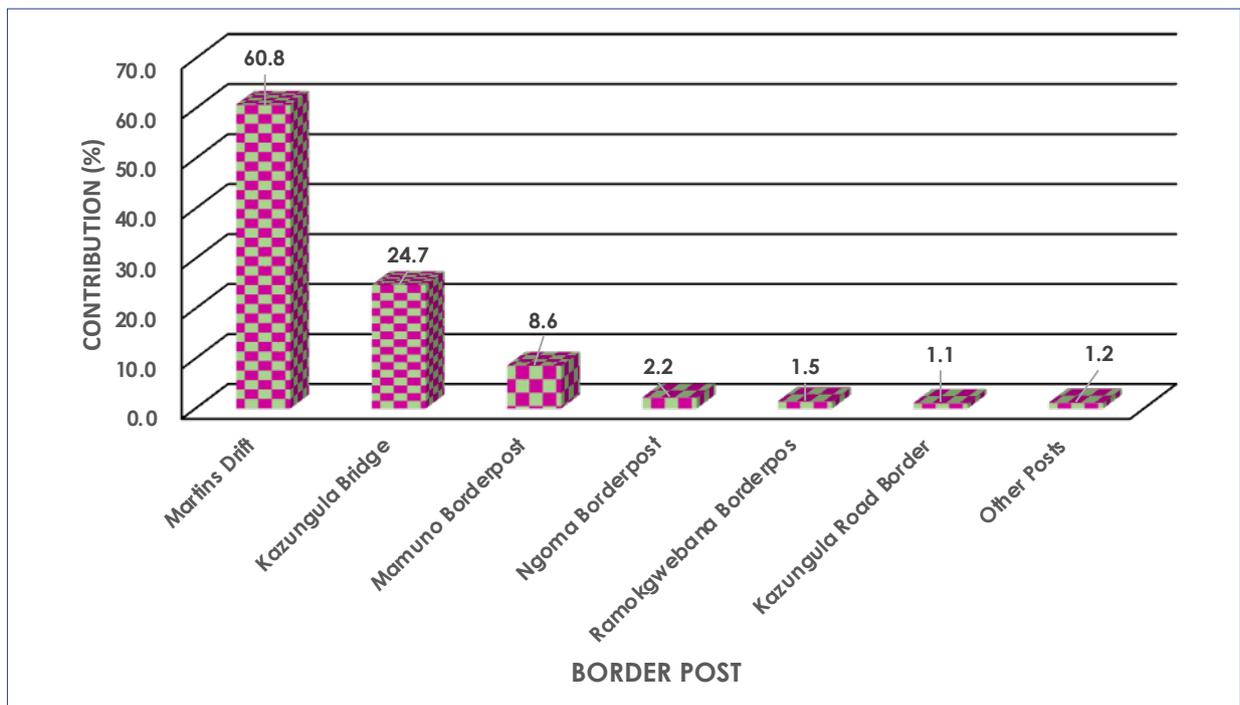
Transit trade is a customs procedure used to move goods between two points of a customs territory, via another customs territory or between two or more different customs territories. International transit can include one or more border crossings when goods are carried from the origin country to destination country. Botswana serves as a gateway to Southern Africa. Transit trade is exempted from all kinds of duties and taxes because the goods are not consumed in the country of transit.

Goods worth P21, 615.8 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries during the reference month. Martins Drift border post and Kazungula Bridge handled goods accounting for 60.8 percent (P13, 136.6 million) and 24.7 percent (P5, 333.4 million) respectively as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**. The top most transiting goods were chapters 28 (Inorganic chemicals, organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and isotopes), at 23.2 percent (P5, 010.3 million), 26 (Ores, slag and ash) at 22.8 percent (P4, 922.9 million) and 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind), 18.1 percent (P3, 919.1 million) as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

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

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	13,136.6	60.8
Kazungula Bridge	5,333.4	24.7
Mamuno Borderpost	1,851.2	8.6
Ngoma Borderpost	483.6	2.2
Ramokgwebana Borderpos	314.7	1.5
Kazungula Road Border	236.7	1.1
Other Posts	259.6	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,615.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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



**Table C2: Transit by Chapter August 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	5,010.3	23.2
2	26	Ores, slag and ash	4,922.9	22.8
3	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	3,919.1	18.1
4	74	Copper and articles thereof	3,341.0	15.5
5	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	702.8	3.3
6	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, parts and accessories of such articles	580.9	2.7
7	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	476.8	2.2
8	39	Plastics and articles thereof	221.8	1.0
9	73	Iron or steel articles	221.3	1.0
<b>Top Transit Goods</b>			<b>19,397.0</b>	<b>89.7</b>
<b>Other Transit Goods</b>			<b>2,218.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Total Transit Goods</b>			<b>21,615.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

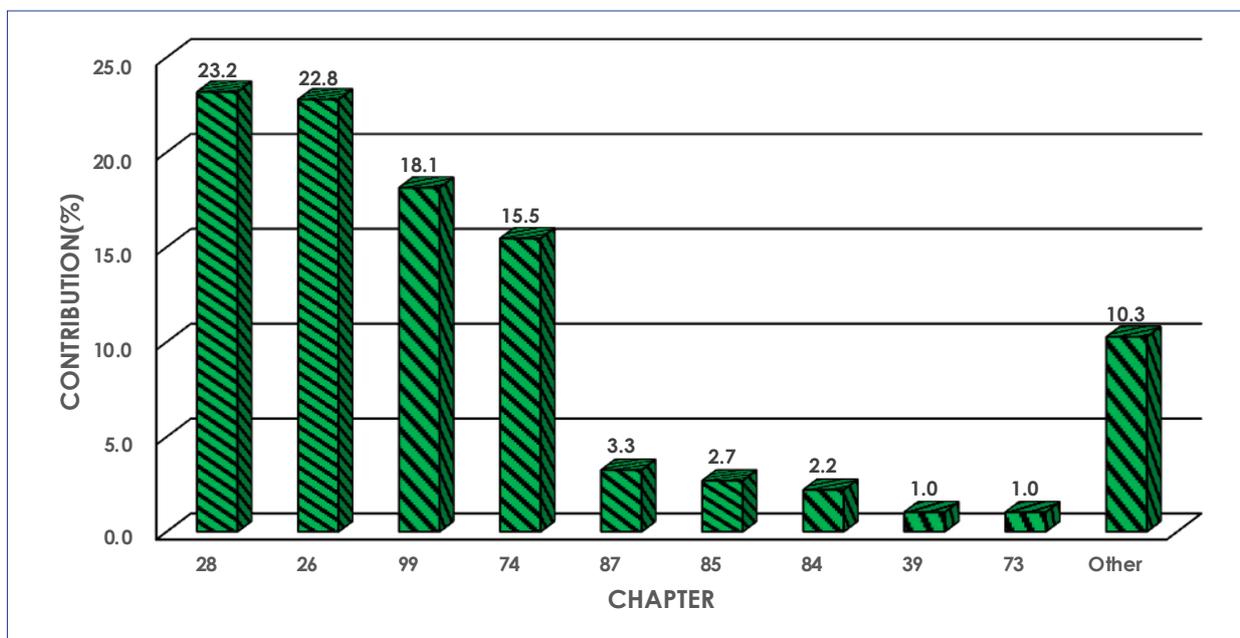


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to August 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.8	261.6	1.4	8,689.1	0.3	8,689.4	1,438.6
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	9,039.8	0.0	9,039.8	(540.3)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>23,232.9</b>	<b>22,346.4</b>	<b>882.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>24,178.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>24,178.3</b>	<b>945.4</b>
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.6	0.0	5,030.6	(1,825.7)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.8)
Jun	7,738.1	7,465.5	270.9	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(368.6)
<b>Q2</b>	<b>22,410.3</b>	<b>21,553.3</b>	<b>852.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>17,297.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>17,298.2</b>	<b>(5,112.1)</b>
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.5	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.7	8,561.2	340.9	1.7	7,378.5	0.0	7,378.5	(1,525.2)
Sep	6,752.0	6,473.7	276.7	1.6	6,553.8	1.9	6,555.6	(196.3)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>22,361.3</b>	<b>21,463.3</b>	<b>893.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21,862.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>21,864.4</b>	<b>(496.9)</b>
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	6,702.3	4.3	6,706.6	(1,841.3)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>25,158.7</b>	<b>24,109.4</b>	<b>1,042.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>18,931.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>18,941.8</b>	<b>(6,216.9)</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>93,163.1</b>	<b>89,472.4</b>	<b>3,671.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>82,268.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>82,282.7</b>	<b>(10,880.5)</b>
Jan_2022	7,288.4	6,974.4	312.1	1.9	8,446.3	0.0	8,446.3	1,157.9
Feb	8,276.4	7,936.0	338.2	2.2	8,841.6	0.1	8,841.6	565.3
Mar	10,020.4	9,625.8	392.2	2.4	8,548.9	0.3	8,549.2	(1,471.3)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>25,585.2</b>	<b>24,536.1</b>	<b>1,042.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>25,836.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>25,837.1</b>	<b>251.9</b>
Apr	6,979.1	6,672.2	304.9	1.9	6,606.8	0.0	6,606.8	(372.3)
May	8,577.3	8,252.8	322.8	1.7	9,045.0	0.1	9,045.1	467.8
Jun	8,882.7	8,348.3	532.6	1.8	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,521.6
<b>Q2</b>	<b>24,439.1</b>	<b>23,273.4</b>	<b>1,160.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>26,054.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>26,056.2</b>	<b>1,617.1</b>
Jul	8,286.1	7,935.4	349.1	1.6	10,059.8	0.9	10,060.7	1,774.6
Aug	7,153.6	6,812.0	339.0	2.5	10,911.2	1.7	10,913.0	3,759.4
Sep	12,082.9	11,749.0	331.9	2.0	8,880.5	0.0	8,880.5	(3,202.5)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>27,522.6</b>	<b>26,496.4</b>	<b>1,020.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>29,851.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>29,854.2</b>	<b>2,331.6</b>
Oct	7,233.0	6,920.6	310.9	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,966.4)
Nov	7,141.2	6,804.0	335.5	1.7	8,573.2	22.6	8,595.8	1,454.6
Dec	7,958.9	7,661.0	295.7	2.2	7,897.7	0.7	7,898.3	(60.6)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>22,333.1</b>	<b>21,385.6</b>	<b>942.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>20,737.5</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>20,760.7</b>	<b>(1,572.4)</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>99,880.0</b>	<b>95,691.5</b>	<b>4,165.0</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>102,480.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>102,508.3</b>	<b>2,628.2</b>
Jan_2023	6,030.3	5,749.6	279.2	1.6	7,250.1	0.0	7,250.1	1,219.7
Feb	6,963.8	6,669.4	292.8	1.6	6,088.3	6.1	6,094.3	(869.4)
Mar	7,237.1	6,919.6	315.6	1.9	8,446.9	5.7	8,452.6	1,215.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>20,231.2</b>	<b>19,338.5</b>	<b>887.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>21,785.2</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>21,797.0</b>	<b>1,565.8</b>
Apr	6,215.0	5,936.9	276.6	1.4	6,630.5	2.5	6,633.0	418.0
May	6,817.7	6,504.7	311.9	1.1	8,917.7	3.4	8,921.1	2,103.5
Jun	6,944.5	6,619.0	323.4	2.1	7,590.0	0.5	7,590.5	646.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>19,977.1</b>	<b>19,060.6</b>	<b>912.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>23,138.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>23,144.7</b>	<b>3,167.5</b>
Jul	7,151.9	6,832.8	317.4	1.7	7,686.4	0.1	7,686.5	534.6
Aug	6,995.1	6,668.3	324.9	1.9	6,634.3	0.5	6,634.7	(360.4)

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Soft 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	438.3	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
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,099.1</b>	<b>9,126.1</b>	<b>2,537.8</b>	<b>2,342.1</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>2,279.6</b>	<b>1,019.3</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>450.5</b>	<b>1,737.9</b>	<b>441.7</b>	<b>787.5</b>	<b>23,232.9</b>
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	688.9	159.8	225.0	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	866.5	860.0	67.5	891.1	384.6	78.8	133.6	459.9	147.7	228.6	7,738.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>2,085.3</b>	<b>7,655.5</b>	<b>2,511.0</b>	<b>2,526.1</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>2,497.9</b>	<b>1,143.5</b>	<b>219.0</b>	<b>446.4</b>	<b>1,984.8</b>	<b>456.2</b>	<b>690.4</b>	<b>22,410.3</b>
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	53.8	810.6	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.2	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	517.2	195.8	264.1	8,903.7
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	957.2	389.7	76.2	189.6	455.1	181.8	256.6	6,752.0
<b>Q3</b>	<b>2,107.2</b>	<b>7,360.3</b>	<b>2,628.5</b>	<b>2,839.6</b>	<b>221.0</b>	<b>2,730.6</b>	<b>1,179.8</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>464.7</b>	<b>1,331.5</b>	<b>531.7</b>	<b>739.7</b>	<b>22,361.3</b>
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
<b>Q4</b>	<b>2,492.0</b>	<b>8,518.6</b>	<b>3,044.1</b>	<b>3,414.2</b>	<b>232.9</b>	<b>2,724.5</b>	<b>1,021.4</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>615.2</b>	<b>1,717.2</b>	<b>488.9</b>	<b>689.9</b>	<b>25,158.7</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>8,783.6</b>	<b>32,660.5</b>	<b>10,721.4</b>	<b>11,122.0</b>	<b>849.1</b>	<b>10,232.7</b>	<b>4,364.1</b>	<b>855.5</b>	<b>1,976.9</b>	<b>6,771.3</b>	<b>1,918.5</b>	<b>2,907.5</b>	<b>93,163.1</b>
Jan_2022	1,075.4	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	132.1	429.8	130.9	159.0	7,288.4
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,045.5	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	185.0	429.2	142.2	198.3	8,276.4
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
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,563.2</b>	<b>9,233.3</b>	<b>2,936.6</b>	<b>3,572.4</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>2,845.3</b>	<b>1,141.8</b>	<b>183.0</b>	<b>529.4</b>	<b>1,373.1</b>	<b>438.8</b>	<b>598.9</b>	<b>25,585.2</b>
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	903.2	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	165.3	392.6	140.8	194.2	6,979.1
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	2,314.3	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	166.4	720.3	148.4	242.5	8,882.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>2,331.1</b>	<b>5,545.6</b>	<b>4,117.7</b>	<b>4,572.3</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>3,174.2</b>	<b>1,138.0</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>513.8</b>	<b>1,501.8</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>671.4</b>	<b>24,439.1</b>
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.8	2,295.6	89.4	1,022.1	369.4	67.9	204.4	619.9	163.7	231.4	8,286.1
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.9	965.3	384.0	78.5	215.9	514.8	183.1	328.7	7,153.6
Sep	854.5	5,769.1	1,038.5	1,469.3	74.9	1,100.7	391.2	65.2	215.9	629.4	194.8	279.6	12,082.9
<b>Q3</b>	<b>2,287.7</b>	<b>8,207.8</b>	<b>3,064.7</b>	<b>5,499.2</b>	<b>237.2</b>	<b>3,088.1</b>	<b>1,144.6</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>636.2</b>	<b>1,764.1</b>	<b>541.6</b>	<b>839.7</b>	<b>27,522.6</b>
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,032.6	1,499.6	80.9	1,067.9	326.6	61.3	203.7	470.1	160.9	270.0	7,233.0
Nov	969.1	641.5	1,175.9	1,521.8	83.0	1,069.5	381.6	63.0	265.5	484.3	193.9	292.2	7,141.2
Dec	767.1	2,351.7	1,013.6	1,670.7	77.3	750.9	313.2	50.5	167.2	367.5	157.9	271.3	7,958.9
<b>Q4</b>	<b>2,486.5</b>	<b>4,302.3</b>	<b>3,222.2</b>	<b>4,692.0</b>	<b>241.3</b>	<b>2,888.3</b>	<b>1,021.4</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>636.3</b>	<b>1,321.9</b>	<b>512.8</b>	<b>833.5</b>	<b>22,333.1</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>9,668.5</b>	<b>27,289.0</b>	<b>13,341.1</b>	<b>18,336.0</b>	<b>884.5</b>	<b>11,995.8</b>	<b>4,445.8</b>	<b>766.0</b>	<b>2,315.8</b>	<b>5,960.9</b>	<b>1,933.3</b>	<b>2,943.5</b>	<b>99,880.0</b>
Jan_2023	640.2	988.8	907.0	1,338.4	46.5	850.4	279.7	56.3	133.4	418.8	134.9	235.7	6,030.3
Feb	771.5	1,314.7	1,259.9	1,288.5	57.3	893.2	376.9	46.6	180.7	420.8	142.8	210.7	6,963.8
Mar	795.4	807.4	1,221.3	1,511.1	68.3	1,110.2	394.4	65.4	235.3	564.9	179.3	284.1	7,237.1
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2,207.1</b>	<b>3,110.9</b>	<b>3,388.3</b>	<b>4,138.0</b>	<b>172.2</b>	<b>2,853.8</b>	<b>1,051.0</b>	<b>168.3</b>	<b>549.4</b>	<b>1,404.6</b>	<b>457.1</b>	<b>730.5</b>	<b>20,231.2</b>
Apr	768.6	765.9	1,093.6	1,366.8	55.9	817.0	351.9	63.6	197.8	381.6	140.3	212.0	6,215.0
May	901.4	859.1	1,013.1	1,311.5	75.3	1,058.1	390.9	77.3	187.2	542.5	161.8	239.4	6,817.7
Jun	904.3	779.6	1,153.2	1,321.6	80.3	1,119.2	422.4	100.1	153.0	526.6	176.8	207.4	6,944.5
<b>Q2</b>	<b>2,574.3</b>	<b>2,404.6</b>	<b>3,259.9</b>	<b>3,999.9</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>2,994.3</b>	<b>1,165.2</b>	<b>240.9</b>	<b>538.1</b>	<b>1,450.7</b>	<b>479.0</b>	<b>658.7</b>	<b>19,977.1</b>
Jul	823.6	796.7	1,076.8	1,437.1	67.3	1,011.1	417.9	63.4	173.8	872.1	167.4	244.7	7,151.9
Aug	904.9	523.8	1,248.7	1,485.6	76.8	1,060.1	423.1	74.6	201.2	556.5	182.1	257.7	6,995.1
<b>%Contribution</b>													
<b>2021</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Jul</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Aug</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2021 to August 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	9,039.8
<b>Q1</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>22,653.0</b>	<b>112.3</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>478.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>24,178.3</b>
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	126.8	5,030.6
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
<b>Q2</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>15,461.5</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>251.2</b>	<b>498.0</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>346.2</b>	<b>17,298.2</b>
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	166.1	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	39.9	130.5	7,378.5
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.5	26.0	92.8	6,555.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>732.7</b>	<b>19,307.2</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>190.8</b>	<b>545.4</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>348.7</b>	<b>21,864.4</b>
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	170.8	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	85.7	6,706.6
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
<b>Q4</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>490.7</b>	<b>16,707.8</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>221.2</b>	<b>411.3</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>234.4</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>210.3</b>	<b>267.3</b>	<b>18,941.8</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>1,225.3</b>	<b>74,129.5</b>	<b>387.7</b>	<b>241.9</b>	<b>876.7</b>	<b>1,932.9</b>	<b>163.2</b>	<b>357.4</b>	<b>808.5</b>	<b>216.6</b>	<b>464.0</b>	<b>1,177.0</b>	<b>82,282.7</b>
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	8,549.2
<b>Q1</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>653.5</b>	<b>23,288.6</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>318.0</b>	<b>571.9</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>295.7</b>	<b>25,837.1</b>
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.9	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.2	69.0	84.3	6,606.8
May	66.9	314.6	7,882.7	0.0	22.8	133.9	241.4	19.4	30.9	75.2	34.0	34.5	188.9	9,045.1
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
<b>Q2</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>939.8</b>	<b>22,730.1</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>359.6</b>	<b>690.9</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>430.1</b>	<b>26,056.2</b>
Jul	60.2	363.8	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	35.4	237.2	10,060.7
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,646.0	30.1	20.1	85.1	217.0	8.8	31.3	125.4	33.1	55.9	145.7	10,913.0
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	133.1	8,880.5
<b>Q3</b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>1,118.2</b>	<b>26,226.0</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>733.2</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>307.1</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>207.1</b>	<b>516.0</b>	<b>29,854.2</b>
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	7,392.2	16.3	19.9	85.3	295.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	185.2	8,595.8
Dec	62.1	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.8	82.7	129.9	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	182.3	7,898.3
<b>Q4</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>1,254.2</b>	<b>17,059.3</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>308.9</b>	<b>635.8</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>282.9</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>185.7</b>	<b>505.6</b>	<b>20,760.7</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>645.9</b>	<b>3,965.7</b>	<b>89,304.0</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>249.1</b>	<b>1,183.0</b>	<b>2,631.8</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>360.6</b>	<b>1,005.7</b>	<b>319.4</b>	<b>650.7</b>	<b>1,747.4</b>	<b>102,508.3</b>
Jan_2023	68.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	112.0	201.6	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	24.0	96.6	7,250.1
Feb	52.5	454.0	4,857.5	23.1	25.2	111.1	294.3	7.3	28.5	65.7	19.5	63.8	91.7	6,094.3
Mar	46.7	465.9	7,281.7	33.5	18.6	74.2	248.6	12.8	35.4	86.4	22.1	37.6	89.1	8,452.6
<b>Q1</b>	<b>167.8</b>	<b>1,443.8</b>	<b>18,167.3</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>297.3</b>	<b>744.4</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>277.3</b>	<b>21,797.0</b>
Apr	39.5	388.2	5,620.1	40.0	16.7	62.1	179.7	19.9	24.8	87.7	27.4	39.9	86.9	6,633.0
May	54.3	544.6	7,531.2	27.8	26.0	68.4	269.0	23.9	32.9	57.5	45.3	63.7	176.5	8,921.1
Jun	42.0	424.4	6,368.0	21.0	28.7	65.8	265.1	36.5	33.4	68.2	31.8	56.9	148.7	7,590.5
<b>Q2</b>	<b>135.9</b>	<b>1,357.2</b>	<b>19,519.3</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>196.3</b>	<b>713.8</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>412.1</b>	<b>23,144.7</b>
Jul	34.1	636.0	6,294.3	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.6	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.7	123.3	7,686.5
Aug	28.5	636.2	5,203.7	23.0	23.1	27.6	334.2	57.7	30.8	101.0	29.5	31.1	108.4	6,634.7
<b>%Contribution</b>														
<b>2021</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Jul</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Aug</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2021 to August 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
<b>Q1</b>	<b>407.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,314.4</b>	<b>1,388.1</b>	<b>9,126.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21,143.4</b>	<b>1,459.3</b>	<b>22,653.0</b>
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
<b>Q2</b>	<b>561.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,505.7</b>	<b>1,578.8</b>	<b>7,655.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13,112.7</b>	<b>2,328.2</b>	<b>15,461.5</b>
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
<b>Q3</b>	<b>514.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,988.4</b>	<b>845.2</b>	<b>7,360.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16,251.2</b>	<b>3,018.4</b>	<b>19,307.2</b>
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
<b>Q4</b>	<b>614.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6,801.5</b>	<b>1,064.0</b>	<b>8,518.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13,983.8</b>	<b>2,583.0</b>	<b>16,707.8</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>2,098.1</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>25,609.9</b>	<b>4,876.0</b>	<b>32,660.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>249.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>64,491.2</b>	<b>9,388.9</b>	<b>74,129.5</b>
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
<b>Q1</b>	<b>512.4</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,204.8</b>	<b>1,471.3</b>	<b>9,233.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19,375.8</b>	<b>3,823.1</b>	<b>23,288.6</b>
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
<b>Q2</b>	<b>374.8</b>	<b>296.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,654.3</b>	<b>2,219.7</b>	<b>5,545.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17,923.4</b>	<b>4,715.9</b>	<b>22,730.1</b>
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	7,573.2	2,010.9	9,646.0
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
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,110.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,483.4</b>	<b>1,613.0</b>	<b>8,207.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20,782.8</b>	<b>5,299.0</b>	<b>26,226.0</b>
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	5,656.9	1,677.5	7,392.2
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
<b>Q4</b>	<b>904.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,005.3</b>	<b>1,380.5</b>	<b>4,302.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,705.9</b>	<b>4,253.0</b>	<b>17,059.3</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>2,902.0</b>	<b>354.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17,347.8</b>	<b>6,684.4</b>	<b>27,289.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>70,788.0</b>	<b>18,091.0</b>	<b>89,304.0</b>
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	5,101.8	891.5	6,028.1
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	109.3	280.1	1,314.7	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	75.0	305.8	807.4	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,537.0	1,711.3	7,281.7
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,671.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>319.6</b>	<b>1,118.8</b>	<b>3,110.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14,159.1</b>	<b>3,907.9</b>	<b>18,167.3</b>
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	561.2	204.7	765.9	0.0	47.5	0.0	4,323.0	1,249.6	5,620.1
May	237.7	0.8	0.0	200.6	419.9	859.1	0.0	27.8	0.0	5,954.7	1,548.8	7,531.2
Jun	26.8	0.2	0.0	431.8	320.8	779.6	342.2	45.2	0.0	4,659.1	1,321.5	6,368.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>264.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,193.6</b>	<b>945.5</b>	<b>2,404.6</b>	<b>342.2</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14,936.7</b>	<b>4,119.9</b>	<b>19,519.3</b>
Jul	383.7	0.0	0.0	58.3	354.7	796.7	31.0	29.1	0.0	4,513.7	1,720.5	6,294.3
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	53.0	198.0	523.8	0.0	84.3	0.0	3,621.3	1,498.1	5,203.7

**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 – August 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	577.1	6.9	1,170.1	1,013.3	64.1	696.4	363.7	57.4	157.2	456.7	159.1	197.6	4,919.5	70.3
Namibia	0.7	65.7	8.8	187.6	0.5	17.9	1.1	16.6	0.0	1.4	1.1	0.3	301.6	4.3
Eswatini	19.3	0.0	16.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	38.6	0.6
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>597.1</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>1,195.3</b>	<b>1,200.9</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>714.5</b>	<b>364.8</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>458.1</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>197.9</b>	<b>5,262.3</b>	<b>75.2</b>
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	155.5	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	160.7	2.3
Zambia	0.1	0.0	17.0	120.7	0.0	4.3	16.6	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	2.2	162.0	2.3
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>601.4</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>1,234.3</b>	<b>1,477.4</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>720.0</b>	<b>387.0</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>458.6</b>	<b>165.5</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>5,621.2</b>	<b>80.4</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>602.4</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>1,234.4</b>	<b>1,477.4</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>723.1</b>	<b>387.1</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>458.6</b>	<b>165.5</b>	<b>204.9</b>	<b>5,626.0</b>	<b>80.4</b>
China	28.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	7.3	81.1	21.2	0.3	18.5	11.0	2.2	13.9	185.0	2.6
India	98.3	27.0	0.6	1.4	0.1	17.6	4.4	0.0	4.5	4.2	1.1	2.4	161.5	2.3
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>232.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>579.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Germany	43.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	22.1	1.0	0.0	12.4	7.6	4.0	2.2	93.6	1.3
Belgium	2.2	61.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.2	70.2	1.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>169.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>333.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Canada	18.8	272.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	301.0	4.3
USA	37.9	1.7	0.7	0.0	0.1	32.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	8.0	1.2	7.7	90.9	1.3
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>904.9</b>	<b>523.8</b>	<b>1,248.7</b>	<b>1,485.6</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>1,060.1</b>	<b>423.1</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>201.2</b>	<b>556.5</b>	<b>182.1</b>	<b>257.7</b>	<b>6,995.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – August 2023**

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	11.7	0.1	23.8	20.6	1.3	14.2	7.4	1.2	3.2	9.3	3.2	4.0	100.0
Namibia	0.2	21.8	2.9	62.2	0.2	5.9	0.4	5.5	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	100.0
Eswatini	50.1	0.0	42.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.4	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	3.9	87.6	1.3	0.0	1.0	100.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.1	96.7	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	10.5	74.5	0.0	2.7	10.2	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.4	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
China	15.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.9	43.8	11.5	0.2	10.0	6.0	1.2	7.5	100.0
India	60.9	16.7	0.4	0.9	0.1	10.9	2.7	0.0	2.8	2.6	0.7	1.5	100.0
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Germany	46.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.1	23.6	1.0	0.0	13.3	8.1	4.3	2.4	100.0
Belgium	3.2	87.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	4.5	100.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Canada	6.2	90.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
USA	41.7	1.9	0.8	0.0	0.1	35.1	0.9	0.0	0.9	8.8	1.3	8.5	100.0
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.2 A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – August 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	26.4	2.2	229.5	23.0	21.5	25.6	273.6	55.8	21.5	73.1	14.6	9.6	49.5	825.8	12.4
Namibia	2.1	0.0	114.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	7.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.7	6.9	7.7	139.7	2.1
Eswatini	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	0.3	0.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.2	0.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>343.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>283.5</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>969.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	28.9	0.0	5.2	12.2	13.4	6.2	39.0	106.1	1.6
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	11.2	0.0	1.4	14.4	0.7	3.9	3.4	35.2	0.5
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>343.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>326.7</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>1,127.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>343.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>326.9</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>1,129.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>
UAE	0.0	0.0	2,171.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,171.3	32.7
India	0.0	0.0	943.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	943.4	14.2
China	0.0	342.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	343.0	5.2
Israel	0.0	0.0	293.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	293.3	4.4
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	212.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	212.3	3.2
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>261.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>262.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>342.9</b>	<b>3,881.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4,225.7</b>	<b>63.7</b>
Belgium	0.0	0.0	837.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	837.8	12.6
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>837.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>839.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Australia	0.0	271.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	272.3	4.1
USA	0.0	0.0	141.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	142.3	2.1
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>636.2</b>	<b>5,203.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>334.2</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>6,634.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.2 B: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – August 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
South Africa	3.2	0.3	27.8	2.8	2.6	3.1	33.1	6.8	2.6	8.9	1.8	1.2	6.0	100.0
Namibia	1.5	0.0	81.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	5.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.5	4.9	5.5	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	54.2	45.7	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	100.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	27.2	0.0	4.9	11.5	12.6	5.8	36.8	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	32.0	0.0	4.1	40.9	2.1	11.1	9.6	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
UAE	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
India	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
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
Israel	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Belgium	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Australia	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	100.0
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – August 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	604.8	9.3	8.6
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	490.3	7.6	7.0
3	27160000	Electrical energy	278.5	4.3	4.0
4	22021090	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	153.1	2.4	2.2
5	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	148.3	2.3	2.1
6	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	103.7	1.6	1.5
7	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	77.6	1.2	1.1
8	17011400	Other cane sugar	70.3	1.1	1.0
9	25232900	Other Portland cement	66.6	1.0	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))	62.8	1.0	0.9
11	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	59.4	0.9	0.8
12	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	54.2	0.8	0.8
13	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	53.2	0.8	0.8
14	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	46.7	0.7	0.7
15	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin )	45.3	0.7	0.6
16	85444990	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified"	44.0	0.7	0.6
17	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	35.1	0.5	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)	35.0	0.5	0.5
19	85176290	Other- Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus	34.2	0.5	0.5
20	84295190	Other front-end shovel loaders	33.4	0.5	0.5
21	34012000	Soap in other forms	32.7	0.5	0.5
22	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	32.6	0.5	0.5
23	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	31.1	0.5	0.4
24	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	29.5	0.5	0.4
25	29241900	Other Acyclic amides (including acyclic carbamates) and their derivatives; salts thereof	28.2	0.4	0.4

**Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – August 2023 (Million Pula) Continued**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.)	27.9	0.4	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"	27.7	0.4	0.4
28	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	27.6	0.4	0.4
29	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	27.4	0.4	0.4
30	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	27.3	0.4	0.4
31	39201090	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, Of polymers of ethylene	27.0	0.4	0.4
32	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	26.4	0.4	0.4
33	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	26.4	0.4	0.4
34	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	26.3	0.4	0.4
35	87043190	Other (excluding double -cab) of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2000kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3500kg	24.5	0.4	0.4
36	87033390	Other vehicles,Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³:	23.9	0.4	0.3
37	84749000	Parts of Mixing or kneading machines	22.9	0.4	0.3
38	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	22.8	0.4	0.3
39	84295200	Machinery with a 360 degrees revolving superstructure	22.4	0.3	0.3
40	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	22.4	0.3	0.3
41	87032490	Other vehicles, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3000cm	21.9	0.3	0.3
42	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	21.7	0.3	0.3
43	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	21.4	0.3	0.3
44	87059000	Other Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods	20.0	0.3	0.3
45	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	20.0	0.3	0.3
46	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	18.1	0.3	0.3
47	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	18.1	0.3	0.3
48	09109900	Other spices	18.0	0.3	0.3
49	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	17.9	0.3	0.3
50	84099990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the engines of heading 84.07 or 84.08	17.6	0.3	0.3
<b>Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods</b>			<b>3,228.6</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>46.2</b>
<b>Other Non Diamond Imports Goods</b>			<b>3,242.8</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>46.4</b>
<b>Total Non-Diamond Goods</b>			<b>6,471.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>92.5</b>
<b>Diamonds Imports</b>			<b>523.8</b>		<b>7.5</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>			<b>6,995.1</b>		<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4.1B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – August 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	636.2	44.5	9.6
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	218.2	15.2	3.3
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	72.2	5.0	1.1
4	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	54.0	3.8	0.8
5	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	28.4	2.0	0.4
6	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified	24.7	1.7	0.4
7	71081200	Other unwrought forms	23.0	1.6	0.3
8	27011900	Other coal	18.6	1.3	0.3
9	01022900	Other (cattle)	14.3	1.0	0.2
10	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	13.4	0.9	0.2
11	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	13.3	0.9	0.2
12	84295900	Other Self-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers, mechanical shovels, excavators, shovel loaders, tamping machines and road rollers	13.0	0.9	0.2
13	12060000	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	12.4	0.9	0.2
14	64059090	Other footwear	10.9	0.8	0.2
15	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	10.1	0.7	0.2
16	27011200	Bituminous coal	9.9	0.7	0.1
17	62171090	Other clothing accessories	8.1	0.6	0.1
18	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	6.4	0.4	0.1
19	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	6.4	0.4	0.1
20	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.1	0.4	0.1
21	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	5.7	0.4	0.1
22	30049010	Other medicaments In aerosol containers, consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for	5.6	0.4	0.1
23	72149900	Other - 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	5.4	0.4	0.1
24	84304900	Other boring or sinking machinery	5.1	0.4	0.1
25	85287290	Other not designed to incorporate a video display or screen	4.7	0.3	0.1

**Table 4.1B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – August 2023 (Million Pula) Continued**

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	85285915	Colour, with a screen size exceeding 3 m x 4 m	4.5	0.3	0.1
27	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	4.5	0.3	0.1
28	85447000	Optical fibre cables	4.5	0.3	0.1
29	84292000	Graders and levellers	4.2	0.3	0.1
30	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	3.6	0.3	0.1
31	87042110	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	3.4	0.2	0.1
32	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	3.2	0.2	0.0
33	74040090	Other copper wasteand scrap	3.2	0.2	0.0
34	72042100	Waste and scrap of stainless steel	3.2	0.2	0.0
35	58081000	Braids in the piece	3.0	0.2	0.0
36	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	3.0	0.2	0.0
37	87084090	Other gear boxes and parts thereof	2.9	0.2	0.0
38	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	2.9	0.2	0.0
39	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	2.9	0.2	0.0
40	85182100	Single loudspeakers, mounted in their enclosures	2.8	0.2	0.0
41	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.8	0.2	0.0
42	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.7	0.2	0.0
43	42034000	Other clothing accessories	2.6	0.2	0.0
44	11031310	Maize meal not further processed other than by the addition of minerals and vitamins not exceeding 1 per cent by mass of the final product, solely for the purpose of increasing the nutritional value	2.6	0.2	0.0
45	87042190	Other , of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2000kg or a G.V.M. Not Exceeding 3500kg	2.5	0.2	0.0
46	94036000	Other wooden furniture	2.4	0.2	0.0
47	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	2.4	0.2	0.0
48	84304100	Other moving, grading, levelling, srapping, excavating, tamping, compacting, extracting or boring machinery, self-propelled	2.3	0.2	0.0
49	87042290	Other shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	2.3	0.2	0.0
50	48202000	Exercise books	2.1	0.2	0.0
<b>Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods</b>			<b>1,302.6</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>19.6</b>
<b>Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods</b>			<b>128.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Total Non-Diamond Exports</b>			<b>1,431.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>
<b>Diamonds Exports</b>			<b>5,203.7</b>		<b>78.4</b>
<b>Total Exports</b>			<b>6,634.7</b>		<b>100.0</b>

## 8.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

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

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

### 8.1 Time of Recording of Trade

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

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

### 8.2 Concepts and Definitions

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

## 8.3 Exclusions from IMTS

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

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

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