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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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 2023.

Total imports in September 2023 were valued at P7, 724.7 million compared to the revised value of P7, 155.5 million registered in August 2023, recording an increase of 8.0 percent. The value of Botswana's merchandise exports in September 2023 was P3, 823.9 million, accounting to a 50.2 percent decline from the revised August 2023 value of P7, 679.6 million.

During September 2023, commodities that were imported mostly were fuel with 19.2 percent, followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 17.0 percent. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with contributions of 15.3 percent and 14.5 percent, to total imports respectively. Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the top export commodity groups with contribution of 62.8 percent, 18.7 percent and 6.7 percent to total exports in that order.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the top supplier at 79.9 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 7.2 percent and 6.0 percent of total imports respectively. South Africa supplied imports worth 65.9 percent while Namibia accounted for 13.3 percent (**Table 3.1A**).

Exports destined to Asia, SACU, and the EU represented 54.1 percent, 20.9 percent and 12.1 percent of the total exports, respectively during the month under review. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), South Africa, Belgium and China received exports accounting for 23.6 percent, 20.1 percent, 12.1 percent and 11.3 percent of the monthly total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**).

Goods transported by Air accounted for 64.9 percent of total exports, while Road and Rail represented 34.6 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively, in September 2023. Imports representing 70.4 percent were transported into the country by Road. Transportation of imports by Air and Rail accounted for 16.4 percent and 13.2 percent respectively (**Table B**).

In September 2023, Merchandise worth P15, 360.1 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 41.5 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift border post while Kazungula Bridge followed with 29.9 percent. (**Table C1**).

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on September 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 in the monthly Trade statistics data are always necessary because they allow for the incorporation of the additional and improved data that were not available at the previous release date or when there are late customs duty assessments. Revisions are made on a monthly basis, when monthly data files are uploaded into the database, bringing additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible while significant in others.

The arrival of additional data in September 2023 resulted in revisions to the transactions for July and August 2023. **Table A** shows revised data for the two months, comparing figures in the August 2023 Digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised significantly upwards for August 2023, that is; Imports by 2.3 percent (P160.4 million) and Total exports by 15.7 percent (P1,044.9 million). Revisions for July imports data were minimal as displayed in **Table A**.

Revisions have been made to the trade balance for August 2023, recording a surplus of P524.1 million compared to a deficit of P360.1 million registered in the previous publication. The positive increase was mainly due to the revision in Diamonds exports.

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

Period	As at August 2023 Digest (P million)			As at September 2023 Digest (P million)			Difference (P million)			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
July	7,151.9	7,686.5	534.6	7,153.1	7,965.0	811.9	1.2	278.6	277.3	0.0	3.6	51.9
August	6,995.1	6,634.7	(360.4)	7,155.5	7,679.6	524.1	160.4	1,044.9	884.5	2.3	15.7	(245.4)

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance, and freight costs required for delivering the commodities to the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country. In September 2023, Botswana's total imports were valued P7, 724.7 million registering an increase of 8.0 percent (P569.2 million) from the revised August 2023 figure of P7, 155.5 million. The rise was mainly due to an increase in Diamonds imports by 112.1 percent (P625.1 million). Food, beverages & tobacco increased by 4.7 percent (P59.2 million) as displayed in **Table 2.1**.

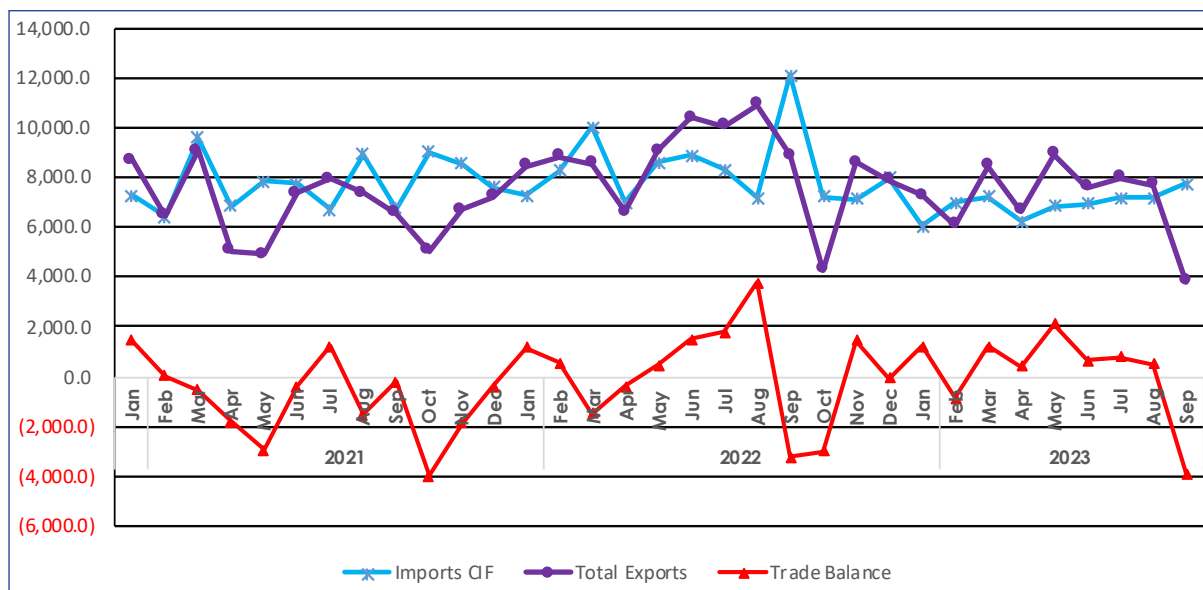
1.3 Total Exports

During September 2023, Botswana's value of total exports dropped by 50.2 percent (P3, 855 .7 million), from the revised August figure of P7, 679.6 million to P3, 823.9 million. The major contributor to the decrease in total exports was Diamonds that went down by 61.2 percent (P3, 789.7 million) from a revised August 2023 value of P6, 192.6 million to P2, 402.9 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P3, 900 .8 million in September 2023. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to September 2023.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2021 to September 2023 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

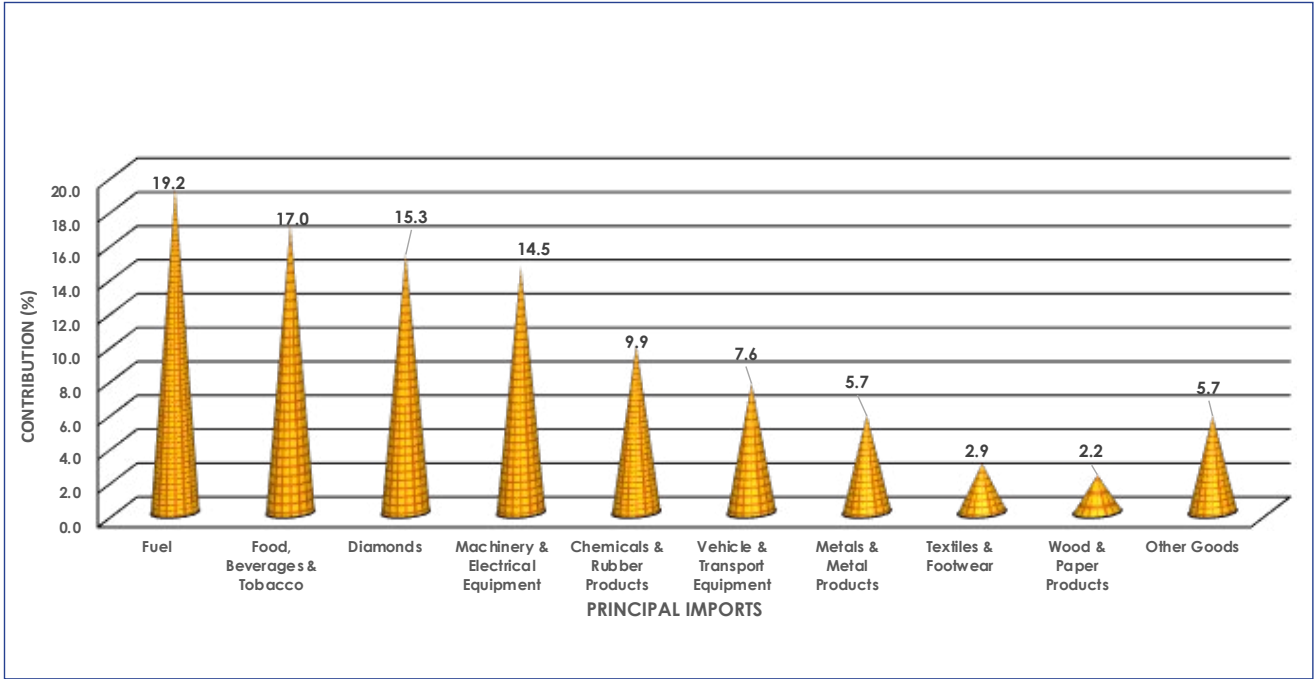
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

Botswana received imports valued at P7, 724.7 million in September 2023. The top imported groups were Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Fuel imports contributed 19.2 percent (P1, 481.3 million) to total imports, while Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Diamonds imports accounted for 17.0 percent (P1, 315.0 million) and 15.3 percent (P1, 182.6 million) respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 14.5 percent (P1, 121.0 million) to total imports. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

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

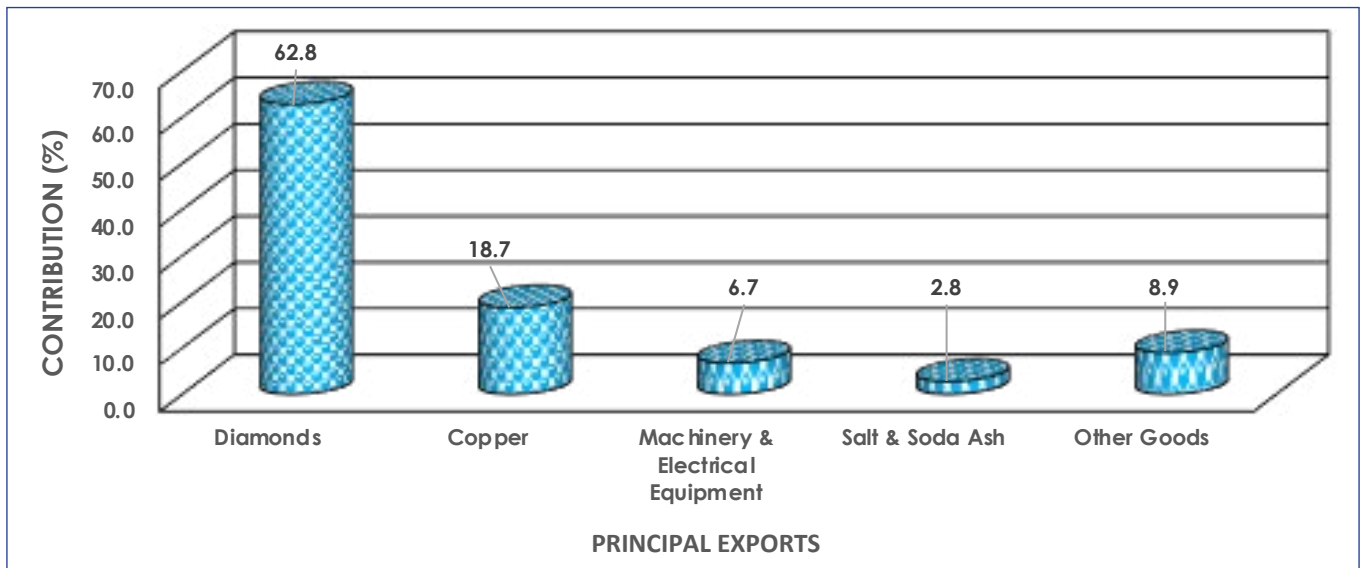


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

In September 2023, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P3, 823.9 million. Diamonds was the leading export commodity group with a contribution of 62.8 percent (P2, 402.9 million), followed by Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 18.7 percent (P716.8 million) and 6.7 percent (P257.7 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 - September 2023 (Percentage)



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 September 2023 appears in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Table 3.2A](#), respectively. [Table 3.1B](#) (imports) and [Table 3.2B](#) (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

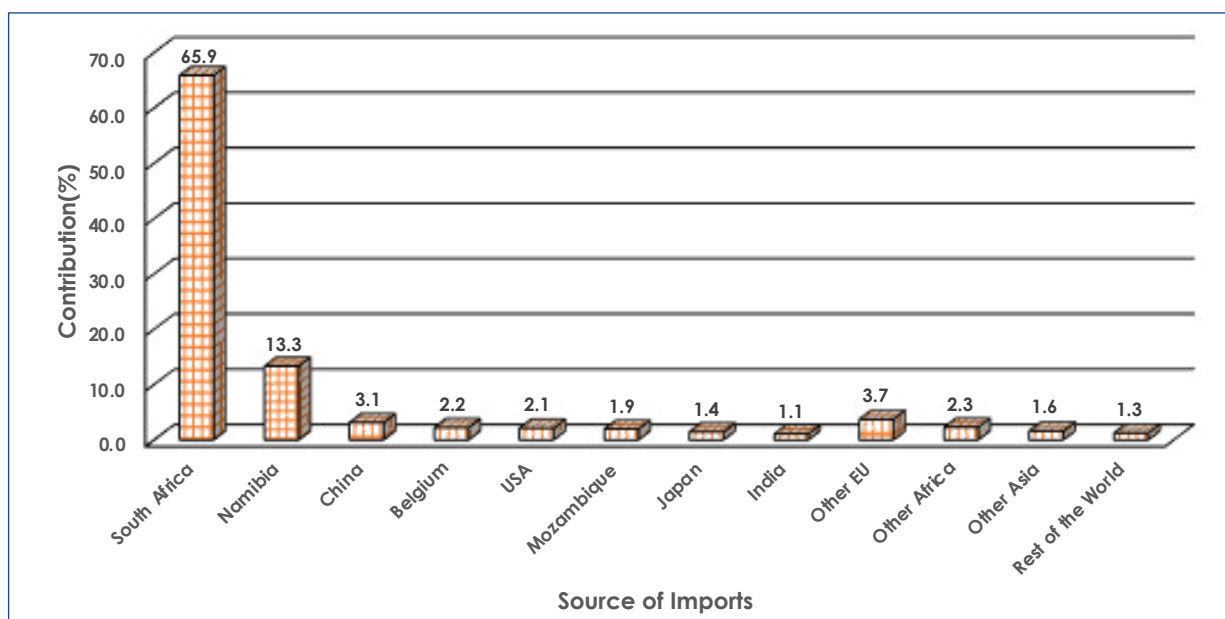
In September 2023, Botswana imported goods worth P7, 724.7 million with the **SACU** region contributing 79.9 percent (P6, 169.5 million) to the total. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Diamonds with contributions of 21.5 percent (P1, 328.7 million), 20.2 percent (P1, 248.3 million) and 15.3 percent (P943.0 million), respectively. Machinery & Electrical equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products accounted for 10.4 percent (P644.4 million) and 9.3 percent (P574.8 million), of total imports from the union. Among the **SACU** member states, South Africa contributed largest at 65.9 percent (P5, 089.4 million) of total imports. Namibia followed with 13.3 percent (P1, 030.0 million) of total imports.

In September 2023, Botswana imported goods worth P59.2 million from Asia, representing a 7.2 percent of total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with contributions of 31.5 percent (P175.9 million) and 22.4 percent (P125.5 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. Imports from China and Japan contributed 3.1 percent (P240.6 million) and 1.4 percent (P111.4 million) of total imports respectively.

The EU supplied Botswana with imports worth P460.1 million translating to 6.0 percent of total imports. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment, were the major commodity groups imported from the EU at 35.6 percent (P163.8 million) and 34.5 percent (P158.9 million) of total imports respectively. Belgium was the major supplier accounting for 2.2 percent (P172.2 million).

The United States of America (**USA**) supplied imports valued at P163.3 million (2.1 percent) of total imports during the month under review. Sources of imports during September 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions - September 2023



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

During the current period, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P3, 823.9 million. The top exports of Botswana are Diamonds with contribution of 62.8 percent (P2, 402.2 million), Copper at 18.7 percent (P716.8 million) and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 6.7 percent (P257.7 million), exported mostly to Asia, Europe and the **SACU** region.

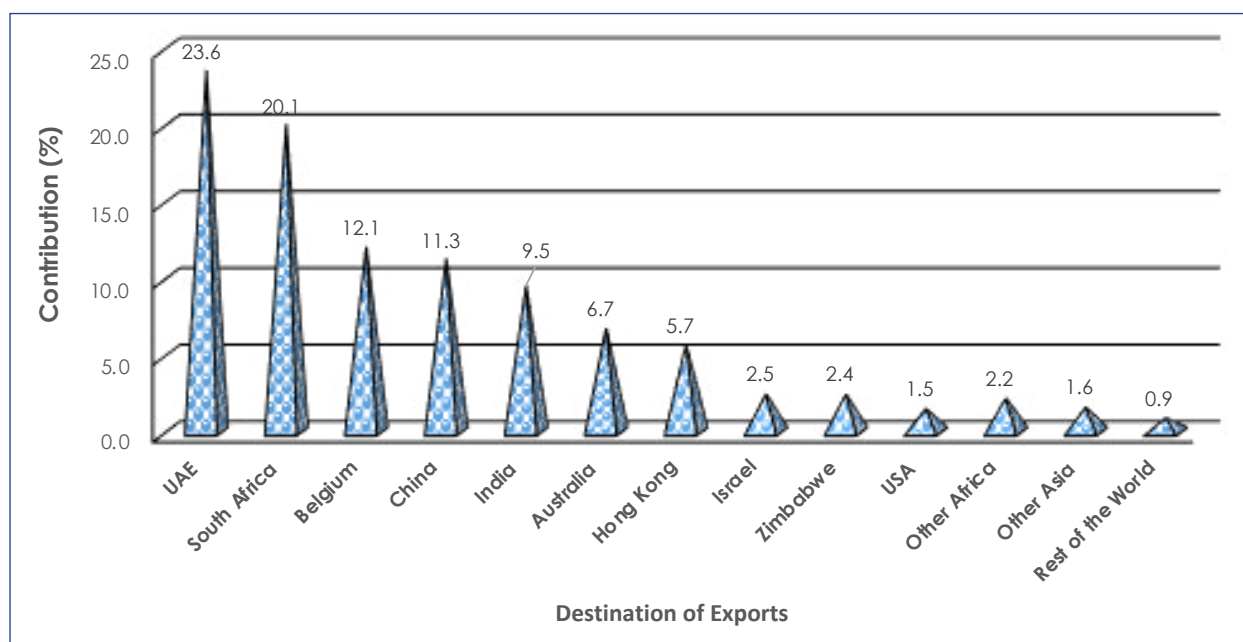
Asia was the leading export market for Botswana, having received 54.1 percent (P2, 070.3 million) of total exports. Top exports destination countries within Asia were the **UAE**, China and India at 23.6 percent (P901.4 million), 11.3 percent (P432.2 million) and 9.5 percent (P364.0 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 78.9 percent (P1, 633.4 million) and 20.5 percent (P424.4 million) respectively, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During the month under review, exports destined to the **SACU** region amounted to 20.9 percent (P798.3 million) of total exports. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 31.7 percent (P252.9 million) and 27.9 percent (P222.8 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports within **SACU**, at 20.1 percent (P766.7 million) **Table 3.2A**.

The **EU** received exports amounting to P461.9 million, accounting for 12.1 percent of total exports in September 2023. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 12.1 percent (P461.3 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the **EU** at 99.9 percent (P461.3 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

In September 2023, Australia received exports worth P258.1 million, representing 6.7 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to Australia was copper at 99.7 percent (P257.3 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 – September 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 September 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.

Imports representing 70.4 percent (P5, 435.2 million) of the monthly total were transported into the country by Road during the month under review. Imports transported by Air and Rail accounted for 16.4 percent (P1, 265.2 million) and 13.2 percent (P1, 022.4 million) respectively.

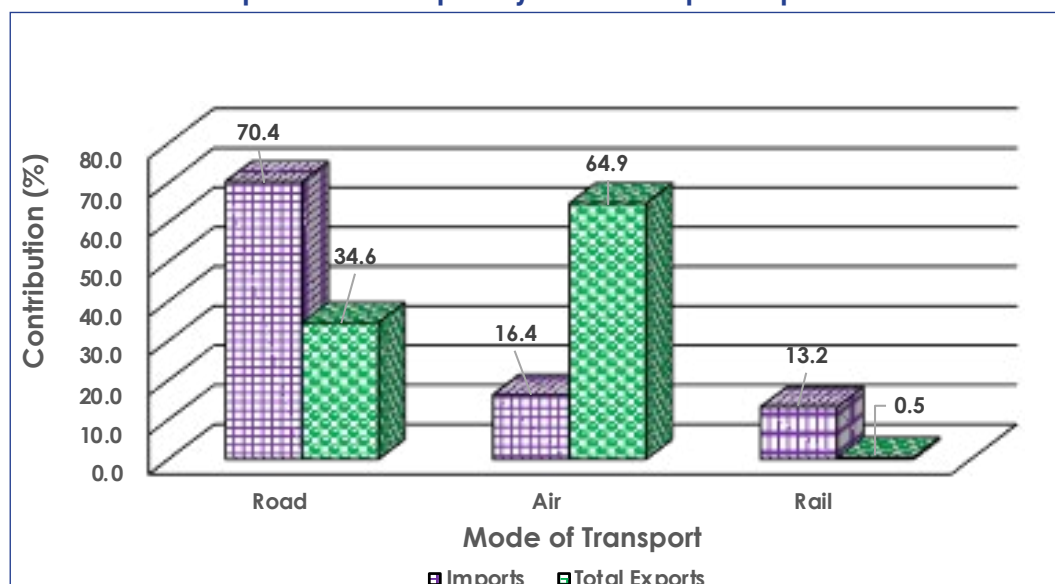
During the month under review, goods valued at P2, 480.3 million, representing 64.9 percent of total exports, were transported by Air. Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 34.6 percent (P1, 324.4 million) and 0.5 percent (P18.4 million) in that order.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Rail	1,022.4	13.2	18.4	0.5
Road	5,435.2	70.4	1,324.4	34.6
Air	1,265.2	16.4	2,480.3	64.9
Other	2.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Total	7,724.7	100.0	3,823.9	100.0

"Other Modes" includes Inland water ways and Postal service transport

Chart B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport - September 2023



6.0 Transit Trade

Transit trade refers to the movement of goods from one country to another through a third country, without the goods being subject to customs duties and other import restrictions in the intermediary country. Essentially, it involves the transportation of goods across a country that lies between the country of origin and the final destination.

The purpose of transit trade is to facilitate the flow of goods between two countries by using a route that may not be a direct path. This can be advantageous for various reasons, such as geographical considerations, political factors, or economic efficiencies. Transit trade is often regulated by international agreements and treaties to ensure smooth and efficient transit procedures.

Countries involved in transit trade typically have agreements and protocols in place to govern the movement of goods through their territory without the imposition of customs duties and other trade barriers. This helps to streamline the transportation of goods and reduce logistical challenges for businesses engaged in international trade.

It's worth noting that transit trade is subject to compliance with specific regulations and documentation requirements to ensure the proper monitoring and control of the movement of goods. Violations or misuse of transit trade arrangements can lead to penalties and legal consequences.

During September 2023, goods worth P15,360.1 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift border post and Kazungula Bridge handled goods accounting for 41.5 percent (P6,368.3 million) and 29.9 percent (P4,597.8 million) respectively as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**. The top most transiting goods were chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 23.9 percent (P3,670.6 million), 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 22.1 percent (P3,400.0 million) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals, organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals of rare earth metals, of radio –active elements and isotopes) at 13.6 percent (P2,081.8 million), as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post - September 2023 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	6,368.3	41.5
Kazungula Bridge	4,597.8	29.9
Mamuno Borderpost	1,912.8	12.5
Ramokgwebana Borderpost	1,313.6	8.6
Ngoma Borderpost	762.9	5.0
Kazungula Road Border	242.9	1.6
Other Post	161.7	1.1
Total	15,360.1	100.0

Chart C1: Transit Trade by Border Post - September 2023 (Percentage)

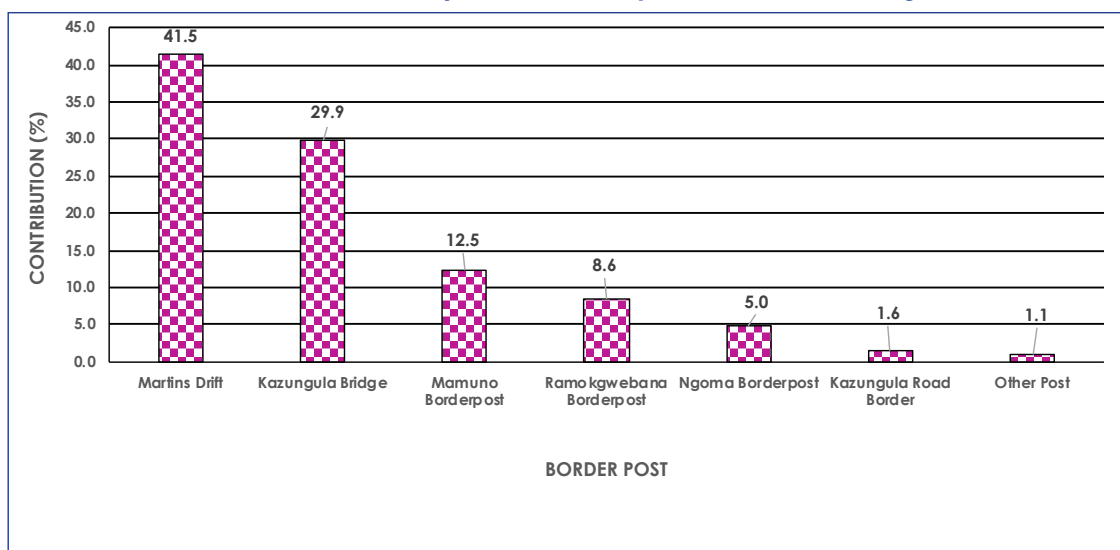
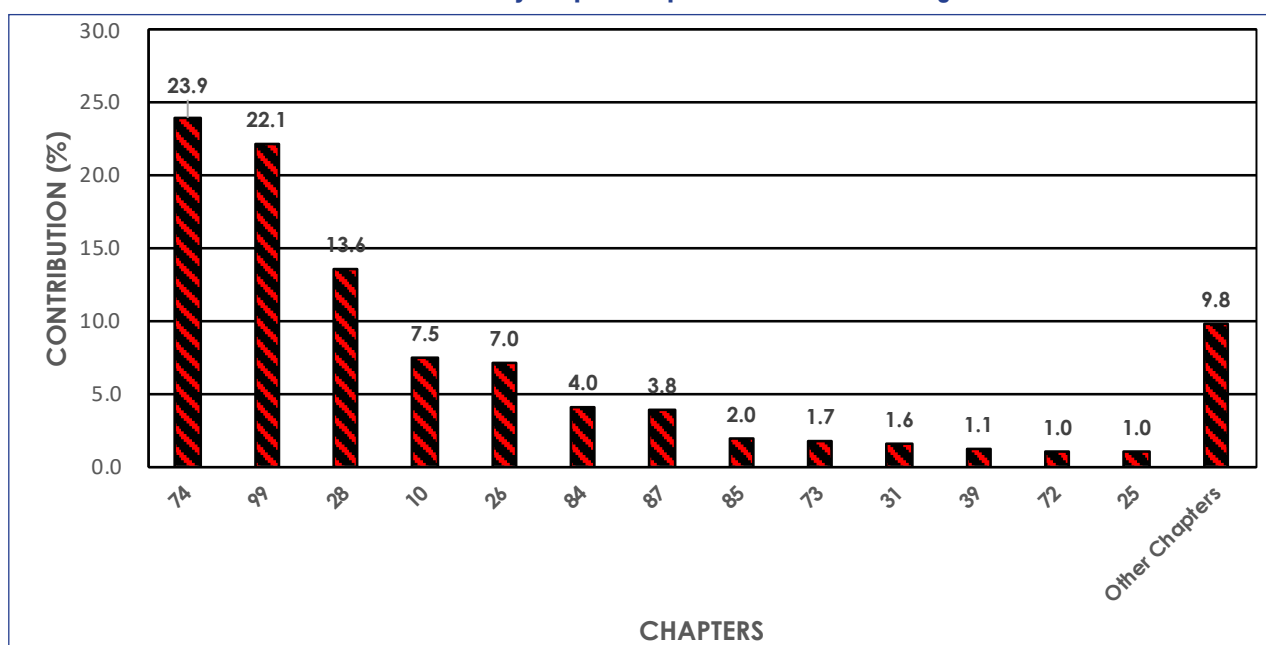


Table C2: Transit by Chapter – September 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapters	Chapter Description	BW Pula	%
1	74	Copper and articles thereof	3,670.6	23.9
2	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	3,400.0	22.1
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	2,081.8	13.6
4	10	Cereals	1,148.6	7.5
5	26	Ores, slag and ash	1,081.6	7.0
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	614.1	4.0
7	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	586.4	3.8
8	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	300.4	2.0
9	73	Iron or steel articles	254.7	1.7
10	31	Fertilizers	245.3	1.6
11	39	Plastics and articles thereof	172.1	1.1
12	72	Iron and steel	152.7	1.0
13	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	147.2	1.0
Top Transit Goods			13,855.6	90.2
Other Transit Goods			1,504.4	9.8
Total Transit Goods			15,360.1	100.0

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



7.0 Annexure

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2021 to September 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)
Q1	23,232.9	22,346.4	882.0	4.5	24,178.0	0.4	24,178.3	945.4
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)
Q2	22,410.3	21,553.3	852.7	4.3	17,297.2	0.9	17,298.2	(5,112.1)
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)
Q3	22,361.3	21,463.3	893.4	4.5	21,862.4	2.0	21,864.4	(496.9)
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)
Q4	25,158.7	24,109.4	1,042.8	6.4	18,931.3	10.5	18,941.8	(6,216.9)
Total_2021	93,163.1	89,472.4	3,671.0	19.7	82,268.8	13.9	82,282.7	(10,880.5)
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)
Q1	25,585.2	24,536.1	1,042.6	6.5	25,836.7	0.3	25,837.1	251.9
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
Q2	24,439.1	23,273.4	1,160.3	5.4	26,054.5	1.7	26,056.2	1,617.1
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)
Q3	27,522.6	26,496.4	1,020.0	6.1	29,851.6	2.6	29,854.2	2,331.6
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)
Q4	22,333.1	21,385.6	942.1	5.4	20,737.5	23.3	20,760.7	(1,572.4)
Total_2022	99,880.0	95,691.5	4,165.0	23.5	102,480.3	28.0	102,508.3	2,628.2
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
Q1	20,231.2	19,338.5	887.6	5.1	21,785.2	11.7	21,797.0	1,565.8
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
Q2	19,977.1	19,060.6	912.0	4.6	23,138.3	6.4	23,144.7	3,167.5
Jul	7,153.1	6,833.8	317.6	1.7	7,965.0	0.1	7,965.0	811.9
Aug	7,155.5	6,820.6	333.0	1.9	7,679.2	0.5	7,679.6	524.1
Sep	7,724.7	7,410.3	312.9	1.5	3,823.8	0.1	3,823.9	(3,900.8)
Q3	22,033.3	21,064.7	963.5	5.1	19,468.0	0.6	19,468.6	(2,564.7)

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2021 to September 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & 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
Q1	2,099.1	9,126.1	2,537.8	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.6	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,737.9	441.7	787.5	23,232.9
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	836.0	148.7	236.8	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	62.2	868.1	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.9	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
Q2	2,085.3	7,655.5	2,511.0	2,526.1	194.1	2,497.9	1,143.5	219.0	446.4	1,984.8	456.2	690.4	22,410.3
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
Q3	2,107.2	7,360.3	2,628.5	2,839.6	221.0	2,730.6	1,179.8	226.7	464.7	1,331.5	531.7	739.7	22,361.3
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	86.4	960.9	321.8	70.4	236.5	512.2	162.9	225.2	9,003.2
Nov	796.2	3,014.2	1,036.0	1,110.1	85.1	931.2	392.4	67.9	224.9	480.3	174.4	235.2	8,547.9
Dec	814.7	2,090.8	966.8	1,213.1	61.4	832.4	307.2	61.6	153.8	724.7	151.6	229.4	7,607.5
Q4	2,492.0	8,518.6	3,044.1	3,414.2	232.9	2,724.5	1,021.4	199.9	615.2	1,717.2	488.9	689.9	25,158.7
Total_2021	8,783.6	32,660.5	10,721.4	11,122.0	849.1	10,232.7	4,364.1	855.5	1,976.9	6,771.3	1,918.5	2,907.5	93,163.1
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
Q1	2,563.2	9,233.3	2,936.6	3,572.4	169.4	2,845.3	1,141.8	183.0	529.4	1,373.1	438.8	598.9	25,585.2
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
Q2	2,331.1	5,545.6	4,117.7	4,572.3	236.5	3,174.2	1,138.0	196.6	513.8	1,501.8	440.0	671.4	24,439.1
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
Q3	2,287.7	8,207.8	3,064.7	5,499.2	237.2	3,088.1	1,144.6	211.7	636.2	1,764.1	541.6	839.7	27,522.6
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
Q4	2,486.5	4,302.3	3,222.2	4,692.0	241.3	2,888.3	1,021.4	174.7	636.3	1,321.9	512.8	833.5	22,333.1
Total_2022	9,668.5	27,289.0	13,341.1	18,336.0	884.5	11,995.8	4,445.8	766.0	2,315.8	5,960.9	1,933.3	2,943.5	99,880.0
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
Q1	2,207.1	3,110.9	3,388.3	4,138.0	172.2	2,853.8	1,051.0	168.3	549.4	1,404.6	457.1	730.5	20,231.2
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
Q2	2,574.3	2,404.6	3,259.9	3,999.9	211.5	2,994.3	1,165.2	240.9	538.1	1,450.7	479.0	658.7	19,977.1
Jul	823.6	796.7	1,076.8	1,437.5	67.3	1,011.1	417.9	63.4	173.8	872.9	167.4	244.8	7,153.1
Aug	916.5	557.5	1,255.7	1,486.1	79.7	1,131.0	431.5	74.6	204.3	571.5	183.6	263.5	7,155.5
Sep	761.5	1,182.6	1,315.0	1,481.3	86.6	1,121.0	442.0	64.1	221.1	588.5	169.4	291.6	7,724.7
Q3	2,501.6	2,536.8	3,647.5	4,404.8	233.7	3,263.1	1,291.3	202.1	599.3	2,032.8	520.3	799.9	22,033.3
% Contribution													
2021	9.4	35.1	11.5	11.9	0.9	11.0	4.7	0.9	2.1	7.3	2.1	3.1	100.0
2022	9.7	27.3	13.4	18.4	0.9	12.0	4.5	0.8	2.3	6.0	1.9	2.9	100.0
Aug	12.8	7.8	17.5	20.8	1.1	15.8	6.0	1.0	2.9	8.0	2.6	3.7	100.0
Sep	9.9	15.3	17.0	19.2	1.1	14.5	5.7	0.8	2.9	7.6	2.2	3.8	100.0

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2021 to September 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
Q1	53.9	1.1	22,653.0	112.3	50.1	213.5	478.1	11.9	81.3	172.0	44.9	91.4	214.9	24,178.3
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
Q2	87.3	0.8	15,461.5	97.9	79.8	251.2	498.0	62.1	114.8	183.6	46.0	69.2	346.2	17,298.2
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
Q3	83.7	732.7	19,307.2	97.0	60.4	190.8	545.4	45.9	89.4	218.5	51.5	93.1	348.7	21,864.4
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
Q4	77.1	490.7	16,707.8	80.5	51.7	221.2	411.3	43.3	72.0	234.4	74.2	210.3	267.3	18,941.8
Total_2021	302.0	1,225.3	74,129.5	387.7	241.9	876.7	1,932.9	163.2	357.4	808.5	216.6	464.0	1,177.0	82,282.7
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
Q1	83.0	653.5	23,288.6	102.2	62.3	318.0	571.9	28.0	77.8	205.2	54.4	96.5	295.7	25,837.1
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
Q2	153.9	939.8	22,730.1	74.8	71.6	359.6	690.9	54.0	96.8	210.5	82.7	161.4	430.1	26,056.2
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
Q3	196.1	1,118.2	26,226.0	79.7	63.8	196.6	733.2	26.5	101.5	307.1	82.4	207.1	516.0	29,854.2
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
Q4	212.9	1,254.2	17,059.3	51.4	51.4	308.9	635.8	28.2	84.6	282.9	99.8	185.7	505.6	20,760.7
Total_2022	645.9	3,965.7	89,304.0	308.2	249.1	1,183.0	2,631.8	136.6	360.6	1,005.7	319.4	650.7	1,747.4	102,508.3
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
Q1	167.8	1,443.8	18,167.3	73.1	55.9	297.3	744.4	23.4	98.4	258.5	64.4	125.3	277.3	21,797.0
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
Q2	135.9	1,357.2	19,519.3	88.8	71.4	196.3	713.8	80.3	91.2	213.5	104.5	160.5	412.1	23,144.7
Jul	34.1	636.0	6,572.8	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.6	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.7	123.3	7,965.0
Aug	29.9	653.0	6,192.6	23.0	27.3	29.6	344.0	58.8	31.5	102.4	30.1	35.1	122.4	7,679.6
Sep	27.6	716.8	2,402.9	15.4	21.8	28.0	257.7	38.8	43.3	105.3	29.6	21.1	115.7	3,823.9
Q3	91.6	2,005.8	15,168.2	55.8	72.6	83.7	887.3	135.7	102.0	325.1	90.5	88.9	361.4	19,468.6
% Contribution														
2021	0.4	1.5	90.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	100.0
2022	0.6	3.9	87.1	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.7	100.0
Aug	0.4	8.5	80.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	4.5	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.6	100.0
Sep	0.7	18.7	62.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	6.7	1.0	1.1	2.8	0.8	0.6	3.0	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2021 to September 2023 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports						Exports					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Period \ HS												
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	0.0	50.3	0.0	21,143.4	1,459.3	22,653.0
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,630.9	838.6	4,471.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,951.3	746.6	6,710.0
Q2	561.7	9.4	0.0	5,505.7	1,578.8	7,655.5	0.0	20.6	0.0	13,112.7	2,328.2	15,461.5
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,423.2	774.1	7,210.0
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	5,072.8	1,252.0	6,326.1
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,755.2	992.2	5,771.1
Q3	514.7	12.1	0.0	5,988.4	845.2	7,360.3	0.0	37.6	0.0	16,251.2	3,018.4	19,307.2
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	280.8	3,413.6	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,805.5	193.6	3,014.2	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	1,235.2	589.6	2,090.8	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,039.5	6,565.1
Q4	614.6	38.4	0.1	6,801.5	1,064.0	8,518.6	0.0	140.9	0.0	13,983.8	2,583.0	16,707.8
Total_2021	2,098.1	76.4	0.1	25,609.9	4,876.0	32,660.5	0.0	249.4	0.0	64,491.2	9,388.9	74,129.5
Jan_2022	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,922.0	291.4	2,225.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	6,726.8	967.7	7,702.8
Feb	0.0	18.6	0.0	2,756.0	521.1	3,295.7	0.0	53.2	0.0	6,729.9	1,276.9	8,060.0
Mar	512.4	14.4	0.0	2,526.8	658.7	3,712.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	5,919.0	1,578.5	7,525.8
Q1	512.4	44.8	0.0	7,204.8	1,471.3	9,233.3	0.0	89.8	0.0	19,375.8	3,823.1	23,288.6
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	851.9	822.8	1,674.8	0.0	29.1	0.0	4,311.7	1,245.5	5,586.4
May	0.0	295.3	0.0	1,619.3	828.0	2,742.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	6,034.3	1,827.7	7,882.7
Jun	374.7	1.6	0.0	183.0	568.9	1,128.2	0.0	41.0	0.0	7,577.3	1,642.7	9,261.0
Q2	374.8	296.9	0.0	2,654.3	2,219.7	5,545.6	0.0	90.8	0.0	17,923.4	4,715.9	22,730.1
Jul	371.6	0.0	0.0	239.7	936.9	1,548.2	0.0	44.3	0.0	7,382.3	1,392.8	8,819.4
Aug	323.3	0.4	0.0	155.0	411.8	890.5	0.0	62.0	0.0	7,573.2	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
Q3	1,110.2	1.2	0.0	5,483.4	1,613.0	8,207.8	0.0	144.1	0.0	20,782.8	5,299.0	26,226.0
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
Q4	904.6	11.9	0.0	2,005.3	1,380.5	4,302.3	8.3	92.1	0.0	12,705.9	4,253.0	17,059.3
Total_2022	2,902.0	354.8	0.0	17,347.8	6,684.4	27,289.0	8.3	416.8	0.0	70,788.0	18,091.0	89,304.0
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
Q1	1,671.7	0.8	0.0	319.6	1,118.8	3,110.9	0.0	100.2	0.0	14,159.1	3,907.9	18,167.3
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
Q2	264.5	1.0	0.0	1,193.6	945.5	2,404.6	342.2	120.5	0.0	14,936.7	4,119.9	19,519.3
Jul	383.7	0.0	0.0	58.3	354.7	796.7	31.0	29.1	0.0	4,792.2	1,720.5	6,572.8
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	53.4	231.3	557.5	0.0	100.4	0.0	4,411.5	1,680.6	6,192.6
Sep	0.0	0.3	0.0	1,069.7	112.6	1,182.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	1,382.9	1,019.0	2,402.9
Q3	656.4	0.4	0.0	1,181.5	698.6	2,536.8	31.0	130.4	0.0	10,586.7	4,420.1	15,168.2

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

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	537.5	317.5	1,225.3	956.4	61.5	644.3	365.0	50.4	178.9	420.5	147.1	185.2	5,089.4	65.9
Namibia	1.2	625.5	12.4	372.3	0.1	0.1	1.3	13.4	0.0	1.9	1.3	0.3	1,030.0	13.3
Eswatini	36.1	0.0	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	48.9	0.6
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
SACU	574.8	943.0	1,248.3	1,328.7	61.6	644.4	366.3	63.8	180.3	422.4	150.3	185.5	6,169.5	79.9
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	145.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.3	1.9
Zambia	0.2	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	15.2	27.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	3.4	63.4	0.8
Other SADC	2.2	0.0	20.2	0.0	0.4	1.5	4.6	0.0	1.1	21.5	2.7	3.1	57.5	0.7
SADC	577.2	943.0	1,285.0	1,473.8	62.0	661.1	402.4	63.8	183.2	444.0	153.1	192.1	6,440.7	83.4
Other Africa	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.7	0.1
Africa	578.1	943.0	1,285.6	1,473.8	62.0	663.8	402.4	63.8	183.2	444.0	153.1	192.5	6,445.4	83.4
China	23.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	7.0	126.8	18.2	0.0	19.7	22.7	6.8	15.0	240.6	3.1
Japan	7.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	95.5	0.0	2.0	111.4	1.4
India	28.6	15.3	1.9	3.6	0.0	6.4	3.8	0.0	5.4	3.0	1.2	13.5	82.5	1.1
Other Asia	8.0	58.5	1.3	1.9	3.8	38.7	3.5	0.3	0.9	4.3	0.0	3.4	124.7	1.6
Asia	67.5	73.8	4.2	5.5	10.9	175.9	25.5	0.3	28.3	125.5	8.0	33.8	559.2	7.2
Belgium	3.0	163.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	172.2	2.2
Other EU	79.3	0.0	16.8	1.6	0.2	156.5	6.1	0.0	8.2	6.1	1.9	11.2	287.9	3.7
EU	82.2	163.8	19.4	1.6	0.2	158.9	6.1	0.0	8.2	6.1	1.9	11.5	460.1	6.0
USA	22.8	2.0	0.8	0.0	8.0	75.9	1.2	0.0	0.3	11.4	0.8	40.0	163.3	2.1
Rest of World	10.9	0.0	5.0	0.4	5.6	46.5	6.7	0.1	1.0	1.4	5.5	13.8	96.7	1.3
Total	761.5	1,182.6	1,315.0	1,481.3	86.6	1,121.0	442.0	64.1	221.1	588.5	169.4	291.6	7,724.7	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level - September 2023

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
South Africa	10.6	6.2	24.1	18.8	1.2	12.7	7.2	1.0	3.5	8.3	2.9	3.6	100.0
Namibia	0.1	60.7	1.2	36.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	73.9	0.0	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.9	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
SACU	9.3	15.3	20.2	21.5	1.0	10.4	5.9	1.0	2.9	6.8	2.4	3.0	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.2	96.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.4	0.0	25.7	0.0	0.0	24.0	43.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	5.4	100.0
Other SADC	3.7	0.0	35.2	0.0	0.7	2.6	8.1	0.0	2.0	37.5	4.7	5.5	100.0
SADC	9.0	14.6	20.0	22.9	1.0	10.3	6.2	1.0	2.8	6.9	2.4	3.0	100.0
Other Africa	19.1	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	58.9	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.2	9.6	100.0
Africa	9.0	14.6	19.9	22.9	1.0	10.3	6.2	1.0	2.8	6.9	2.4	3.0	100.0
China	9.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.9	52.7	7.6	0.0	8.2	9.4	2.8	6.2	100.0
Japan	6.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	2.0	85.7	0.0	1.8	100.0
India	34.6	18.5	2.3	4.3	0.0	7.7	4.6	0.1	6.5	3.6	1.4	16.3	100.0
Other Asia	6.4	46.9	1.0	1.5	3.1	31.1	2.8	0.2	0.7	3.5	0.0	2.7	100.0
Asia	12.1	13.2	0.8	1.0	1.9	31.5	4.6	0.1	5.1	22.4	1.4	6.0	100.0
Belgium	1.7	95.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Other EU	27.5	0.0	5.8	0.5	0.1	54.4	2.1	0.0	2.9	2.1	0.7	3.9	100.0
EU	17.9	35.6	4.2	0.3	0.0	34.5	1.3	0.0	1.8	1.3	0.4	2.5	100.0
USA	14.0	1.2	0.5	0.0	4.9	46.5	0.8	0.0	0.2	7.0	0.5	24.5	100.0
Rest of World	11.2	0.0	5.1	0.4	5.8	48.1	6.9	0.1	1.1	1.5	5.6	14.2	100.0
Total	9.9	15.3	17.0	19.2	1.1	14.5	5.7	0.8	2.9	7.6	2.2	3.8	100.0

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

Year	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	% Contributions
South Africa	25.1	2.6	252.9	15.4	18.3	24.9	213.0	33.8	25.4	78.2	15.8	7.0	54.4	766.7	20.1
Namibia	2.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.0	1.4	2.9	0.0	0.7	5.4	6.6	29.9	0.8
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
SACU	27.6	3.7	252.9	15.4	18.6	24.9	222.8	35.2	28.3	78.2	16.5	12.9	61.3	798.3	20.9
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	23.5	0.0	3.8	13.7	12.0	2.6	35.9	93.3	2.4
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	0.0	1.2	12.4	0.4	3.1	2.1	25.9	0.7
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.3	3.6	10.0	1.1	0.5	1.4	5.1	25.1	0.7
SADC	27.6	3.7	252.9	15.4	20.3	28.0	253.2	38.8	43.3	105.3	29.4	20.1	104.4	942.5	24.6
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.1	0.0
Africa	27.6	3.7	252.9	15.4	20.5	28.0	253.3	38.8	43.3	105.3	29.5	20.1	105.2	943.7	24.7
UAE	0.0	0.0	901.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	901.4	23.6
China	0.0	424.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	432.2	11.3
India	0.0	0.0	362.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	364.0	9.5
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	215.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	217.2	5.7
Israel	0.0	0.0	94.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	94.3	2.5
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	60.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	61.1	1.6
Asia	0.0	424.4	1,633.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	2,070.3	54.1
Belgium	0.0	0.0	461.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	461.3	12.1
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0
EU	0.0	0.0	461.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	461.9	12.1
Australia	0.0	257.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	258.1	6.7
USA	0.0	0.0	55.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.3	57.3	1.5
Rest of World	0.0	31.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	32.8	0.9
Total World	27.6	716.8	2,402.9	15.4	21.8	28.0	257.7	38.8	43.3	105.3	29.6	21.1	115.7	3,823.9	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level - September 2023

Year	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	3.3	0.3	33.0	2.0	2.4	3.2	27.8	4.4	3.3	10.2	2.1	0.9	7.1	100.0
Namibia	8.5	3.7	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	30.0	4.5	9.8	0.0	2.4	18.2	21.9	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	99.6	0.2	100.0
SACU	3.5	0.5	31.7	1.9	2.3	3.1	27.9	4.4	3.5	9.8	2.1	1.6	7.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	25.2	0.0	4.1	14.7	12.9	2.8	38.5	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	25.7	0.0	4.7	47.8	1.5	12.1	8.1	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	1.1	14.4	39.8	4.3	2.1	5.8	20.1	100.0
SADC	2.9	0.4	26.8	1.6	2.2	3.0	26.9	4.1	4.6	11.2	3.1	2.1	11.1	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	75.9	100.0
Africa	2.9	0.4	26.8	1.6	2.2	3.0	26.8	4.1	4.6	11.2	3.1	2.1	11.2	100.0
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
China	0.0	98.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	100.0
Asia	0.0	20.5	78.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	6.2	1.8	32.0	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Australia	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	96.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.5	100.0
Rest of World	0.0	95.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	100.0
Total World	0.7	18.7	62.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	6.7	1.0	1.1	2.8	0.8	0.6	3.0	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	848.1	13.0	11.0
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	515.2	7.9	6.7
3	22021090	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	259.1	4.0	3.4
4	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	140.8	2.2	1.8
5	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	132.3	2.0	1.7
6	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	73.0	1.1	0.9
7	84291100	Track laying	72.8	1.1	0.9
8	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	69.1	1.1	0.9
9	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	62.1	0.9	0.8
10	25232900	Other Portland cement	57.1	0.9	0.7
11	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))	49.7	0.8	0.6
12	38221900	Other Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, whether or not put up in the form of kits :	45.0	0.7	0.6
13	85444990	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified"	44.7	0.7	0.6
14	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	44.3	0.7	0.6
15	87033390	Other vehicles,Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³:	44.2	0.7	0.6
16	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	43.6	0.7	0.6
17	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	42.7	0.7	0.6
18	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	40.0	0.6	0.5
19	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	39.5	0.6	0.5
20	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	38.3	0.6	0.5
21	84304900	Other Self-propelled	36.2	0.6	0.5
22	34012000	Soap in other forms	33.7	0.5	0.4
23	90138000	Other devices, appliances and instruments	33.1	0.5	0.4
24	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	31.3	0.5	0.4
25	27101252	OTHER PREPARED LUBRICATING OILS	29.0	0.4	0.4
26	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)	27.9	0.4	0.4
27	84314300	PARTS FOR BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49	26.4	0.4	0.3
28	38249999	Other mixtures	26.3	0.4	0.3
29	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	24.4	0.4	0.3
30	84717000	Storage units	24.0	0.4	0.3
31	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	23.6	0.4	0.3
32	44071100	Coniferous Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm, Of pine (Pinus spp.)	23.5	0.4	0.3
33	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"	23.4	0.4	0.3

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
34	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	23.2	0.4	0.3
35	87059000	Other Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods	23.0	0.4	0.3
36	64059090	Other footwear	22.7	0.3	0.3
37	21032000	TOMATO KETCHUP AND OTHER TOMATO SAUCES	22.7	0.3	0.3
38	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	22.4	0.3	0.3
39	17011400	OTHER CANE SUGAR	22.2	0.3	0.3
40	19023000	Other pasta	22.1	0.3	0.3
41	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	21.5	0.3	0.3
42	09109900	Other spices	21.5	0.3	0.3
43	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg	21.5	0.3	0.3
44	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	21.1	0.3	0.3
45	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	21.0	0.3	0.3
46	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	20.5	0.3	0.3
47	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	20.2	0.3	0.3
48	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	19.8	0.3	0.3
49	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	19.3	0.3	0.3
50	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	18.9	0.3	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non-Diamond Goods			3,388.3	51.8	43.9
Other Non-Diamond Imports Goods			3,153.8	48.2	40.8
Total Non-Diamond Imports			6,542.1	100.0	84.7
Diamonds Imports			1,182.6		15.3
Total Imports			7,724.7		100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – September 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	716.8	50.4	18.7
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	154.6	10.9	4.0
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	73.2	5.1	1.9
4	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	34.7	2.4	0.9
5	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V : Not Elsewhere Specified	32.5	2.3	0.8
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	31.7	2.2	0.8
7	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	18.3	1.3	0.5
8	12060000	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	18.1	1.3	0.5
9	27011900	Other coal	17.5	1.2	0.5
10	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	17.0	1.2	0.4
11	71081200	Other unwrought forms	15.4	1.1	0.4
12	64059090	Other footwear	12.9	0.9	0.3
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	12.8	0.9	0.3
14	01022900	Other (cattle)	11.0	0.8	0.3
15	27011200	Bituminous coal	10.1	0.7	0.3
16	39235090	Other Stoppers, lids caps and other closures	9.5	0.7	0.2
17	85287290	Other not designed to incorporate a video display or screen	9.2	0.6	0.2
18	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	8.5	0.6	0.2
19	33029090	Other of a kind used in the food or drink industries	7.8	0.5	0.2
20	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.7	0.5	0.2
21	62171090	Other clothing accessories	6.2	0.4	0.2
22	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	6.2	0.4	0.2
23	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	4.9	0.3	0.1
24	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	4.9	0.3	0.1
25	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	4.8	0.3	0.1
26	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap	4.2	0.3	0.1
27	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	3.5	0.2	0.1
28	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.2	0.2	0.1
29	48202000	Exercise books	3.1	0.2	0.1
30	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	3.1	0.2	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	3.0	0.2	0.1
32	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	3.0	0.2	0.1
33	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	2.8	0.2	0.1
34	42034000	Other clothing accessories	2.8	0.2	0.1
35	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.7	0.2	0.1
36	99990010	Personal effects, new or used	2.6	0.2	0.1

Table 4.1 B: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) - September 2023 (Million Pula) Continued

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution (%) Against Total Non-Diamonds Exports	Contribution (%) Against Total Exports
37	84136000	Other rotary positive displacement pumps	2.5	0.2	0.1
38	72043000	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL	2.5	0.2	0.1
39	84869000	PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	2.4	0.2	0.1
40	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	2.4	0.2	0.1
41	85182100	Single loudspeakers, mounted in their enclosures	2.2	0.2	0.1
42	58081000	Braids in the piece	2.2	0.2	0.1
43	02022090	Other (other cuts with bone in of bovine animals, frozen)	2.2	0.2	0.1
44	85177900	Other Aerials and aerial reflectors of all kind; parts suitable for use therewith	2.0	0.1	0.1
45	84742000	Crushing or grinding machines	1.8	0.1	0.0
46	27102000	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) and preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70 per cent or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these	1.8	0.1	0.0
47	94036000	Other wooden furniture	1.8	0.1	0.0
48	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	1.8	0.1	0.0
49	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	1.7	0.1	0.0
50	19023000	Other pasta	1.7	0.1	0.0
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,308.0	92.0	34.2
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			113.1	8.0	3.0
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,421.1	100.0	37.2
Diamonds Exports			2,402.9		62.8
Total Exports			3,823.9		100.0

8.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

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

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

8.1 Time of Recording of Trade

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

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

8.2 Concepts and Definitions

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

8.3 Exclusions from IMTS

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

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

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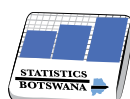
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