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# Preface

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
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# Executive Summary

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

Botswana's merchandise imports in January 2023 were valued at P5, 832.5 million, compared to the revised December 2022 value of P7, 944.7 million, a decline of 26.6 percent. Total exports amounted to P6, 447.2 million, exhibiting a decline of 18.3 percent from the revised December 2022 value of P7, 886.7 million.

The leading import commodity groups were Fuel with a contribution of 22.9 percent, followed by Diamonds with 16.2 percent. Food, Beverages & Tobacco followed with a contribution of 15.1 percent to total imports. Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 81.7 percent, 7.9 percent and 3.0 percent to total exports respectively, during the reference period.

In January 2023, imports from the Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) made a contribution of 66.2 percent, whilst those from Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 10.9 percent and 6.8 percent of total imports respectively. Imports from South Africa accounted for 61.4 percent while those from Canada and the United States of America (USA) accounted for 5.8 percent and 5.4 percent of total imports respectively. Namibia provided imports representing 4.5 percent of total imports.

Exports destined to Asia, the **EU** and **SACU** accounted for 60.2 percent, 19.5 percent and 17.0 percent of the total exports, respectively, during the month under review. United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), Belgium and India received exports representing 27.3 percent, 19.5 percent and 16.0 percent of the monthly total, in that order. South Africa received 15.7 percent of total export during January 2023.

During the current period, imports transported by Road accounted for 68.5 percent whereas those entering the country by Air and Rail represented 17.5 percent and 14.0 percent, respectively. Exports by Air accounted for 82.7 percent of total exports, while those by road and rail transport represented 16.8 percent and 0.5 percent respectively.

Merchandise worth P 11, 754.1 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 52.7 percent of goods in transit were transported through Kazungula Bridge. Martins Drift and Mamuno border posts followed with 33.2 percent and 8.6 percent of the total transiting goods.



## 1.0 Total Trade

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

## 1.1 Data Revision

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

Transactions for December 2022 had late customs duty assessments which were undertaken in January 2023. **Table A** shows revised data, comparing figures as at the December 2022 Digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, both trade flows were revised upwards by 1.1 percent and 0.6 percent respectively.

**Table A: Data Revision: December 2022 (Million Pula)**

Period/	As at December 2022 Digest			As at January 2023 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
Indicators	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Dec	7,855.6	7,843.4	(12.2)	7,944.7	7,886.7	(58.0)	89.1	43.4	(45.8)	1.1	0.6	373.9

( ) denotes negative

## 1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), which includes the cost of the commodity, insurance and freight charges, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival. In January 2023, the value of total imports was P5, 832.5 million, registering a decrease of 26.6 percent (P2, 112.3 million) from the revised December 2022 figure of P7, 944.7 million. The reduction was mostly attributed to a fall in the importation of Diamonds by 59.8 percent (P1, 405.6 million) as shown in **Table 2.1**.

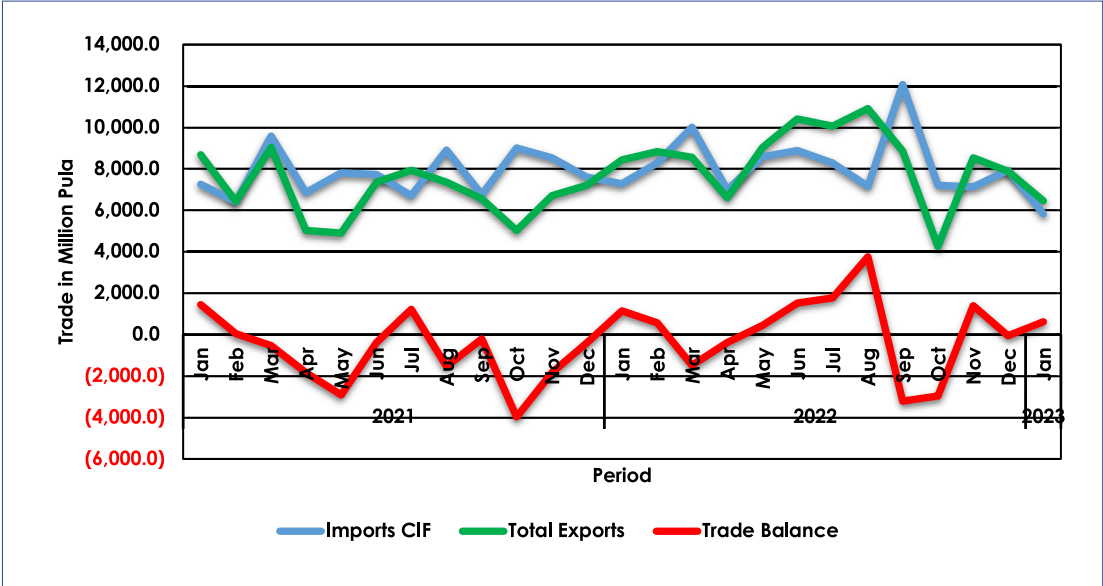
## 1.3 Total Exports

Botswana registered a drop of 18.3 percent (P1, 439.5 million) in total export value, from the revised December 2022 figure of P7, 886.7 million to P6, 447.2 million in January 2023. The main contributor to the decrease in total exports was Diamonds, having decreased by 21.0 percent (P1, 399.0 million) from a revised December value of P6, 669.5 million to P5, 270.5 million in the current month, as displayed in **Table 2.2**.

## 1.4 Trade Balance

In January 2023 Botswana registered a trade surplus of P614.8 million. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to January 2023.

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



## 2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

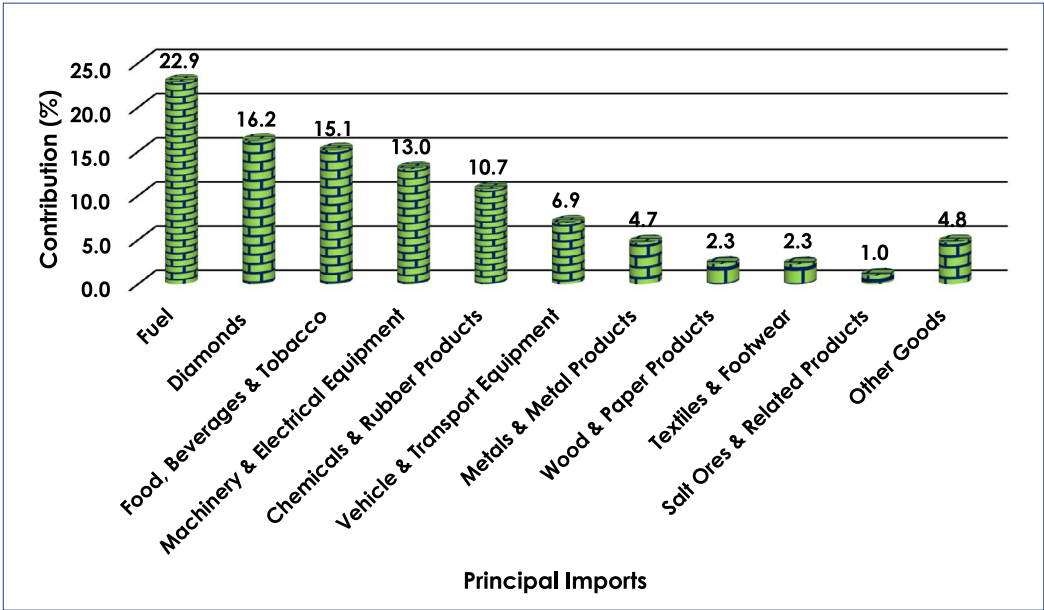
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

### 2.1 Principal Imports

During January 2023, Botswana received imports valued at P5, 832.5 million. The top import groups were; Fuel; Diamonds; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Fuel and Diamonds imports contributed 22.9 percent (P1, 335.5 million) and 16.2 percent (P946.1 million) of total imports respectively. Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with contributions of 15.1 percent (P883.3 million) and 13.0 percent (P760.8 million) to total imports respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

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



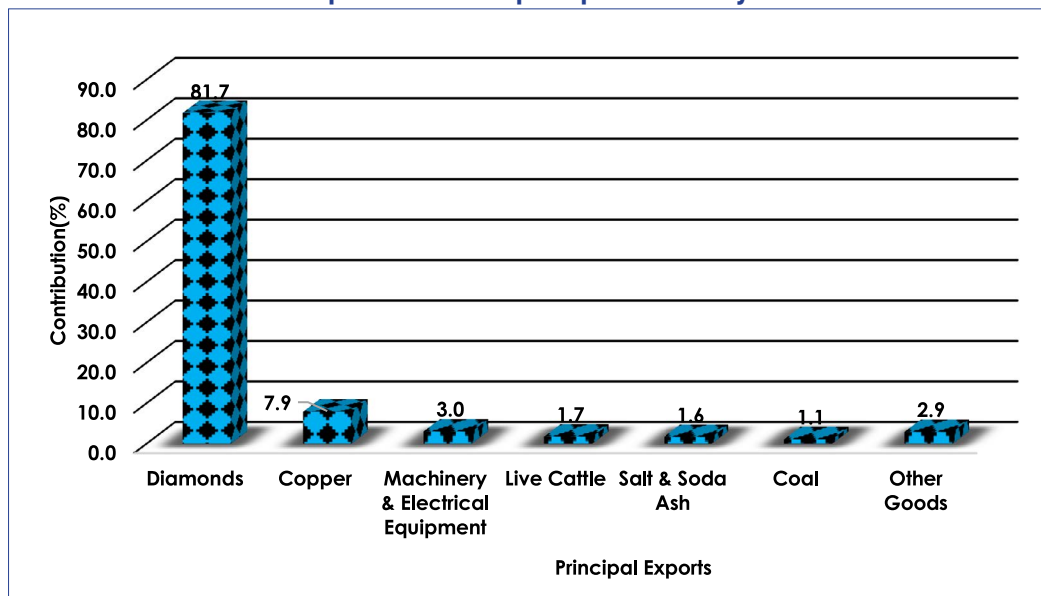
Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in [Table 2.1](#)

### 2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise valued at P6, 447.2 million in January 2023. The Diamonds group accounted for 81.7 percent (P5, 270.5 million), followed by Copper at 7.9 percent (P509.6 million). Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 3.0 percent (P194.7 million) to the monthly total value of exports. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).



**Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports - January 2023**



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

### 3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result the direction of trade discusses the last known destination for exports and sources of imports. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Trade by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during January 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

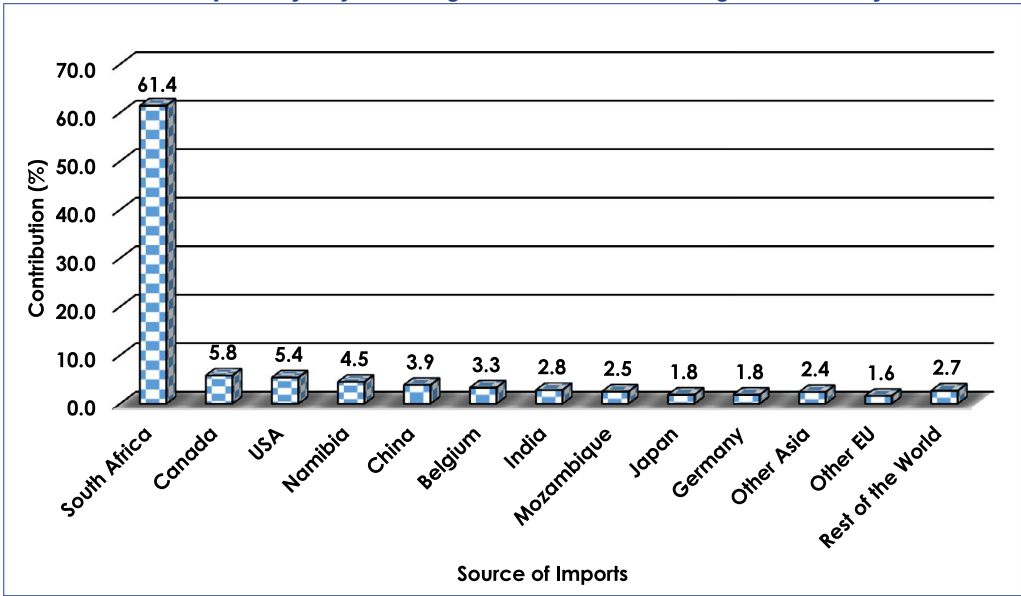
Botswana imported goods worth P5, 832.5 million, in January 2023. The SACU region was the top supplier at 66.2 percent (P3, 863.0 million) to the total. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel, Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 30.7 percent (P1, 184.8 million), 21.4 percent (P826.5 million) and 12.5 percent (P483.2 million), respectively. Within the SACU region, South Africa and Namibia were Botswana's main sources of imports during the reporting period. The countries supplied 61.4 percent (P3, 583.8 million) and 4.5 percent (264.0 million) of Botswana's total imports.

Asia supplied imports worth P637.4 million, representing 10.9 percent of Botswana's total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Diamonds with contributions of 28.9 percent (P184.4 million) and 20.0 percent (P127.3 million) of total imports from the block, respectively. China, India and Japan made contributions of 3.9 percent (P224.6 million), 2.8 percent (P164.8 million) and 1.8 percent (P107.0 million) to total imports respectively, during the month under review.

Botswana received imports worth P395.3 million (6.8 percent) from the EU in January 2023. Belgium and Germany supplied 3.3 percent (P193.2 million) and 1.8 percent (P106.9 million) of all the imports. The major commodity groups imported from the EU were Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 45.2 percent (P178.8 million) and 34.2 percent (P135.1 million) of total imports from the union, respectively.

In January 2023, Canada and the USA contributed 5.8 percent (P339.7 million) and 5.4 percent (P314.8 million) of total imports correspondingly. Sources of imports during January 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

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



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

### 3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

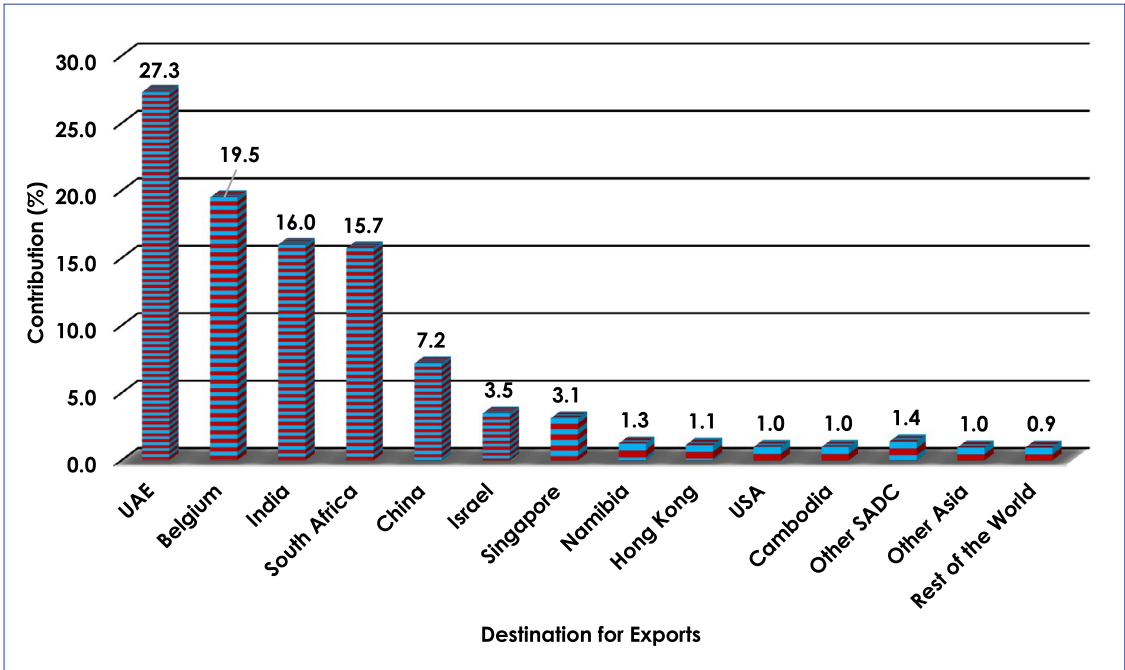
Botswana exported merchandise valued at P6, 447.2 million in January 2023. Regarding the top export destinations, Asia was the largest export market for Botswana, having received 60.2 percent (P3, 879.5 million) of total exports. These exports were mainly destined for the UAE, India and China, at 27.3 percent (P1, 256.6 million), 16.0 percent (P1, 031.4 million) and 7.2 percent (P463.2 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia, at 88.0 percent, as shown in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

The EU received exports amounting to P1, 258.0 million, representing 19.5 percent of total exports during the month. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, having received 99.9 percent (P1,256.6 million) of all goods to the Union. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU as displayed in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

Exports destined to the SACU region amounted to P1, 095.1 million, accounting for 17.0 percent of total exports. Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Live Cattle were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 48.7 percent (P532.8 million), 16.0 percent (P175.7 million) and 10.0 percent (P110.0 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of SACU destined exports at 15.7 percent (P1, 014.0 million).

The USA received exports worth P65.6 million, representing 1.0 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to the USA was Diamonds at 98.3 percent (P64.5 million) of exports to that country. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – January 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. This is intended to present the most traded goods (excluding Diamonds) with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution, possible exportation and economic diversification.

## 5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

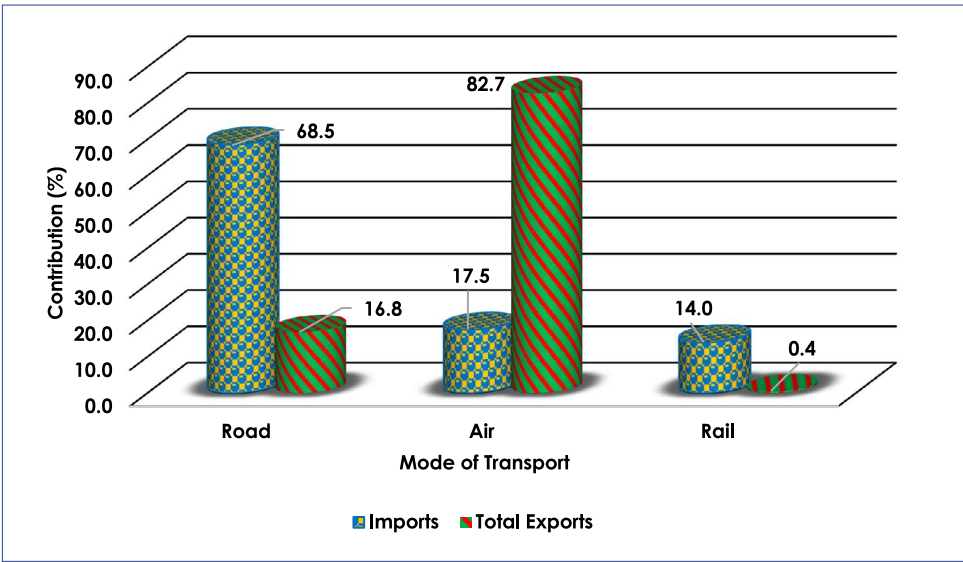
During the month under review Imports accounting for 68.5 percent (P3, 998.1 million) of the monthly total value were transported into the country by Road, while those carried by Air and Rail represented 17.5 percent (P1, 019.0 million) and 14.0 percent (P814.5 million) respectively.

Goods that left the country by Air were valued at P5, 334.5 million, representing 82.7 percent of total exports, while those exported by Road and rail accounted for 16.8 percent (P1, 083.1 million) and 0.4 percent (P28.7 million) in that order.

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

Trans Type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail	814.5	14.0	28.7	0.5
Road	3,998.1	68.5	1,083.1	16.8
Air	1,019.0	17.5	5,334.5	82.7
Other Modes	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0
Total	5,832.5	100.0	6,447.2	100.0

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



# 6.0 Transit Trade

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

**Table C1** and **Chart C1** below shows that for the month of January 2023, goods worth P11, 754.1 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Kazungula Bridge, Martins Drift and Mamuno border posts handled goods accounting for 52.7 percent (P6, 188.7 million), 33.2 percent (P3, 901.9 million) and 8.6 percent (P1, 011.1 million). The top most transiting goods were Chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind), 74 (Copper and articles thereof) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals) at 35.0 percent (P4, 116.2 million), 17.6 percent (P2, 070.3 million) and 8.9 percent (P1, 043.5 million) respectively.

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

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Kazungula Bridge	6,188.7	52.7
Martins Drift	3,901.9	33.2
Mamuno Border post	1,011.1	8.6
Other Border Posts	652.4	5.6
Total	11,754.1	100.0

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

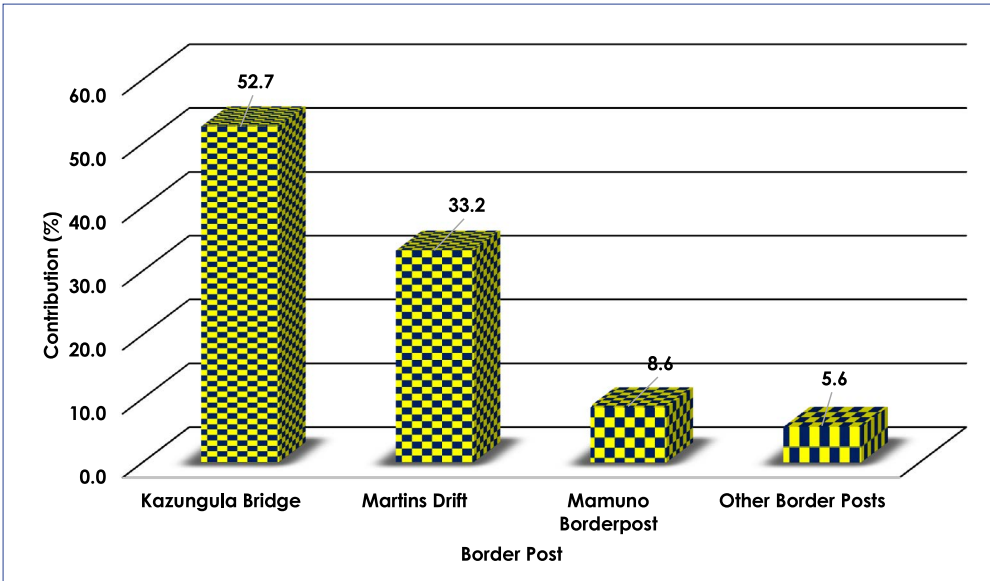
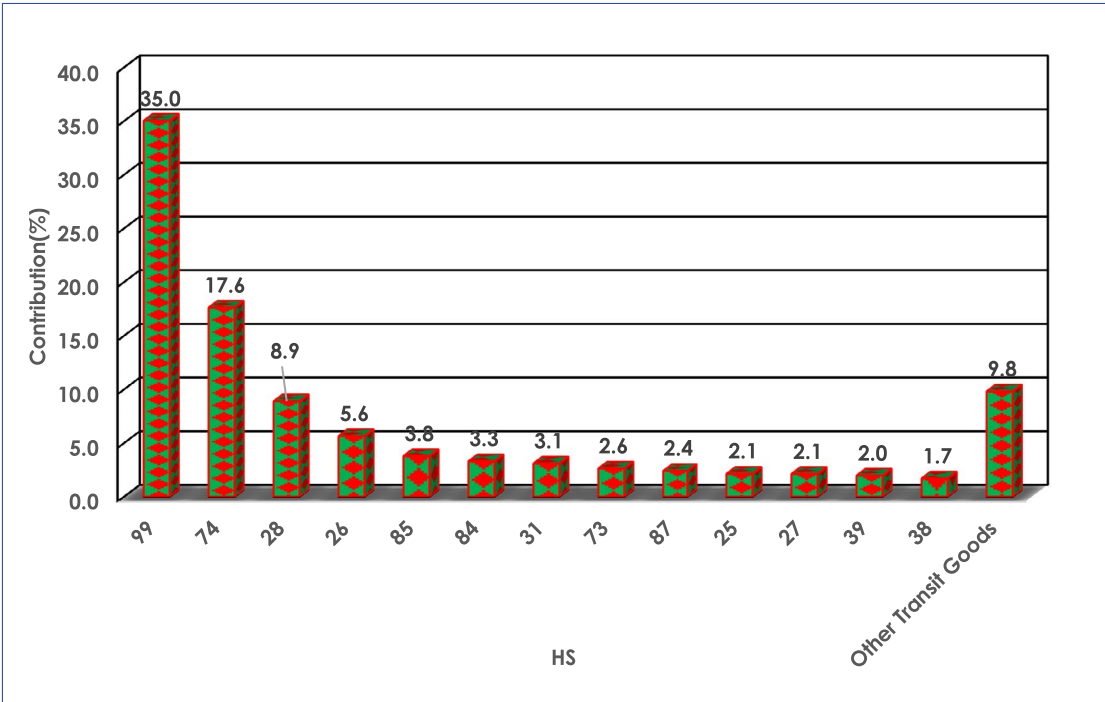


Table C2: Transit by Chapter – January 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	99	Miscellaneous Commodities not specified according to kind	4,116.2	35.0
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	2,070.3	17.6
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of	1,043.5	8.9
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	662.1	5.6
5	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television	444.2	3.8
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	386.8	3.3
7	31	Fertilizers	362.5	3.1
8	73	Iron or steel articles	307.9	2.6
9	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	281.1	2.4
10	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	249.3	2.1
11	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral wax	248.8	2.1
12	39	Plastics and articles thereof	230.3	2.0
13	38	Chemical products not elsewhere classified	199.1	1.7
Top Transit Goods			10,602.2	90.2
Other Transit Goods			1,151.9	9.8
Total Transit Goods			11,754.1	100.0

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





## 7.0 Annexure

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

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.7	261.6	1.4	8,689.1	0.3	8,689.4	1,438.7
Feb	6,402.0	6,130.6	269.7	1.6	6,443.6	0.0	6,443.6	41.6
Mar	9,580.1	9,228.0	350.7	1.4	9,039.7	0.0	9,039.7	(540.4)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>23,232.9</b>	<b>22,346.4</b>	<b>882.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>24,172.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>24,172.8</b>	<b>939.9</b>
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.5	0.0	5,030.5	(1,825.8)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.7)
Jun	7,740.3	7,467.9	270.8	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(370.9)
<b>Q2</b>	<b>22,412.5</b>	<b>21,555.6</b>	<b>852.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>17,297.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>17,298.1</b>	<b>(5,114.4)</b>
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.4	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.9	8,561.4	340.9	1.7	7,367.5	0.0	7,367.5	(1,536.3)
Sep	6,751.7	6,473.4	276.7	1.6	6,553.6	1.9	6,555.5	(196.2)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>22,361.1</b>	<b>21,463.2</b>	<b>893.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21,851.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>21,853.4</b>	<b>(507.8)</b>
Oct	9,003.1	8,649.5	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.6)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.2	4.3	6,706.5	(1,841.4)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>25,158.5</b>	<b>24,109.3</b>	<b>1,042.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>18,931.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>18,941.7</b>	<b>(6,216.8)</b>
<b>Total_2021</b>	<b>93,165.0</b>	<b>89,474.5</b>	<b>3,670.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>82,252.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>82,265.8</b>	<b>(10,899.1)</b>
Jan_2022	7,288.3	6,974.3	312.1	1.9	8,446.3	0.0	8,446.3	1,158.0
Feb	8,276.3	7,935.9	338.1	2.2	8,841.5	0.1	8,841.6	565.3
Mar	10,019.6	9,624.9	392.2	2.4	8,548.8	0.3	8,549.1	(1,470.5)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>25,584.1</b>	<b>24,535.1</b>	<b>1,042.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>25,836.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>25,837.0</b>	<b>252.8</b>
Apr	6,978.5	6,671.7	304.9	1.9	6,606.4	0.0	6,606.4	(372.2)
May	8,577.3	8,252.8	322.8	1.7	9,032.7	0.1	9,032.8	455.5
Jun	8,882.4	8,348.0	532.5	1.8	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,522.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>24,438.3</b>	<b>23,272.6</b>	<b>1,160.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>26,041.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>26,043.5</b>	<b>1,605.3</b>
Jul	8,282.1	7,931.7	348.8	1.6	10,057.3	0.9	10,058.2	1,776.1
Aug	7,151.7	6,810.2	338.9	2.5	10,910.1	1.7	10,911.9	3,760.2
Sep	12,072.7	11,739.3	331.4	2.0	8,863.4	0.0	8,863.4	(3,209.3)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>27,506.5</b>	<b>26,481.2</b>	<b>1,019.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>29,830.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>29,833.5</b>	<b>2,327.1</b>
Oct	7,220.3	6,908.6	310.3	1.4	4,258.7	0.0	4,258.7	(2,961.6)
Nov	7,126.4	6,789.9	334.8	1.7	8,512.5	21.8	8,534.3	1,407.9
Dec	7,944.7	7,647.8	294.7	2.2	7,886.1	0.7	7,886.7	(58.0)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>22,291.5</b>	<b>21,346.3</b>	<b>939.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>20,657.3</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>20,679.8</b>	<b>(1,611.8)</b>
<b>Total_2022</b>	<b>99,820.4</b>	<b>95,635.2</b>	<b>4,161.7</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>102,366.6</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>102,393.8</b>	<b>2,573.4</b>
Jan_2023	5,832.5	5,563.9	267.0	1.5	6,447.2	0.0	6,447.2	614.8

**Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2021 to January 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	438.2	129.8	246.8	6,402.0
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	929.0	399.4	69.1	174.6	918.2	194.2	321.1	9,580.1
Q1	2,099.1	9,126.1	2,537.8	2,342.1	201.3	2,279.6	1,019.3	209.9	450.5	1,737.9	441.7	787.5	23,232.9
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	64.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	177.1	836.0	148.7	236.8	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	62.2	868.1	412.0	70.9	135.8	688.8	159.8	225.0	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	871.3	860.0	67.5	888.6	384.6	78.8	133.6	459.9	147.7	228.6	7,740.3
Q2	2,085.3	7,655.5	2,515.8	2,526.1	194.1	2,495.5	1,143.5	219.0	446.4	1,984.7	456.2	690.4	22,412.5
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	53.8	810.6	358.0	74.7	118.5	359.1	154.0	219.0	6,705.6
Aug	748.9	3,563.0	831.5	1,074.2	81.9	962.9	432.1	75.8	156.6	517.1	195.8	264.1	8,903.9
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	85.3	957.0	389.7	76.2	189.6	454.9	181.8	256.5	6,751.7
Q3	2,107.4	7,360.3	2,628.6	2,839.6	221.0	2,730.5	1,179.8	226.7	464.7	1,331.2	531.7	739.6	22,361.1
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	86.4	960.9	321.8	70.4	236.5	512.0	162.9	225.2	9,003.1
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	1,717.0	488.9	689.9	25,158.5
Total_2021	8,783.8	32,660.5	10,726.2	11,122.0	849.1	10,230.1	4,364.1	855.5	1,976.9	6,770.8	1,918.5	2,907.4	93,165.0
Jan_2022	1,075.4	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	132.0	429.8	130.9	159.0	7,288.3
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,045.5	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	185.0	429.1	142.2	198.3	8,276.3
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	68.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	212.3	513.3	165.7	241.5	10,019.6
Q1	2,563.2	9,233.3	2,936.6	3,572.4	169.4	2,845.2	1,141.8	183.0	529.4	1,372.2	438.8	598.9	25,584.1
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	902.9	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	165.3	392.3	140.8	194.2	6,978.5
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	105.4	1,105.5	409.1	70.1	182.1	388.9	150.8	234.7	8,577.3
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.1	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	166.4	720.3	148.4	242.5	8,882.4
Q2	2,331.1	5,545.6	4,117.1	4,572.3	236.5	3,174.2	1,138.0	196.6	513.8	1,501.5	440.0	671.4	24,438.3
Jul	695.1	1,548.2	978.5	2,295.6	89.4	1,018.5	369.4	67.9	204.4	619.9	163.7	231.4	8,282.1
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.5	964.2	384.0	78.5	215.9	514.5	183.1	328.7	7,151.7
Sep	853.5	5,763.4	1,037.5	1,469.3	74.9	1,098.2	391.2	65.2	215.9	629.3	194.8	279.5	12,072.7
Q3	2,286.7	8,202.1	3,063.5	5,499.2	236.8	3,080.8	1,144.6	211.7	636.2	1,763.7	541.6	839.6	27,506.5
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,020.6	1,499.6	80.9	1,067.8	326.6	61.3	203.7	469.6	160.9	270.0	7,220.3
Nov	968.8	641.5	1,162.3	1,521.8	83.0	1,069.1	381.6	63.0	265.4	483.9	193.9	292.2	7,126.4
Dec	766.5	2,351.7	1,003.8	1,670.7	77.3	750.1	311.4	50.5	167.2	366.4	157.9	271.3	7,944.7
Q4	2,485.6	4,302.3	3,186.7	4,692.0	241.3	2,886.9	1,019.6	174.7	636.3	1,319.9	512.7	833.5	22,291.5
Total_2022	9,666.6	27,283.3	13,303.8	18,336.0	884.0	11,987.2	4,444.0	766.0	2,315.7	5,957.3	1,933.2	2,943.3	99,820.4
Jan_2023	625.9	946.1	883.3	1,335.5	45.1	760.8	275.9	56.1	132.2	404.7	134.2	232.6	5,832.5
% Contribution													
2021	9.4	35.1	11.5	11.9	0.9	11.0	4.7	0.9	2.1	7.3	2.1	3.1	100.0
2022	9.7	27.3	13.3	18.4	0.9	12.0	4.5	0.8	2.3	6.0	1.9	2.9	100.0
Jan	10.7	16.2	15.1	22.9	0.8	13.0	4.7	1.0	2.3	6.9	2.3	4.0	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	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	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	64.4	8,689.4
Feb	14.1	0.0	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	60.8	151.7	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	82.3	6,443.6
Mar	25.1	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	74.4	9,039.7
Q1	53.9	1.1	22,653.0	112.3	50.1	213.5	478.1	81.3	172.0	44.9	91.4	221.2	24,172.8
Apr	22.9	0.1	4,471.4	0.0	20.5	63.0	182.3	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	135.7	5,030.5
May	31.4	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	125.8	4,898.1
Jun	33.1	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	146.7	7,369.5
Q2	87.3	0.8	15,461.5	97.9	79.8	251.2	498.0	114.8	183.6	46.0	69.2	408.2	17,298.1
Jul	33.1	86.8	7,210.0	0.0	18.3	80.5	183.3	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	138.1	7,930.3
Aug	22.7	396.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	164.1	24.9	51.3	18.5	35.7	147.7	7,367.5
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	30.6	62.7	18.4	26.0	105.9	6,555.5
Q3	83.8	730.8	19,307.2	97.0	60.4	190.8	543.4	89.3	218.5	51.5	88.9	391.8	21,853.4
Oct	30.6	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	89.5	5,030.5
Nov	25.4	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.7	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	104.2	6,706.5
Dec	21.0	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	116.9	7,204.7
Q4	77.1	490.7	16,707.8	80.5	51.7	221.2	411.3	72.0	234.4	74.2	210.3	310.6	18,941.7
Total_2021	302.0	1,223.3	74,129.5	387.7	241.9	876.7	1,930.8	357.3	808.5	216.6	459.8	1,331.7	82,265.8
Jan_2022	29.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	122.5	8,446.3
Feb	18.2	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	88.6	8,841.6
Mar	35.1	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.7	112.4	8,549.1
Q1	83.1	653.5	23,288.6	102.2	62.3	318.0	571.9	77.8	205.2	54.4	96.4	323.6	25,837.0
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.6	28.5	42.1	23.1	69.0	96.7	6,606.4
May	66.9	314.1	7,882.7	0.0	22.7	133.9	238.5	30.9	75.2	33.3	34.1	200.5	9,032.8
Jun	46.3	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	37.3	93.2	25.5	57.9	179.1	10,404.4
Q2	153.9	939.4	22,730.1	74.8	71.5	359.6	687.7	96.8	210.5	82.0	161.1	476.2	26,043.5
Jul	60.2	363.8	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	34.0	72.6	23.9	33.9	250.4	10,058.2
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,645.7	30.1	20.1	85.1	216.9	30.6	125.4	33.1	55.9	154.4	10,911.9
Sep	71.0	303.6	7,751.9	14.1	19.6	14.1	272.8	36.2	106.9	25.0	115.4	132.9	8,863.4
Q3	195.8	1,117.3	26,217.1	79.7	63.5	196.6	733.0	100.8	304.9	81.9	205.2	537.7	29,833.5
Oct	84.9	467.1	2,997.5	16.8	20.7	140.9	210.1	33.7	87.8	28.8	29.9	140.6	4,258.7
Nov	64.7	317.9	7,340.8	16.3	19.8	85.3	290.9	28.5	89.3	34.4	45.7	200.8	8,534.3
Dec	61.9	465.2	6,669.5	18.3	10.6	82.7	129.6	22.1	97.3	33.2	109.9	186.5	7,886.7
Q4	211.5	1,250.1	17,007.8	51.4	51.1	308.9	630.6	84.3	274.4	96.3	185.5	527.8	20,679.8
Total_2022	644.2	3,960.3	89,243.6	308.2	248.5	1,183.0	2,623.2	359.6	995.0	314.6	648.2	1,865.4	102,393.8
Jan_2023	68.3	509.6	5,270.5	7.4	10.5	110.6	194.7	33.5	105.7	21.5	21.0	93.8	6,447.2
% Contribution													
2021	0.4	1.5	90.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.6	100.0
2022	0.6	3.9	87.2	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.6	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.8	100.0
Jan	1.1	7.9	81.7	0.1	0.2	1.7	3.0	0.5	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.5	100.0

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

FlowType	Imports						Total 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	7,572.9	2,010.9	9,645.7
Sep	415.3	0.8	0.0	5,088.8	258.6	5,763.4	0.0	37.8	0.0	5,827.4	1,886.7	7,751.9
Q3	1,110.2	1.2	0.0	5,483.4	1,607.3	8,202.1	0.0	144.1	0.0	20,782.5	5,290.4	26,217.1
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	5,648.3	1,634.7	7,340.8
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	12,697.4	4,210.1	17,007.8
Total_2022	2,902.0	354.8	0.0	17,347.8	6,678.7	27,283.3	8.3	416.8	0.0	70,779.1	18,039.5	89,243.6
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	490.2	946.1	0.0	9.6	0.0	4,401.7	859.1	5,270.5

**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-January 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	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Distribution
South Africa	479.7	9.1	812.9	948.3	26.1	399.0	199.5	43.9	101.0	334.3	117.0	113.0	3,583.8	61.4
Namibia	0.3	8.2	4.3	236.5	0.0	0.8	0.3	12.2	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	264.0	4.5
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
Swaziland	3.2	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	13.9	0.2
<b>SACU</b>	<b>483.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>826.5</b>	<b>1,184.8</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>399.7</b>	<b>199.8</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>113.1</b>	<b>3,863.0</b>	<b>66.2</b>
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	141.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	143.8	2.5
Zambia	0.3	0.0	13.0	8.0	0.0	0.1	21.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	44.3	0.8
Zimbabwe	2.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.5	1.6	10.1	0.2
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</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>0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>485.4</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>843.7</b>	<b>1,334.7</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>400.4</b>	<b>222.8</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>335.6</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>116.2</b>	<b>4,061.9</b>	<b>69.6</b>
Other Africa	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	3.7	0.1
<b>Africa</b>	<b>486.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>843.7</b>	<b>1,334.7</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>402.5</b>	<b>222.8</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>335.8</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>4,065.7</b>	<b>69.7</b>
China	20.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	6.8	123.6	29.7	0.0	16.7	4.2	7.3	15.6	224.6	3.9
UAE	2.6	6.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.8	0.6	4.3	41.3	0.7
India	40.8	79.4	1.3	0.0	0.1	32.2	4.4	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.6	4.6	164.8	2.8
Japan	4.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	8.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.1	0.0	64.7	107.0	1.8
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>637.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Belgium	12.7	178.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	193.2	3.3
Germany	14.5	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	72.4	0.5	0.0	7.1	0.6	1.8	7.0	106.9	1.8
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>178.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>395.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>
Canada	11.2	320.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	339.7	5.8
USA	6.3	288.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	6.6	1.2	0.0	0.4	5.5	1.6	4.6	314.8	5.4
<b>Rest of World</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>625.9</b>	<b>946.1</b>	<b>883.3</b>	<b>1,335.5</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>760.8</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>132.2</b>	<b>404.7</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>232.7</b>	<b>5,832.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Partner \ 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	13.4	0.3	22.7	26.5	0.7	11.1	5.6	1.2	2.8	9.3	3.3	3.2	100.0
Namibia	0.1	3.1	1.6	89.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	4.6	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	22.9	0.0	66.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	100.0
SACU	12.5	0.4	21.4	30.7	0.7	10.3	5.2	1.5	2.7	8.7	3.1	2.9	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.7	0.0	29.4	18.1	0.0	0.3	47.6	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	19.4	0.0	33.8	0.0	4.0	5.1	5.8	0.0	0.6	0.2	14.7	16.3	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	90.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	7.3	100.0
SADC	12.0	0.4	20.8	32.9	0.7	9.9	5.5	1.4	2.5	8.3	3.0	2.9	100.0
Other Africa	17.7	12.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	57.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	4.2	0.3	5.7	100.0
Africa	12.0	0.4	20.8	32.8	0.7	9.9	5.5	1.4	2.5	8.3	3.0	2.9	100.0
China	9.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.0	55.0	13.2	0.0	7.4	1.9	3.2	6.9	100.0
UAE	6.4	15.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.0	1.4	10.4	100.0
India	24.8	48.1	0.8	0.0	0.1	19.5	2.6	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.3	2.8	100.0
Japan	3.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	7.8	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	0.0	60.4	100.0
Other Asia	3.9	41.9	23.9	0.5	0.9	13.7	4.8	0.0	1.9	5.2	0.5	3.0	100.0
Asia	11.3	20.0	4.0	0.1	2.5	28.9	6.1	0.0	3.1	8.0	1.4	14.4	100.0
Belgium	6.6	92.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Germany	13.6	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	67.8	0.4	0.0	6.6	0.6	1.7	6.5	100.0
Other EU	16.8	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.8	64.8	7.4	0.0	0.5	3.1	0.1	3.6	100.0
EU	10.9	45.2	1.3	0.0	0.4	34.2	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.9	0.5	2.7	100.0
Canada	3.3	94.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
USA	2.0	91.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.8	0.5	1.5	100.0
Rest of World	9.0	17.3	10.5	0.0	0.7	35.3	6.6	0.0	1.6	10.6	1.7	6.7	100.0
Total	10.7	16.2	15.1	22.9	0.8	13.0	4.7	1.0	2.3	6.9	2.3	4.0	100.0



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

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	33.7	1.7	500.9	7.4	9.0	110.0	170.7	15.9	91.1	15.6	8.2	50.0	1,014.0	15.7
Namibia	32.0	0.0	31.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.7	0.0	0.5	5.3	5.4	80.7	1.3
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
SACU	65.7	1.7	532.8	7.4	9.0	110.0	175.7	16.6	91.1	16.1	13.4	55.6	1,095.1	17.0
Other SADC	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	15.9	15.4	14.6	5.4	4.5	31.9	91.6	1.4
SADC	68.3	1.7	532.8	7.4	9.7	110.6	191.5	32.0	105.7	21.5	18.0	87.5	1,186.7	18.4
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.9	6.0	0.1
Africa	68.3	1.7	532.8	7.4	9.7	110.6	191.8	33.0	105.7	21.5	20.8	89.4	1,192.8	18.5
UAE	0.0	0.0	1,759.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1,760.6	27.3
India	0.0	0.0	1,029.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1,031.4	16.0
China	0.0	461.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	463.2	7.2
Israel	0.0	0.0	223.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	223.7	3.5
Singapore	0.0	0.0	200.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	200.7	3.1
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	73.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.7	1.1
Cambodia	0.0	0.0	64.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.3	1.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	61.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	61.8	1.0
Asia	0.0	461.9	3,412.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	3,879.5	60.2
Belgium	0.0	0.0	1,255.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1,256.6	19.5
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
EU	0.0	0.0	1,255.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1,258.0	19.5
USA	0.0	0.0	64.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	65.6	1.0
Rest of the World	0.0	46.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	51.3	0.8
World	68.3	509.6	5,270.5	7.4	10.5	110.6	194.7	33.5	105.7	21.5	21.0	93.8	6,447.2	100.0

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

Partner \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	3.3	0.2	49.4	0.7	0.9	10.8	16.8	1.6	9.0	1.5	0.8	4.9	100.0
Namibia	39.7	0.0	39.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.0	0.9	0.0	0.6	6.6	6.7	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.3	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	76.1	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.7	0.0	0.0	10.9	0.0	14.4	100.0
SACU	6.0	0.2	48.7	0.7	0.8	10.0	16.0	1.5	8.3	1.5	1.2	5.1	100.0
Other SADC	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.7	17.3	16.8	16.0	5.9	5.0	34.8	100.0
SADC	5.8	0.1	44.9	0.6	0.8	9.3	16.1	2.7	8.9	1.8	1.5	7.4	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	17.0	0.0	0.1	46.9	31.5	100.0
Africa	5.7	0.1	44.7	0.6	0.8	9.3	16.1	2.8	8.9	1.8	1.7	7.5	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	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
China	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	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	100.0
Singapore	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.2	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	100.0
Cambodia	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	100.0
Asia	0.0	11.9	88.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	99.9	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	0.2	0.0	61.6	34.5	0.0	0.2	1.0	2.5	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	89.6	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
World	1.1	7.9	81.7	0.1	0.2	1.7	3.0	0.5	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.5	100.0

**Table 4.1 A: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) - January 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula	%
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	644.9	11.1
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	418.6	7.2
3	27160000	Electrical Energy	169.9	2.9
4	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars:	104.6	1.8
5	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	65.3	1.1
6	90221200	Computed tomography apparatus	64.4	1.1
7	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin )	63.5	1.1
8	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))	62.3	1.1
9	25232900	Other portland cement	49.0	0.8
10	85444990	Other Insulated electric conductors nes, not of copper, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V, not fitted with connectors	45.4	0.8
11	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	42.7	0.7
12	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	42.6	0.7
13	87033390	Other motor cars of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cc:	40.0	0.7
14	84295900	Other machinery with a 360° revolving super structure	38.7	0.7
15	84314990	Other radiators	35.2	0.6
16	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	32.4	0.6
17	85177900	Other parts of aerials and aerial reflectors of all kind; parts suitable for use therewith	29.8	0.5
18	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	29.3	0.5
19	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	27.9	0.5
20	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 "	26.7	0.5
21	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	25.8	0.4
22	16041317	Sardines (pilchards) (SARDINOPS SPP.), in airtight metal containers for human consumption	25.6	0.4
23	34012000	Soap in other forms	25.2	0.4
24	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus:	24.1	0.4
25	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	23.2	0.4
26	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	23.0	0.4
27	87032490	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 8702), including station wagons and racing cars.	22.5	0.4
28	27101252	Other prefabricated lubricating oils	22.3	0.4
29	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	21.1	0.4
30	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of Subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	20.5	0.4
31	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	20.0	0.3
32	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)	19.5	0.3
33	17011400	Other cane sugar	19.4	0.3
34	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	18.7	0.3
35	84223000	Machinery for filling, closing, sealing or labelling bottles, cans, boxes, bags or other containers; machinery for capsuling bottles, jars, tubes and similar containers; machinery for aerating beverages	18.6	0.3
36	87032290	Other motor cars of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cc but not exceeding 1 500 cc	18.3	0.3
37	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	18.1	0.3
38	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	18.0	0.3
39	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	17.5	0.3
40	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	17.5	0.3

**Table 4.1 A Cont'd: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – January 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula	%
41	84378000	Other machinery	16.6	0.3
42	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	15.1	0.3
43	22060081	Other fermented apple or pear beverages, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 per cent by volume but not exceeding 15 per cent by volume, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	14.7	0.3
44	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	14.6	0.2
45	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	14.4	0.2
46	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	14.3	0.2
47	39019090	Other Polymers of ethylene	14.2	0.2
48	04032000	Yoghurt	13.8	0.2
49	48181000	Toilet Paper	13.7	0.2
50	20098950	Other fruit juices	13.7	0.2
Top 50 Imported Goods			2,597.2	53.2
Other Imports			2,289.1	46.8
Total Imports (Excluding Diamonds)			4,886.3	100.0

**Table 4.1 B: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) - January 2023 (Million Pula)**

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula	%
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	509.6	7.9
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	134.3	2.1
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	85.5	1.3
4	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	80.9	1.3
5	27011900	Other coal	51.9	0.8
6	01022900	Other (cattle)	29.7	0.5
7	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	20.0	0.3
8	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V	18.6	0.3
9	27011200	Bituminous coal	16.5	0.3
10	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	12.7	0.2
11	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	11.0	0.2
12	03057110	Dried, whether or not salted but not smoked	10.8	0.2
13	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	10.2	0.2
14	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	8.3	0.1
15	71081200	Other unwrought forms	7.4	0.1
16	23021000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of maize (corn)	6.1	0.1
17	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	5.8	0.1
18	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	5.6	0.1
19	48202000	Exercise books	5.4	0.1
20	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars:	4.8	0.1
21	74040020	Of copper-zinc base alloys (brass)	4.5	0.1
22	39173990	Other tubes, pipes and hoses	4.2	0.1
23	85442015	Cable, single-core, with a centre conductor of copper plated with silver or gold, of a length exceeding 400 m and a cross-sectional dimension not exceeding 4,5 mm, not sheathed in aluminium	3.8	0.1
24	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	3.5	0.1
25	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	3.5	0.1
26	11042310	Chopped dried kernels, of maize(corn) not further prepared or processed	3.1	0.0
27	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	2.8	0.0
28	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	2.8	0.0
29	89039990	Other water scooters and the like	2.7	0.0
30	87089990	Other Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05:	2.4	0.0
31	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	2.4	0.0
32	84714990	Other, presented in the form of systems	2.3	0.0
33	72042100	Of stainless steel	2.2	0.0
34	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 8 4.25 to 84.30:	2.1	0.0
35	62171090	Other clothing accessories	2.1	0.0
36	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:	2.1	0.0
37	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	2.1	0.0
38	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	2.0	0.0
39	39235090	Other Stoppers, lids caps and other closures	2.0	0.0
40	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	2.0	0.0
41	64059090	Other footwear	1.9	0.0
42	84743900	Other mixing or kneading machines:	1.8	0.0
43	44152010	Pallets, box pallets and other load boards	1.8	0.0
44	84322900	Other harrows, scarifiers, cultivators, weeders and hoes:	1.6	0.0
45	84136000	Other rotary positive displacement pumps	1.6	0.0
46	58081000	Braids in the piece	1.5	0.0
47	41015090	Other Whole hides and skins, of a weight exceeding 16kg	1.5	0.0
48	39232117	Flat bags, with a thickness of 24 microns or more (excluding immediate packings, zip-lock bags and household bags including refuse bags and refuse bin liners), Of polymers of ethylene	1.4	0.0
49	85182100	Single loudspeakers, mounted in their enclosures	1.4	0.0
50	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	1.4	0.0
Top 50 Exported Goods			1,105.5	93.9
Other Exported Goods			71.2	6.1
Total Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds)			1,176.7	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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