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List of Acronyms

CIF	: Cost, Insurance and Freight
EU	: European Union
FOB	: Free On Board
IMTS	: International Merchandise Trade Statistics
SACU	: Southern Africa Customs Union
SADC	: Southern Africa Development Community
USA	: United States of America
UAE	: United Arab Emirates
DRC	: Democratic Republic Of Congo

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 is integral to the process of globalization 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 January 2024. The report provides summaries of international trade in goods, as shown in **Table 1.0**. **Tables 2.1** and **2.2** show trade by Principal 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 January 2024 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. The top traded imports and exports commodities excluding diamonds for January 2024 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 January 2024.

Botswana's overall exports amounted to P4, 849.9 million, recording a decline of 1.8 percent from the revised December 2023 value of P4, 940.8 million. Imports stood at P7, 545.3 million, registering a rise of 13.0 percent from the revised December 2023 value of P 6, 679.6 million.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports at 74.2 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 11.8 percent and 3.1 percent of total imports, respectively. South Africa, Namibia and Canada supplied imports accounting for 57.6 percent, 16.1 percent and 5.1 percent respectively (**Table 3.1A**).

During the period under review, Botswana's exports were mostly absorbed by Asia with a market share of 59.6 percent. SACU and the EU each received exports accounting for 17.2 percent and 10.8 percent of total exports. Botswana's top export destinations were the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), India, South Africa and Belgium receiving exports representing 26.2, 18.8, 15.4 and 10.6 percent of total exports respectively. (**Table 3.2A**).

In January 2024, the top imported commodity groups were Diamonds at 23.8 percent followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 17.9 percent and 14.6 percent, respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with a contribution of 11.7 percent. Diamonds, Copper, Machinery & Electrical Equipment, and Salt & Soda Ash were the most exported commodity groups, accounting for 68.6 percent, 17.8 percent, 4.3 percent and 2.9 percent of total exports respectively.

Goods transported by Air accounted for 71.4 percent of total exports, while Road and Rail represented 28.3 percent and 0.3 percent respectively. Imports representing 60.4 percent were transported into the country by Road. Goods imported by Air and Rail accounted for 26.1 percent and 13.5 percent of total imports respectively (**Table B**).

During January 2024, merchandise worth P14, 933.6 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 56.2 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift border post. Kazungula Bridge followed with 26.0 percent (**Table C1**). The top transiting goods were chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 29.0 percent, Chapter 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes) at 17.8 percent and chapter 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 16.7 percent (**Table C2**).

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on January 2024, 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 with regard to 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, thereby bringing additional information for previous months. In some instances, revisions are negligible, while notably significant in others.

The inclusion of additional data in January 2024 resulted in the upward revision to both trade flows in December 2023. Imports increased by 4.0 percent (P258.1 million) while total exports rose by 6.9 percent (P317.5 million). **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures in the December 2023 digest and the current.

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

Period	As at December 2023 Digest (P Million)			As at January 2024 Digest (P Million)			Difference (P million)			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
December	6,421.5	4,623.3	(1,798.2)	6,679.6	4,940.8	(1,738.8)	258.1	317.5	59.4	4.0	6.9	(3.3)

() denotes negative

1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance, and freight costs required for delivering the commodities to the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country.

Botswana received imports amounting to P7, 545.3 million in January 2024, registering an increase of 13.0 percent (P865.7 million) from the revised December 2023 figure of P6, 679.6 million. The increase was mainly attributed to the rise in the importation of Diamonds by 64.0 percent (P702.0 million), from P1, 097.0 million in December 2023 to P1, 799.0 million recorded in January 2024. Vehicles & Transport Equipment increased also significantly, by 55.5 percent (P258.6 million) from P465.9 million recorded in December 2023 to P724.5 million registered during the reporting period (**Table 2.1**).

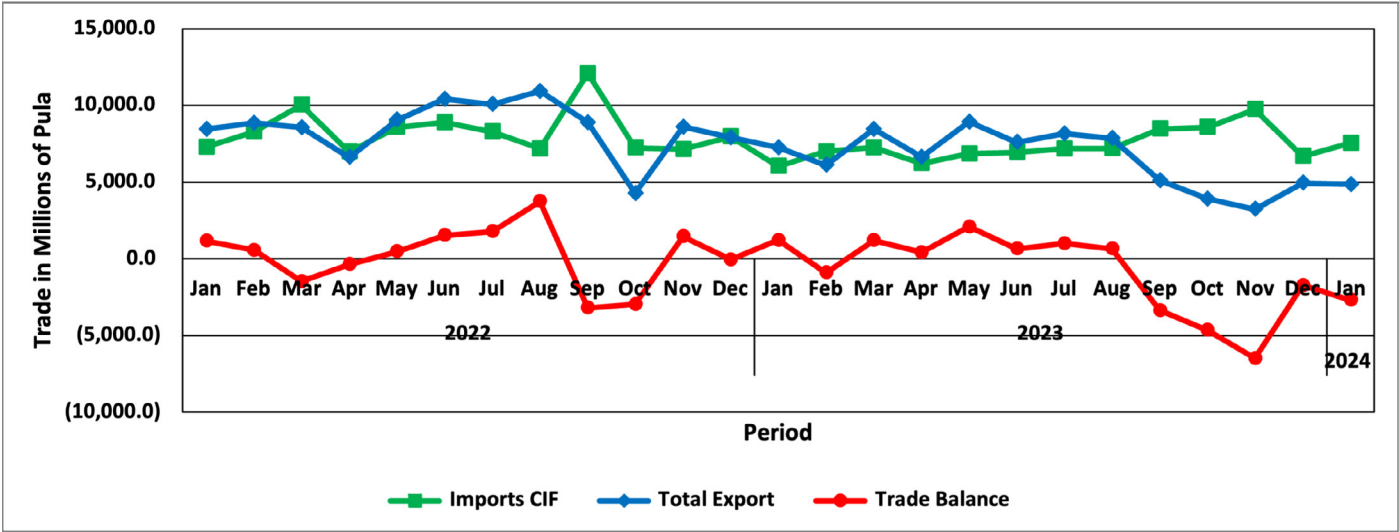
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's export earnings dropped by 1.8 percent (P90.9 million) from the revised value of P4, 940.8 million recorded in December 2023 to P4, 849.9 million during the period under review. Despite the increase in the exportation of various commodity groups, a decline in the exportation of Diamonds and Salt & Soda Ash by 8.4 percent (P305.2 million) and 34.2 percent (P73.3 million) were significant enough to counterbalance the overall rise as shown in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana's trade deficit increased from the revised P1, 738.8 million in December 2023 to P2, 695.4 million in January 2024. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2022 to January 2024.

Chart 1.0: Total International Merchandise Trade – January 2022 to January 2024 (Million Pula)



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

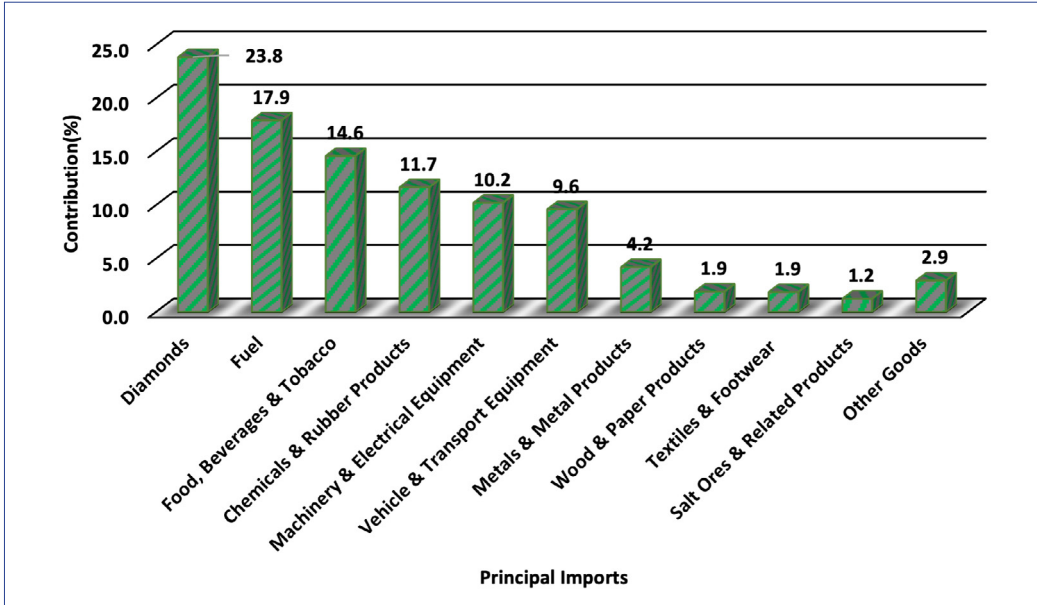
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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, 545.3 million in January 2024. The top imported groups were Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco; and Chemicals & Rubber Products. Diamonds contributed 23.8 percent (P1, 799.0 million) followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 17.9 percent (P1, 352.7 million) and 14.6 percent (P1, 101.6 million) to total imports respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products contributed 11.7 percent (P879.9 million). 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 2024 (Percentage)

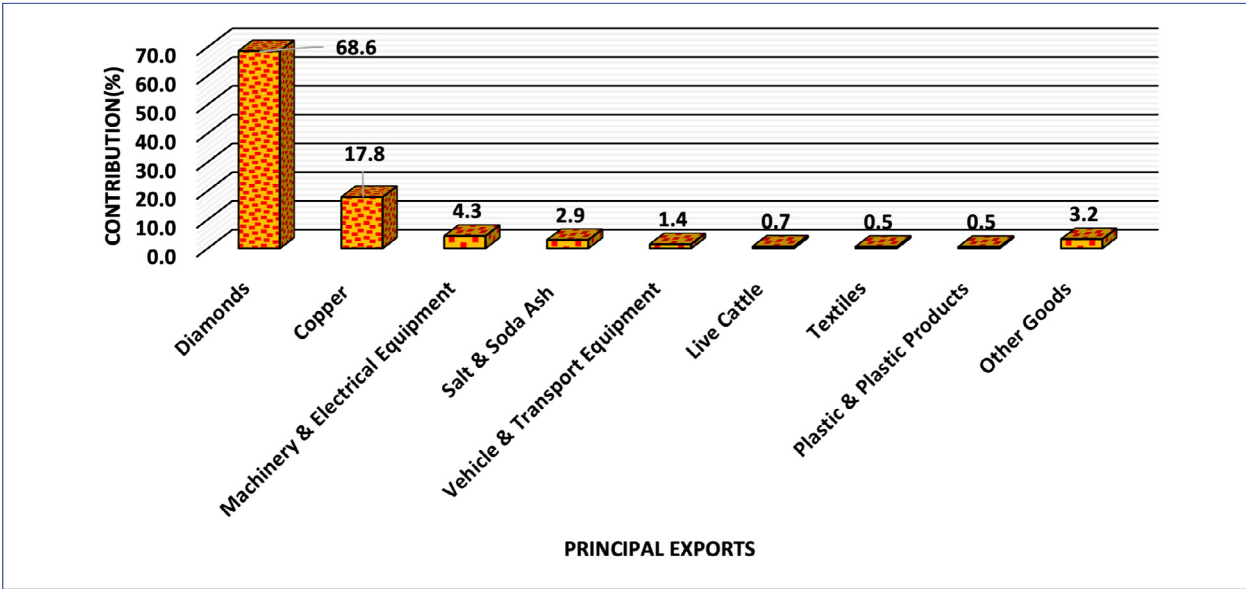


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

Botswana exported merchandise amounting to P4, 849.9 million. Diamonds was the leading export commodity group with a contribution of 68.6 percent (P3, 327.1 million), followed by Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 17.8 percent (P864.4 million) and 4.3 percent (P209.4 million), respectively. Salt & Soda Ash made a contribution of 2.9 percent (P140.8 million). Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – January 2024 (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 outlines 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 January 2024 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

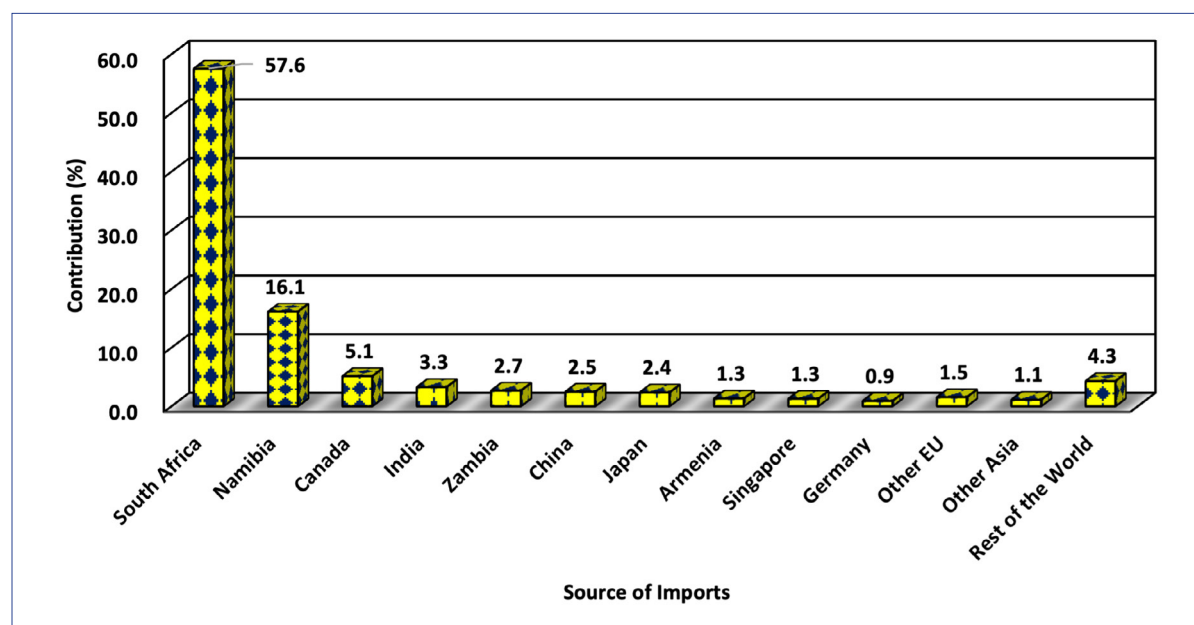
Botswana imported goods worth P7, 545.3 million, with the SACU region contributing 74.2 percent (P5, 598.7 million) to the total, during the period under review. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 21.0 percent (P1, 175.6 million), 20.5 percent (P1, 147.3 million) and 18.5 percent (P1, 037.9 million), respectively. Vehicles & Transport Equipment made a contribution of 9.5 percent (P533.1 million) to total imports from the union. Among the SACU member states, South Africa contributed largest at 57.6 percent (P4, 342.6 million) of total imports. Namibia followed with 16.1 percent (P1, 217.5 million) of total imports, as displayed in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

During the period being assessed, Botswana imported goods totalling P889.5 million from Asia, which accounted for 11.8 percent of the total imports. The main commodity groups imported were Chemicals & Rubber Products, Diamonds and Vehicles & Transport Equipment with contributions of 29.8 percent (P265.0 million), 24.3 percent (P216.5 million) and 18.8 percent (P166.8 million) of total imports, respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment was imported from the regional block at 17.1 percent (P152.1 million). India, China and Japan contributed 3.3 percent (P246.3 million), 2.5 percent (P187.1 million) and 2.4 percent (P177.8 million) to total imports respectively as shown in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

Botswana received imports from the EU valued at P234.7 million, constituting 3.1 percent of the total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products were the key commodity groups imported from the Union at 45.4 percent (P106.6 million) and 27.0 percent (P63.3 million) of total imports respectively ([Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)).

Imports accounting for 5.1 percent (P386.8 million) of total imports were sourced from Canada during the month under review. The key import commodity group was Diamonds at 96.5 percent of total imports from that country. Zambia supplied imports worth P201.1 million, accounting for 2.7 percent of Botswana's total imports, with Fuel being the main commodity supplied at 75.0 percent (P150.9 million). Sources of imports during January 2024 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – January 2024



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

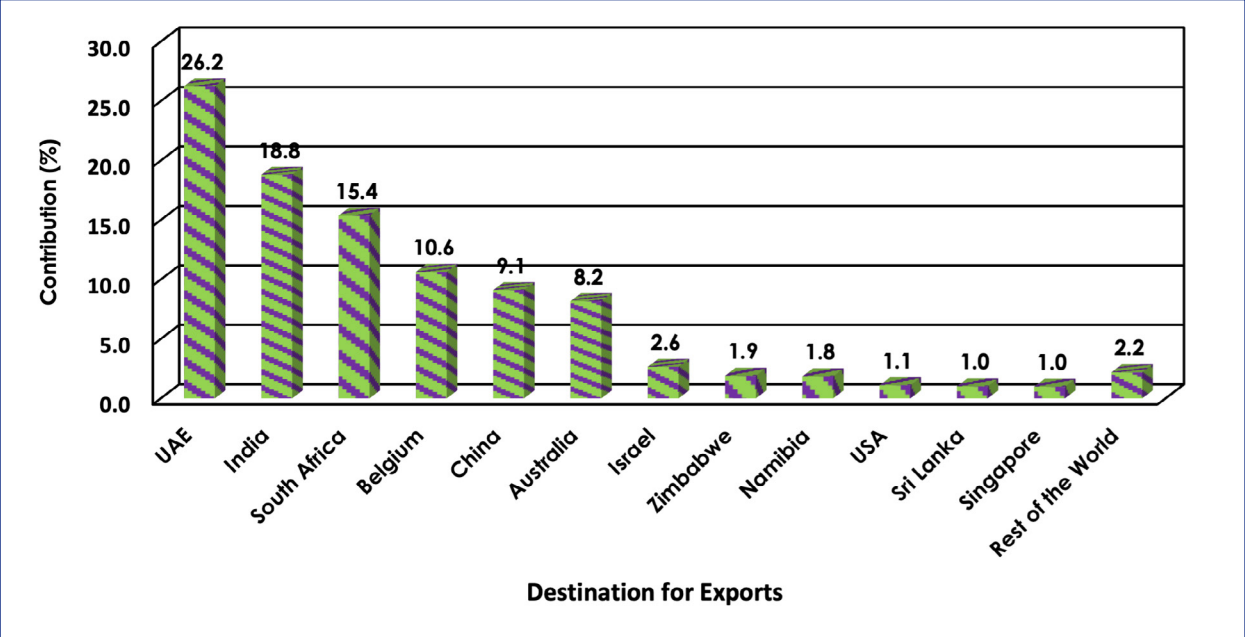
During the period under review, Botswana exported goods valued at P4, 849.9 million. Exports to Asia were the highest at 59.6 percent (P2, 889.4 million), rendering the block the main destination market for Botswana. Top exports destinations within Asia were the UAE, India and China at 26.2 percent (P1, 273.1 million), 18.8 percent (P912.2 million) and 9.1 percent (P441.2 million) of total exports received, respectively. Diamonds was the major commodity group exported to Asia, at 84.7 percent (P2, 446.5 million) as shown in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

Exports destined to the SACU region accounted for 17.2 percent (P835.2 million) of total exports during the month under review. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. These accounted for 38.0 percent (P317.6 million) and 22.2 percent (P185.1 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports to SACU, at 15.4 percent (P745.3 million) [Table 3.2A](#).

The EU received exports amounting to P522.2 million, accounting for 10.8 percent of total exports in January 2024. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 10.6 percent (P515.7 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU at 98.6 percent (P514.8 million), as displayed in [Table 3.2A](#) and [Table 3.2B](#).

During January 2024, Australia received exports worth P396.2 million, representing 8.2 percent of Botswana's total exports. Copper was the main commodity group exported to Australia at almost 100.0 percent (P396.1 million) of total 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 2024



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

4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in Table 4.1A for imports and Table 4.1B for exports for January 2024. 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

Trade by mode of transport refers to categorising trade activities based on the method of transportation used to move goods between countries or regions. This classification helps in understanding the flow of goods across borders and can provide insights into trade patterns, identifying bottlenecks and infrastructure needs and can be used as guidance in formulating transport policies. Active modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for movement of international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. Table B presents statistics relating to modes of transport while Chart B gives the graphical illustration.

During the month under review, goods valued at P3, 460.9 million, representing 71.4 percent of total exports, were transported by Air. Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 28.3 percent (P1, 374.0 million) and 0.3 percent (P13.9 million) of total exports, respectively.

Imports representing 60.4 percent (P4, 559.6 million) of the monthly total were transported into the country by Road during the month under review.

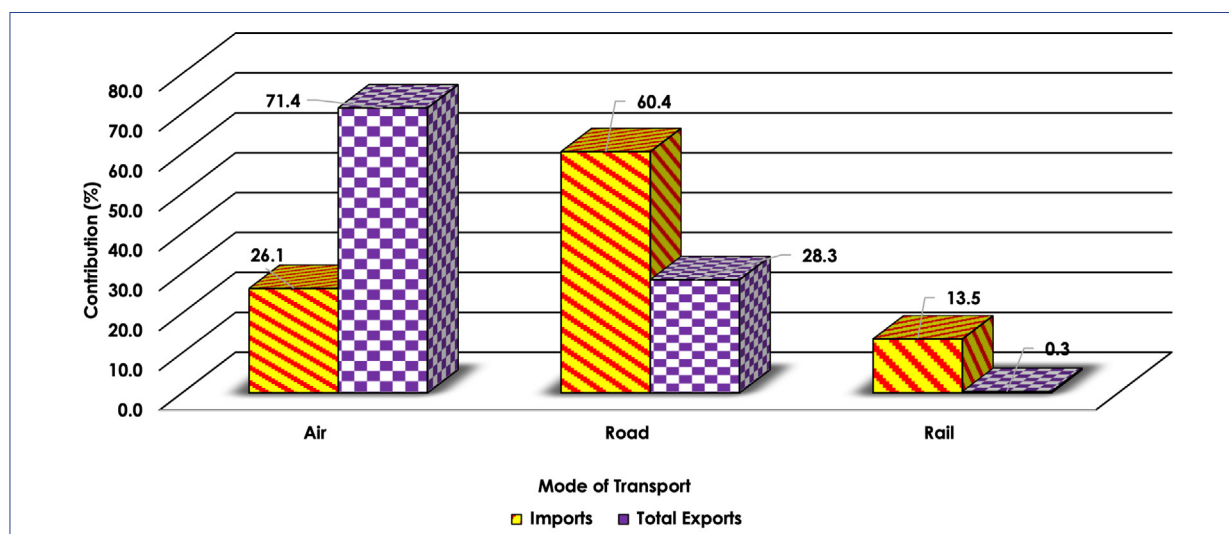
Imports transported by Air amounted to P1, 964.9 million, representing 26.1 percent of the total, while imports transported by Rail accounted for P1, 018.0 million, constituting 13.5 percent of the total.

Table B: Trade by Mode of Transport – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Rail	1,018.0	13.5	13.9	0.3
Road	4,559.6	60.4	1,374.0	28.3
Air	1,964.9	26.1	3,460.9	71.4
Other Modes	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	7,545.3	100.0	4,849.9	100.0

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

Chart B: Trade by Mode of Transport – January 2024 (Percentage)



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. Countries that serve as transit hubs often provide infrastructure and services to facilitate transit trade. These countries may benefit economically from transit trade through fees, tariffs, or other charges associated with transportation services or by stimulating economic activity related to trade and transportation.

Overall, the purpose of transit trade is to overcome geographical, logistical, and economic constraints to facilitate the movement of goods between countries or regions efficiently, cost-effectively and securely. It plays a crucial role in promoting international trade, economic development, and regional integration.

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.

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 January 2024, goods amounting to P14, 933.6 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift border post and Kazungula bridge handled goods accounting for 56.2 percent (P8, 393.6 million) and 26.0 percent (P3, 886.3 million) respectively, as displayed in [Table C1](#) and [Chart C1](#).

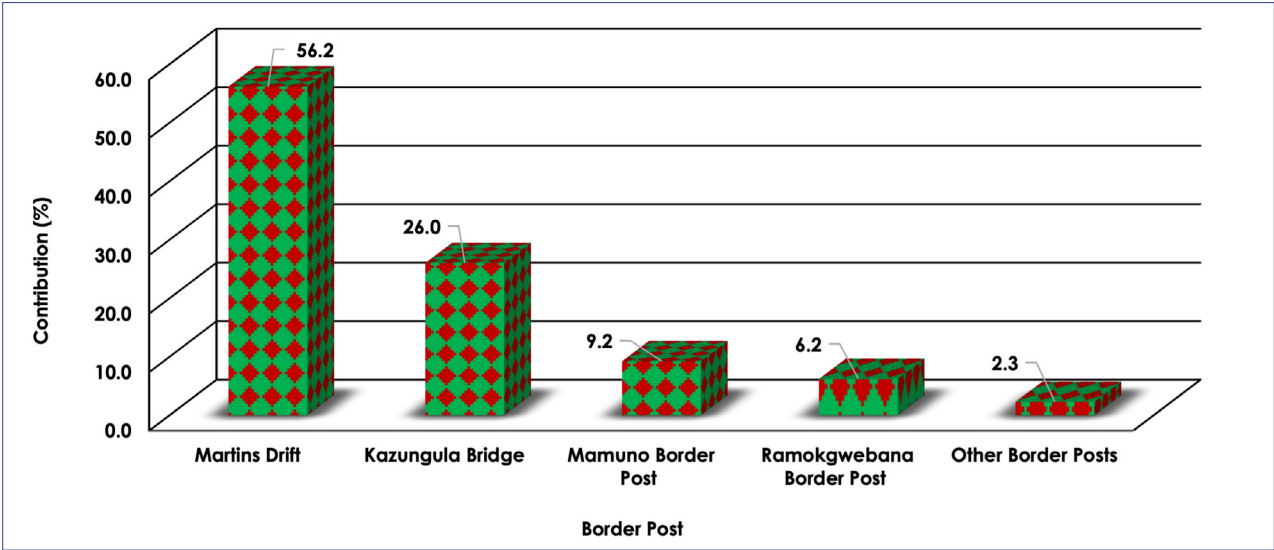
The top most transiting goods were chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 29.0 percent (P4, 337.3 million) and chapter 28 (Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes) at 17.8 percent (P2, 665.3 million). Chapter 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) followed with a contribution of 16.7 percent (P2, 493.3 million), as shown in [Table C2](#) and [Chart C2](#).

Table C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	8,393.6	56.2
Kazungula Bridge	3,886.3	26.0
Mamuno Border Post	1,381.3	9.2
Ramokgwebana Border Post	927.2	6.2
Other Border Posts	345.3	2.3
Total Transit Goods	14,933.6	100.0

“Other Border Posts...” includes all border posts in Botswana not displayed on Table C1

Chart C1: Transit Trade by Border Post – January 2024 (Percentage)

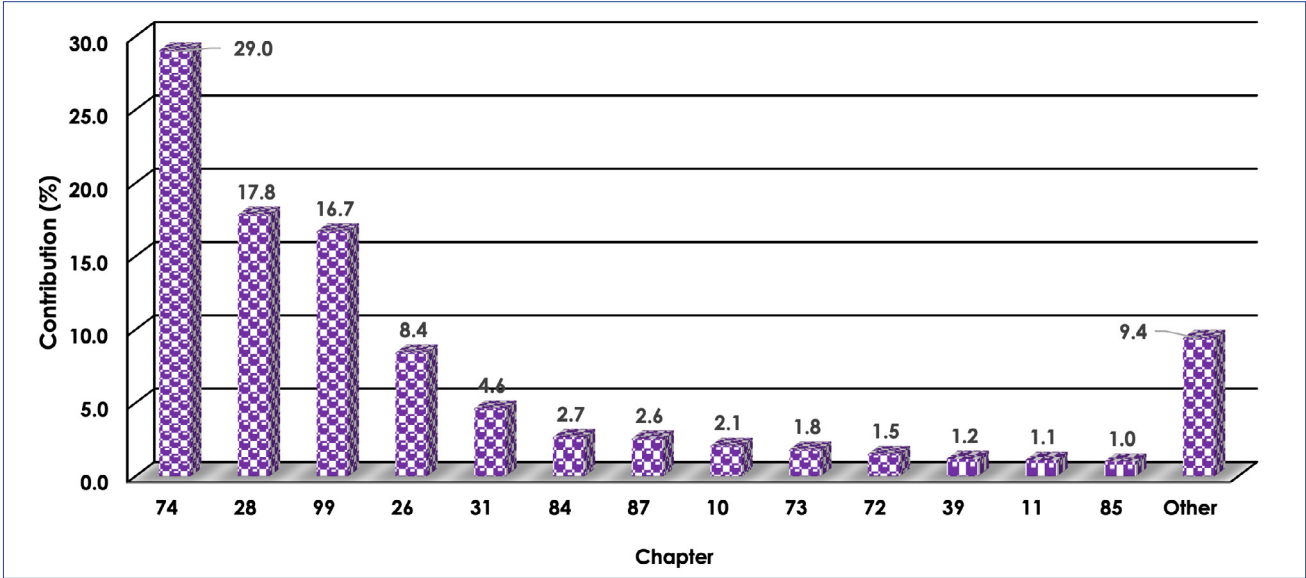


“Other Border Posts...” includes all border posts in Botswana not displayed on Chart C1

Table C2: Transit by Chapter – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	74	Copper and articles thereof	4,337.3	29.0
2	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of ra- dio-active elements and of isotopes	2,665.3	17.8
3	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	2,493.3	16.7
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	1,257.9	8.4
5	31	Fertilizers	690.5	4.6
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	397.9	2.7
7	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	384.6	2.6
8	10	Cereals	309.6	2.1
9	73	Iron or steel articles	271.5	1.8
10	72	Iron and steel	226.9	1.5
11	39	Plastics and articles thereof	176.2	1.2
12	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	165.9	1.1
13	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	149.8	1.0
Top Transit Goods			13,526.6	90.6
Other Transit Goods			1,407.0	9.4
Total Transit Goods			14,933.6	100.0

Chart C2: Transit Trade by Chapter – January 2024 (Percentage)



Other... includes all chapters not displayed on Chart C2

Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2022 to January 2024 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2022	7,288.5	6,974.5	312.2	1.9	8,446.3	0.0	8,446.3	1,157.8
Feb	8,277.2	7,936.8	338.2	2.2	8,841.6	0.1	8,841.6	564.4
Mar	10,020.5	9,625.8	392.2	2.4	8,548.9	0.3	8,549.2	(1,471.3)
Q1	25,586.2	24,537.1	1,042.6	6.5	25,836.7	0.3	25,837.1	250.9
Apr	6,979.1	6,672.2	304.9	1.9	6,606.8	0.0	6,606.8	(372.3)
May	8,578.0	8,253.4	322.9	1.7	9,045.0	0.1	9,045.1	467.1
Jun	8,882.7	8,348.3	532.6	1.8	10,402.8	1.6	10,404.4	1,521.7
Q2	24,439.8	23,274.0	1,160.4	5.4	26,054.5	1.7	26,056.3	1,616.4
Jul	8,286.2	7,935.5	349.1	1.6	10,060.7	0.9	10,061.6	1,775.4
Aug	7,167.0	6,824.9	339.6	2.5	10,912.3	1.7	10,914.1	3,747.0
Sep	12,083.0	11,749.0	331.9	2.0	8,887.3	0.0	8,887.3	(3,195.6)
Q3	27,536.2	26,509.4	1,020.7	6.1	29,860.4	2.6	29,863.0	2,326.9
Oct	7,233.0	6,920.6	310.9	1.4	4,267.8	0.0	4,267.8	(2,965.2)
Nov	7,144.0	6,806.6	335.7	1.7	8,573.4	22.6	8,596.0	1,451.9
Dec	7,959.4	7,661.4	295.8	2.2	7,899.5	0.7	7,900.2	(59.2)
Q4	22,336.4	21,388.6	942.4	5.4	20,740.7	23.3	20,764.0	(1,572.4)
Total_2022	99,898.7	95,709.0	4,166.1	23.5	102,492.4	28.0	102,520.4	2,621.7
Jan_2023	6,030.7	5,749.9	279.3	1.6	7,253.4	0.0	7,253.4	1,222.7
Feb	7,002.3	6,707.7	293.0	1.6	6,088.3	6.1	6,094.3	(907.9)
Mar	7,250.4	6,932.5	316.0	1.9	8,446.9	5.7	8,452.6	1,202.2
Q1	20,283.4	19,390.1	888.3	5.1	21,788.6	11.7	21,800.3	1,517.0
Apr	6,215.8	5,937.7	276.7	1.4	6,630.9	2.7	6,633.6	417.9
May	6,841.1	6,527.9	312.1	1.1	8,917.8	3.4	8,921.2	2,080.1
Jun	6,947.2	6,621.1	323.9	2.1	7,592.2	0.5	7,592.8	645.6
Q2	20,004.0	19,086.7	912.8	4.6	23,141.0	6.6	23,147.6	3,143.6
Jul	7,172.4	6,852.8	318.0	1.7	8,159.6	0.1	8,159.7	987.2
Aug	7,198.8	6,863.3	333.6	1.9	7,848.6	0.5	7,849.1	650.3
Sep	8,469.7	8,126.3	341.8	1.6	5,093.6	0.1	5,093.7	(3,376.0)
Q3	22,840.9	21,842.3	993.4	5.2	21,101.8	0.6	21,102.4	(1,738.5)
Oct	8,571.9	8,216.2	354.1	1.6	3,908.7	3.7	3,912.4	(4,659.4)
Nov	9,735.5	9,362.2	370.5	2.8	3,235.9	0.4	3,236.4	(6,499.1)
Dec	6,679.6	6,383.7	293.9	2.0	4,939.9	0.8	4,940.8	(1,738.8)
Q4	24,987.0	23,962.1	1,018.6	6.3	12,084.6	5.0	12,089.6	(12,897.4)
Total_2023	88,115.3	84,281.2	3,813.0	21.1	78,116.0	23.9	78,139.9	(9,975.4)
Jan_2024	7,545.3	7,239.6	303.6	2.2	4,849.9	0.0	4,849.9	(2,695.4)
Change	865.7	855.9	9.6	0.2	(90.1)	(0.8)	(90.9)	(956.6)
% Change	13.0	13.4	3.3	9.7	(1.8)	(99.1)	(1.8)	55.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.1: Principal Imports Commodity Groups – January 2022 to January 2024 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2022	1,075.5	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	39.3	788.9	281.1	60.4	135.6	429.8	130.9	155.6	7,288.5
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,046.3	61.9	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	189.1	429.2	142.2	194.3	8,277.2
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	68.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	217.6	514.2	165.7	236.2	10,020.5
Q1	2,563.3	9,233.3	2,936.6	3,573.3	169.4	2,845.3	1,141.8	183.0	542.3	1,373.1	438.8	586.0	25,586.2
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	903.2	1,410.2	61.4	931.9	373.0	58.3	169.7	392.6	140.8	189.9	6,979.1
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	105.4	1,106.2	409.1	70.1	190.8	388.9	150.8	226.0	8,578.0
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.3	1,723.0	69.7	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	172.5	720.3	148.4	236.4	8,882.7
Q2	2,331.1	5,545.6	4,117.7	4,572.3	236.5	3,174.9	1,138.0	196.6	533.0	1,501.8	440.0	652.2	24,439.8
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.8	2,295.6	89.4	1,022.1	369.4	67.9	209.6	620.0	163.7	226.3	8,286.2
Aug	738.1	903.9	1,047.4	1,734.4	72.9	965.3	384.0	78.5	221.2	514.8	183.1	323.4	7,167.0
Sep	854.5	5,769.1	1,038.5	1,469.3	74.9	1,100.7	391.2	65.2	222.2	629.4	194.8	273.2	12,083.0
Q3	2,287.7	8,221.2	3,064.7	5,499.2	237.2	3,088.1	1,144.6	211.7	652.9	1,764.2	541.6	822.9	27,536.2
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,032.6	1,499.6	80.9	1,066.5	326.6	61.3	211.7	471.5	160.9	262.0	7,233.0
Nov	970.2	641.5	1,175.9	1,521.8	83.0	1,070.4	381.7	63.0	273.3	484.9	193.9	284.4	7,144.0
Dec	767.2	2,351.7	1,013.6	1,670.7	77.3	751.0	313.3	50.5	172.9	367.6	157.9	265.6	7,959.4
Q4	2,487.7	4,302.3	3,222.2	4,692.0	241.3	2,887.8	1,021.5	174.7	657.9	1,324.1	512.8	812.0	22,336.4
Total_2022	9,669.9	27,302.5	13,341.1	18,336.8	884.5	11,996.1	4,446.0	766.0	2,386.1	5,963.2	1,933.3	2,873.3	99,898.7
Jan_2023	640.3	988.8	907.0	1,338.4	46.6	850.5	279.7	56.3	136.1	418.9	134.9	233.1	6,030.7
Feb	771.5	1,352.4	1,259.9	1,288.5	57.3	894.0	376.9	46.6	185.6	421.3	142.8	205.3	7,002.3
Mar	795.4	818.8	1,221.3	1,511.1	68.3	1,110.2	394.4	65.4	242.3	565.0	179.3	278.8	7,250.4
Q1	2,207.2	3,160.0	3,388.3	4,138.0	172.2	2,854.7	1,051.1	168.3	564.0	1,405.2	457.1	717.2	20,283.4
Apr	768.6	765.9	1,093.6	1,366.8	55.9	817.1	352.0	63.6	204.5	382.4	140.3	205.0	6,215.8
May	901.9	874.4	1,013.1	1,311.5	75.3	1,058.1	390.9	77.3	191.1	550.3	161.8	235.5	6,841.1
Jun	904.3	779.6	1,153.2	1,321.6	80.3	1,120.4	422.4	100.1	159.4	527.6	176.9	201.4	6,947.2
Q2	2,574.8	2,419.9	3,259.9	3,999.9	211.5	2,995.6	1,165.3	240.9	555.0	1,460.3	479.1	641.9	20,004.0
Jul	823.9	811.5	1,077.1	1,437.5	67.3	1,014.1	418.1	63.4	182.4	873.6	167.4	236.2	7,172.4
Aug	916.9	597.0	1,255.8	1,486.1	79.8	1,132.5	431.7	74.8	213.2	572.7	183.6	254.8	7,198.8
Sep	779.4	1,435.5	1,321.2	1,822.5	87.8	1,186.0	449.1	64.7	238.7	625.3	171.8	287.6	8,469.7
Q3	2,520.1	2,844.0	3,654.1	4,746.0	234.9	3,332.7	1,298.9	202.9	634.3	2,071.5	522.8	778.6	22,840.9
Oct	859.2	1,436.6	1,474.9	1,798.8	84.6	1,092.4	409.5	61.5	277.1	561.2	186.1	329.9	8,571.9
Nov	1,150.5	2,276.0	1,436.3	1,854.8	89.7	1,131.0	419.1	68.4	287.7	576.2	198.0	247.7	9,735.5
Dec	759.3	1,097.0	1,044.9	1,404.0	79.6	855.6	366.9	82.7	168.5	465.9	159.2	196.1	6,679.6
Q4	2,769.0	4,809.5	3,956.1	5,057.6	254.0	3,079.1	1,195.5	212.5	733.3	1,603.3	543.3	773.7	24,987.0
Total_2023	10,071.2	13,233.5	14,258.4	17,941.5	872.6	12,262.0	4,710.8	824.6	2,486.6	6,540.4	2,002.3	2,911.4	88,115.3
Jan_2024	879.9	1,799.0	1,101.6	1,352.7	44.5	770.8	316.6	93.6	140.7	724.5	143.7	177.7	7,545.3
%Contribution													
2023	11.4	15.0	16.2	20.4	1.0	13.9	5.3	0.9	2.8	7.4	2.3	3.3	100.0
Dec	11.4	16.4	15.6	21.0	1.2	12.8	5.5	1.2	2.5	7.0	2.4	2.9	100.0
Jan	11.7	23.8	14.6	17.9	0.6	10.2	4.2	1.2	1.9	9.6	1.9	2.4	100.0
Change	120.7	702.0	56.7	(51.3)	(35.1)	(84.7)	(50.3)	10.9	(27.8)	258.6	(15.5)	(18.4)	865.7
% Change	15.9	64.0	5.4	(3.7)	(44.1)	(9.9)	(13.7)	13.2	(16.5)	55.5	(9.8)	(9.4)	13.0

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.2 Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2022 to January 2024 (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_2022	9.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	3.8	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	138.7	8,446.3
Feb	6.9	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	8.4	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	91.6	8,841.6
Mar	9.7	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	15.8	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.9	122.0	8,549.2
Q1	26.3	653.5	23,288.6	102.2	62.3	318.0	571.9	28.0	77.8	205.2	54.4	96.6	352.3	25,837.1
Apr	13.2	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.9	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.2	69.0	111.8	6,606.8
May	16.2	314.6	7,882.7	0.0	22.8	133.9	241.4	19.4	30.9	75.2	34.0	34.5	239.6	9,045.1
Jun	17.6	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	22.2	37.3	93.2	25.5	58.0	185.6	10,404.4
Q2	46.9	939.8	22,730.1	74.8	71.6	359.6	690.9	54.0	96.8	210.5	82.7	161.5	537.0	26,056.3
Jul	16.1	363.8	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.8	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	35.5	281.5	10,061.6
Aug	15.7	449.9	9,646.0	30.1	20.1	85.1	217.3	8.8	31.4	125.5	33.1	55.9	195.2	10,914.1
Sep	16.8	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	279.3	3.5	36.3	109.1	25.4	116.2	187.6	8,887.3
Q3	48.6	1,118.2	26,226.0	79.7	63.8	196.6	740.5	26.5	101.7	307.3	82.4	207.5	664.2	29,863.0
Oct	14.9	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.8	4.4	33.8	89.7	29.8	30.0	209.5	4,267.8
Nov	14.3	319.3	7,392.2	16.3	19.9	85.3	295.7	16.2	28.7	91.3	35.0	45.8	236.0	8,596.0
Dec	16.6	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.8	82.7	130.8	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.5	110.0	228.2	7,900.2
Q4	45.7	1,254.2	17,059.3	51.4	51.4	308.9	637.4	28.2	84.7	282.9	100.3	185.8	673.7	20,764.0
Total_2022	167.5	3,965.7	89,304.0	308.2	249.2	1,183.0	2,640.7	136.6	361.0	1,005.9	319.8	651.5	2,227.2	102,520.4
Jan_2023	16.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	112.0	204.6	3.2	34.8	106.6	22.8	24.4	148.1	7,253.4
Feb	19.5	454.0	4,857.5	23.1	25.2	111.1	294.3	7.3	28.5	65.7	19.5	63.8	124.7	6,094.3
Mar	21.6	465.9	7,281.7	33.5	18.6	74.2	248.6	12.8	35.4	86.4	22.1	37.8	114.0	8,452.6
Q1	57.7	1,443.8	18,167.3	73.1	55.9	297.3	747.5	23.4	98.6	258.6	64.4	125.9	386.8	21,800.3
Apr	17.5	388.2	5,620.3	40.0	16.7	62.1	179.7	19.9	25.2	87.7	27.4	39.9	108.9	6,633.6
May	21.0	544.6	7,531.2	27.8	26.0	68.4	269.1	23.9	32.9	57.5	45.3	63.7	209.9	8,921.2
Jun	13.2	424.4	6,368.0	21.0	28.7	65.8	265.1	36.5	33.4	68.2	31.8	58.9	177.7	7,592.8
Q2	51.7	1,357.2	19,519.5	88.8	71.4	196.3	713.9	80.3	91.6	213.5	104.5	162.5	496.5	23,147.6
Jul	11.9	636.0	6,767.4	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.6	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.9	145.3	8,159.7
Aug	10.9	653.0	6,361.5	23.0	27.4	29.6	344.1	58.8	31.5	102.4	30.1	35.2	141.5	7,849.1
Sep	10.2	733.2	3,599.9	19.0	25.3	28.6	267.8	38.9	45.8	106.6	31.4	25.8	161.4	5,093.7
Q3	33.0	2,022.2	16,728.8	59.4	76.3	84.2	897.6	135.7	104.4	326.4	92.3	93.9	448.3	21,102.4
Oct	11.3	703.8	2,387.0	21.4	43.6	16.3	279.7	40.4	37.2	100.2	37.1	91.5	143.0	3,912.4
Nov	12.2	781.7	1,528.2	30.0	30.7	9.6	311.9	28.0	114.1	94.1	40.2	30.1	225.6	3,236.4
Dec	6.9	646.8	3,632.4	13.7	25.2	19.1	111.6	17.8	22.1	214.1	37.5	20.8	172.7	4,940.8
Q4	30.3	2,132.4	7,547.6	65.0	99.5	45.0	703.2	86.3	173.5	408.4	114.8	142.3	541.3	12,089.6
Total_2023	172.7	6,955.5	61,963.2	286.3	303.2	622.8	3,062.1	325.7	468.1	1,206.8	376.0	524.7	1,872.8	78,139.9
Jan_2024	9.5	864.4	3,327.1	20.5	12.2	31.8	209.4	21.4	24.4	140.8	26.7	70.2	91.6	4,849.9
%Contribution														
2023	0.2	8.9	79.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	3.9	0.4	0.6	1.5	0.5	0.7	2.4	100.0
Dec	0.1	13.1	73.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	2.3	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.8	0.4	3.5	100.0
Jan	0.2	17.8	68.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.4	0.5	2.9	0.5	1.4	1.9	100.0
Change	2.6	217.5	(305.2)	6.9	(13.0)	12.7	97.8	3.6	2.2	(73.3)	(10.9)	49.4	(81.2)	(90.9)
% Change	37.4	33.6	(8.4)	50.2	(51.7)	66.4	87.7	20.1	10.0	(34.2)	(28.9)	237.9	(47.0)	(1.8)

Change: Difference between the Current and Previous month

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2022 to January 2024 (Million Pula)

	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
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	168.5	411.8	903.9	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	5,496.9	1,613.0	8,221.2	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	17,361.3	6,684.4	27,302.5	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	117.3	309.8	1,352.4	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	76.0	316.2	818.8	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,537.0	1,711.3	7,281.7
Q1	1,671.7	0.8	0.0	328.6	1,158.9	3,160.0	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	4,323.2	1,249.6	5,620.3
May	237.7	0.8	0.0	201.0	434.8	874.4	0.0	27.8	0.0	5,954.7	1,548.8	7,531.2
Jun	26.8	0.2	0.0	431.8	320.9	779.6	342.2	45.2	0.0	4,659.1	1,321.5	6,368.0
Q2	264.5	1.0	0.0	1,194.0	960.4	2,419.9	342.2	120.5	0.0	14,936.9	4,119.9	19,519.5
Jul	383.7	0.0	0.0	62.7	365.1	811.5	31.0	33.2	0.0	4,930.5	1,772.6	6,767.4
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	77.0	247.3	597.0	0.0	101.3	0.0	4,552.5	1,707.7	6,361.5
Sep	0.0	0.3	0.0	1,077.3	357.9	1,435.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	2,432.0	1,166.9	3,599.9
Q3	656.4	0.4	0.0	1,216.9	970.4	2,844.0	31.0	135.5	0.0	11,915.0	4,647.3	16,728.8
Oct	581.2	0.0	0.0	459.6	395.8	1,436.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	591.8	1,793.5	2,387.0
Nov	0.3	0.0	0.1	1,687.4	588.2	2,276.0	0.0	57.2	0.0	329.2	1,141.8	1,528.2
Dec	260.5	1.0	0.0	545.3	290.2	1,097.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	2,818.4	812.9	3,632.4
Q4	842.0	1.0	0.1	2,692.3	1,274.2	4,809.5	0.0	59.9	0.0	3,739.5	3,748.3	7,547.6
Total_2023	3,434.7	3.1	0.1	5,431.7	4,363.9	13,233.5	373.2	416.1	0.0	44,750.5	16,423.3	61,963.2
Jan_2024	373.2	0.0	0.0	1,268.5	157.3	1,799.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	2,957.1	366.8	3,327.1

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 2024 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	487.0	217.5	1,015.8	911.1	35.9	436.9	264.2	79.8	111.7	532.6	127.2	122.8	4,342.6	57.6
Namibia	0.4	958.0	6.9	236.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	13.7	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.3	1,217.5	16.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Eswatini	18.5	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	37.4	0.5
SACU	505.9	1,175.6	1,037.9	1,147.3	36.0	437.1	265.2	93.5	113.6	533.1	130.4	123.1	5,598.7	74.2
Zambia	0.0	0.0	17.4	150.9	0.0	5.1	22.5	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	4.5	201.1	2.7
Other SADC	19.7	13.2	18.1	52.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.1	0.4	1.7	2.4	112.4	1.5
SADC	525.6	1,188.7	1,073.4	1,350.6	36.2	442.2	288.0	93.5	117.8	534.2	132.1	129.9	5,912.2	78.4
Other Africa	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.8	0.1
Africa	526.4	1,188.7	1,073.5	1,350.6	36.2	445.7	288.2	93.5	117.8	534.2	132.1	130.2	5,917.0	78.4
India	216.5	6.6	2.7	0.0	0.1	9.7	3.2	0.0	1.8	0.3	1.2	4.3	246.3	3.3
China	23.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	7.4	94.8	11.3	0.1	10.4	16.2	4.2	18.6	187.1	2.5
Japan	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	147.0	0.0	0.3	177.8	2.4
Armenia	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	1.3
Singapore	11.7	78.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	2.9	95.8	1.3
Other Asia	12.6	31.9	7.5	1.3	0.3	18.1	2.8	0.0	1.9	2.7	0.4	3.5	83.0	1.1
Asia	265.0	216.5	11.7	1.3	7.8	152.1	17.3	0.1	15.5	166.8	5.8	29.6	889.5	11.8
Germany	22.9	0.0	2.6	0.1	0.0	22.9	0.5	0.0	4.8	5.5	4.1	4.0	67.6	0.9
France	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.2	0.4
Italy	2.1	15.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	22.5	0.3
Other EU	36.6	0.0	2.8	0.6	0.2	57.0	4.8	0.0	0.3	8.6	0.3	5.3	116.4	1.5
EU	63.3	15.6	6.1	0.7	0.2	106.6	5.3	0.0	5.8	14.2	4.4	12.5	234.7	3.1
Canada	8.7	373.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	386.8	5.1
Rest of the World	16.5	5.0	10.3	0.0	0.4	62.0	5.8	0.0	1.6	9.2	1.4	5.1	117.3	1.6
World	879.9	1,799.0	1,101.6	1,352.7	44.5	770.8	316.6	93.6	140.7	724.5	143.7	177.7	7,545.3	100.0

Table 3.18: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – January 2024

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	11.2	5.0	23.4	21.0	0.8	10.1	6.1	1.8	2.6	12.3	2.9	2.8	100.0
Namibia	0.0	78.7	0.6	19.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Eswatini	49.5	0.0	40.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	7.4	0.0	100.0
SACU	9.0	21.0	18.5	20.5	0.6	7.8	4.7	1.7	2.0	9.5	2.3	2.2	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	8.6	75.0	0.0	2.5	11.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	2.2	100.0
Other SADC	17.5	11.7	16.1	46.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.6	0.4	1.5	2.1	100.0
SADC	8.9	20.1	18.2	22.8	0.6	7.5	4.9	1.6	2.0	9.0	2.2	2.2	100.0
Other Africa	16.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	73.0	3.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	4.8	100.0
Africa	8.9	20.1	18.1	22.8	0.6	7.5	4.9	1.6	2.0	9.0	2.2	2.2	100.0
India	87.9	2.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.9	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.5	1.7	100.0
China	12.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.0	50.6	6.0	0.0	5.6	8.7	2.2	9.9	100.0
Japan	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	82.7	0.0	0.2	100.0
Armenia	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
Singapore	12.2	82.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	3.1	100.0
Other Asia	15.2	38.4	9.1	1.6	0.3	21.8	3.4	0.0	2.2	3.3	0.5	4.3	100.0
Asia	29.8	24.3	1.3	0.1	0.9	17.1	1.9	0.0	1.7	18.8	0.6	3.3	100.0
Germany	33.9	0.0	3.8	0.1	0.1	33.9	0.8	0.0	7.2	8.2	6.1	5.9	100.0
France	5.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	91.2	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Italy	9.4	69.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.2	100.0
Other EU	31.4	0.0	2.4	0.6	0.1	48.9	4.1	0.0	0.3	7.4	0.3	4.5	100.0
EU	27.0	6.6	2.6	0.3	0.1	45.4	2.3	0.0	2.5	6.0	1.9	5.3	100.0
Canada	2.3	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Rest of the World	14.0	4.2	8.8	0.0	0.3	52.9	4.9	0.0	1.4	7.9	1.2	4.4	100.0
World	11.7	23.8	14.6	17.9	0.6	10.2	4.2	1.2	1.9	9.6	1.9	2.4	100.0

Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2024 (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	% Contribution
South Africa	9.5	0.0	264.9	20.5	10.8	29.4	171.7	19.2	18.8	119.6	12.7	29.8	38.4	745.3	15.4
Namibia	0.0	1.0	52.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	13.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.7	4.3	12.5	89.6	1.8
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
SACU	9.5	1.0	317.6	20.5	11.6	29.4	185.1	21.4	20.9	119.6	13.4	34.1	50.9	835.2	17.2
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	12.4	0.0	2.2	9.0	13.0	31.4	22.8	91.4	1.9
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.6	12.1	0.2	4.3	0.4	22.1	0.5
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	9.2	13.7	0.3
SADC	9.5	1.0	317.6	20.5	12.2	31.8	203.3	21.4	24.4	140.8	26.7	70.0	83.2	962.3	19.8
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Africa	9.5	1.0	317.6	20.5	12.2	31.8	203.3	21.4	24.4	140.8	26.7	70.0	83.4	962.6	19.8
UAE	0.0	0.0	1,272.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,273.1	26.2
India	0.0	0.0	912.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	912.2	18.8
China	0.0	441.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	441.2	9.1
Israel	0.0	0.0	128.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	128.5	2.6
Sri Lanka	0.0	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.8	1.0
Singapore	0.0	0.0	47.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.5	1.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	2,221.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2,223.5	45.8
Asia	0.0	441.2	2,446.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2,889.4	59.6
Belgium	0.0	0.0	514.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	515.7	10.6
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.3	6.5	0.1
EU	0.0	0.0	514.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.5	522.2	10.8
Australia	0.0	396.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	396.2	8.2
USA	0.0	0.0	48.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	53.3	1.1
Rest of the World	0.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	26.2	0.5
World	9.5	864.4	3,327.1	20.5	12.2	31.8	209.4	21.4	24.4	140.8	26.7	70.2	91.6	4,849.9	100.0

Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – January 2024

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
South Africa	1.3	0.0	35.5	2.8	1.5	3.9	23.0	2.6	2.5	16.0	1.7	4.0	5.1	100.0
Namibia	0.0	1.2	58.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	14.7	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.8	4.8	13.9	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	52.8	45.9	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	6.4	100.0
SACU	1.1	0.1	38.0	2.5	1.4	3.5	22.2	2.6	2.5	14.3	1.6	4.1	6.1	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	13.6	0.0	2.4	9.8	14.3	34.4	24.9	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.3	0.0	2.9	54.8	0.8	19.3	1.8	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.1	9.2	0.0	4.7	0.8	0.0	1.0	67.2	100.0
SADC	1.0	0.1	33.0	2.1	1.3	3.3	21.1	2.2	2.5	14.6	2.8	7.3	8.6	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	5.6	76.5	100.0
Africa	1.0	0.1	33.0	2.1	1.3	3.3	21.1	2.2	2.5	14.6	2.8	7.3	8.7	100.0
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Sri Lanka	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
Singapore	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Asia	0.0	15.3	84.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	96.6	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	100.0
Australia	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	90.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	100.0
Rest of the World	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
World	0.2	17.8	68.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.4	0.5	2.9	0.5	1.4	1.9	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	599.5	10.4	7.9
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	479.0	8.3	6.3
3	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	256.4	4.5	3.4
4	27160000	Electrical energy	176.2	3.1	2.3
5	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	162.2	2.8	2.1
6	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg	139.6	2.4	1.9
7	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	93.6	1.6	1.2
8	25232900	Other Portland cement	89.0	1.5	1.2
9	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))	78.0	1.4	1.0
10	87033390	Other vehicles, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³:	59.9	1.0	0.8
11	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	54.5	0.9	0.7
12	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus:	53.0	0.9	0.7
13	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	47.8	0.8	0.6
14	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	47.2	0.8	0.6
15	17011300	Cane sugar specified in SubHeading Note 2 to this Chapter	47.1	0.8	0.6
16	85444990	Other insulated electric conductors not of Copper	41.8	0.7	0.6
17	87089990	Other parts and accessories (other)	40.7	0.7	0.5
18	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 chassis fitted with a cab	32.9	0.6	0.4
19	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	31.4	0.5	0.4
20	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	29.7	0.5	0.4
21	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	29.5	0.5	0.4
22	87032490	Other used vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3000 cm	29.1	0.5	0.4
23	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	28.7	0.5	0.4
24	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	28.3	0.5	0.4
25	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	28.2	0.5	0.4

Table 4.1 A: Top Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	10079000	Other (Grain Sorghum)	26.7	0.5	0.4
27	87012120	Of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	25.5	0.4	0.3
28	87032190	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02) including station wagons and racing cars	25.1	0.4	0.3
29	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)	24.8	0.4	0.3
30	39041000	Poly(vinyl chloride), not mixed with any other substances	24.4	0.4	0.3
31	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	23.7	0.4	0.3
32	10059090	Other (Maize (Corn))	23.3	0.4	0.3
33	17011200	Beet sugar	23.1	0.4	0.3
34	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	22.9	0.4	0.3
35	74081100	Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	22.2	0.4	0.3
36	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	22.0	0.4	0.3
37	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 "	21.3	0.4	0.3
38	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	20.8	0.4	0.3
39	34012000	Soap in other forms	20.5	0.4	0.3
40	84292000	Graders and levellers	19.5	0.3	0.3
41	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	18.5	0.3	0.2
42	09109900	Other spices	18.2	0.3	0.2
43	27111390	Other Butanes, Liquefied	18.0	0.3	0.2
44	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of SubHeading 8430.41 or 8430.49	17.3	0.3	0.2
45	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	17.3	0.3	0.2
46	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.)	16.4	0.3	0.2
47	40101900	Other Conveyor belts or belting,	16.2	0.3	0.2
48	21039091	Mayonnaise, put up in packaging for retail sale	16.2	0.3	0.2
49	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	16.0	0.3	0.2
50	87032290	Other used vehicles, with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1000 cm³ but not exceeding 1500 cm³	15.6	0.3	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods			3,219.1	56.0	42.7
Other Non Diamond Imports Goods			2,527.2	44.0	33.5
Total Non-Diamond Goods			5,746.3	100.0	76.2
Diamonds Imports			1,799.0		23.8
Total Imports			7,545.3		100.0

Table 4.1 B: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – January 2024 (Million Pula)

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	864.4	56.8	17.8
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	115.0	7.6	2.4
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	110.8	7.3	2.3
4	88022000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass not exceeding 2 000 kg	50.5	3.3	1.0
5	85444290	Electric conductors, for a voltage <= 1.000 V, insulated, fitted with connectors, n.e.s. (other than of a kind used for telecommunications)	45.6	3.0	0.9
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	29.1	1.9	0.6
7	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	23.6	1.6	0.5
8	71081200	Other unwrought forms	20.5	1.3	0.4
9	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	19.2	1.3	0.4
10	27011900	Other coal	15.8	1.0	0.3
11	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	13.8	0.9	0.3
12	85446090	Electric conductors for a voltage > 1.000 V, insulated, not with copper conductors, n.e.s	11.8	0.8	0.2
13	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	11.1	0.7	0.2
14	27011200	Bituminous coal	9.5	0.6	0.2
15	01022900	Other (cattle)	8.1	0.5	0.2
16	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines, having a rim size of 91 cm or more	6.2	0.4	0.1
17	62171090	Other clothing accessories	5.3	0.3	0.1
18	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	4.9	0.3	0.1
19	64059090	Other footwear	4.6	0.3	0.1
20	84112100	Turbo-propellers: Of a power not exceeding 1 100 kW	4.5	0.3	0.1
21	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	4.5	0.3	0.1
22	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	4.4	0.3	0.1
23	85287290	Other colour reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus	4.3	0.3	0.1
24	11031390	Other (Groats and meal of maize (corn))	3.9	0.3	0.1
25	94055000	Non-electrical luminaries and lighting fittings	3.6	0.2	0.1

Table 4.1 B: Top Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – January 2024 (Million Pula) Continued.

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	3.4	0.2	0.1
27	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	3.1	0.2	0.1
28	48202000	Exercise books	3.1	0.2	0.1
29	87041090	Other new dumpers designed for off-highway use	3.0	0.2	0.1
30	11031310	Maize meal not further processed other than by the addition of minerals and vitamins not exceeding 1 per cent by mass of the final product, solely for the purpose of increasing the nutritional value	2.9	0.2	0.1
31	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	2.9	0.2	0.1
32	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	2.8	0.2	0.1
33	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.8	0.2	0.1
34	61121900	Track suits, Of other textile materials	2.6	0.2	0.1
35	85043400	Having a power handling capacity exceeding 500 kVA	2.5	0.2	0.1
36	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.5	0.2	0.1
37	84306900	Earth moving machinery, not self-propelled,n.e.s	2.5	0.2	0.1
38	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	2.4	0.2	0.1
39	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap	2.1	0.1	0.0
40	85285990	Other monitors nes	2.0	0.1	0.0
41	87163900	Other trailers and semi-trailers for the transport of goods: Other	2.0	0.1	0.0
42	23023000	Bran, sharps and other residues, Of wheat	2.0	0.1	0.0
43	19019020	Traditional African beer powder as defined in Additional Note 1 to Chapter 19	1.8	0.1	0.0
44	39189090	Other Floor coverings and wall or ceiling coverings, of plastics	1.8	0.1	0.0
45	58081000	Braids in the piece	1.8	0.1	0.0
46	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	1.7	0.1	0.0
47	48115990	Other Paper and paperboard coated, impregnated or covered with plastics (excluding adhesives)	1.7	0.1	0.0
48	72043000	Waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel	1.6	0.1	0.0
49	74151000	Nails and tacks, drawing pins, staples and similar articles	1.6	0.1	0.0
50	02031100	Carcasses and half-carcasses (meat of swine, fresh or chilled)	1.6	0.1	0.0
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,453.3	95.4	30.0
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			69.4	4.6	1.4
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,522.8	100.0	31.4
Diamonds Exports			3,327.1		68.6
Total Exports			4,849.9		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 by 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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