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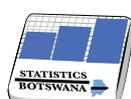
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Preface

Revisions have been made to the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Digest of November 2023, Version 2. The changes affected **Table 1.0**: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to November 2023. The column headings for the Domestic Exports and Re- Exports were mistakenly interchanged.

International Merchandise Trade Statistics measure the flows of goods across national borders and can be used to spot emerging markets, gauge competition, and identify export and import opportunities. As a result, it plays a critical role in the global economy by keeping track of all exchanges of goods between trading partners. The transaction reflects the value and quantity of goods that add to (Imports) or subtract from (Exports), the stock of material resources of a country. Trade statistics continue to be one of the key indicators of economic performance and global competitiveness.

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

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

The import bill in November 2023 amounted to P9, 514.3 million, recording a rise of 11.2 percent when compared to the revised value of P8, 557.1 million registered in October 2023. Botswana's total earnings from exports in November 2023 deteriorated by 24.3 percent from the revised October 2023 value of P3, 871.7 million to P2, 929.8 million.

During November 2023, the top four (4) import commodities were Diamonds at 23.3 percent, followed by Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco at 19.4 percent and 15.0 percent of total imports respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with a contribution of 11.8 percent. The top four (4) imported goods jointly accounted for 69.6 percent of the total. The most exported commodities were Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 44.2 percent, 25.8 percent and 10.1 percent to total exports respectively, summing to 80.1 percent.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports at 77.7 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 9.8 percent and 3.2 percent of total imports, respectively. South Africa and Namibia supplied imports accounting for 57.2 percent and 20.0 percent of Botswana's imports respectively, while Zambia and India contributed 3.6 percent each (**Table 3.1A**).

Exports destined to Asia, SACU, and the EU represented 40.3 percent, 23.4 percent and 15.8 percent of the total exports, respectively during the month under review. South Africa, the United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), and Belgium received exports accounting for 21.8 percent, 18.6 percent and 15.7 percent of the monthly total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**).

During November 2023, merchandise worth P24, 304.7 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 45.9 percent and 39.1 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift and Kazungula Bridge border posts respectively. (**Table C1**).

The top transiting goods were chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 34.0 percent, chapter 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 18.7 percent and Chapter 26 (Ores, slag and ash) followed with 18.1 percent **Table C2**.

Goods transported by Road accounted for 51.8 percent of total exports, while Air and Rail represented 47.4 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, in November 2023. Road was the preferred mode of transport for Imports during the month under review. Imports representing 64.0 percent were transported into the country by Road. Goods transported by Air and Rail accounted for 22.8 percent and 13.2 percent of total imports respectively (**Table B**).

1.0 Total Trade

Total merchandise trade refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. The discussions are based on November 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 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 November 2023 resulted in the upward revision to the transactions for September and October 2023. **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures in the October 2023 digest and the current.

Table A: Data Revision: September and October 2023 (Million Pula)

Period/ Indicators	As at October 2023 Digest			As at November 2023 Digest			Difference			Difference as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
September	8,440.3	3,964.7	(4,475.6)	8,468.9	5,068.8	(3,400.0)	28.6	1,104.1	1,075.6	0.3	27.8	(24.0)
October	8,342.0	2,709.9	(5,632.1)	8,557.1	3,871.7	(4,685.4)	215.1	1,161.8	946.7	2.6	42.9	(16.8)

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's total imports were valued P9, 514.3 million in November 2023, registering an increase of 11.2 percent (P957.2 million) from the revised October 2023 figure of P8, 557.1 million. The increase was due to a rise in Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products imports by 55.1 percent (P788.8 million) and 31.1 percent (P267.0 million), respectively, as displayed in **Table 2.1**.

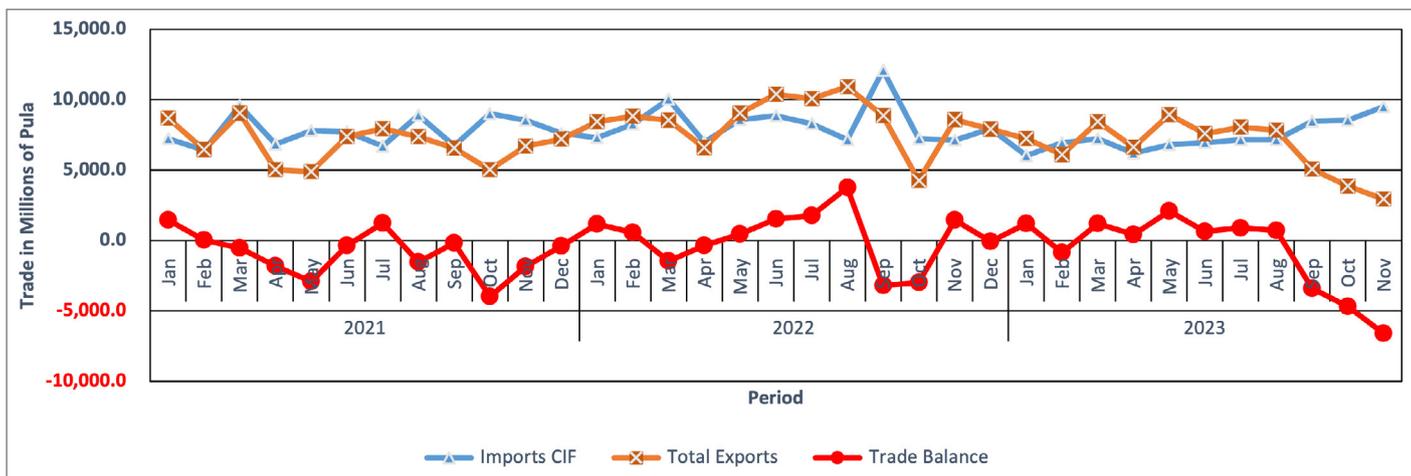
1.3 Total Exports

Botswana's total exports decreased by 24.3 percent (P941.9 million), from the revised October figure of P3, 871.7 million to P2, 929.8 million, the lowest value for the entire period of observation. Diamonds played a major role to the decline in overall exports, falling by 44.1 percent (P1, 053.6 million) from the revised October 2023 value of P2, 350.0 million to P1, 296.3 million in the current month. Vehicles & Transport Equipment fell by 63.5 percent (P69.7 million) as shown in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P6, 584.5 million in November 2023, this follows a revised deficit of P4, 658.4 million recorded in October 2023. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to November 2023. .

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



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

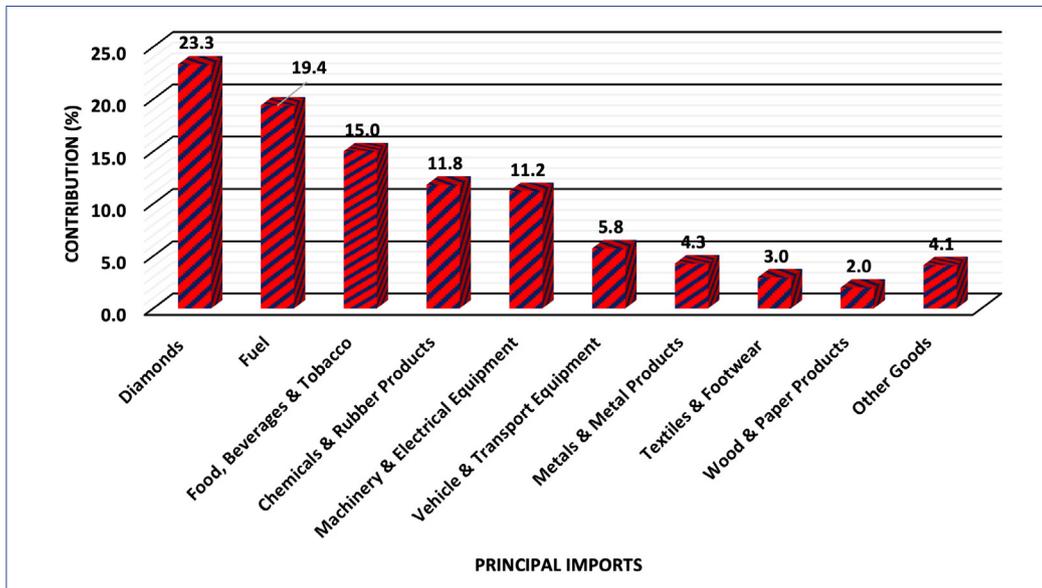
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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 insignificant.

2.1 Principal Imports

Botswana received imports valued at P9, 514.3 million in November 2023. The top imported groups were Diamonds; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco, and Chemicals & Rubber Products. Diamonds contributed 23.3 percent (P2, 220.6 million) to total imports. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco followed with contributions of 19.4 percent (P1, 847.2 million) and 15.0 percent (P1, 430.0 million) to total imports, respectively. Chemicals & Rubber Products made a contribution of 11.8 percent (P1, 125.5 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 – November 2023 (Percentage)

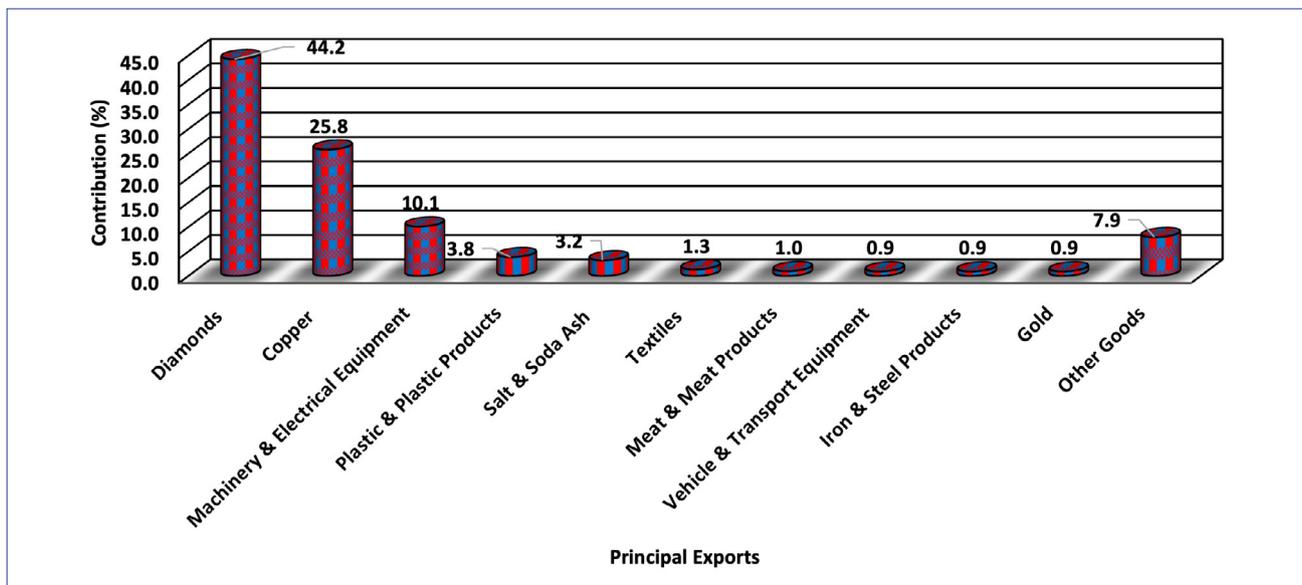


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

In November 2023, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P2, 929.8 million. Diamonds was the leading export commodity group with a contribution of 44.2 percent (P1, 296.3 million), followed by Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 25.8 percent (P755.8 million) and 10.1 percent (P295.2 million) respectively. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in [Table 2.2](#) and [Chart 2.2](#).

Chart 2.2 Composition of Principal Exports – November 2023 (Percentage)



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

3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result the direction of trade 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 November 2023 appears in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Table 3.2A](#), respectively. [Table 3.1B](#) (imports) and [Table 3.2B](#) (exports) show percentage distributions for major sources and destinations by principal commodity groups during the same month.

3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

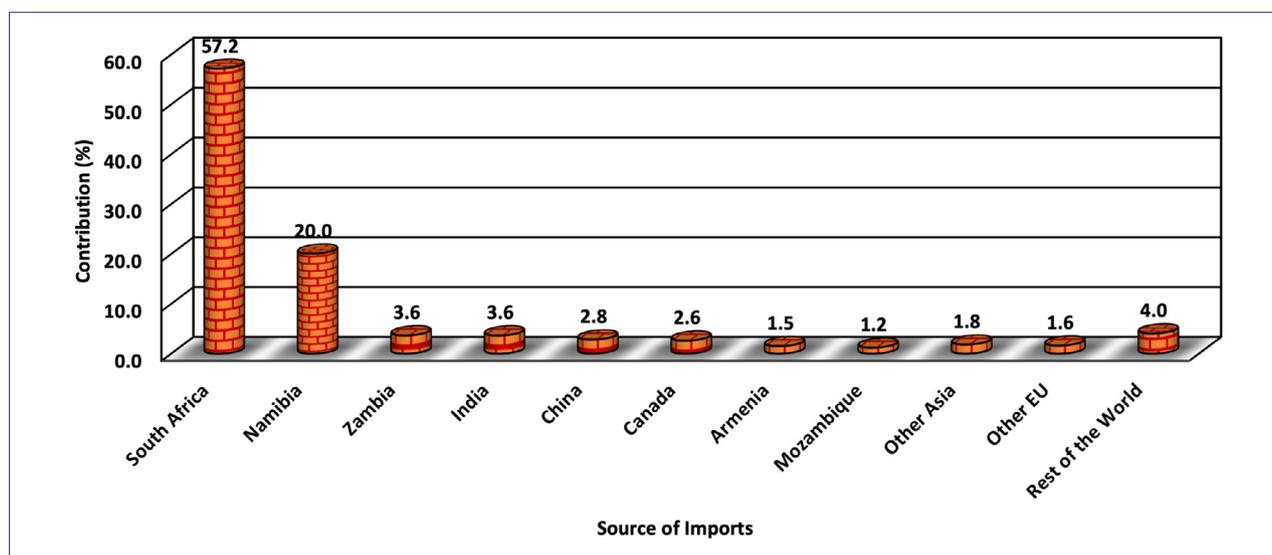
Botswana imported goods worth P9, 514.3 million with the SACU block contributing 77.7 percent (P7, 395.8 million) to the total, during the period under review. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Diamonds and Food, Beverages & Tobacco with contributions of 20.9 percent (P1, 544.9 million), 20.1 percent (P1, 489.6 million) and 18.1 percent (P1, 341.8 million), respectively. Among the SACU member states, South Africa contributed largest at 57.2 percent (P5, 439.3 million) of total imports. Namibia followed with 20.0 percent (P1, 906.2 million) of total imports, as displayed in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

During the period under review, Botswana imported goods amounting to P927.7 million from Asia, representing 9.8 percent of total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products with contributions of 44.9 percent (P416.1 million), 19.1 percent (P177.1 million) and 17.3 percent (P160.2 million) of total imports from the regional block, respectively. Imports from India and China contributed 3.6 percent (P345.5 million) and 2.8 percent (P267.7 million) to total imports respectively as shown in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

The **EU** supplied Botswana with imports worth P302.7 million translating to 3.2 percent of total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Diamonds and Chemicals & Rubber Products were the major commodity groups imported from the **EU** at 31.1 percent (P94.2 million), 24.1 percent (P72.8 million) and 17.0 percent (P51.3 million) of total imports respectively, see [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

Imports accounting for 2.6 percent (P248.5 million) of total imports were sourced from Canada during the month under review. The main import commodity group was Diamonds, at 90.3 percent (P224.5 million) of total imports from that country. Sources of imports during November 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

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

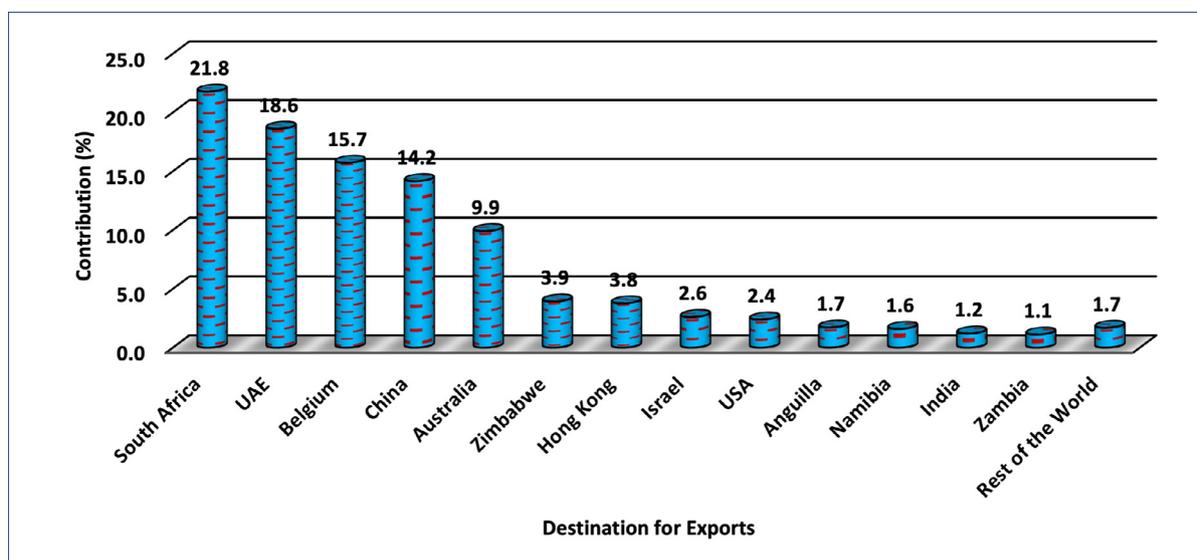
During the period under review, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P2, 929.8 million. Asia was the leading export market for Botswana, having received 40.3 percent (P1, 182.1 million) of total exports. Top exports destinations within Asia were the UAE, China and Hong Kong at 18.6 percent (P545.1 million), 14.2 percent (P414.6 million) and 3.8 percent (P110.0 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 64.2 percent (P758.4 million) and 35.1 percent (P414.5 million) respectively, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the **SACU** region accounted for 23.4 percent (P685.7 million) of total exports during the month under review. Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Plastic & Plastic Products and Salt & Soda Ash were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union. These accounted for 36.3 percent (P248.7 million), 15.5 percent (P106.4 million) and 9.2 percent (P63.3 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports within **SACU**, at 21.8 percent (P637.7 million) **Table 3.2A**.

The EU received exports amounting to P463.2 million, accounting for 15.8 percent of total exports in November 2023. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 15.7 percent (P460.4 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU at 99.3 percent (P459.9 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During November 2023, Australia received exports worth P290.0 million, representing 9.9 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to Australia was Copper at 100.0 percent (P289.9 million) of exports to that country. The USA received exports representing 2.4 percent (P69.6 million) of the total, mostly composed of Diamonds. 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 – November 2023



'Rest of the World' includes all other Countries or Regions not specified as in Table 3.2
 "Other..." includes all countries in the regional block except those displayed on the chart

4.0 Imports and Exports by Top imported and Exported Commodities

The top traded commodities for both flows are presented in **Table 4.1A** for imports and **Table 4.1B** for exports for November 2023. This is intended to present the most traded goods (excluding Diamonds) with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution, possible exportation and economic diversification.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The mode of transport refers to the method used for the mobility of goods in and out of the country. These statistics are collected to be used as guidance in formulating transport policy and monitoring international transport routes or assess the impact of international trade on the environment, as transport is critical for trade facilitation.

Active modes of transport mainly used in Botswana for movement of international merchandise trade are Air, Road and Rail. **Table B** presents statistics relating to modes of transport while **Chart B** gives the graphical illustration.

During the current month, goods valued at P1, 515.2 million, representing 51.8 percent of total exports, were transported by Road. Goods exported by Air and Rail accounted for 47.4 percent (P1, 389.2 million) and 0.8 percent (P24.0 million), respectively. The basket of exports via Air comprised mainly of precious stones (diamonds),

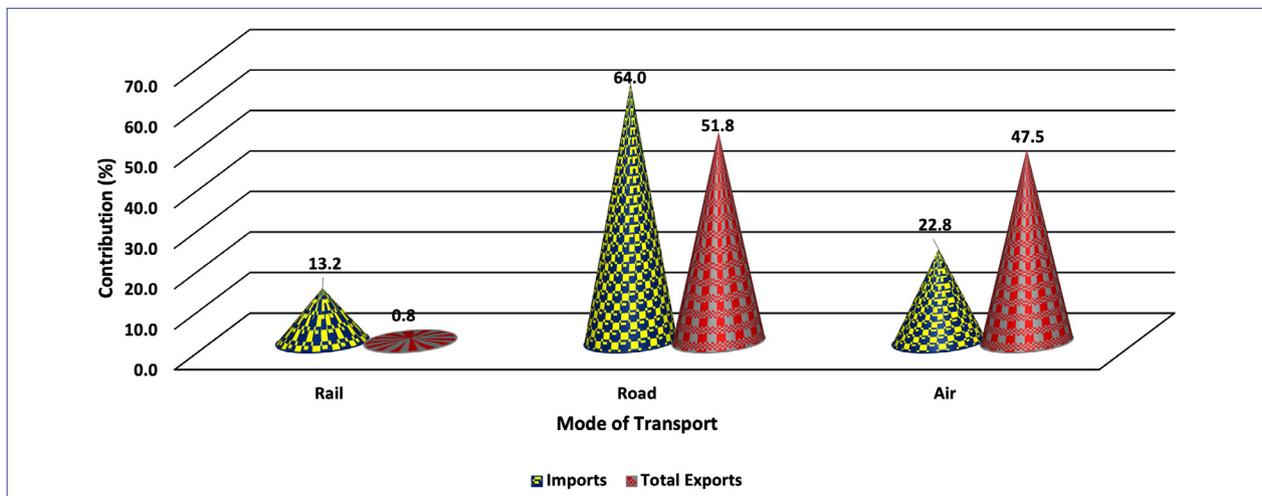
Imports representing 64.0 percent (P6, 089.2 million) of the monthly total were transported into the country by Road during the month under review. Goods imported by Air and Rail accounted for 22.8 percent (P2, 169.5 million) and 13.2 percent (P1, 253.6 million) respectively.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Rail	1,253.6	13.2	24.0	0.8
Road	6,089.2	64.0	1,515.2	51.8
Air	2,169.5	22.8	1,389.2	47.4
Other Modes	2.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
Total	9,514.3	100.0	2,929.8	100.0

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

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



6.0 Transit Trade

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

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

Countries involved in transit trade naturally 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 November 2023, goods amounting to P24, 304.7 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift border post and Kazungula bridge handled goods accounting for 45.9 percent (P11, 156.7 million) and 39.1 percent (P9, 507.3 million) respectively as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**.

The top most transiting goods were chapters 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 34.0 percent (P8, 253.0 million), followed by chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) 18.7 percent (P4, 551.2 million) and 26 (Ores, slag and ash) at 18.1 percent (P4, 400.7 million), respectively, as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

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

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	11,156.7	45.9
Kazungula Bridge	9,507.3	39.1
Mamuno Borderpost	1,943.9	8.0
Ngoma Borderpost	802.7	3.3
Ramokgwebana Borderpos	406.6	1.7
Kazungula Road Border	282.7	1.2
Other Borders	204.8	0.8
Total	24,304.7	100.0

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

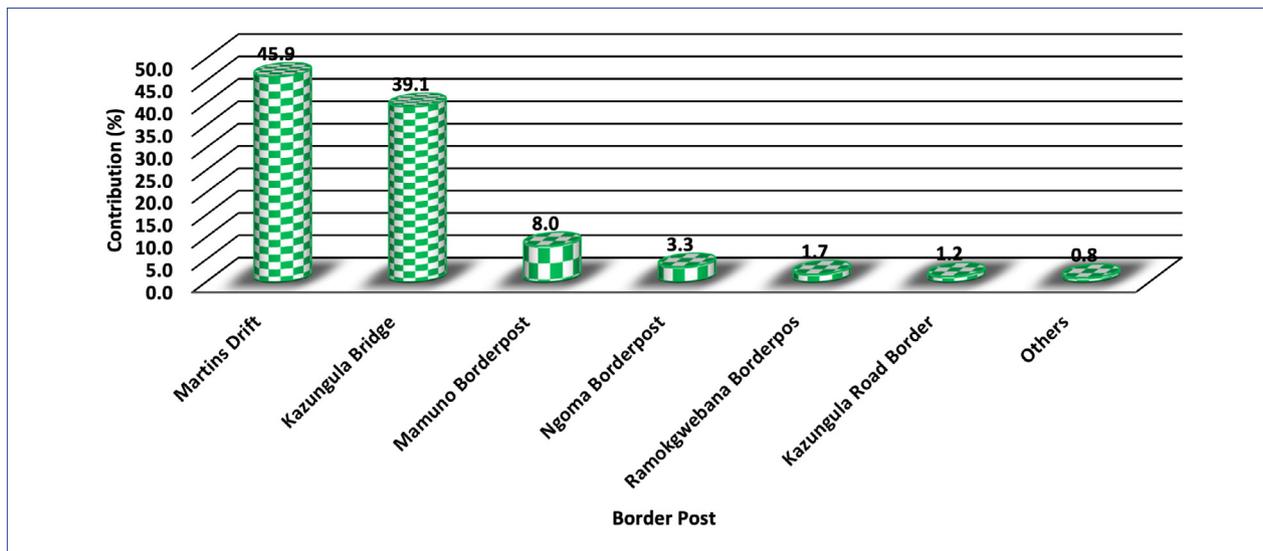


Table C2: Transit by Chapter – November 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	8,253.0	34.0
2	74	Copper and articles thereof	4,551.2	18.7
3	26	Ores, slag and ash	4,400.7	18.1
4	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	2,717.2	11.2
5	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	532.5	2.2
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	492.5	2.0
7	39	Plastics and articles thereof	376.4	1.5
8	31	Fertilizers	270.4	1.1
9	73	Iron or steel articles	252.5	1.0
10	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	248.4	1.0
11	10	Cereals	231.4	1.0
Top Transit Goods			22,326.2	91.9
Other Transit Goods			1,978.6	8.1
Total Transit Goods			24,304.7	100.0

Chart C2: Transit by Chapter – November 2023 (Percentage)

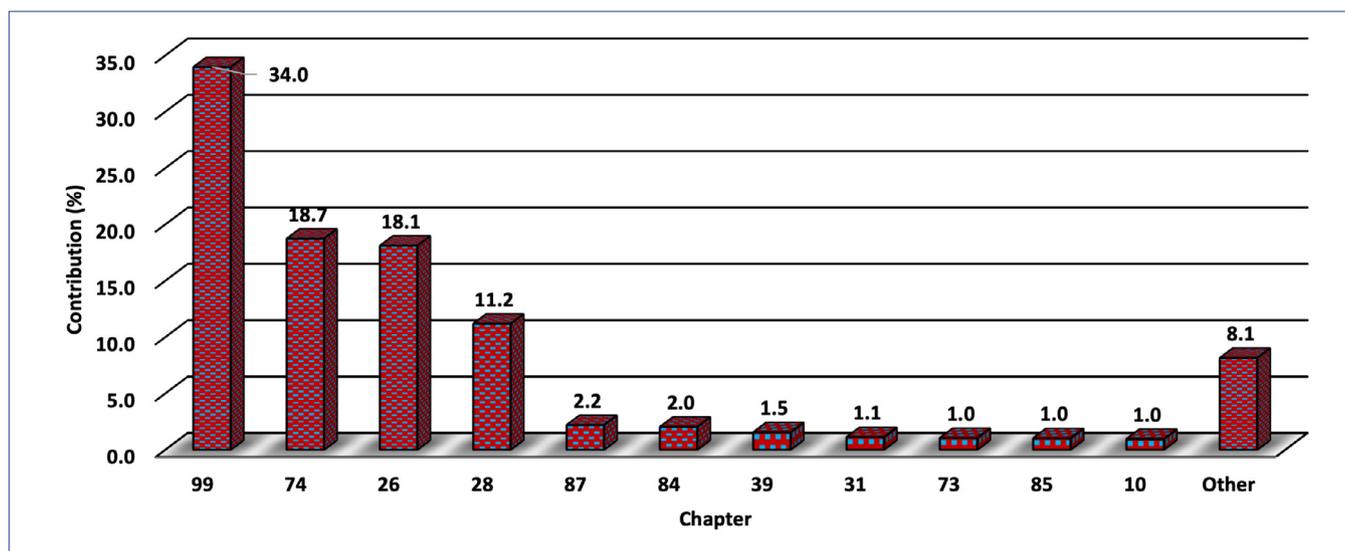


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to November 2023 (Million Pula)

Period \ Indicators	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2021	7,250.8	6,987.8	261.6	1.4	8,689.3	0.3	8,689.6	1,438.8
Feb	6,402.0	6,130.6	269.7	1.6	6,449.4	0.0	6,449.4	47.4
Mar	9,580.1	9,228.0	350.7	1.4	9,039.8	0.0	9,039.8	(540.3)
Q1	23,232.9	22,346.4	882.0	4.5	24,178.5	0.4	24,178.8	945.9
Apr	6,856.4	6,563.8	291.2	1.3	5,030.6	0.0	5,030.6	(1,825.7)
May	7,815.8	7,523.9	290.5	1.4	4,898.1	0.0	4,898.1	(2,917.8)
Jun	7,738.1	7,465.5	270.9	1.6	7,368.5	0.9	7,369.5	(368.6)
Q2	22,410.3	21,553.3	852.7	4.3	17,297.2	0.9	17,298.2	(5,112.1)
Jul	6,705.6	6,428.5	275.9	1.3	7,930.1	0.2	7,930.3	1,224.7
Aug	8,903.9	8,561.4	340.9	1.7	7,378.5	0.0	7,378.5	(1,525.4)
Sep	6,752.0	6,473.7	276.7	1.6	6,553.8	1.9	6,555.6	(196.3)
Q3	22,361.5	21,463.5	893.4	4.5	21,862.4	2.0	21,864.4	(497.1)
Oct	9,003.2	8,649.6	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.8)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.3	4.3	6,706.6	(1,841.3)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
Q4	25,158.7	24,109.4	1,042.8	6.4	18,931.3	10.5	18,941.8	(6,216.9)
Total_2021	93,163.3	89,472.6	3,671.0	19.7	82,269.3	13.9	82,283.2	(10,880.1)
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	10,020.4	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	10,402.7	1.6	10,404.4	1,521.6
Q2	24,439.8	23,273.9	1,160.4	5.4	26,054.5	1.7	26,056.2	1,616.4
Jul	8,286.1	7,935.4	349.1	1.6	10,060.1	0.9	10,061.0	1,774.9
Aug	7,153.6	6,812.0	339.0	2.5	10,911.2	1.7	10,913.0	3,759.4
Sep	12,083.0	11,749.0	331.9	2.0	8,880.5	0.0	8,880.5	(3,202.5)
Q3	27,522.6	26,496.5	1,020.0	6.1	29,851.8	2.6	29,854.5	2,331.9
Oct	7,233.0	6,920.6	310.9	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,966.4)
Nov	7,141.3	6,804.1	335.5	1.7	8,573.2	22.6	8,595.8	1,454.5
Dec	7,958.9	7,661.0	295.7	2.2	7,897.7	0.7	7,898.4	(60.6)
Q4	22,333.2	21,385.7	942.1	5.4	20,737.5	23.3	20,760.8	(1,572.4)
Total_2022	99,881.8	95,693.1	4,165.2	23.5	102,480.6	28.0	102,508.6	2,626.8
Jan_2023	6,030.7	5,749.9	279.3	1.6	7,250.1	0.0	7,250.1	1,219.4
Feb	6,964.6	6,670.2	292.8	1.6	6,088.3	6.1	6,094.3	(870.3)
Mar	7,238.9	6,921.1	315.9	1.9	8,446.9	5.7	8,452.6	1,213.6
Q1	20,234.3	19,341.1	888.1	5.1	21,785.2	11.7	21,797.0	1,562.7
Apr	6,215.5	5,937.4	276.7	1.4	6,630.9	2.5	6,633.4	417.9
May	6,825.9	6,512.7	312.1	1.1	8,917.7	3.4	8,921.1	2,095.2
Jun	6,946.8	6,620.8	323.9	2.1	7,592.2	0.5	7,592.7	646.0
Q2	19,988.2	19,071.0	912.7	4.6	23,140.8	6.4	23,147.2	3,159.1
Jul	7,157.1	6,837.5	317.9	1.7	8,059.7	0.1	8,059.8	902.7
Aug	7,158.5	6,823.1	333.5	1.9	7,848.5	0.5	7,849.0	690.5
Sep	8,468.9	8,125.5	341.8	1.6	5,068.7	0.1	5,068.8	(3,400.0)
Q3	22,784.5	21,786.1	993.3	5.2	20,977.0	0.6	20,977.6	(1,806.9)
Oct	8,557.1	8,202.3	353.3	1.6	3,868.0	3.7	3,871.7	(4,685.4)
Nov	9,514.3	9,155.2	356.4	2.7	2,929.3	0.4	2,929.8	(6,584.5)

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Self Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.9	274.7	75.1	127.7	381.4	117.7	332.9	7,250.8
Feb	550.5	2,086.4	795.1	784.4	68.2	738.7	345.3	65.7	156.7	438.3	129.8	372.5	6,402.0
Mar	998.0	3,691.6	890.7	903.9	90.4	929.0	399.4	69.1	179.2	918.2	194.2	510.7	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	463.6	1,737.9	441.7	1,216.2	23,232.9
Apr	653.1	1,925.5	806.3	853.8	63.4	738.7	346.9	69.2	181.7	836.0	148.7	381.9	6,856.4
May	658.9	2,883.7	838.2	812.3	54.3	868.1	412.0	70.9	139.8	688.9	159.8	388.6	7,815.8
Jun	773.3	2,846.3	866.5	860.0	57.7	891.1	384.6	78.8	137.1	459.9	147.7	382.6	7,738.1
Q2	2,085.3	7,655.5	2,511.0	2,526.1	175.3	2,497.9	1,143.5	219.0	458.6	1,984.8	456.2	1,153.1	22,410.3
Jul	634.4	2,181.2	842.7	899.5	47.1	810.6	358.0	74.7	121.9	359.2	154.0	376.3	6,705.6
Aug	748.9	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	69.0	962.9	432.1	75.8	161.0	517.2	195.8	468.4	8,903.9
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	76.5	957.2	389.7	76.2	195.1	455.1	181.8	441.8	6,752.0
Q3	2,107.4	7,360.3	2,628.5	2,839.6	192.5	2,730.6	1,179.8	226.7	478.0	1,331.5	531.7	1,286.5	22,361.5
Oct	881.1	3,413.6	1,041.3	1,091.0	75.0	960.9	321.8	70.4	241.9	512.2	162.9	394.1	9,003.2
Nov	796.2	3,014.2	1,036.0	1,110.1	75.9	931.2	392.4	67.9	231.0	480.3	174.4	412.7	8,547.9
Dec	814.7	2,090.8	966.8	1,213.1	59.5	832.4	307.2	61.6	160.1	724.7	151.6	376.6	7,607.5
Q4	2,492.0	8,518.6	3,044.1	3,414.2	210.4	2,724.5	1,021.4	199.9	633.0	1,717.2	488.9	1,183.4	25,158.7
Total_2021	8,783.8	32,660.5	10,721.4	11,122.0	779.6	10,232.7	4,364.1	855.5	2,033.2	6,771.3	1,918.5	4,839.2	93,163.3
Jan_2022	1,075.5	2,225.2	877.0	1,089.3	29.8	788.9	281.1	60.4	135.6	429.8	130.9	296.0	7,288.5
Feb	628.7	3,295.7	876.5	1,046.3	45.8	1,003.3	351.1	58.9	189.1	429.2	142.2	352.5	8,277.2
Mar	859.1	3,712.3	1,183.1	1,437.6	53.3	1,053.1	509.5	63.7	217.6	514.2	165.7	416.9	10,020.4
Q1	2,563.3	9,233.3	2,936.6	3,573.3	128.9	2,845.3	1,141.8	183.0	542.3	1,373.1	438.8	1,065.4	25,586.2
Apr	673.3	1,674.8	903.2	1,410.2	45.2	931.9	373.0	58.3	169.7	392.6	140.8	346.9	6,979.1
May	848.8	2,742.7	900.1	1,439.1	70.4	1,106.2	409.1	70.1	190.8	388.9	150.8	411.8	8,578.0
Jun	809.0	1,128.2	2,314.3	1,723.0	55.1	1,136.8	356.0	68.1	172.5	720.3	148.4	399.3	8,882.7
Q2	2,331.1	5,545.6	4,117.7	4,572.3	170.8	3,174.9	1,138.0	196.6	533.0	1,501.8	440.0	1,158.0	24,439.8
Jul	695.2	1,548.2	978.8	2,295.6	66.4	1,022.1	369.4	67.9	209.6	619.9	163.7	413.1	8,286.1
Aug	738.1	890.5	1,047.4	1,734.4	56.5	965.3	384.0	78.5	221.2	514.8	183.1	522.9	7,153.6
Sep	854.5	5,769.1	1,038.5	1,469.3	59.2	1,100.7	391.2	65.2	222.2	629.4	194.8	483.7	12,083.0
Q3	2,287.7	8,207.8	3,064.7	5,499.2	182.1	3,088.1	1,144.6	211.7	652.9	1,764.1	541.6	1,419.7	27,522.6
Oct	750.3	1,309.1	1,032.6	1,499.6	64.7	1,066.5	326.6	61.3	211.7	471.5	160.9	439.2	7,233.0
Nov	969.1	641.5	1,175.9	1,521.8	65.2	1,069.6	381.6	63.0	273.3	484.3	193.9	496.1	7,141.3
Dec	767.1	2,351.7	1,013.6	1,670.7	55.0	750.9	313.2	50.5	172.9	367.5	157.9	445.9	7,958.9
Q4	2,486.5	4,302.3	3,222.2	4,692.0	184.8	2,886.9	1,021.4	174.7	657.8	1,323.3	512.8	1,381.2	22,333.2
Total_2022	9,668.6	27,289.0	13,341.1	18,336.8	666.7	11,995.1	4,445.8	766.0	2,386.0	5,962.4	1,933.3	5,024.3	99,881.8
Jan_2023	640.3	988.8	907.0	1,338.4	25.0	850.5	279.7	56.3	136.1	418.8	134.9	389.6	6,030.7
Feb	771.5	1,314.7	1,259.9	1,288.5	41.0	894.0	376.9	46.6	185.6	420.9	142.8	365.0	6,964.6
Mar	795.4	807.4	1,221.3	1,511.1	58.1	1,110.2	394.4	65.4	242.3	564.9	179.3	468.3	7,238.9
Q1	2,207.2	3,110.9	3,388.3	4,138.0	124.1	2,854.7	1,051.1	168.3	564.0	1,404.6	457.1	1,222.9	20,234.3
Apr	768.6	765.9	1,093.6	1,366.8	45.8	817.1	351.9	63.6	204.5	381.5	140.3	356.2	6,215.5
May	901.9	859.1	1,013.1	1,311.5	56.9	1,058.1	390.9	77.3	191.1	550.3	161.8	415.7	6,825.9
Jun	904.3	779.6	1,153.2	1,321.6	58.1	1,120.4	422.4	100.1	159.3	527.3	176.9	400.6	6,946.8
Q2	2,574.8	2,404.7	3,259.9	3,999.9	160.8	2,995.6	1,165.2	240.9	554.9	1,459.1	479.1	1,172.4	19,988.2
Jul	823.9	796.7	1,077.1	1,437.5	51.7	1,014.1	418.1	63.4	182.4	873.0	167.4	419.4	7,157.1
Aug	916.7	557.5	1,255.8	1,486.1	59.7	1,132.5	431.7	74.8	213.2	572.0	183.6	458.6	7,158.5
Sep	779.3	1,435.5	1,321.2	1,822.5	62.9	1,186.0	449.1	64.7	238.7	624.6	171.8	484.2	8,468.9
Q3	2,519.9	2,789.7	3,654.1	4,746.0	174.3	3,332.6	1,298.9	202.9	634.3	2,069.6	522.8	1,362.2	22,784.5
Oct	858.5	1,431.8	1,474.8	1,798.8	67.7	1,091.0	406.7	61.5	276.5	558.9	186.0	531.0	8,557.1
Nov	1,125.5	2,220.6	1,430.0	1,847.2	69.0	1,067.2	409.1	67.9	282.5	547.2	194.2	448.0	9,514.3
%Contribution													
2021	9.4	35.1	11.5	11.9	0.8	11.0	4.7	0.9	2.2	7.3	2.1	5.2	100.0
2022	9.7	27.3	13.4	18.4	0.7	12.0	4.5	0.8	2.4	6.0	1.9	5.0	100.0
Oct	10.0	16.7	17.2	21.0	0.8	12.7	4.8	0.7	3.2	6.5	2.2	6.2	100.0
Nov	11.8	23.3	15.0	19.4	0.7	11.2	4.3	0.7	3.0	5.8	2.0	4.7	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	6.8	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	12.4	56.2	169.8	0.6	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	71.7	8,689.6
Feb	4.8	0.0	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	61.1	151.7	2.1	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	95.0	6,449.4
Mar	8.8	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	81.7	9,039.8
Q1	20.4	1.1	22,653.0	112.3	50.1	214.0	478.1	11.9	81.3	172.0	44.9	91.4	248.4	24,178.8
Apr	7.6	0.1	4,471.4	0.0	20.5	63.0	182.3	9.0	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	142.1	5,030.6
May	11.7	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	18.2	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	127.2	4,898.1
Jun	15.3	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	34.8	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	129.7	7,369.5
Q2	34.6	0.8	15,461.5	97.9	79.8	251.2	498.0	62.1	114.8	183.6	46.0	69.2	398.9	17,298.2
Jul	12.6	86.8	7,210.0	0.0	18.3	80.5	183.3	12.7	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	145.9	7,930.3
Aug	10.2	398.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	166.1	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	39.9	143.0	7,378.5
Sep	10.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.5	26.0	110.7	6,555.6
Q3	32.8	732.7	19,307.2	97.0	60.4	190.8	545.4	45.9	89.4	218.5	51.5	93.1	399.6	21,864.4
Oct	9.5	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	9.8	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	100.8	5,030.5
Nov	9.3	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.8	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	101.9	6,706.6
Dec	7.2	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	15.0	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	115.7	7,204.7
Q4	26.0	490.7	16,707.8	80.5	51.7	221.2	411.3	43.3	72.0	234.4	74.2	210.3	318.4	18,941.8
Total_2021	113.9	1,225.3	74,129.5	387.7	241.9	877.2	1,932.9	163.2	357.4	808.5	216.6	464.0	1,365.2	82,283.2
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	34.7	122.2	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	96.5	352.5	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	57.9	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	161.4	537.0	26,056.2
Jul	16.1	363.8	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.6	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	35.4	281.2	10,061.0
Aug	15.7	449.9	9,646.0	30.1	20.1	85.1	217.0	8.8	31.3	125.4	33.1	55.9	194.6	10,913.0
Sep	16.8	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	272.9	3.5	36.2	109.1	25.4	115.8	187.6	8,880.5
Q3	48.6	1,118.2	26,226.0	79.7	63.8	196.6	733.5	26.5	101.5	307.1	82.4	207.1	663.4	29,854.5
Oct	14.9	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.2	4.4	33.7	89.7	29.8	30.0	209.0	4,266.6
Nov	14.3	319.3	7,392.2	16.3	19.9	85.3	295.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	235.9	8,595.8
Dec	16.6	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.8	82.7	129.9	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	227.9	7,898.4
Q4	45.7	1,254.2	17,059.3	51.4	51.4	308.9	635.8	28.2	84.6	282.9	99.8	185.7	672.8	20,760.8
Total_2022	167.5	3,965.7	89,304.0	308.2	249.1	1,183.0	2,632.1	136.6	360.6	1,005.7	319.4	650.7	2,225.8	102,508.6
Jan_2023	16.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	112.0	201.6	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	24.0	148.6	7,250.1
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	37.6	114.1	8,452.6
Q1	57.7	1,443.8	18,167.3	73.1	55.9	297.3	744.4	23.4	98.4	258.5	64.4	125.3	387.4	21,797.0
Apr	17.5	388.2	5,620.1	40.0	16.7	62.1	179.7	19.9	25.2	87.7	27.4	39.9	108.9	6,633.4
May	21.0	544.6	7,531.2	27.8	26.0	68.4	269.0	23.9	32.9	57.5	45.3	63.7	209.9	8,921.1
Jun	13.2	424.4	6,368.0	21.0	28.7	65.8	265.1	36.5	33.4	68.2	31.8	58.8	177.8	7,592.7
Q2	51.6	1,357.2	19,519.3	88.8	71.4	196.3	713.8	80.3	91.6	213.5	104.5	162.4	496.6	23,147.2
Jul	11.9	636.0	6,667.5	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.6	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.8	145.5	8,059.8
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	7,849.0
Sep	10.2	733.2	3,575.0	19.0	25.3	28.6	267.8	38.9	45.8	106.6	31.4	25.8	161.4	5,068.8
Q3	33.0	2,022.2	16,604.0	59.4	76.3	84.2	897.6	135.7	104.4	326.4	92.3	93.8	448.4	20,977.6
Oct	11.3	702.8	2,350.0	21.4	43.5	14.4	279.5	40.4	37.2	100.2	37.1	91.1	143.0	3,871.7
Nov	12.1	755.8	1,296.3	25.7	26.7	9.0	295.2	28.0	112.0	93.3	38.5	27.6	209.4	2,929.8
%Contribution														
2021	0.1	1.5	90.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.7	100.0
2022	0.2	3.9	87.1	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	2.2	100.0
Oct	0.3	18.2	60.7	0.6	1.1	0.4	7.2	1.0	1.0	2.6	1.0	2.4	3.7	100.0
Nov	0.4	25.8	44.2	0.9	0.9	0.3	10.1	1.0	3.8	3.2	1.3	0.9	7.1	100.0

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

Period \ HS	IMPORTS						EXPORTS					
	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
Q1	407.2	16.4	0.0	7,314.4	1,388.1	9,126.1	0.0	50.3	0.0	21,143.4	1,459.3	22,653.0
Apr	0.0	5.5	0.0	1,443.9	476.1	1,925.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	3,630.9	838.6	4,471.4
May	298.0	3.9	0.0	2,147.0	434.9	2,883.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	3,530.5	743.0	4,280.0
Jun	263.7	0.0	0.0	1,914.8	667.8	2,846.3	0.0	12.1	0.0	5,951.3	746.6	6,710.0
Q2	561.7	9.4	0.0	5,505.7	1,578.8	7,655.5	0.0	20.6	0.0	13,112.7	2,328.2	15,461.5
Jul	268.0	5.1	0.0	1,545.2	362.8	2,181.2	0.0	12.7	0.0	6,423.2	774.1	7,210.0
Aug	246.7	7.0	0.0	3,069.3	240.0	3,563.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	5,072.8	1,252.0	6,326.1
Sep	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,373.8	242.4	1,616.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	4,755.2	992.2	5,771.1
Q3	514.7	12.1	0.0	5,988.4	845.2	7,360.3	0.0	37.6	0.0	16,251.2	3,018.4	19,307.2
Oct	362.3	9.7	0.0	2,760.7	280.8	3,413.6	0.0	26.6	0.0	3,575.8	741.2	4,343.6
Nov	0.0	15.1	0.1	2,805.5	193.6	3,014.2	0.0	70.7	0.0	4,926.0	802.4	5,799.1
Dec	252.2	13.7	0.0	1,235.2	589.6	2,090.8	0.0	43.6	0.0	5,482.0	1,039.5	6,565.1
Q4	614.6	38.4	0.1	6,801.5	1,064.0	8,518.6	0.0	140.9	0.0	13,983.8	2,583.0	16,707.8
Total 2021	2,098.1	76.4	0.1	25,609.9	4,876.0	32,660.5	0.0	249.4	0.0	64,491.2	9,388.9	74,129.5
Jan_2022	0.0	11.8	0.0	1,922.0	291.4	2,225.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	6,726.8	967.7	7,702.8
Feb	0.0	18.6	0.0	2,756.0	521.1	3,295.7	0.0	53.2	0.0	6,729.9	1,276.9	8,060.0
Mar	512.4	14.4	0.0	2,526.8	658.7	3,712.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	5,919.0	1,578.5	7,525.8
Q1	512.4	44.8	0.0	7,204.8	1,471.3	9,233.3	0.0	89.8	0.0	19,375.8	3,823.1	23,288.6
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	851.9	822.8	1,674.8	0.0	29.1	0.0	4,311.7	1,245.5	5,586.4
May	0.0	295.3	0.0	1,619.3	828.0	2,742.7	0.0	20.7	0.0	6,034.3	1,827.7	7,882.7
Jun	374.7	1.6	0.0	183.0	568.9	1,128.2	0.0	41.0	0.0	7,577.3	1,642.7	9,261.0
Q2	374.8	296.9	0.0	2,654.3	2,219.7	5,545.6	0.0	90.8	0.0	17,923.4	4,715.9	22,730.1
Jul	371.6	0.0	0.0	239.7	936.9	1,548.2	0.0	44.3	0.0	7,382.3	1,392.8	8,819.4
Aug	323.3	0.4	0.0	155.0	411.8	890.5	0.0	62.0	0.0	7,573.2	2,010.9	9,646.0
Sep	415.3	0.8	0.0	5,088.8	264.3	5,769.1	0.0	37.8	0.0	5,827.4	1,895.4	7,760.6
Q3	1,110.2	1.2	0.0	5,483.4	1,613.0	8,207.8	0.0	144.1	0.0	20,782.8	5,299.0	26,226.0
Oct	349.2	0.1	0.0	591.5	368.4	1,309.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,644.0	1,353.5	2,997.5
Nov	21.2	7.0	0.0	321.7	291.6	641.5	2.4	55.4	0.0	5,656.9	1,677.5	7,392.2
Dec	534.2	4.8	0.0	1,092.2	720.5	2,351.7	5.9	36.7	0.0	5,405.1	1,221.9	6,669.5
Q4	904.6	11.9	0.0	2,005.3	1,380.5	4,302.3	8.3	92.1	0.0	12,705.9	4,253.0	17,059.3
Total 2022	2,902.0	354.8	0.0	17,347.8	6,684.4	27,289.0	8.3	416.8	0.0	70,788.0	18,091.0	89,304.0
Jan_2023	320.2	0.5	0.0	135.3	532.9	988.8	0.0	34.7	0.0	5,101.8	891.5	6,028.1
Feb	925.2	0.1	0.0	109.3	280.1	1,314.7	0.0	32.2	0.0	3,520.2	1,305.1	4,857.5
Mar	426.4	0.2	0.0	75.0	305.8	807.4	0.0	33.3	0.0	5,537.0	1,711.3	7,281.7
Q1	1,671.7	0.8	0.0	319.6	1,118.8	3,110.9	0.0	100.2	0.0	14,159.1	3,907.9	18,167.3
Apr	0.0	0.0	0.0	561.2	204.7	765.9	0.0	47.5	0.0	4,323.0	1,249.6	5,620.1
May	237.7	0.8	0.0	200.6	419.9	859.1	0.0	27.8	0.0	5,954.7	1,548.8	7,531.2
Jun	26.8	0.2	0.0	431.8	320.9	779.6	342.2	45.2	0.0	4,659.1	1,321.5	6,368.0
Q2	264.5	1.0	0.0	1,193.6	945.6	2,404.7	342.2	120.5	0.0	14,936.7	4,119.9	19,519.3
Jul	383.7	0.0	0.0	58.3	354.7	796.7	31.0	29.1	0.0	4,879.1	1,728.4	6,667.5
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	53.4	231.3	557.5	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	2,417.7	1,156.4	3,575.0
Q3	656.4	0.4	0.0	1,189.0	943.9	2,789.7	31.0	131.3	0.0	11,849.2	4,592.5	16,604.0
Oct	581.2	0.0	0.0	457.6	393.1	1,431.8	0.0	1.7	0.0	591.4	1,756.9	2,350.0
Nov	0.3	0.0	0.1	1,687.4	532.8	2,220.6	0.0	57.2	0.0	311.6	927.6	1,296.3

Note: 71022100: Industrial Diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted; 71022900: Industrial Diamonds, not mounted or set, NES; 71023100: Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted; 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 - November 2023 (Million Pula)

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	719.2	6.4	1,310.3	1,164.6	59.4	714.2	364.0	54.5	226.6	458.8	172.3	189.0	5,439.3	57.2
Namibia	0.3	1,483.3	19.8	380.3	0.0	0.4	1.2	13.1	0.1	6.3	0.8	0.5	1,906.2	20.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.7	0.0
Eswatini	32.8	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.5	0.1	48.6	0.5
SACU	752.4	1,489.6	1,341.8	1,544.9	59.5	715.0	365.6	67.6	229.0	465.1	175.6	189.7	7,395.8	77.7
Zambia	129.2	0.0	17.6	183.2	0.2	0.2	11.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.6	346.3	3.6
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	111.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	112.3	1.2
Other SADC	1.8	15.2	19.1	5.9	0.1	0.6	3.3	0.0	1.2	1.7	3.1	3.4	55.6	0.6
SADC	883.4	1,504.9	1,378.6	1,845.0	59.8	715.8	380.7	67.6	231.9	466.9	178.7	196.8	7,910.0	83.1
Other Africa	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	4.3	0.0
Africa	884.5	1,505.0	1,378.6	1,845.0	59.8	717.7	380.8	67.6	232.0	466.9	178.7	197.7	7,914.3	83.2
India	61.4	246.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	22.1	6.6	0.0	1.6	1.8	0.8	4.4	345.5	3.6
China	86.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	6.6	106.9	13.6	0.0	28.9	5.1	2.5	17.1	267.7	2.8
Armenia	0.0	141.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	141.0	1.5
Other Asia	12.2	28.7	17.7	0.9	1.9	48.1	1.3	0.0	5.3	51.3	1.9	4.0	173.5	1.8
Asia	160.2	416.1	18.7	0.9	8.6	177.1	21.5	0.0	35.9	58.2	5.2	25.5	927.7	9.8
Belgium	3.8	72.8	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.8	85.6	0.9
Germany	17.1	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.0	18.6	0.8	0.0	13.7	4.9	3.3	4.2	63.8	0.7
Other EU	30.4	0.0	19.0	1.2	0.3	74.7	4.2	0.0	0.2	8.5	0.1	14.8	153.4	1.6
EU	51.3	72.8	25.1	1.3	0.3	94.2	5.1	0.0	13.9	13.5	3.4	21.8	302.7	3.2
Canada	0.4	224.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	248.5	2.6
Rest of the World	29.1	2.2	7.5	0.0	0.3	55.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	8.6	6.7	8.7	121.1	1.3
All World	1,125.5	2,220.6	1,430.0	1847.2	69.0	1067.2	409.1	67.9	282.5	547.2	194.2	253.9	9,514.3	100.0

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

Partner \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	13.2	0.1	24.1	21.4	1.1	13.1	6.7	1.0	4.2	8.4	3.2	3.5	100.0
Namibia	0.0	77.8	1.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.3	0.0	0.0	72.6	2.3	0.0	6.8	100.0
Eswatini	67.6	0.0	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.2	0.0	5.1	0.2	100.0
SACU	10.2	20.1	18.1	20.9	0.8	9.7	4.9	0.9	3.1	6.3	2.4	2.6	100.0
Zambia	37.3	0.0	5.1	52.9	0.1	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	3.2	27.4	34.4	10.5	0.3	1.2	6.0	0.0	2.2	3.1	5.6	6.2	100.0
SADC	11.2	19.0	17.4	23.3	0.8	9.0	4.8	0.9	2.9	5.9	2.3	2.5	100.0
Other Africa	24.4	3.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	44.7	1.5	0.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	21.5	100.0
Africa	11.2	19.0	17.4	23.3	0.8	9.1	4.8	0.9	2.9	5.9	2.3	2.5	100.0
India	17.8	71.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	6.4	1.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.3	100.0
China	32.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.5	39.9	5.1	0.0	10.8	1.9	0.9	6.4	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
Other Asia	7.1	16.6	10.2	0.5	1.1	27.7	0.8	0.0	3.1	29.5	1.1	2.3	100.0
Asia	17.3	44.9	2.0	0.1	0.9	19.1	2.3	0.0	3.9	6.3	0.6	2.7	100.0
Belgium	4.4	85.1	6.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	3.3	100.0
Germany	26.8	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.0	29.2	1.2	0.0	21.5	7.8	5.3	6.7	100.0
Other EU	19.8	0.0	12.4	0.8	0.2	48.7	2.8	0.0	0.1	5.5	0.0	9.6	100.0
EU	17.0	24.1	8.3	0.4	0.1	31.1	1.7	0.0	4.6	4.4	1.1	7.2	100.0
Canada	0.2	90.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	100.0
Rest of the World	24.0	1.8	6.2	0.0	0.3	46.0	0.9	0.2	0.6	7.1	5.6	7.2	100.0
All World	11.8	23.3	15.0	19.4	0.7	11.2	4.3	0.7	3.0	5.8	2.0	2.7	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total	% Contribution
South Africa	12.0	0.6	7.7	25.7	17.0	6.9	229.5	24.7	104.3	63.3	22.8	10.2	112.9	637.7	21.8
Namibia	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	18.1	1.7	2.1	0.0	2.6	9.9	9.6	46.4	1.6
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	0.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0
SACU	12.0	1.7	7.7	25.7	18.3	6.9	248.7	26.4	106.4	63.3	25.5	20.0	122.9	685.7	23.4
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	28.5	0.0	3.6	9.2	12.4	4.9	50.5	114.6	3.9
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	6.5	0.0	1.5	19.5	0.3	2.5	1.3	32.2	1.1
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	7.1	1.6	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.1	18.4	31.2	1.1
SADC	12.1	1.7	7.7	25.7	24.3	9.0	290.8	28.0	111.9	93.3	38.4	27.6	193.1	863.6	29.5
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.0	6.1	0.2
Africa	12.1	1.7	7.7	25.7	24.3	9.0	290.8	28.0	111.9	93.3	38.4	27.6	199.2	869.8	29.7
UAE	0.0	0.0	541.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	545.1	18.6
China	0.0	414.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	414.6	14.2
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	110.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	110.0	3.8
Israel	0.0	0.0	75.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.9	2.6
India	0.0	0.0	31.4	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	34.7	1.2
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.8	0.1
Asia	0.0	414.5	758.4	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	1,182.1	40.3
Belgium	0.0	0.0	459.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	460.4	15.7
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.8	0.1
EU	0.0	0.0	459.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	463.2	15.8
Australia	0.0	289.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	290.0	9.9
USA	0.0	0.0	67.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	69.6	2.4
Anguilla	0.0	49.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.7	1.7
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	5.4	0.2
All World	12.1	755.8	1,296.3	25.7	26.7	9.0	295.2	28.0	112.0	93.3	38.5	27.6	209.4	2,929.8	100.0

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

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	1.9	0.1	1.2	4.0	2.7	1.1	36.0	3.9	16.4	9.9	3.6	1.6	17.7	100.0
Namibia	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	39.1	3.8	4.5	0.0	5.5	21.3	20.7	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	6.1	100.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	82.2	100.0
SACU	1.8	0.2	1.1	3.8	2.7	1.0	36.3	3.9	15.5	9.2	3.7	2.9	17.9	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	24.8	0.0	3.1	8.1	10.8	4.3	44.1	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	20.3	0.0	4.7	60.7	0.8	7.8	4.1	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.6	22.8	5.0	1.4	4.1	0.5	0.5	59.0	100.0
SADC	1.4	0.2	0.9	3.0	2.8	1.0	33.7	3.2	13.0	10.8	4.4	3.2	22.4	100.0
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	98.2	100.0
Africa	1.4	0.2	0.9	3.0	2.8	1.0	33.4	3.2	12.9	10.7	4.4	3.2	22.9	100.0
UAE	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	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
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
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
India	0.0	0.0	90.5	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.1	100.0
Asia	0.0	35.1	64.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	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	0.1	100.0
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.1	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	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	97.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2	100.0
Anguilla	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
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	44.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.7	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	38.0	100.0
World	0.4	25.8	44.2	0.9	0.9	0.3	10.1	1.0	3.8	3.2	1.3	0.9	7.1	100.0

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1 (g)	887.6	12.2	9.3
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1 (b)	495.0	55.8	5.2
3	27160000	Electrical energy	359.4	72.6	3.8
4	22021090	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	229.4	63.8	2.4
5	31052000	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium	137.0	59.7	1.4
6	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	108.4	79.2	1.1
7	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	92.6	85.4	1.0
8	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"	89.4	96.6	0.9
9	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	80.6	90.1	0.8
10	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	68.9	85.5	0.7
11	25232900	Other Portland cement	62.3	90.4	0.7
12	85444990	Other insulated electric conductors not of Copper	52.1	83.7	0.5
13	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))	51.3	98.5	0.5
14	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	50.1	97.6	0.5
15	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	45.4	90.7	0.5
16	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	43.4	95.7	0.5
17	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)	42.3	97.3	0.4
18	17011300	Cane sugar specified in subheading note 2 to this chapter	38.5	91.1	0.4
19	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	35.0	90.8	0.4
20	34012000	Soap in other forms	34.4	98.3	0.4
21	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	33.2	96.6	0.3
22	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	31.9	96.1	0.3
23	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	30.8	96.4	0.3
24	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	30.7	99.6	0.3
25	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	30.4	99.3	0.3

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	30.1	98.9	0.3
27	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	98.7	0.3
28	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.)	29.0	97.5	0.3
29	84749000	Parts	28.2	97.4	0.3
30	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	27.3	96.9	0.3
31	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	26.9	98.6	0.3
32	64059090	Other footwear	26.1	96.8	0.3
33	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	25.8	98.9	0.3
34	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	25.5	98.7	0.3
35	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	24.9	97.8	0.3
36	38249999	Other mixtures	24.1	96.6	0.3
37	20098950	Other fruit juices	23.7	98.7	0.2
38	85111090	Other sparking plugs	23.2	97.9	0.2
39	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	22.2	95.5	0.2
40	33021000	Of a kind used in the food or drink industries	21.8	98.2	0.2
41	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	21.8	100.0	0.2
42	73089099	Other Structures and parts of structures	21.4	98.2	0.2
43	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	21.1	98.9	0.2
44	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	20.8	98.2	0.2
45	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	20.4	98.5	0.2
46	85176290	Other machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus	20.4	99.7	0.2
47	31023000	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution	20.3	99.4	0.2
48	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	19.9	97.9	0.2
49	17011200	Beet sugar	18.9	95.0	0.2
50	87041090	Other new dumpers designed for off-highway use	18.6	98.6	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods			3,752.0	51.4	39.4
Other Non Diamond Imports Goods			3,541.7	48.6	37.2
Total Non-Diamond Goods			7,293.7	100.0	76.7
Diamonds Imports			2,220.6		23.3
Total Imports			9,514.3		100.0

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
1	26030000	Copper ores and concentrates	755.8	46.3	25.8
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	166.8	10.2	5.7
3	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	92.5	5.7	3.2
4	28362000	Disodium carbonate	56.7	3.5	1.9
5	75012000	Nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy	47.2	2.9	1.6
6	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	36.3	2.2	1.2
7	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V : Not Elsewhere Specified	33.6	2.1	1.1
8	71081200	Other unwrought forms	25.7	1.6	0.9
9	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	24.7	1.5	0.8
10	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	19.4	1.2	0.7
11	30024200	Vaccines for veterinary medicine	18.9	1.2	0.6
12	64059090	Other footwear	15.5	1.0	0.5
13	27011900	Other coal	14.4	0.9	0.5
14	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	13.1	0.8	0.4
15	27011200	Bituminous coal	12.0	0.7	0.4
16	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	10.1	0.6	0.3
17	74040010	Of refined copper	9.8	0.6	0.3
18	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap	9.7	0.6	0.3
19	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	9.2	0.6	0.3
20	62171090	Other clothing accessories	7.8	0.5	0.3
21	84314990	Other parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	7.6	0.5	0.3
22	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	7.5	0.5	0.3
23	85287290	Other, not designed to incorporate a video display or screen	7.5	0.5	0.3
24	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	6.7	0.4	0.2
25	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	6.7	0.4	0.2

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	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	6.6	0.4	0.2
27	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	6.6	0.4	0.2
28	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	6.5	0.4	0.2
29	84595900	Other milling machines for removing metal,kneetype	6.0	0.4	0.2
30	30042099	Other, containing antibiotics	5.3	0.3	0.2
31	12060000	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	5.2	0.3	0.2
32	87012220	Of a vehicle exceeding 1 600 kg	4.3	0.3	0.1
33	72042100	Of stainless steel	4.0	0.2	0.1
34	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	3.9	0.2	0.1
35	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.8	0.2	0.1
36	87032390	Other motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	3.6	0.2	0.1
37	58081000	Braids in the piece	3.6	0.2	0.1
38	84295900	Other mechanical shovels,excavators and shovel loaders	3.4	0.2	0.1
39	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	3.4	0.2	0.1
40	72165000	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded	3.3	0.2	0.1
41	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	3.3	0.2	0.1
42	42034000	Other clothing accessories	3.0	0.2	0.1
43	39231000	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles	2.9	0.2	0.1
44	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	2.9	0.2	0.1
45	72043000	Waste and scrap of finned iron or steel	2.7	0.2	0.1
46	84718000	Other units of automatic data processing machines	2.7	0.2	0.1
47	84292000	Graders and levellers	2.6	0.2	0.1
48	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.6	0.2	0.1
49	84799000	Parts	2.5	0.2	0.1
50	01022900	Other (cattle)	2.3	0.1	0.1
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,512.4	92.6	51.6
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			121.0	7.4	4.1
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,633.4	100.0	55.8
Diamonds Exports			1,296.3		44.2
Total Exports			2,929.8		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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