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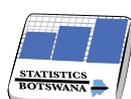
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Preface

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

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

This publication outlines Botswana's monthly International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for October 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 October 2023 are presented in **Table 3.1B** for imports and **Table 3.2B** for exports. The top traded imports and exports commodities excluding diamonds for October 2023 are presented in **Tables 4.1A & 4.2A** respectively. This is to guide users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution or possible exportation.

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

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

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



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Executive Summary

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

Total imports in October 2023 were valued at P8, 342.0 million, recording a fall of 1.2 percent when compared to the revised value of P8, 440.3 million registered in September 2023. The value of Botswana's merchandise exports in October 2023 was P2, 709.9 million, reflecting a 31.6 percent decline from the revised September 2023 value of P3, 964.7 million.

During October 2023, commodities that were imported mostly were Fuel with 21.6 percent, followed by Food, Beverages & Tobacco with 17.5 percent of total imports. Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with a contribution of 16.5 percent and 12.3 percent to total imports. The most exported commodities were Diamonds, Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 46.0 percent, 25.2 percent and 9.8 percent to total exports, respectively.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports at 75.0 percent. Asia and the European Union (**EU**) accounted for 8.7 percent and 2.9 percent of total imports, respectively. Canada contributed 7.3 percent worth of imports to Botswana while South Africa and Namibia supplied imports amounting to 67.0 percent and 7.3 percent respectively (**Table 3.1A**).

Exports destined to Asia, **SACU**, and the **EU** represented 46.6 percent, 20.6 percent and 3.8 percent of the total exports, respectively during the month under review. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**), South Africa, China and Australia received exports accounting for 21.9 percent, 18.9 percent, 12.8 percent and 10.9 percent of the monthly total exports, respectively (**Table 3.2A**).

Goods transported by Air accounted for 49.0 percent of total exports, while Road and Rail represented 47.3 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively, in October 2023. Imports representing 72.0 percent were transported into the country by Road. Goods Transported by Air and Rail accounted for 15.8 percent and 12.2 percent of total imports respectively (**Table B**).

During October 2023, merchandise worth P16, 334.6 million transited through the country to various destinations. Goods accounting for 53.8 percent of total goods in transit were routed through Martins Drift border post while Kazungula Bridge followed with 26.7 percent. (**Table C1**).

The top transiting goods were chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 27.4 percent, followed by 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 20.7 percent and chapter 28 (Inorganic chemicals, organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals of rare earth metals, of radio – active elements and isotopes) at 15.7 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 October 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 arrival of additional data in October 2023 resulted in revisions to the transactions for September 2023. **Table A** shows revised data comparing figures in the September 2023 digest and the current. As shown in **Table A** below, imports and total exports were each revised upwards by 9.3 percent (P715.6 million) and 3.7 percent (P140.8 million), respectively.

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

Period/ Indicators	As at September 2023 Digest			As at October 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	7,724.7	3,823.9	(3,900.8)	8,440.3	3,964.7	(4,475.6)	715.6	140.8	(574.8)	9.3	3.7	14.7

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1.2 Imports

Imports are valued at Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF), the price includes the value of goods, insurance, and freight costs required for delivering the commodities to the destination, but excludes customs or any other duties paid on arrival at the border of the importing country. Botswana's total imports were valued P8, 342.0 million in October 2023, registering a decrease of 1.2 percent (P98.3 million) from the revised September 2023 figure of P8, 440.3 million. The fall was due to a decline in Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Vehicles & Transport Equipment imports by 12.7 percent (P150.2 million) and 15.9 percent (P99.4 million), respectively. Metals & Metal Products also fell by 10.9 percent (P48.7 million) as displayed in **Table 2.1**.

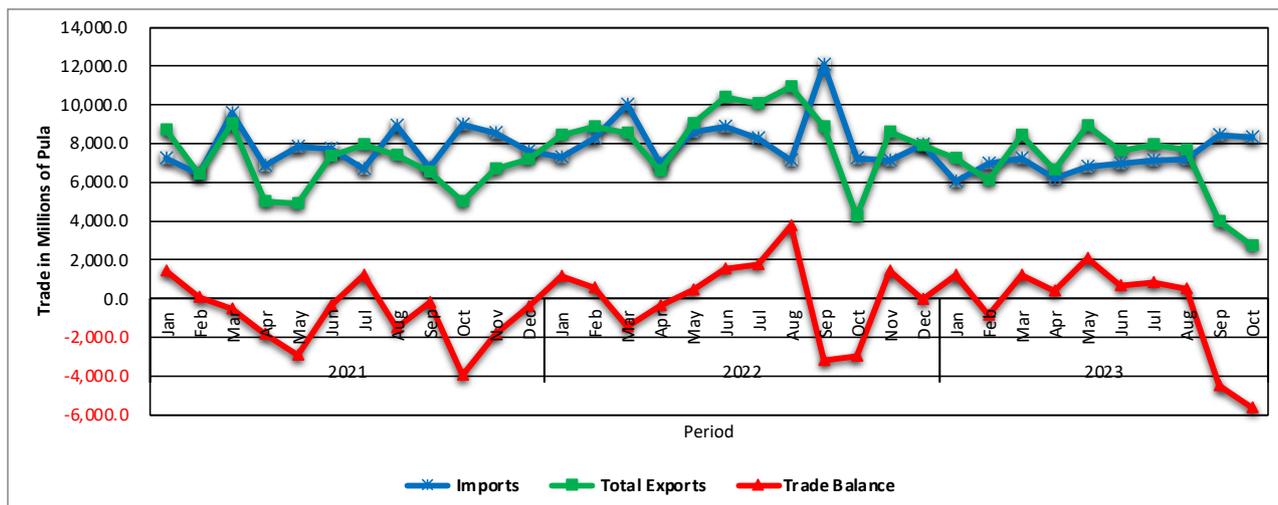
1.3 Total Exports

In October 2023, Botswana's total exports decreased by 31.6 percent (P1, 254.8 million), from the revised September figure of P3, 964.7 million to P2, 709.9 million. Diamonds played a major contribution to the decline in overall exports, falling by 49.5 percent (P1, 223.2 million) from the revised September 2023 value of P2, 470.9 million to P1, 247.8 million in the current month, as shown in **Table 2.2**.

1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P5, 632.1 million in October 2023, this follows a revised deficit of P4, 475.6 million recorded in September 2023. **Chart 1.0** displays the graphical presentation of the trade balance from January 2021 to October 2023.

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



2.0 Trade by Principal Commodity Groups

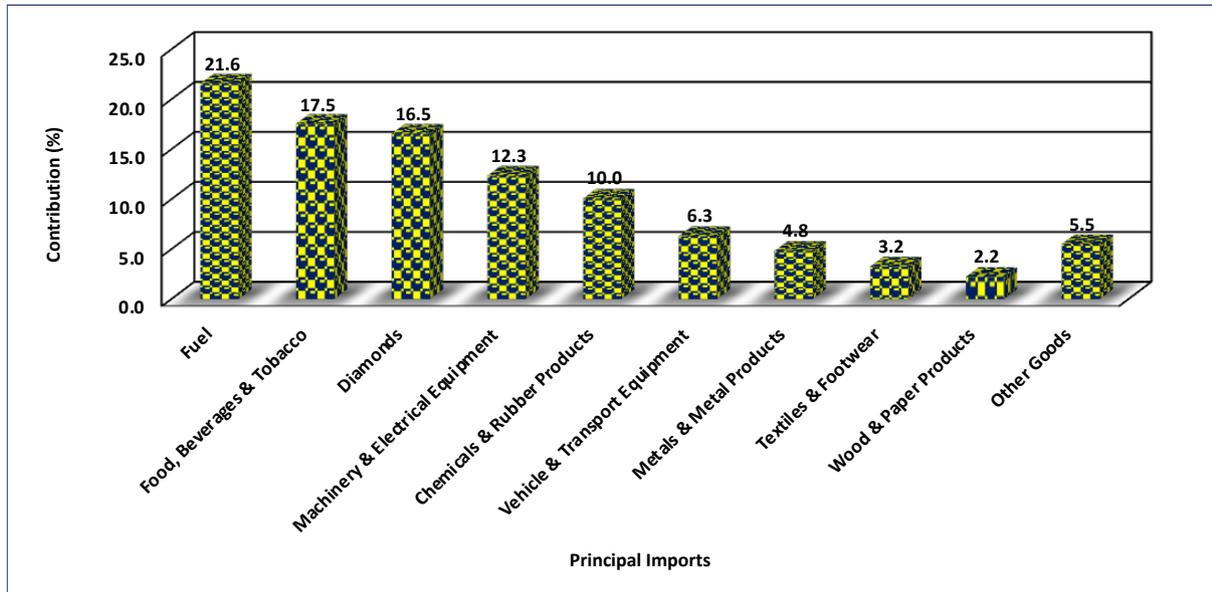
Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters or commodities, for example 'Vehicles & Transport Equipment' combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

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

2.1 Principal Imports

Botswana received imports valued at P8, 342.0 million in October 2023. The top imported groups were Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment. Fuel imports contributed 21.6 percent (P1, 798.0 million) to total imports, while Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Diamonds imports accounted for 17.5 percent (P1, 462.4 million) and 16.5 percent (P1,379.3 million) respectively. Machinery & Electrical Equipment contributed 12.3 percent (P1, 029.2 million) to total imports. Contributions made by other commodity groups can be viewed in [Table 2.1](#) and [Chart 2.1](#).

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

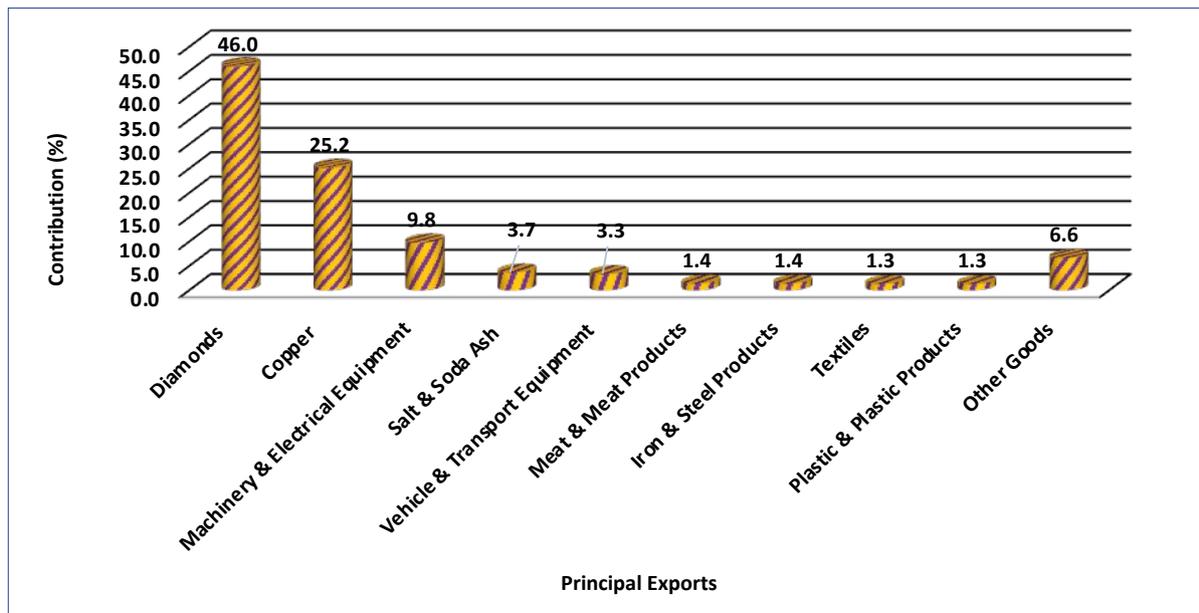


Note: 'Other Goods' here includes any other goods not displayed as in Table 2.1

2.2 Principal Exports

In October 2023, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P2, 709.9 million. Diamonds was the leading export commodity group with a contribution of 46.0 percent (P1, 247.8 million), followed by Copper and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 25.2 percent (P682.6 million) and 9.8 percent (P266.5 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 – October 2023



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

3.0 Direction of Trade

The direction of Trade analyses the value of merchandise trade disaggregated according to a country's primary trading partners. As a result the direction of trade 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 October 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

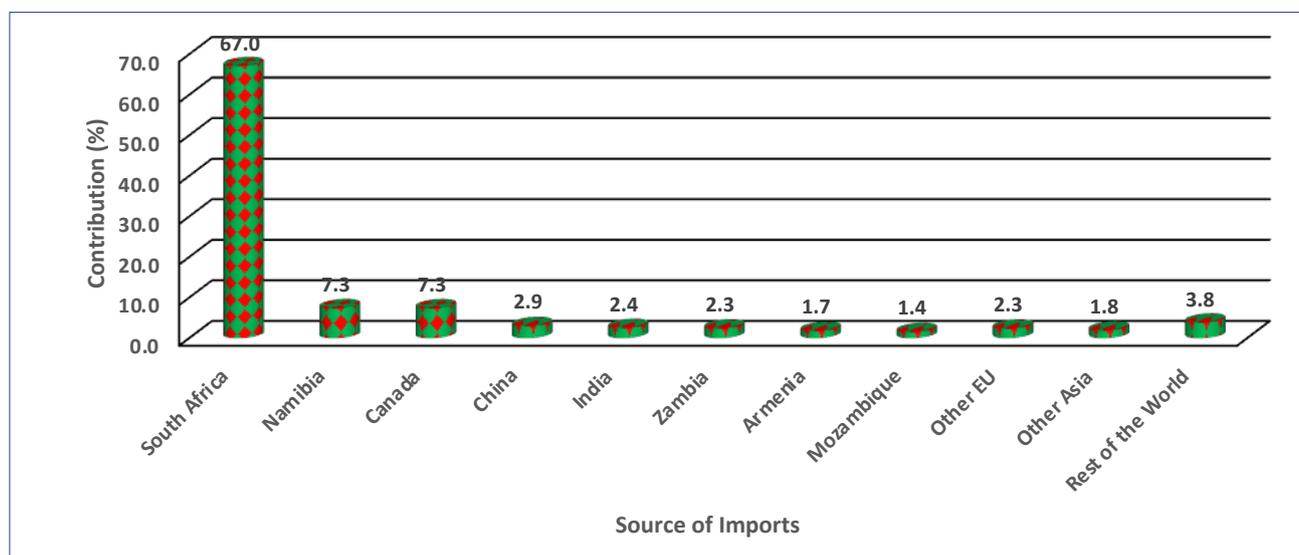
Botswana imported goods worth P8, 342.0 million with the SACU region contributing 75.0 percent (P6, 258.4 million) to the total, during the reporting period. The top most imported commodity groups from the customs union were; Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 25.4 percent (P1, 590.9 million), 21.9 percent (P1, 371.0 million) and 11.5 percent (P720.3 million), respectively. Among the SACU member states, South Africa contributed largest at 67.0 percent (P5, 587.5 million) of total imports. Namibia followed with 7.3 percent (P608.9 million) of total imports, as displayed in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

During the period under review, Botswana imported goods amounting to P728.7 million from Asia, representing 8.7 percent of total imports. The major commodity groups imported were Diamonds and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with contributions of 36.4 percent (P265.3 million) and 18.5 percent (P134.6 million) of total imports from the regional block, respectively. Imports from China and India contributed 2.9 percent (P240.6 million) and 2.4 percent (P200.9 million) to total imports respectively as shown in [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#)

The EU supplied Botswana with imports worth P245.4 million translating to 2.9 percent of total imports. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products were the major commodity groups imported from the EU at 35.6 percent (P87.5 million) and 15.5 percent (P37.9 million) of total imports respectively, see [Table 3.1A](#) and [Table 3.1B](#).

Imports accounting for 7.3 percent (P607.2 million) of total imports were sourced from Canada during the month under review. The main import commodity group was Diamonds, at 95.7 percent of total imports from that country. Sources of imports during October 2023 can be viewed in [Table 3.1 A](#) and [Chart 3.1](#).

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



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

3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

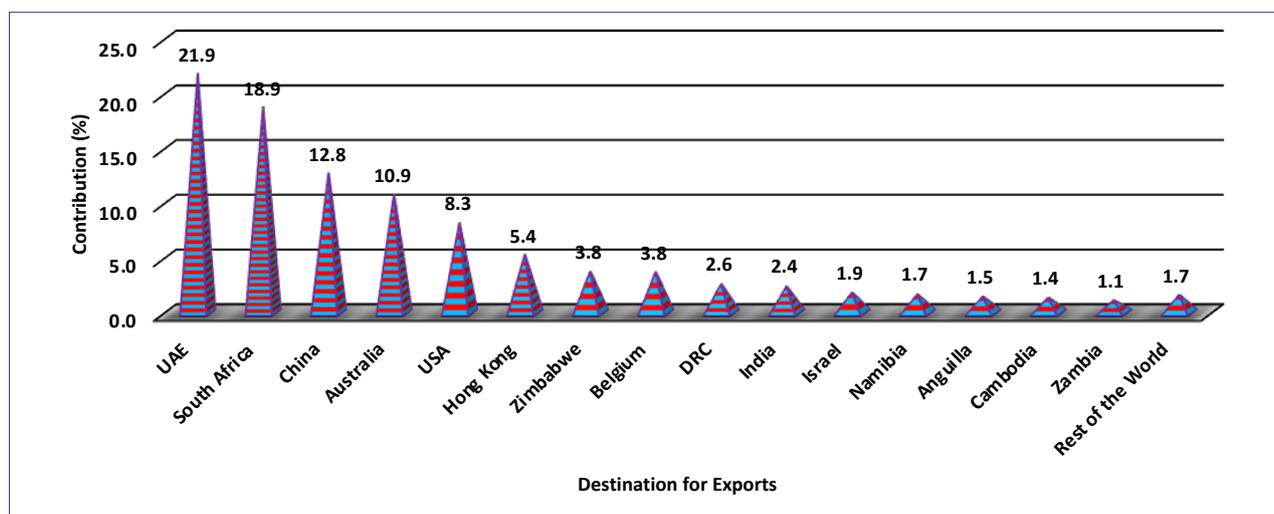
During the period under review, Botswana exported merchandise valued at P2, 709.9 million. Asia was the leading export market for Botswana, having received 46.6 percent (P1, 263.8 million) of total exports. Top exports destinations within Asia were the UAE, China and Hong Kong at 21.9 percent (P593.8 million), 12.8 percent (P347.4 million) and 5.4 percent (P145.3 million) of total exports, respectively. Diamonds and Copper were the major commodity groups exported to Asia, at 71.2 percent (P900.0 million) and 27.5 percent (P347.3 million) respectively, as shown in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Exports destined to the SACU region accounted for 20.6 percent (P558.3 million) of total exports during the month under review. Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Salt & Soda Ash were the major commodity groups exported to the customs union, accounting for 40.5 percent (P225.8 million) and 12.7 percent (P70.7 million) of total exports to the regional block respectively. South Africa was the main recipient of exports within SACU, at 18.9 percent (P511.5 million) **Table 3.2A**.

The EU received exports amounting to P102.5 million, accounting for 3.8 percent of total exports in October 2023. Belgium received almost all the exports destined for the union, at 3.8 percent (P102.0 million) of total exports. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to the EU at 94.7 percent (P97.0 million), as displayed in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

During October 2023, Australia received exports worth P294.3 million, representing 10.9 percent of Botswana's total exports. The major commodity group exported to Australia was Copper at 99.4 percent (P292.5 million) of exports. The USA received exports valued at P223.6 million (8.3 percent), mostly composed of Diamonds exports. Contributions made by other commodity groups are presented in **Table 3.2A** and **Table 3.2B**.

Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries & Regions – October 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 October 2023. This is intended to present the most traded goods (excluding Diamonds) with a view to guiding users on opportunities to produce commodities for import substitution, possible exportation and economic diversification.

5.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

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

During the month under review, goods valued at P1, 327.2 million, representing 49.0 percent of total exports, were transported by Air. Goods exported by Road and Rail accounted for 47.3 percent (P1, 281.5 million) and 3.7 percent (P100.4 million), respectively.

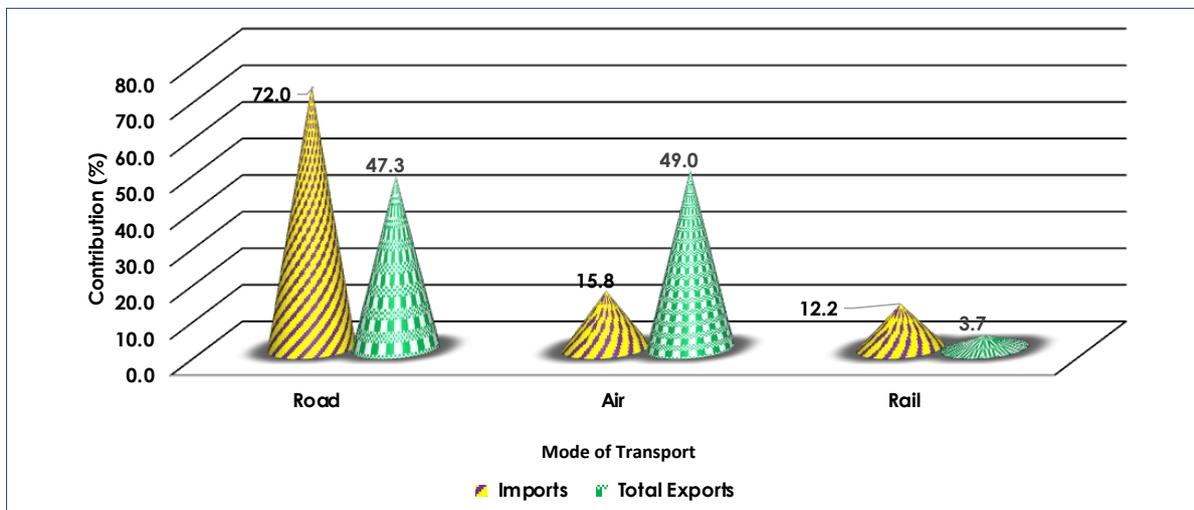
Imports representing 72.0 percent (P6, 009.8 million) of the monthly total were transported into the country by Road during the month under review. Imports transported by Air and Rail accounted for 15.8 percent (P1, 309.6 million) and 12.2 percent (P1, 020.8 million) respectively.

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

Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
Mode of Transport/Indicators	BW Pula	%	BW Pula	%
Rail	1,020.8	12.2	100.4	3.7
Road	6,009.8	72.0	1,281.5	47.3
Air	1,309.6	15.8	1,327.2	49.0
Other	1.8	-	0.8	0.0
Total	8,342.0	100.0	2,709.9	100.0

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

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



6.0 Transit Trade

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

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

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

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 October 2023, goods worth P16, 334.6 million transited through Botswana destined for various countries. Martins Drift border post and Kazungula bridge handled goods accounting for 53.8 percent (P8, 794.9 million) and 26.7 percent (P4, 365.7 million) respectively as displayed in **Table C1** and **Chart C1**. The top most transiting goods were chapters 74 (Copper and articles thereof) at 27.4 percent (P4, 480.5 million), followed by 99 (Commodities not specified according to kind) at 20.7 percent (P3, 388.3 million) and 28 (Inorganic chemicals, organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals of rare earth metals, of radio –active elements and isotopes) at 15.7 percent (P2, 572.4 million), as shown in **Table C2** and **Chart C2**.

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

Border Post	BW Pula (Million)	%
Martins Drift	8,794.9	53.8
Kazungula Bridge	4,365.7	26.7
Mamuno Borderpost	1,958.5	12.0
Ngoma Borderpost	391.7	2.4
Ramokgwebana Borderpos	382.8	2.3
Kazungula Road Border	243.1	1.5
Other Posts	197.9	1.2
Total	16,334.6	100.0

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

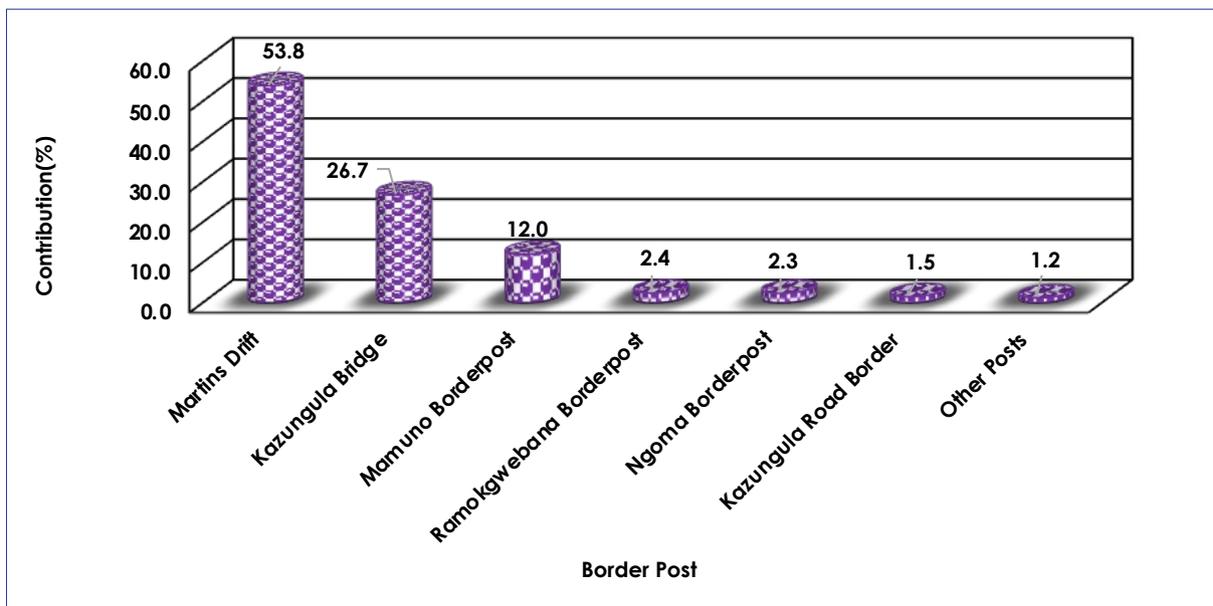


Table C2: Transit by Chapter- October 2023 (Million Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula (Million)	%
1	74	Copper and articles thereof	4,480.5	27.4
2	99	Commodities not specified according to kind	3,388.3	20.7
3	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	2,572.4	15.7
4	26	Ores, slag and ash	1,775.0	10.9
5	87	Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	674.0	4.1
6	84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	460.9	2.8
7	39	Plastics and articles thereof	284.4	1.7
8	73	Iron or steel articles	283.6	1.7
9	31	Fertilizers	198.7	1.2
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	187.2	1.1
11	10	Cereals	166.3	1.0
Top Transit Goods			14,471.5	88.6
Other Transit Goods			1,863.1	11.4
Total Transit Goods			16,334.6	100.0

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

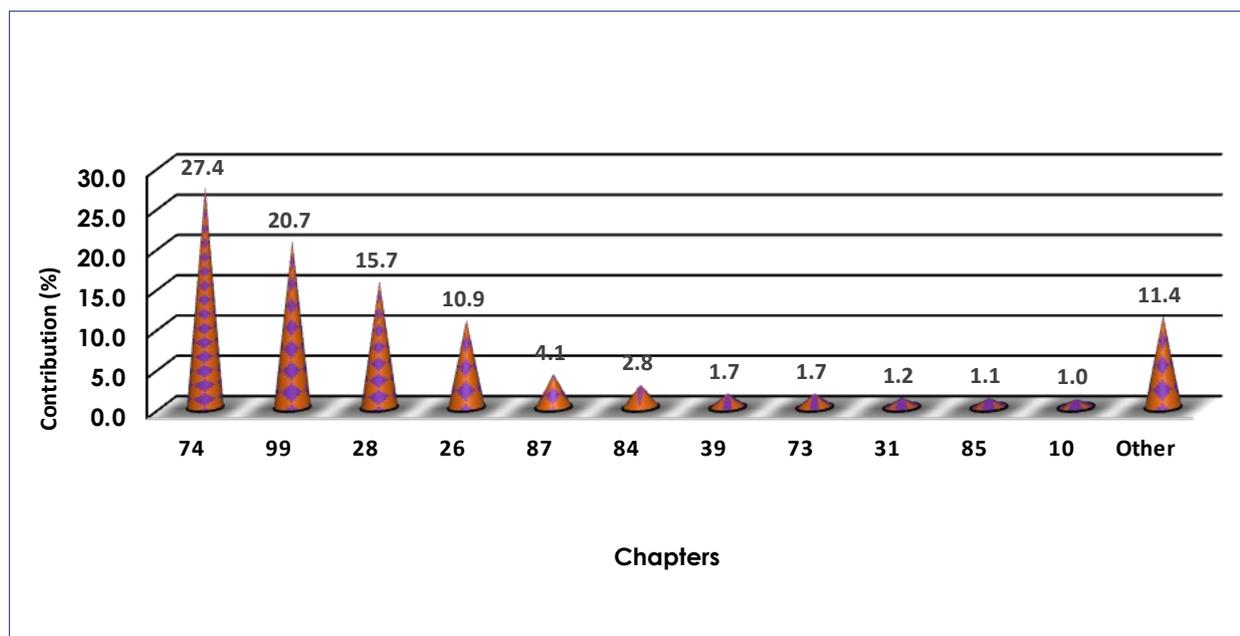


Table 1.0: Total Merchandise Trade – January 2021 to October 2023 (Million Pula)

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	8,903.7	8,561.2	340.9	1.7	7,378.5	0.0	7,378.5	(1,525.2)
Sep	6,752.0	6,473.7	276.7	1.6	6,553.8	1.9	6,555.6	(196.3)
Q3	22,361.3	21,463.3	893.4	4.5	21,862.4	2.0	21,864.4	(496.9)
Oct	9,003.2	8,649.6	351.1	2.5	5,029.7	0.7	5,030.5	(3,972.8)
Nov	8,547.9	8,195.6	350.1	2.3	6,702.3	4.3	6,706.6	(1,841.3)
Dec	7,607.5	7,264.2	341.6	1.7	7,199.2	5.5	7,204.7	(402.8)
Q4	25,158.7	24,109.4	1,042.8	6.4	18,931.3	10.5	18,941.8	(6,216.9)
Total_2021	93,163.1	89,472.4	3,671.0	19.7	82,269.3	13.9	82,283.2	(10,879.9)
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	10,059.8	0.9	10,060.7	1,774.6
Aug	7,153.6	6,812.0	339.0	2.5	10,911.2	1.7	10,913.0	3,759.4
Sep	12,083.0	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	29,851.6	2.6	29,854.2	2,331.6
Oct	7,233.0	6,920.6	310.9	1.4	4,266.5	0.0	4,266.6	(2,966.4)
Nov	7,141.3	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	102,480.3	28.0	102,508.3	2,626.5
Jan_2023	6,030.5	5,749.7	279.2	1.6	7,250.1	0.0	7,250.1	1,219.6
Feb	6,963.8	6,669.4	292.8	1.6	6,088.3	6.1	6,094.3	(869.4)
Mar	7,238.9	6,921.0	315.9	1.9	8,446.9	5.7	8,452.6	1,213.7
Q1	20,233.1	19,340.1	887.9	5.1	21,785.2	11.7	21,797.0	1,563.8
Apr	6,215.4	5,937.4	276.7	1.4	6,630.9	2.5	6,633.4	418.0
May	6,825.4	6,512.4	311.9	1.1	8,917.7	3.4	8,921.1	2,095.7
Jun	6,946.0	6,620.3	323.6	2.1	7,592.2	0.5	7,592.7	646.7
Q2	19,986.8	19,070.1	912.2	4.6	23,140.8	6.4	23,147.2	3,160.4
Jul	7,156.4	6,837.0	317.7	1.7	7,965.0	0.1	7,965.1	808.6
Aug	7,157.9	6,822.6	333.4	1.9	7,679.6	0.5	7,680.1	522.2
Sep	8,440.3	8,097.5	341.3	1.6	3,964.6	0.1	3,964.7	(4,475.6)
Q3	22,754.6	21,757.1	992.3	5.2	19,609.2	0.6	19,609.9	(3,144.8)
Oct	8,342.0	8,001.1	339.5	1.3	2,706.2	3.7	2,709.9	(5,632.1)

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

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metals & Metal Products	Soft Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	550.6	3,348.0	852.0	653.8	42.7	611.9	274.7	75.1	127.7	381.4	117.7	215.2	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	242.7	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	316.6	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	774.5	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	233.2	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	228.9	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	234.9	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	697.0	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	222.3	6,705.6
Aug	748.7	3,563.0	831.4	1,074.2	69.0	962.9	432.1	75.8	161.0	517.2	195.8	272.6	8,903.7
Sep	724.1	1,616.2	954.4	865.9	76.5	957.2	389.7	76.2	195.1	455.1	181.8	259.9	6,752.0
Q3	2,107.2	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	754.8	22,361.3
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	231.2	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	238.3	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	224.9	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	694.5	25,158.7
Total_2021	8,783.6	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	2,920.7	93,163.1
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	165.1	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	210.3	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	251.2	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	626.6	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	206.1	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	261.0	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	250.9	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	718.0	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	249.3	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	339.9	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	288.9	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	878.0	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	278.3	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	302.2	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	288.0	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	868.4	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	3,091.0	99,881.8
Jan_2023	640.2	988.8	907.0	1,338.4	25.0	850.5	279.7	56.3	136.1	418.8	134.9	254.6	6,030.5
Feb	771.5	1,314.7	1,259.9	1,288.5	41.0	893.2	376.9	46.6	185.6	420.8	142.8	222.1	6,963.8
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	289.0	7,238.9
Q1	2,207.2	3,110.9	3,388.3	4,138.0	124.1	2,853.9	1,051.0	168.3	564.0	1,404.6	457.1	765.7	20,233.1
Apr	768.6	765.9	1,093.6	1,366.8	45.8	817.0	351.9	63.6	204.5	381.5	140.3	215.8	6,215.4
May	901.4	859.1	1,013.1	1,311.5	56.9	1,058.1	390.9	77.3	191.1	550.3	161.8	253.9	6,825.4
Jun	904.3	779.6	1,153.2	1,321.6	58.0	1,120.0	422.4	100.1	159.0	527.3	176.8	223.7	6,946.0
Q2	2,574.3	2,404.7	3,259.9	3,999.9	160.8	2,995.1	1,165.2	240.9	554.7	1,459.1	479.0	693.4	19,986.8
Jul	823.9	796.7	1,077.1	1,437.5	51.7	1,013.4	418.1	63.4	182.4	873.0	167.4	251.9	7,156.4
Aug	916.7	557.5	1,255.7	1,486.1	59.7	1,132.0	431.7	74.7	213.1	572.1	183.6	275.0	7,157.9
Sep	778.9	1,415.7	1,321.1	1,822.5	62.9	1,179.4	449.0	64.7	238.4	623.8	171.8	312.2	8,440.3
Q3	2,519.4	2,769.9	3,653.9	4,746.0	174.3	3,324.8	1,298.8	202.8	633.9	2,068.8	522.8	839.1	22,754.6
Oct	837.8	1,379.3	1,462.4	1,798.0	61.5	1,029.2	400.3	60.9	269.7	524.3	183.8	334.8	8,342.0
%Contribution													
2021	9.4	35.1	11.5	11.9	0.8	11.0	4.7	0.9	2.2	7.3	2.1	3.1	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	3.1	100.0
Sep	9.2	16.8	15.7	21.6	0.7	14.0	5.3	0.8	2.8	7.4	2.0	3.7	100.0
Oct	10.0	16.5	17.5	21.6	0.7	12.3	4.8	0.7	3.2	6.3	2.2	4.0	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
Jan_2021	14.7	0.2	8,205.5	44.0	12.4	56.0	169.8	0.6	19.9	65.6	14.9	22.1	63.8	8,689.4
Feb	14.1	0.0	5,991.9	16.8	12.5	60.8	151.7	2.1	29.0	51.6	12.1	20.8	85.7	6,449.1
Mar	25.1	0.9	8,455.6	51.5	25.2	96.7	156.6	9.2	32.4	54.8	18.0	48.5	65.3	9,039.8
Q1	53.9	1.1	22,653.0	112.3	50.1	213.5	478.1	11.9	81.3	172.0	44.9	91.4	214.9	24,178.3
Apr	22.9	0.1	4,471.4	0.0	20.5	63.0	182.3	9.0	33.6	54.8	15.5	30.8	126.8	5,030.6
May	31.3	0.3	4,280.0	62.1	28.6	87.1	152.4	18.2	42.2	54.9	15.3	18.0	107.6	4,898.1
Jun	33.1	0.3	6,710.0	35.8	30.7	101.1	163.3	34.8	39.0	73.9	15.2	20.4	111.9	7,369.5
Q2	87.3	0.8	15,461.5	97.9	79.8	251.2	498.0	62.1	114.8	183.6	46.0	69.2	346.2	17,298.2
Jul	33.1	86.8	7,210.0	0.0	18.3	80.5	183.3	12.7	33.8	104.5	14.6	27.2	125.5	7,930.3
Aug	22.7	398.7	6,326.1	71.7	18.1	90.0	166.1	20.0	25.0	51.3	18.5	39.9	130.5	7,378.5
Sep	28.0	247.2	5,771.1	25.3	24.0	20.3	196.0	13.3	30.6	62.7	18.5	26.0	92.8	6,555.6
Q3	83.7	732.7	19,307.2	97.0	60.4	190.8	545.4	45.9	89.4	218.5	51.5	93.1	348.7	21,864.4
Oct	30.6	159.4	4,343.6	31.3	21.9	63.9	142.5	9.8	33.5	69.4	26.5	18.5	79.6	5,030.5
Nov	25.4	170.0	5,799.1	30.4	17.2	76.0	170.8	18.5	24.5	91.6	25.5	171.9	85.7	6,706.6
Dec	21.0	161.3	6,565.1	18.8	12.7	81.4	98.1	15.0	13.9	73.4	22.2	20.0	101.9	7,204.7
Q4	77.1	490.7	16,707.8	80.5	51.7	221.2	411.3	43.3	72.0	234.4	74.2	210.3	267.3	18,941.8
Total_2021	302.0	1,225.3	74,129.5	387.7	241.9	876.7	1,932.9	163.2	357.4	808.5	216.6	464.0	1,177.0	82,282.7
Jan_2022	29.7	200.7	7,702.8	35.8	24.3	106.0	94.5	3.8	22.9	68.5	16.1	22.3	118.7	8,446.3
Feb	18.2	208.7	8,060.0	19.2	17.4	106.0	181.0	8.4	25.7	59.8	17.5	39.4	80.3	8,841.6
Mar	35.1	244.0	7,525.8	47.2	20.6	105.9	296.3	15.8	29.1	76.9	20.8	34.7	96.7	8,549.2
Q1	83.0	653.5	23,288.6	102.2	62.3	318.0	571.9	28.0	77.8	205.2	54.4	96.5	295.7	25,837.1
Apr	40.6	367.3	5,586.4	31.0	21.9	88.0	211.9	12.3	28.5	42.1	23.2	69.0	84.3	6,606.8
May	66.9	314.6	7,882.7	0.0	22.8	133.9	241.4	19.4	30.9	75.2	34.0	34.5	188.9	9,045.1
Jun	46.3	257.9	9,261.0	43.8	26.9	137.7	237.6	22.2	37.3	93.2	25.5	57.9	156.9	10,404.4
Q2	153.9	939.8	22,730.1	74.8	71.6	359.6	690.9	54.0	96.8	210.5	82.7	161.4	430.1	26,056.2
Jul	60.2	363.8	8,819.4	35.5	23.8	97.4	243.3	14.2	34.0	72.6	23.9	35.4	237.2	10,060.7
Aug	64.6	449.9	9,646.0	30.1	20.1	85.1	217.0	8.8	31.3	125.4	33.1	55.9	145.7	10,913.0
Sep	71.3	304.5	7,760.6	14.1	19.8	14.1	272.9	3.5	36.2	109.1	25.4	115.8	133.1	8,880.5
Q3	196.1	1,118.2	26,226.0	79.7	63.8	196.6	733.2	26.5	101.5	307.1	82.4	207.1	516.0	29,854.2
Oct	85.7	468.9	2,997.5	16.8	20.8	140.9	210.2	4.4	33.7	89.7	29.8	30.0	138.1	4,266.6
Nov	65.1	319.3	7,392.2	16.3	19.9	85.3	295.7	16.2	28.6	91.3	35.0	45.8	185.2	8,595.8
Dec	62.1	466.1	6,669.5	18.3	10.8	82.7	129.9	7.7	22.2	101.9	35.0	109.9	182.3	7,898.3
Q4	212.9	1,254.2	17,059.3	51.4	51.4	308.9	635.8	28.2	84.6	282.9	99.8	185.7	505.6	20,760.7
Total_2022	645.9	3,965.7	89,304.0	308.2	249.1	1,183.0	2,631.8	136.6	360.6	1,005.7	319.4	650.7	1,747.4	102,508.3
Jan_2023	68.6	523.8	6,028.1	16.5	12.0	112.0	201.6	3.2	34.6	106.4	22.8	24.0	96.6	7,250.1
Feb	52.5	454.0	4,857.5	23.1	25.2	111.1	294.3	7.3	28.5	65.7	19.5	63.8	91.7	6,094.3
Mar	46.7	465.9	7,281.7	33.5	18.6	74.2	248.6	12.8	35.4	86.4	22.1	37.6	89.1	8,452.6
Q1	167.8	1,443.8	18,167.3	73.1	55.9	297.3	744.4	23.4	98.4	258.5	64.4	125.3	277.3	21,797.0
Apr	39.5	388.2	5,620.1	40.0	16.7	62.1	179.7	19.9	24.8	87.7	27.4	39.9	86.9	6,633.0
May	54.3	544.6	7,531.2	27.8	26.0	68.4	269.0	23.9	32.9	57.5	45.3	63.7	176.5	8,921.1
Jun	42.0	424.4	6,368.0	21.0	28.7	65.8	265.1	36.5	33.4	68.2	31.8	56.9	148.7	7,590.5
Q2	135.9	1,357.2	19,519.3	88.8	71.4	196.3	713.8	80.3	91.2	213.5	104.5	160.5	412.1	23,144.7
Jul	34.1	636.0	6,294.3	17.4	23.5	26.0	285.6	38.1	27.1	117.4	30.9	32.7	123.3	7,686.5
Aug	28.5	636.2	5,203.7	23.0	23.1	27.6	334.2	57.7	30.8	101.0	29.5	31.1	108.4	6,634.7
Sep	10.2	733.2	2,470.9	19.0	25.3	28.6	267.8	38.9	45.8	106.6	31.4	25.8	161.4	3,964.7
Q3	33.0	2,022.2	15,236.3	59.4	76.3	84.2	897.6	135.7	104.4	326.4	92.3	93.8	448.4	19,609.9
Oct	11.1	682.6	1,247.8	21.4	37.4	13.9	266.5	37.5	34.9	99.3	35.3	89.4	132.9	2,709.9
%Contribution														
2021	0.4	1.5	90.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	100.0
2022	0.6	3.9	87.1	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.7	100.0
Sep	0.4	8.3	81.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	3.7	0.5	0.4	1.5	0.4	0.4	1.6	100.0
Oct	0.4	9.6	78.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	5.0	0.9	0.5	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.6	100.0

Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade – January 2021 to October 2023 (Million Pula)

FlowType	IMPORTS						TOTAL EXPORTS					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2021	82.4	6.0	0.0	2,941.5	318.1	3,348.0	0.0	23.2	0.0	7,942.0	240.3	8,205.5
Feb	324.7	5.1	0.0	1,366.1	390.5	2,086.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	5,304.1	680.6	5,991.9
Mar	0.0	5.3	0.0	3,006.8	679.5	3,691.6	0.0	20.0	0.0	7,897.3	538.3	8,455.6
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	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
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	4,792.2	1,720.5	6,572.8
Aug	272.7	0.1	0.0	53.4	231.3	557.5	0.0	100.4	0.0	4,411.5	1,680.6	6,192.6
Sep	0.0	0.3	0.0	1,077.3	338.2	1,415.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	1,426.2	1,043.8	2,470.9
Q3	656.4	0.4	0.0	1,189.0	924.2	2,769.9	31.0	130.4	0.0	10,629.9	4,445.0	15,236.3
Oct	581.2	0.0	0.0	448.7	349.4	1,379.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	383.7	862.4	1,247.8

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 – October 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	580.4	403.9	1,340.6	1,083.1	52.9	718.1	352.0	49.2	221.3	432.2	160.9	192.8	5,587.5	67.0
Namibia	0.2	64.1	15.7	507.8	0.0	2.2	1.8	11.6	0.0	4.3	1.0	0.1	608.9	7.3
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Eswatini	42.3	0.0	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	3.0	0.0	60.8	0.7
SACU	622.9	468.0	1,371.0	1,590.9	52.9	720.3	353.8	60.9	222.9	436.9	164.9	192.9	6,258.4	75.0
Zambia	80.5	0.0	21.2	74.0	0.2	5.4	4.5	0.0	0.5	1.6	0.4	2.1	190.3	2.3
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	116.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	117.8	1.4
Other SADC	2.2	22.3	17.1	12.7	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.6	0.4	3.2	2.8	63.2	0.8
SADC	705.6	490.2	1,409.3	1,793.9	53.5	726.1	360.9	60.9	224.0	439.0	168.5	197.8	6,629.7	79.5
Other Africa	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	2.7	0.0
Africa	706.4	490.2	1,409.3	1,793.9	53.5	727.2	360.9	60.9	224.5	439.0	168.6	198.0	6,632.4	79.5
China	22.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	6.2	77.8	19.0	0.0	25.0	5.3	5.8	78.8	240.6	2.9
India	40.6	120.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	16.3	6.9	0.0	7.7	2.4	0.8	2.6	200.9	2.4
Armenia	0.0	139.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	139.5	1.7
Other Asia	7.4	5.6	14.2	1.5	1.0	40.5	1.6	0.0	2.8	60.9	3.1	9.1	147.8	1.8
Asia	70.0	265.3	18.3	1.6	7.2	134.6	27.5	0.0	35.5	68.5	9.7	90.4	728.7	8.7
Germany	14.3	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	20.9	2.4	0.0	8.8	3.6	2.0	4.5	56.7	0.7
Other EU	23.6	23.0	25.9	2.3	0.5	66.5	4.2	0.0	0.2	4.5	1.8	36.1	188.7	2.3
EU	37.9	23.0	26.0	2.4	0.5	87.5	6.6	0.0	9.0	8.1	3.8	40.6	245.4	2.9
Canada	8.4	581.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	607.2	7.3
Rest of the World	15.0	19.6	8.8	0.0	0.2	63.0	5.1	0.0	0.7	8.6	1.8	5.3	128.2	1.5
World	837.8	1,379.3	1,462.4	1,798.0	61.5	1,029.2	400.3	60.9	269.7	524.3	183.8	334.8	8,342.0	100.0

Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level – October 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	10.4	7.2	24.0	19.4	0.9	12.9	6.3	0.9	4.0	7.7	2.9	3.5	100.0
Namibia	0.0	10.5	2.6	83.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	1.4	1.4	0.1	1.4	0.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	99.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	100.0
Eswatini	69.6	0.0	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	4.9	0.0	100.0
SACU	10.0	7.5	21.9	25.4	0.8	11.5	5.7	1.0	3.6	7.0	2.6	3.1	100.0
Zambia	42.3	0.0	11.1	38.9	0.1	2.8	2.4	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.2	1.1	100.0
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.8	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other SADC	3.4	35.2	27.1	20.1	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.0	1.0	0.6	5.1	4.4	100.0
SADC	10.6	7.4	21.3	27.1	0.8	11.0	5.4	0.9	3.4	6.6	2.5	3.0	100.0
Other Africa	31.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	38.3	1.9	0.0	17.9	0.1	4.7	4.8	100.0
Africa	10.7	7.4	21.2	27.0	0.8	11.0	5.4	0.9	3.4	6.6	2.5	3.0	100.0
China	9.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.6	32.4	7.9	0.0	10.4	2.2	2.4	32.7	100.0
India	20.2	59.8	1.7	0.0	0.0	8.1	3.4	0.0	3.8	1.2	0.4	1.3	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	5.0	3.8	9.6	1.0	0.7	27.4	1.1	0.0	1.9	41.2	2.1	6.2	100.0
Asia	9.6	36.4	2.5	0.2	1.0	18.5	3.8	0.0	4.9	9.4	1.3	12.4	100.0
Germany	25.3	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	36.9	4.2	0.0	15.5	6.3	3.5	8.0	100.0
Other EU	12.5	12.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	35.3	2.2	0.0	0.1	2.4	0.9	19.1	100.0
EU	15.5	9.4	10.6	1.0	0.2	35.6	2.7	0.0	3.7	3.3	1.5	16.5	100.0
Canada	1.4	95.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0
Rest of the World	11.7	15.3	6.9	0.0	0.2	49.2	4.0	0.0	0.5	6.7	1.4	4.1	100.0
World	10.0	16.5	17.5	21.6	0.7	12.3	4.8	0.7	3.2	6.3	2.2	4.0	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods	% Contribution
South Africa	11.1	1.1	10.6	21.4	17.8	12.2	215.6	36.2	26.0	70.7	20.3	7.6	61.0	511.5	18.9
Namibia	0.0	1.1	17.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	10.0	0.8	0.7	0.0	1.7	4.2	9.5	46.2	1.7
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	0.1	0.1	0.0
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0
SACU	11.1	2.2	27.7	21.4	18.9	12.2	225.8	37.0	26.7	70.7	22.0	12.0	70.5	558.3	20.6
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	22.9	0.0	3.5	14.9	12.5	5.1	41.5	103.3	3.8
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	65.5	3.9	71.7	2.6
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	5.2	0.0	3.1	11.7	0.7	4.8	3.9	31.0	1.1
Other SADC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.6	1.9	0.0	0.1	4.6	9.4	0.3
SADC	11.1	2.2	27.7	21.4	23.4	13.9	255.2	37.5	34.9	99.3	35.3	87.4	124.3	773.7	28.6
Other Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.2	7.0	0.3
Africa	11.1	2.2	27.7	21.4	24.0	13.9	259.6	37.5	34.9	99.3	35.3	89.2	124.6	780.7	28.8
UAE	0.0	0.0	593.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	593.8	21.9
China	0.0	347.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	347.4	12.8
Hong Kong	0.0	0.0	145.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	145.3	5.4
India	0.0	0.0	52.9	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	66.0	2.4
Israel	0.0	0.0	50.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	50.6	1.9
Cambodia	0.0	0.0	37.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.9	1.4
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	22.8	0.8
Asia	0.0	347.3	900.0	0.0	13.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	1,263.8	46.6
Belgium	0.0	0.0	97.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	102.0	3.8
Other EU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0
EU	0.0	0.0	97.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	102.5	3.8
Australia	0.0	292.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.7	294.3	10.9
USA	0.0	0.0	223.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	223.6	8.3
Anguilla	0.0	40.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.5	1.5
Rest of the World	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.4	0.2
World	11.1	682.6	1,247.8	21.4	37.4	13.9	266.5	37.5	34.9	99.3	35.3	89.4	132.9	2,709.9	100.0

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

Period \ HS	Coal	Copper	Diamonds	Gold	Iron & Steel Products	Live Cattle	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicle & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total Goods
South Africa	2.2	0.2	2.1	4.2	3.5	2.4	42.1	7.1	5.1	13.8	4.0	1.5	11.9	100.0
Namibia	0.0	2.4	37.1	0.0	2.4	0.0	21.6	1.7	1.5	0.0	3.7	9.1	20.5	100.0
Lesotho	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	1.5	9.1	9.1	9.1	24.0	9.1	74.5	100.0
Eswatini	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	62.5	1.4	0.0	1.4	3.7	27.7	6.1	100.0
SACU	2.0	0.4	5.0	3.8	3.4	2.2	40.5	6.6	4.8	12.7	3.9	2.1	12.6	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	22.1	0.0	3.4	14.5	12.1	4.9	40.1	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	91.3	5.4	100.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	16.9	0.0	9.9	37.6	2.3	15.6	12.6	100.0
Other SADC	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	13.4	0.0	17.2	19.9	0.2	0.6	48.7	100.0
SADC	1.4	0.3	3.6	2.8	3.0	1.8	33.0	4.8	4.5	12.8	4.6	11.3	16.1	100.0
Other Africa	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.1	0.1	62.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	25.6	3.5	100.0
Africa	1.4	0.3	3.5	2.7	3.1	1.8	33.3	4.8	4.5	12.7	4.5	11.4	16.0	100.0
UAE	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
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
India	0.0	0.0	80.1	0.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	100.0
Israel	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Cambodia	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other Asia	0.0	0.0	87.5	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	100.0
Asia	0.0	27.5	71.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	95.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Other EU	1.4	0.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	84.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.5	0.0	14.7	100.0
EU	0.0	0.0	94.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	100.0
Australia	0.0	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	100.0
USA	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
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	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	32.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	67.3	100.0
World	0.4	25.2	46.0	0.8	1.4	0.5	9.8	1.4	1.3	3.7	1.3	3.3	4.9	100.0

Table 4.1 A: Top 50 Imported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – October 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)	1,007.6	14.5	12.1
2	27101202	Petrol, as defined in Additional Note 1(b)	545.5	7.8	6.5
3	22021090	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	256.5	3.7	3.1
4	27160000	Electrical energy	128.5	1.8	1.5
5	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	117.7	1.7	1.4
6	31052000	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium	83.6	1.2	1.0
7	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	78.1	1.1	0.9
8	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	72.2	1.0	0.9
9	17011400	Other cane sugar	70.3	1.0	0.8
10	10059010	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	67.2	1.0	0.8
11	84295900	Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	57.0	0.8	0.7
12	93062100	Cartridges	55.8	0.8	0.7
13	25232900	Other Portland cement	55.7	0.8	0.7
14	10019900	Other (of Wheat (excluding durum wheat) and Meslin)	51.0	0.7	0.6
15	87089990	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	44.7	0.6	0.5
16	72081000	In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	44.4	0.6	0.5
17	87042181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	44.2	0.6	0.5
18	85444990	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V :Not Elsewhere Specified"	43.6	0.6	0.5
19	15121910	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof, Marketed and supplied for use in the process of cooking food	36.9	0.5	0.4
20	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	36.5	0.5	0.4
21	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	36.2	0.5	0.4
22	33049990	Other Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations	33.9	0.5	0.4
23	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	33.5	0.5	0.4
24	84071000	Aircraft engines	33.3	0.5	0.4
25	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less	33.0	0.5	0.4

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	34029000	Other (surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01)	32.7	0.5	0.4
27	85171310	Designed for use when carried in the hand or on the person	30.9	0.4	0.4
28	38249999	Other mixtures	30.3	0.4	0.4
29	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.)	29.7	0.4	0.4
30	64059090	Other footwear	29.6	0.4	0.4
31	87043181	Other, double-cab, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chasis fitted with a cab	29.1	0.4	0.3
32	22029990	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09)	28.8	0.4	0.3
33	17049000	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	27.4	0.4	0.3
34	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	27.0	0.4	0.3
35	30039090	" Other - Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail "	26.7	0.4	0.3
36	34012000	Soap in other forms	26.5	0.4	0.3
37	27101252	Other prepared lubricating oils	26.0	0.4	0.3
38	22030090	Other Beer made from malt, With an alcohol content exceeding 5 per cent	25.8	0.4	0.3
39	87033390	Other vehicles,Of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm³:	24.4	0.4	0.3
40	90221400	Other, for medical surgical or veterinary uses	23.4	0.3	0.3
41	84295190	Other front-end shovel loaders	22.0	0.3	0.3
42	20098950	Other fruit juices	21.9	0.3	0.3
43	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	20.8	0.3	0.2
44	68129100	Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear	20.3	0.3	0.2
45	85287290	Other not designed to incorporate a video display or screen	20.1	0.3	0.2
46	21069090	Other Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included	20.0	0.3	0.2
47	20099010	Mixtures of Fruit juices	19.8	0.3	0.2
48	27101201	Aviation spirit, as defined in Additional Note 1(a)	19.3	0.3	0.2
49	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	19.2	0.3	0.2
50	84089090	Other engines	18.8	0.3	0.2
Top 50 Imported Non Diamond Goods			3,687.1	53.0	44.2
Other Non Diamond Imports Goods			3,275.5	47.0	39.3
Total Non-Diamond Goods			6,962.7	100.0	83.5
Diamonds Imports			1,379.3		16.5
Total Imports			8,342.0		100.0

Table 4.1B: Top 50 Exported Goods (Excluding Diamonds) – October 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	682.6	46.7	25.2
2	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	122.1	8.3	4.5
3	28362000	Disodium carbonate	69.2	4.7	2.6
4	86079100	Of locomotives	65.5	4.5	2.4
5	85444290	Other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000V : Not Elsewhere Specified	52.1	3.6	1.9
6	02023090	Other (boneless meat of bovine animals, frozen)	36.2	2.5	1.3
7	25010090	Other Salt, pure sodium chloride or sea water	29.4	2.0	1.1
8	71081200	Other unwrought forms	21.4	1.5	0.8
9	39172300	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, Of polymers of vinyl chloride	17.5	1.2	0.6
10	63026090	Other Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	16.7	1.1	0.6
11	64059090	Other footwear	14.8	1.0	0.5
12	84295900	Other mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	14.2	1.0	0.5
13	84314990	Other Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30:	12.5	0.9	0.5
14	72042900	Other waste and scrap of alloy steel:	12.0	0.8	0.4
15	27011900	Other coal	11.9	0.8	0.4
16	27011200	Bituminous coal	11.1	0.8	0.4
17	75012000	Nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy	10.9	0.7	0.4
18	01022100	Pure-bred breeding animals (cattle)	10.2	0.7	0.4
19	74040090	Other copper waste and scrap:	9.4	0.6	0.3
20	85446090	Other electric conductors, for a voltage exceeding 1 000 V	8.8	0.6	0.3
21	68101100	Building blocks and bricks	8.1	0.6	0.3
22	84303100	Self-propelled	7.2	0.5	0.3
23	85287290	Other not designed to incorporate a video display or screen	6.7	0.5	0.2
24	62171090	Other clothing accessories	6.4	0.4	0.2
25	72142000	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	6.0	0.4	0.2

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

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contribution(%) Against Total Non Diamonds Imports	Contribution(%) Against Total Imports
26	85071099	Other lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines	5.2	0.4	0.2
27	84305000	Other machinery, self-propelled	4.9	0.3	0.2
28	90189000	Other instruments and appliances	4.8	0.3	0.2
29	87032390	Other Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	4.7	0.3	0.2
30	24022090	Other Cigarettes containing tobacco	4.1	0.3	0.2
31	39251000	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of a capacity exceeding 300 li	4.1	0.3	0.2
32	30049099	Other medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses	4.1	0.3	0.2
33	76020090	Other aluminium waste and scrap	4.0	0.3	0.1
34	72165000	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded	4.0	0.3	0.1
35	58081000	Braids in the piece	3.9	0.3	0.1
36	63019000	Other blankets and travelling rugs	3.8	0.3	0.1
37	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	3.7	0.3	0.1
38	85284910	Colour, with a screen size not exceeding 3 m x 4 m	3.7	0.3	0.1
39	01022900	Other (cattle)	3.7	0.3	0.1
40	39269090	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings .39.01 to 39.14	3.6	0.2	0.1
41	72042100	Of stainless steel	3.5	0.2	0.1
42	87042110	Shuttle cars for use in underground mines; low construction flame-proof vehicles, equipped with control mechanisms both in the front and at the rear, for use in underground mines	3.4	0.2	0.1
43	42034000	Other clothing accessories	3.0	0.2	0.1
44	27101230	Distillate fuel, as defined in Additional Note 1(g)	2.6	0.2	0.1
45	85182100	Single loudspeakers, mounted in their enclosures	2.6	0.2	0.1
46	72043000	Waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel	2.5	0.2	0.1
47	87042190	Other, G.V.M. not exceeding 5 tonnes	2.0	0.1	0.1
48	41039090	Other raw hides and skins	2.0	0.1	0.1
49	71129200	Of platinum, including metal clad with platinum (excluding sweepings containing other precious metals)	2.0	0.1	0.1
50	39232990	Other of other plastics:	2.0	0.1	0.1
Top 50 Exported Non-Diamond Goods			1,351.1	92.4	49.9
Other Non-Diamond Exports Goods			111.0	7.6	4.1
Total Non-Diamond Exports			1,462.2	100.0	54.0
Diamonds Exports			1,247.8		46.0
Total Exports			2,709.9		100.0

8.0 Concepts, Sources and Methods

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

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

8.1 Time of Recording of Trade

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

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

8.2 Concepts and Definitions

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

8.3 Exclusions from IMTS

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

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

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