

## Monthly Trade Statistics – September 2011

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 6,666 million in September 2011, higher by 7.6% compared to the previous month and by 30.9% compared to the corresponding month of the last year.

#### Summary of External Trade

Value : R Million

	2010	2011	
	September <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>5,921</b>	<b>6,470</b>	<b>6,194</b>
<i>Domestic exports</i>	4,413	4,928	4,521
<i>Re-exports</i>	952	842	973
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	556	700	700
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>12,667</b>	<b>12,860</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A+B)</b>	16,933	19,137	19,054
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	-5,091	-6,197	-6,666

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

### 2. Imports

#### Total Imports by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value : R Million

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2010	2011	
	September <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,220	2,275	2,740
1 - Beverages and tobacco	177	206	305
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	291	268	389
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,739	3,274	2,019
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	48	108	48
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,046	980	1,155
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,258	2,291	2,404
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,175	2,189	2,515
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	998	1,064	1,253
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	60	12	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>12,667</b>	<b>12,860</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In September 2011, total imports increased by 1.5% compared to August 2011 and by 16.8% compared to September 2010.

### 3. Exports

#### Total Exports by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : RMillion

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2010	2011	
	September <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,951	1,942	1,816
1 - Beverages and tobacco	24	41	113
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	110	78	93
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	3	2
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6	7	3
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	192	195	186
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	514	579	526
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	138	112	117
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,417	2,784	2,608
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	10	29	30
<b>Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>5,494</b>
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	556	700	700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,921</b>	<b>6,470</b>	<b>6,194</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In September 2011, exports declined by 4.3% compared to the previous month but rose by 4.6% compared to September 2010.

### 4. Main trading partners

Value : R Million

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2010	2011		Country	2010	2011	
	September <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>	September <sup>3</sup>		September <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>	September <sup>3</sup>
UK	1,112	1,221	1,034	India	1,951	3,339	2,374
France	657	665	647	China	1,490	1,737	1,999
USA	569	752	644	South Africa	1,111	787	1,154
South Africa	420	535	589	France	948	1,061	1,017
Spain	309	386	387	Brazil	29	9	590
Italy	433	528	367	Germany	266	269	374
Other	1,865	1,683	1,826	Other	5,217	5,465	5,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>5,494</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>12,667</b>	<b>12,860</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

United Kingdom (18.8%), France (11.8%) and USA (11.7%) were our major exports destinations in September 2011 while our imports were mainly from India (18.5%), China (15.5%), South Africa (9.0%) and France (7.9%).

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