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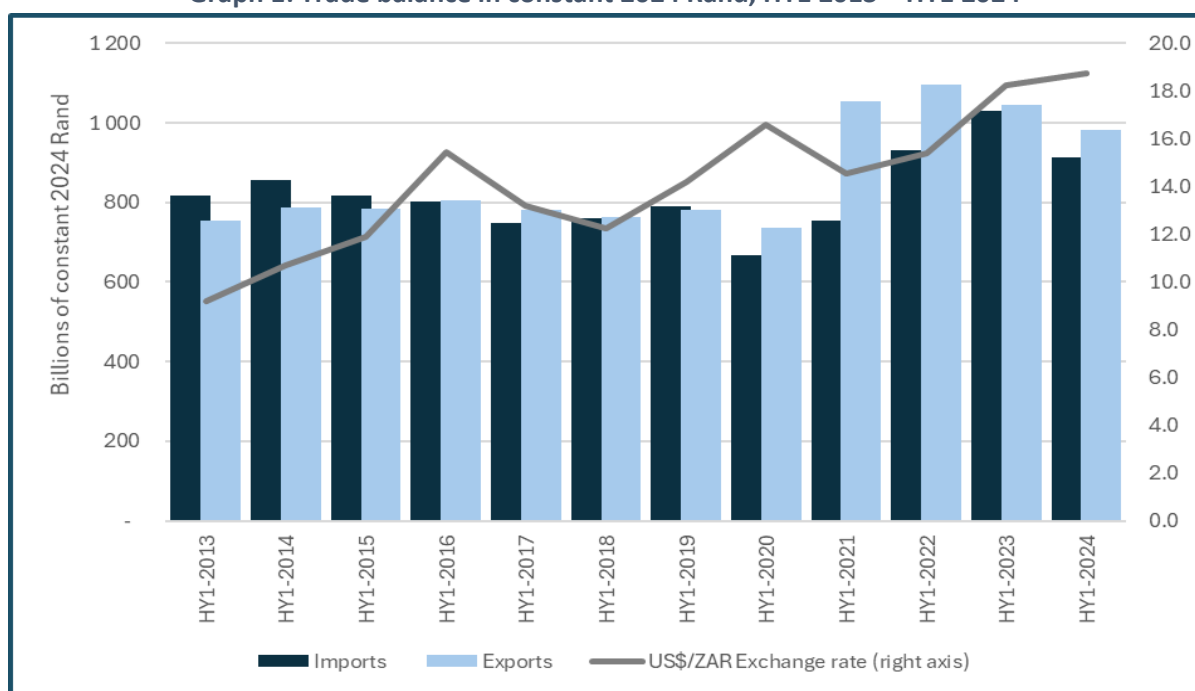
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SECTION 1: TRADE ANALYSIS

South Africa’s trade surplus increased to R68 billion in the first half of 2024, up from R15 billion in the first half of 2023. This is about 77% – R233 billion – lower than the surplus in the first half of 2021. The high surplus was driven by growth in South Africa’s exports, which in turn were largely driven by the rise in mineral prices following the global COVID-related lockdowns in 2020, along with the weakening of the Rand. Even with growth in exports in this period, there was also growth in imports (see Graph 1). Total trade continued on a downward trajectory in the first half of 2024.

Graph 1: Trade balance in constant 2024 Rand, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024¹



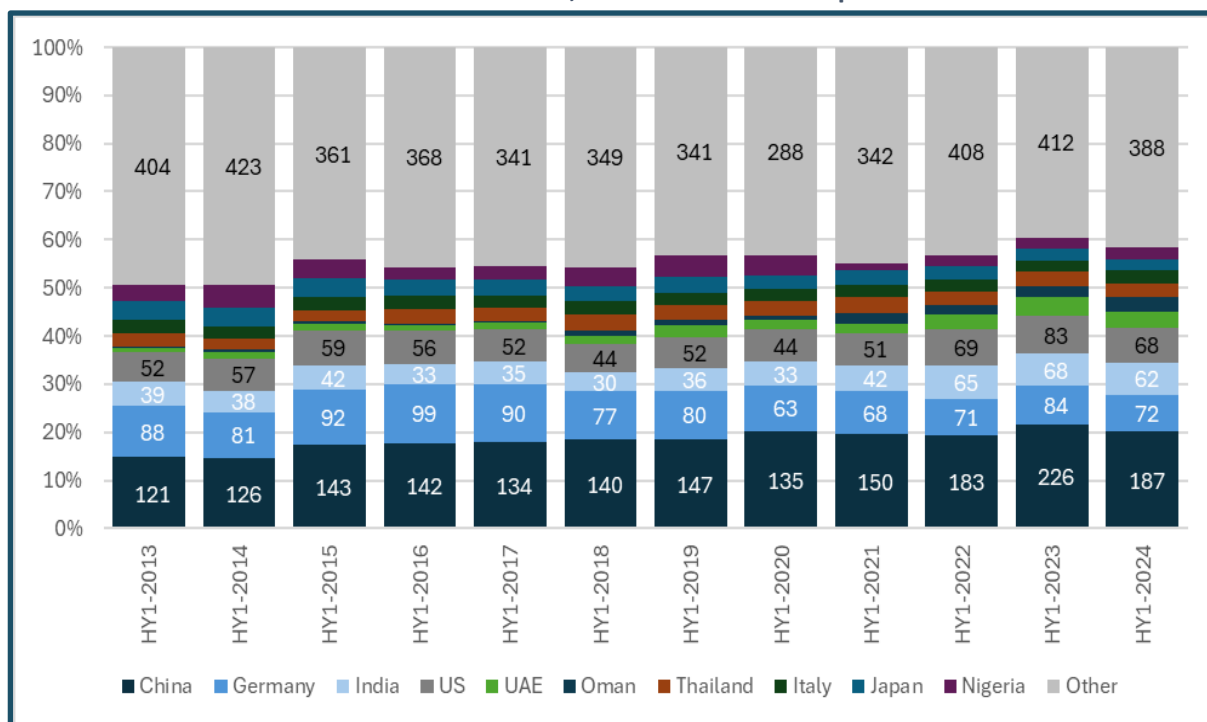
Source: Trade data from South African Revenue Service (SARS) monthly merchandise trade statistics. Downloaded from <https://www.sars.gov.za/> in September 2024. *Note:* Exchange rate data from South African Reserve Bank (SARB) averaged to the first half of each year. *Note:* Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

Imports from the top 10 import sources declined by 14% to R544 billion in the first half of 2024, from about R631 billion in the first half of 2023. China maintained its position as the top import source for South Africa, accounting for a fifth of total imports for the first half of 2024. Imports from that country declined by 17% to almost R200 billion between the first halves of 2023 and 2024. Other top import sources include Germany (at 8% of total imports), India and the United States (US) (7% of total imports apiece), and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (3% of total imports) in the first half of 2024 (see Graph 2). Increased diesel imports from the first half of 2021 propelled India and Oman into the top 10 import sources. While these countries do export other products to South Africa, the main export over this period was diesel.

The top import products over this period were diesel (R73 billion), crude oil (48 billion), parts for motor vehicles (R40 billion), petrol (R26 billion), and parts for goods vehicles (R25 billion). Loadshedding, which had in part driven the increase in diesel imports, continued into March 2024. However, South Africa has since had more than 150 days without electricity interruptions. This has contributed to the decline in diesel imports between the first half of 2023 and the first half of 2024. Imported volumes declined by almost 1 billion litres in this period.

¹ HY is used to denote half year.

**Graph 2: Top import sources (in billions of 2024 constant Rand)
HY1 2013 – HY1 2024, and share of total imports**



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. Note: Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

SECTION 2: PRODUCT ANALYSIS²

Product 1: Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels

Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels (HS 85414300) are semiconductor devices that can generate electrical energy by absorbing light radiation. They are also known as solar cells because their main function is to generate energy from sunlight. There are also some applications where other light is used. Because the electrical output from a single cell is often small, several cells are connected in circuits to create the appropriate current and voltage. The module is typically enclosed with a glass cover and a plastic sheet to form a module usually called a “panel”. In the first six months of 2024, these products were ranked 48th in the Top 200 list of imports by value, with almost five million units imported, totalling just over R2 billion (see Table 1).

Table 1: Product key data – Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels in the first half of 2024

KEY DATA	NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN THE FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITOR	CURRENTLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IMPORTS INCREASING OVER TIME
Rank in Top 200 imports by Rand value			48th
Rand value of imports			R2.2 billion

² The written analysis more often than not focuses on the period between 2013 and 2020 because SARS did not record Southern African Customs Union (SACU) trade data prior to that. The SARS note detailing the change is available at: <https://www.sars.gov.za/Media/MediaReleases/Pages/14-November-2013---Inclusion-of-new-data-in-SA-Trade-Stats.aspx>

KEY DATA	NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN THE FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITOR	CURRENTLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IMPORTS INCREASING OVER TIME
Rank in Top 50 imports by quantity			N/A
Quantity of imports			4.8 million units
Capital, intermediate or consumer good			Intermediate good
If intermediate good; what value chain?			Renewable energy
Good for final consumption (yes/no)			No
Designation status			Solar PV components are 70% designated

Source: Based on data from ITC Trade Map. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024.

South Africa’s renewable energy industry has grown substantially over the years, in part driven by the ongoing electricity crisis. Since the launch of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), electricity generation from different renewable energy sources has expanded. Renewable energy currently accounts for approximately 16% of South Africa’s electricity generation, with solar PV (photovoltaic) accounting for about 4%. By March 2023, the six REIPPPP bid windows created around 70 000 job opportunities, with a scale up of renewable expected to create almost 600 000 jobs (Phillips, 2024).

According to the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC), only two manufacturers remain in the SACU region. These are ARTsolar, based in Durban, and Seraphim which is Chinese-owned and is located in the Eastern Cape at the Industrial Development Zone. Other manufacturers within the region have ceased local production and are importing PV cells (ITAC, 2023). Manufacturers like Yingli Solar, Suntech Power South Africa, Jinko Solar and Solaire Direct import and assemble cells into panels. These assembly facilities are concentrated in cities like Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban.

To meet regulatory standards for PV cells and solar panel production in the local and international markets such as the European Union, manufacturers must obtain certifications from bodies like the International Electrotechnical Commission, South African Bureau of Standards, and the European Union certification “CE” mark, among others.

Various universities and science councils are conducting research and providing support for research and product development in the PV industry. For instance, the Photovoltaic Research Group at Nelson Mandela University is involved in the PV research at the university. The research group is engaged in research across a range of topics, including PV module characterisation and solar resource monitoring, among others (NMU, Undated). Similarly, the Solar Energy Research Group at the University of Pretoria conducts research on PVs.³ Stellenbosch University is also among the universities which have a research group dedicated to solar energy, which is affiliated with the Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies.⁴ The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research completed the first phase of its new solar energy research and testing infrastructure. The PV testing facility supports the

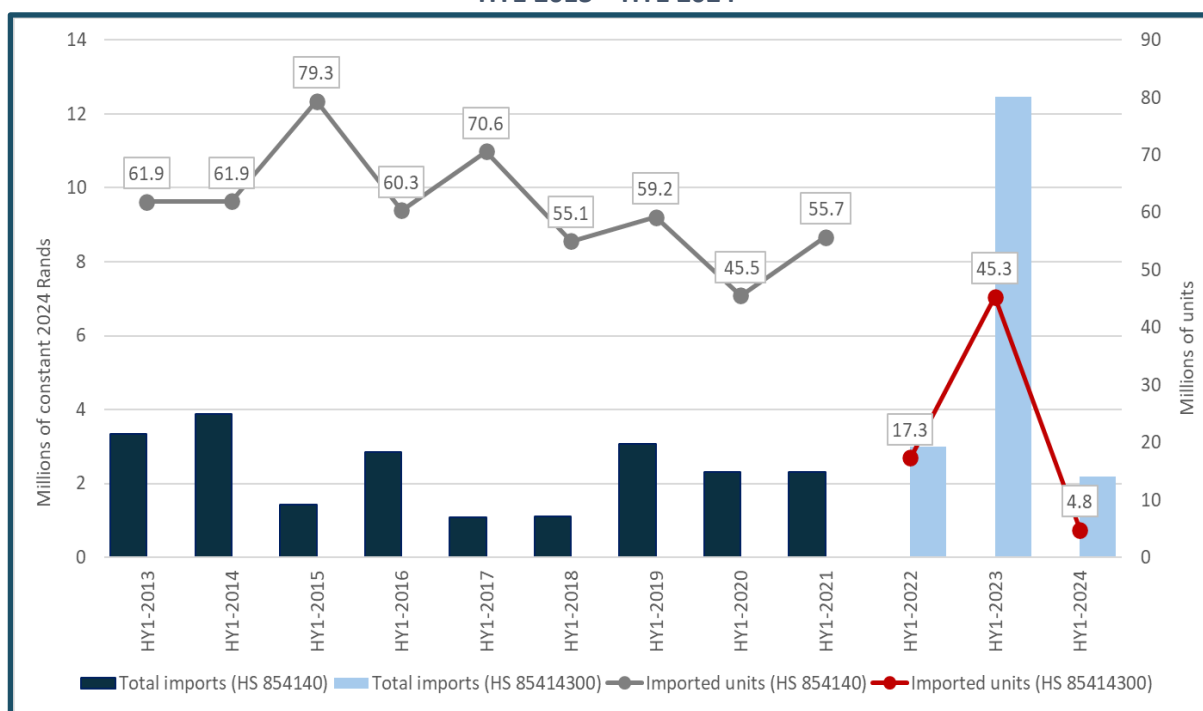
³ <https://www.up.ac.za/physics/article/2010491/solar-energy-research>

⁴ <https://sterg.sun.ac.za/about/>

domestic solar PV industry with aspects of industrial development, research, quality assurance, knowledge generation, and human capital development.⁵

Over recent years, South Africa has seen a significant increase in imports of PV cells while exports have remained relatively low. In the first six months of 2023, imports of PV cells peaked at over R12 billion, with about 45 million of units imported (see Graph 3). This surge in the import of PV cells was in part due to the worsening loadshedding crisis. The increase in imports was also due to the announcement by the Minister of Finance in the 2023 budget speech, which introduced tax rebates for individuals and businesses for the installation of rooftop solar panels. The majority of imports over the past years are mostly from China, which in 2024 accounted for almost 96% of imports. Minimal volumes have been imported from the rest of the continents.

Graph 3: Imports of photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. *Note:* Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024. *Note:* The HS code for this product was changed in the trade data, hence the new HS code from 2022.

Product 2: Steering wheels, steering columns, and steering boxes, and parts thereof, n.e.s: Other

Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes, and parts thereof, n.e.s: Other (HS 87089490) are parts for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons, motor cars, and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special purpose motor vehicles.⁶ Globally, the US ranked at the top of the list as the world’s largest import market for steering wheels and columns, with a value of almost US\$5 billion in 2023, followed by Germany with an import value of almost US\$3 billion in 2023.⁷ In South Africa, in the first six months of 2024, these products were ranked 152nd in the Top 200 list of imports by value, amounting to R811 million and almost three million kilograms imported (see Table 2).

⁵ <https://www.csir.co.za/photovoltaic-testing-facility>

⁶ <https://www.freightnews.co.za/customs/tariffs/197489/steering-wheels-steering-columns-and-steering-boxes-parts-thereof>

⁷ <https://www.indexbox.io/blog/world-worlds-best-import-markets-for-steering-wheels-and-columns/>

Table 2: Product key data – Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes, and parts thereof, n.e.s: Other in the first half of 2024

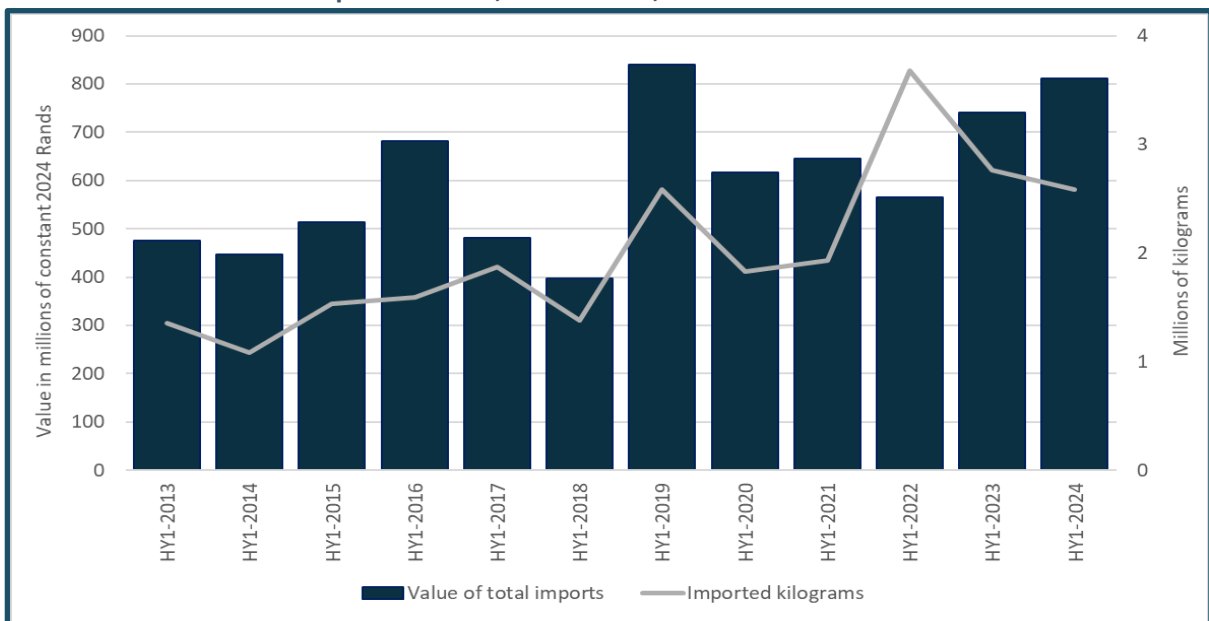
KEY DATA	NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITORS	CURRENTLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IMPORTS INCREASING OVER TIME
Rank in Top 200 imports by Rand value			152nd
Rand value of imports			R811 million
Rank in Top 50 imports by quantity			N/A
Quantity of imports			2.6 million kilograms
Capital, intermediate or consumer good			Intermediate good
If intermediate good; what value chain?			Automotive Industry
Good for final consumption (yes/no)			No
Designation status			Not designated

Source: Based on data from ITC Trade Map. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024.

The automotive industry covers manufacturing, sales, repair and recycling of motor vehicles and parts and accessories (Timm, 2023). The local automotive industry has over 400 suppliers and employs about 100 000 people in vehicle manufacturing. Component suppliers employed some 82 000 people in 2023. The industry is mainly located in KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape, and Gauteng.

Manufacturers of automotive parts and accessories are required to adhere to quality management systems with a TS code, which is an international certification for manufacturers wanting to export or supply original equipment manufacturers. Regulations and certifications for the automotive sector are ISO Quality Management Systems, Automotive Quality Management Systems, and the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) Mark Scheme product certification, among others.

Graph 4: Imports of steering wheels, steering columns, and steering boxes, and parts thereof, n.e.s: Other, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. Note: Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

The local steering wheels and related products trade operates at a trade deficit. Import volumes in South Africa have increase at a higher rate than exports, with imported volumes increasing by 69% to almost three million kilograms in the first half of 2024 from just over one million kilograms in the first half of 2013. Germany is the largest source of imports, accounting for, on average, about 52% of total imports between the first half of 2013 and 2024. Germany is followed by the US, averaging about 15% of South Africa’s total imported volumes over the same period.

Product 3: Artificial joints for orthopaedic purposes

Artificial joints for orthopaedic purposes (HS 87089490) are used in medical treatment for joint conditions like restricted motion, lack of load support capabilities, severe pain due to bone tumours, and rheumatoid arthritis, among others.⁸ Arthroplasty, also known as joint replacement, is a surgical treatment that replaces some or all of the joints. Parts of damaged joints and cartilage in a patient's joints are replaced with a prosthetic (metal, plastic, or ceramic device) implant (Cleveland Clinic, Undated). The prosthesis was intended to imitate the movement of a healthy joint.

These products were the 302nd most traded product globally, with a trade value of almost US\$13 billion in 2022. Top global exporters are Ireland, the Netherlands, the US, Switzerland, and Germany (OEC, Undated). Domestically, the product was ranked 194th in the top 200 list of imports by value for the first half of 2024, with imports amounting to about R628 million and more than 68 000 kilograms imported (see Table 3).

Table 3: Product key data – Artificial joints for orthopaedic purposes, first half of 2024

KEY DATA	NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITORS	CURRENTLY MADE AND IMPORTS INCREASING OVER TIME
Rank in Top 200 imports by Rand value			194th
Rand value of imports			R628 million
Rank in Top 50 imports by quantity			N/A
Quantity of imports			68 627 kilograms
Capital, intermediate or consumer good			Intermediate good
If intermediate good; what value chain?			Medical devices
Good for final consumption (yes/no)			Yes
Designation status			Not designated

Source: Based on data from ITC Trade Map. Accessed from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024.

South Africa has local production capacity for a wide range of medical equipment, from consumables like needles, gloves, and masks to implant therapeutic devices such as artificial joints. As noted, the local industry is dominated by manufacturers working in consumables and orthopaedics, according to the findings of a survey undertaken by the South African Medical Research Council in 2022 (SAMRC, 2022:5). Southern Medical and Elite Surgical are two prominent local orthopaedic equipment manufacturers. Local medical device manufacturers employ about 5 000 people.

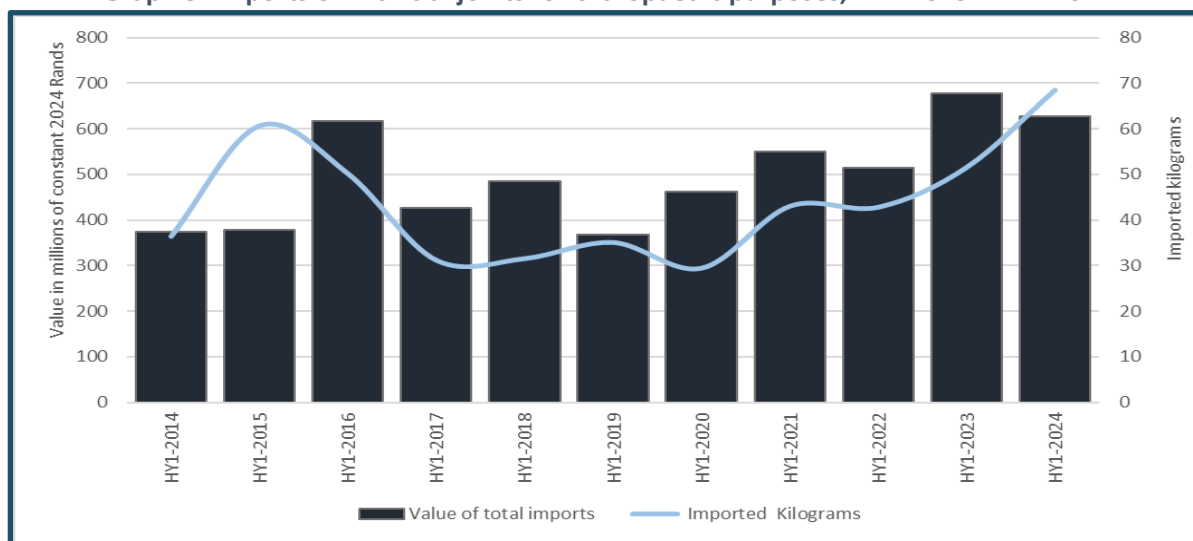
Research and development are crucial for the sector. Various private and public scientific, technological, and innovative institutes in South Africa are involved in R&D and innovation activities

⁸ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/artificial-joint>

for medical devices. These include Walter Sisulu University’s health sciences faculty, which performs orthopaedic and prosthetic research. Further, the Centre for Rapid Prototyping and Manufacturing may customise medical implants (SAMRC, 2022:63).

South Africa is a net importer of these products. Between 2014 and 2024, total imports fluctuated, from just over R374 million to R628 million in the first half of 2024 (see Graph 5). In this period, imported volumes increased from about 37 000 kilograms to almost 70 000 kilograms. Imports are dominantly from the US, Switzerland, and Ireland. These countries accounted for a combined 70% of imported volumes and value and volume. South Africa exports minimal volumes of this product.

Graph 5: Imports of Artificial joints for orthopaedic purposes, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. Note: Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

Product 4: Combine harvester-threshers

The combine harvester-thresher (HS 84335100) is a large agricultural machine designed to harvest crops like rice, wheat, corn, and soybeans. It combines functions on a single machine, such as cutting, threshing, separating, and cleaning grain harvests with minimal human interaction (Mechanical Power, 2023). Automation, computing and mechanics have improved the operation of modern combine harvesters, and have helped improve efficiency and enhance the grain harvesting process (FM World, 2024).

In the global trade market, combine harvester-threshers were the 710th most traded product in 2022, with Germany, the US, Belgium, Poland, and China as the main exporters. Domestically, the product ranked 130th in the Top 200 list of imports by Rand value in the first half of 2024, at R925 million, with 223 units imported in this period (see Table 4).

Table 4: Product key data – Combine harvester-threshers, first half of 2024

KEY DATA	NOT CURRENTLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITORS	CURRENTLY MADE AND IMPORTS DECREASING OVER TIME
Rank in Top 200 imports by Rand value	130th		
Rand value of imports	R924 million		
Rank in Top 50 imports by quantity	N/A		
Quantity of imports	223 units		

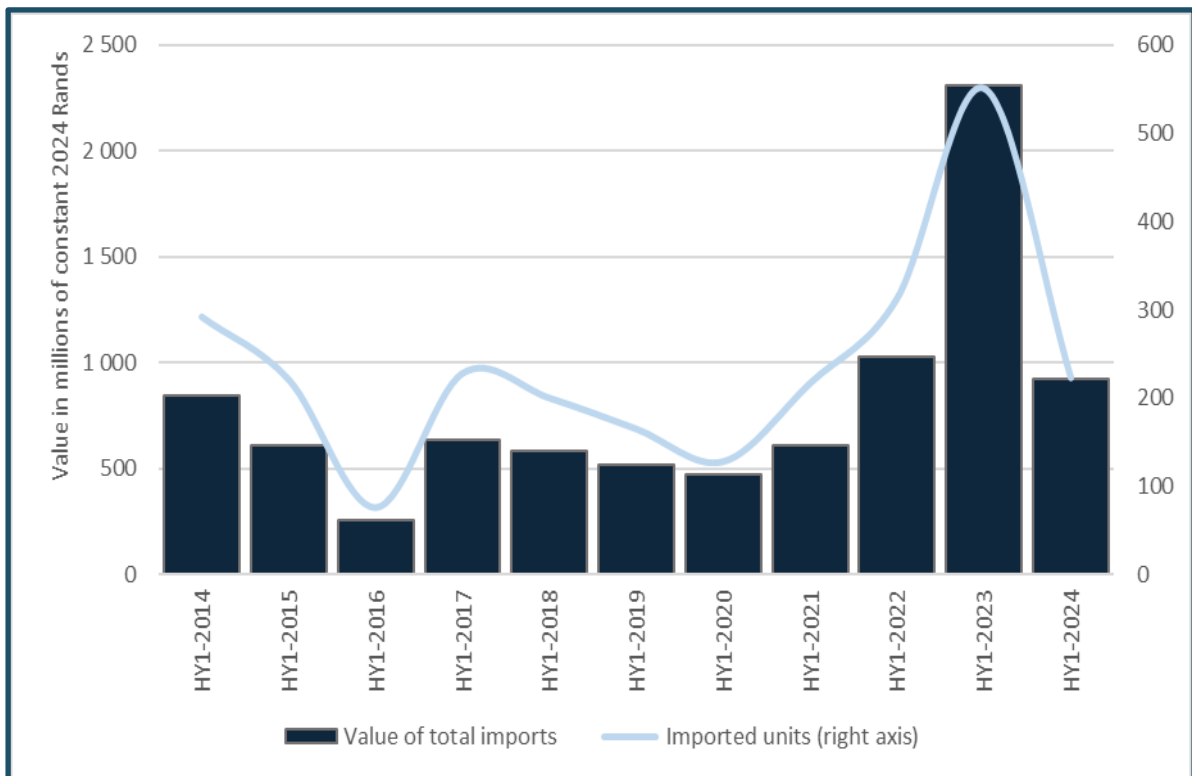
KEY DATA	NOT CURRENTLY MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA	PREVIOUSLY MADE BUT CANNOT COMPETE IN FACE OF LOW-COST COMPETITORS	CURRENTLY MADE AND IMPORTS DECREASING OVER TIME
Capital, intermediate or consumer good	Capital good		
If intermediate good; what value chain?	Agriculture		
Good for final consumption (yes/no)	Yes		
Designation status	Not designated		

Source: Based on data from ITC Trade Map. Accessed from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024.

South Africa’s market does not produce high-tech agricultural machinery like combine harvesters. Instead, these products are primarily imported from the US and Europe. GCO South Africa, Kempston Agri, Iveco South Africa, and John Deere are the prominent local importers and distributors for combine harvesters. The special-purpose machinery manufacturing industry, of which combined harvesters are a part, employed at least 63 000 people in the last quarter of 2022 (Stats SA, 2024).

South Africa is a net importer of combine harvester-thresher machinery. Imports peaked in the first half of 2023, driven by a surge in imports from Germany, which more than doubled in value and volume. In the first half of 2024, Germany accounted for over 50% of all imports, with Brazil and the US among the top exporters. South African exports averaged R38 million (155 units) throughout the first six months of the year from 2014 to 2024. Almost all exports, 92% (average value) are sent to Africa.

Graph 6: Imports of Combine-Harvester-Thresher, first half of 2014 to first half of 2024, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. Note: Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

Product 5: Gears and gearing for machinery (excluding toothed wheels, chain sprockets and other transmission elements presented separately); ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers including torque converters

Gears and gearing for machinery, ball or roller screws and other speed changes (HS 84834000) cover a range of components used to increase or decrease speed and change direction. These products are used in different industries including manufacturing and assembly. There are different gears, with the commonly used being spur and helical gears. The use of either of these products depends on what is required, and the environment. For instance, spur gears are loud and can be used in areas where noise is not a concern. Helical gears on the other hand are commonly used in industrial processes where minimal noise is preferred, and where smoothly operating machinery is required (Accu, Undated). The gears under this HS code do not include those used in vehicles. Imports of this product amounted to more than R1 billion in the first half of 2024, with almost half a million units imported (see Table 5).

Table 5: Product key data – gears and gearing for machinery, first half of 2024

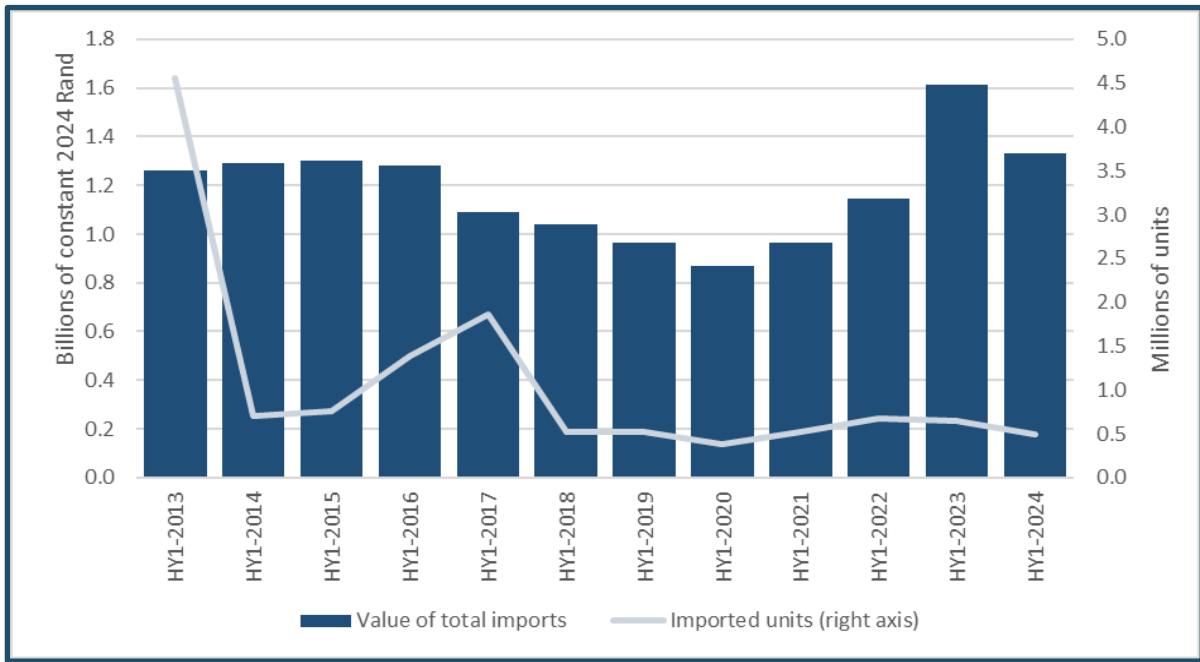
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Rank in Top 200 imports by Rand value			79th
Rand value of imports			R1.3 billion
Rank in Top 50 imports by quantity			N/A
Quantity of imports			489 250
Capital, intermediate or consumer good			Capital good
If intermediate good; what value chain?			N/A
Good for final consumption (yes/no)			Yes
Designation status			Not designated

Source: Based on data from ITC Trade Map. Accessed from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024.

There are various local manufacturers of gears and gearing machinery. However, total local production capacity is unclear. These companies include Jaycon Gearbox, Asar Engineering Pvt. Ltd. and Mesh Gear, among others. In addition, the industry has a range of marketers and distributors that supply the domestic and continental markets. These companies supply the local industry, and also export to the rest of the continent, as well as some markets abroad.

Excluding the first half of 2013, and the first halves of 2016 and 2017, import volumes of the products averaged almost 600 000 units between 2014 and 2024. In real terms, the value of imports has grown only marginally since 2013 (excluding the surge in 2023). In volumes, China is the main source of gears and gearing machinery for South Africa. The country accounted for 56% of total volumes in the first half of 2024, compared to 38% in the prior year. Aside from China other import sources include Italy (6% in 2024), Romania (8% in 2024), along with Germany and the US at 4% apiece in 2024. Although China accounted for more than half of import volumes in the first half of 2024, the value of imports from the US accounted almost a quarter of the total value, with China and Germany at 21% and 20% respectively.

Graph 7: Imports of gears and gearing for machinery, HY1 2013 – HY1 2024



Source: Calculated from ITC Trade Map data. Downloaded from <https://www.trademap.org> in September 2024. *Note:* Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the first half of 2024.

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ANNEXURE 1: TOP 200 IMPORT PRODUCTS BY RAND VALUE, FIRST HALF OF 2024

RANK	HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	IMPORT VALUE, RAND BILLION	CHANGE IN RANK, HY1 2023 - HY1 2024	DESIGNATION STATUS
1	27101230	Diesel	73.46	No change	Not designated
2	27090000	Crude oil	48.42	No change	Not designated
3	98010030	Automotive components: for motor cars	40.02	No change	Not designated
4	27101202	Light oils and preparations: Petrol	25.80	No change	Not designated
5	98010040	For motor vehicles for the transport of goods of heading 87.04, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or of a g.v.m. not exceeding 3 500 kg, or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or of a g.v.m. not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab (excluding dumpers designed for off-highway use, shuttle cars and low construction flame-proof vehicles, for use in underground mines and off-the-road logging trucks)	25.48	No change	Not designated
6	85171310	Smartphones for wireless networks	17.16	1	Not designated
7	30049099	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes	12.97	2	Not designated
8	98010045	Original equipment components: for goods vehicles	10.57	4	Not designated
9	87032290	Cars and related vehicles: Cylinder capacity 1 000 cm3 to 1 500 cm3	10.07	1	Not designated
10	84713090	Data-processing machines, automatic, portable, weighing <= 10 kg	8.95	3	Not designated
11	85176290	Routers and set-top boxes: Other	7.63	3	Routers not designated; STB 30% designated
12	71081300	Gold, in semi-manufactured forms, for non-monetary purposes	6.56	8	Not designated
13	85044000	Static converters	6.46	-5	Not designated
14	84715000	Processing units for automatic data-processing machines	5.99	14	Not designated
15	10019900	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	5.75	4	Not designated
16	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	5.70	8	Not designated
17	27101226	Light oils and preparations: Illuminating kerosene	5.35	9	Not designated
18	28182000	Aluminium oxide (excluding artificial corundum)	5.02	5	Not designated
19	71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	4.95	3	Not designated
20	98010015	Automotive components: for road tractors	4.63	11	Not designated

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21	87032390	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity 1 500 cm3 to 3 000 cm3	4.63	-6	Not designated
22	27101207	Light oils and preparations: Aviation kerosene	4.39	-4	Not designated
23	74081100	Wire of refined copper, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 6 mm	4.11	-2	Not designated
24	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures, including alcoholic solutions of a kind used in the food and drink industries	4.09	13	Not designated
25	85076000	Lithium-ion accumulators (excluding spent)	4.06	-19	Not designated
26	15119090	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined	4.02	3	Not designated
27	87041090	Dumpers for off-highway use: Other	3.94	-10	Not designated
28	27160000	Electrical energy	3.94	11	Not designated
29	27111100	Natural gas, liquefied	3.87	4	Not designated
30	90189000	Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical or veterinary sciences, not elsewhere specified	3.69	4	Not designated
31	27101235	Residual fuel oils, as defined in additional note 1(h)	3.67	-4	Not designated
32	85023100	Generating sets: wind-powered	3.46	271	Not designated
33	87033390	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm3	3.43	-3	Not designated
34	84314990	Parts of machinery of heading 8426, 8429 and 8430, not elsewhere specified: Other	3.42	-2	Not designated
35	87089990	Parts and accessories for tractors and buses	3.32	5	Not designated
36	27101257	Light oils and preparations: Other base oils	3.26	6	Not designated
37	84295200	Self-propelled bulldozers, etc: With 360-degree revolving superstructure	3.08	1	Not designated
38	87082900	Parts and accessories motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	2.97	6	Bus bodies 80% designated
39	38249999	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries	2.91	6	Not designated
40	87033290	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity 1 000 cm3 to 2 500 cm3	2.81	-15	Not designated
41	84219990	Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s: Other	2.81	103	Not designated
42	87032190	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity not exceeding 1 000 cm3	2.75	-26	Not designated
43	27011900	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated (excluding anthracite and bituminous coal)	2.73	57	Not designated

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44	84439900	Parts and accessories of printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, not elsewhere specified	2.61	3	Not designated
45	38221900	Prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing	2.49	10	Not designated
46	88073000	Parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft, not elsewhere specified (excluding those for gliders)	2.29	20	Not designated
47	27040000	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated	2.20	-11	Not designated
48	85414300	Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels	2.16	-37	Solar PV components 70% designated
49	85177900	Parts of telephone sets, telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	2.15	-3	Not designated
50	87019500	Tractors, of an engine power > 130 kw	2.11	20	Not designated
51	31021000	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	1.99	57	Not designated
52	84089090	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston "diesel or semi-diesel engine": Other	1.98	-4	Not designated
53	39011000	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94	1.96	112	Not designated
54	74031100	Copper, refined, in the form of cathodes and sections of cathodes	1.90	No change	Not designated
55	39269090	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	1.90	6	Plastic wheelie bins 100% designated
56	94019990	Parts of seats, not of wood, n.e.s: Other	1.88	9	Not designated
57	27111390	Butanes, liquefied (excluding of a purity of >= 95% of n-butane or isobutane): Other	1.84	109	Not designated
58	84013000	Fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated	1.84	57	Not designated
59	38151200	Supported catalysts with precious metal or a precious-metal compound as the active substance, not elsewhere specified	1.77	142	Not designated
60	98010025	Original equipment components: for buses and taxis	1.77	-8	Bus bodies 80% designated
61	27101900	Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals, not containing biodiesel, not elsewhere specified	1.76	20	Not designated
62	27111200	Propane, liquefied	1.75	1	Not designated
63	39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	1.75	49	Not designated
64	17011300	Raw cane sugar, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	1.63	10	Not designated
65	27101215	Light oils and preparations: Illuminating kerosene	1.62	-15	Not designated
66	21069090	Food preparations, n.e.s: Other	1.62	20	Not designated

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67	33049990	Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin: Other	1.61	17	Not designated
68	87032490	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity exceeding 3 000 cm3	1.52	-25	Not designated
69	30021500	Immunological products, put up in measured doses, or in forms or packings for retail	1.48	6	Not designated
70	15121190	Crude sunflower-seed or safflower oil: Other	1.43	72	Not designated
71	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.42	8	Not designated
72	99999999	Commodities not elsewhere specified	1.41	6125	Not designated
73	84433100	Printers and fax machines	1.40	-6	Not designated
74	87012120	Road tractors for semi-trailers, with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine: of a vehicle mass exceeding 1 600 kg	1.39	3	Not designated
75	87085085	Drive-axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	1.39	18	Not designated
76	85371090	Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V: Other	1.39	-7	Not designated
77	40112026	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used for buses and lorries: having a rim size exceeding 51cm (20inches)	1.36	-1	Not designated
78	84798990	Machines and mechanical appliances, not elsewhere specified: Other	1.35	-25	Not designated
79	84834000	Gears and gearing for machinery (excluding toothed wheels, chain sprockets and other transmission elements presented separately); ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers including torque converters	1.33	-1	Not designated
80	38089399	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	1.32	3	Not designated
81	30043990	Medicaments containing hormones or steroids used as hormones but not antibiotics, put up in measured doses "including those in the form of transdermal administration" or in forms or packings for retail sale (excluding medicaments containing insulin or corticosteroid hormones, their derivatives or structural analogues): Other	1.32	72	Not designated
82	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines	1.31	-25	Not designated
83	29173600	Terephthalic acid and its salts	1.31	11	Not designated
84	38112100	Prepared additives for oil lubricants containing petroleum oil or bituminous mineral oil	1.30	-2	Not designated
85	22021010	Waters for direct consumption, including mineral and aerated, with added sugar or flavour	1.30	46	Not designated

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86	84749000	Parts of machinery for working mineral substances of heading 8474, not elsewhere specified	1.29	-22	Not designated
87	72259290	Flat-rolled products of alloy steel other than stainless, of a width of >= 600 mm, hot-rolled or cold-rolled "cold-reduced" and plated or coated with zinc: Other	1.26	No change	100% designated
88	61091000	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or crocheted	1.25	23	100% designated
89	22083010	Whiskies: in containers holding 2 li or less	1.25	21	Not designated
90	33029090	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures, including alcoholic solutions, based on one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry (excluding food or drink industries): Other	1.24	42	Not designated
91	31042000	Potassium chloride	1.24	117	Not designated
92	84717000	Storage units for automatic data-processing machines	1.24	3	Not designated
93	27131200	Petroleum coke, calcined	1.22	-33	Not designated
94	84099990	Milling machines for metals, not numerically controlled (excluding way-type unit head machines, boring-milling machines, knee-type milling machines and gear cutting machines)	1.22	12	Not designated
95	27132000	Petroleum bitumen	1.22	-10	Not designated
96	40111009	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used for motor cars, including station wagons and racing cars: having a rim size of 43 cm (17 inches) or more	1.21	-6	Not designated
97	87083090	Brakes and servo-brakes and their parts, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of goods or persons, not elsewhere specified	1.18	16	Not designated
98	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	1.17	9	Not designated
99	64039990	Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics or composition leather, with uppers of leather: other	1.16	26	100% designated
100	38151900	Supported catalysts, not elsewhere specified (excluding with precious metal, a precious-metal compound, nickel or a nickel compound as the active substance)	1.15	282	Not designated
101	84733000	Parts and accessories of automatic data-processing machines or for other machines of heading 8471, not elsewhere specified	1.13	13	Not designated
102	84082000	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston "diesel or semi-diesel engine" for vehicles excluding rail	1.12	27	Not designated
103	85437000	Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, not elsewhere specified in chapter 85	1.12	-11	Not designated
104	72104990	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, hot or cold-rolled	1.10	-45	100% designated

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105	72083900	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, in coils, simply hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness of < 3 mm, not pickled, without patterns in relief	1.09	47	100% designated
106	99000000	Miscellaneous classification provisions	1.08	89	Not designated
107	87042190	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine "diesel or semi-diesel engine" of a gross vehicle weight <= 5 t: Other	1.08	12	Not designated
108	28362000	Disodium carbonate	1.07	-50	Not designated
109	84139100	Parts of pumps for liquids, not elsewhere specified	1.07	No change	Accessories 100% designated
110	01022900	Live cattle (excluding pure-bred for breeding)	1.07	-5	Not designated
111	90318000	Instruments, appliances and machines for measuring or checking	1.07	11	Not designated
112	84304100	Self-propelled boring or sinking machinery for boring earth or extracting minerals or ores	1.04	-41	Not designated
113	90183900	Needles, catheters, cannulae and the like, used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences	1.03	27	Not designated
114	39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excluding polymethyl methacrylate): Other	1.03	21	Not designated
115	38170010	Mixed alkylbenzenes and mixed alkylnaphthalenes produced by the alkylation of benzene and naphthalene	1.02	11	Not designated
116	73269090	Articles of iron or steel, not elsewhere specified (excluding cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire): Other	1.02	2	100% designated
117	84291100	Self-propelled bulldozers and angledozers, track laying	1.02	-55	Not designated
118	72101210	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, hot-rolled or cold-rolled "cold-reduced", tinned, of a thickness of < 0,5 mm: containing by mass 0.6 percent or more of carbon, not corrugated	0.99	42	100% designated
119	22082011	Brandy as defined in additional note7 to chapter 22	0.98	48	Not designated
120	88024000	Aeroplanes and other powered aircraft of an of an unladen weight > 15000 kg	0.97	-85	Not designated
121	85444290	Electric conductors for a voltage <= 1.000 v, insulated, fitted with connectors, n.e.s: Other	0.96	48	Not designated
122	05040010	Sausage casings	0.96	50	Not designated
123	02071210	Frozen fowls of the species gallus domesticus, not cut in pieces: mechanically deboned meat	0.96	1	Not designated
124	84839000	Toothed wheels, chain sprockets and other transmission elements presented separately; parts of transmission shafts, ball screws, couplings and other articles of heading 8483	0.94	4	Not designated

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125	47032100	Semi-bleached or bleached coniferous chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate (excluding dissolving grades)	0.94	26	Not designated
126	84148000	Air pumps, air or other gas compressors and ventilating or recycling hoods with a fan	0.93	4	70% designated
127	85444990	Electric conductors, for a voltage <= 1.000 v, insulated, not fitted with connectors, n.e.s: Other	0.93	-31	Not designated
128	85235210	Cards incorporating one or more electronic integrated circuits "smart cards": Digital	0.92	20	Not designated
129	61103000	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted (excluding wadded waistcoats)	0.92	7	100% designated
130	84335100	Combine harvester-threshers	0.92	-79	Not designated
131	38089199	Insecticides (excluding goods of subheading 3808.50): Other	0.92	19	Not designated
132	30024190	Vaccines for human medicine: Other	0.92	-43	Not designated
133	84111200	Turbojets of a thrust > 25 kn	0.89	94	Not designated
134	95030090	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys: Other	0.88	11	Not designated
135	72254000	Flat-rolled products of alloy steel other than stainless, of a width of >= 600 mm, not further worked than hot-rolled, not in coils (excluding products of silicon-electrical steel)	0.88	-1	100% designated
136	21011190	Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee: Other	0.88	-3	Not designated
137	84741000	Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines	0.87	326	Not designated
138	87042183	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods of a gross vehicle weight <= 5 t (excluding dumpers for off-highway use of subheading 8704.10 and special purpose motor vehicles of heading 8705): Other	0.87	-65	Not designated
139	79011100	Unwrought zinc, not alloyed, containing by weight >= 99,99% of zinc	0.87	19	Not designated
140	87019400	Tractors, of an engine power > 75 kw but <= 130 kw (excluding those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled tractors, road tractors for semi-trailers and track-laying tractors)	0.87	-23	Not designated
141	87042181	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine "diesel or semi-diesel engine" of a gross vehicle weight <= 5 t: Other, double-cab	0.87	-50	Not designated
142	84271000	Self-propelled trucks fitted with lifting or handling equipment, powered by an electric motor	0.85	-21	Not designated

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143	48115990	Paper and paperboard, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, coated, impregnated or covered with artificial resins or plastics, in rolls or in square or rectangular sheets, of any size (excluding bleached and weighing > 150 g/m ² , and adhesives): Other	0.84	-40	Not designated
144	35079000	Enzymes and prepared enzymes, not elsewhere specified (excluding rennet and concentrates thereof)	0.83	72	Not designated
145	64029990	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics: Other	0.83	-6	100% designated
146	85176220	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	0.83	No change	Not designated
147	87169090	Parts of trailers and semi-trailers and other vehicles not mechanically propelled, n.e.s: Other	0.82	No change	Not designated
148	40118010	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines	0.82	26	Not designated
149	84818090	Appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like	0.82	38	Not designated
150	85389090	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the apparatus of heading 8535, 8536 or 8537, not elsewhere specified: other	0.81	9	Instrument transformers 15% designated, busbars 5% designated, housing 25% designated, switching devices 5% designated
151	84295190	Self-propelled front-end shovel loaders: other	0.81	-71	Not designated
152	87089490	Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes, and parts thereof, n.e.s: Other	0.81	32	Not designated
153	31022100	Ammonium sulphate	0.81	274	Not designated
154	85122000	Electrical lighting or visual signalling equipment for motor vehicles	0.79	27	Not designated
155	84133000	Fuel, lubricating or cooling medium pumps for internal combustion piston engine	0.79	21	70% designated
156	22030090	Beer made from malt: Other	0.79	-68	Not designated
157	39072900	Polyethers, in primary forms	0.79	-3	Not designated
158	90328900	Regulating or controlling instruments and apparatus (excluding hydraulic or pneumatic, manostats)	0.79	-9	Not designated
159	84186990	Refrigerating or freezing equipment (excluding refrigerating and freezing furniture): Other	0.78	99	Not designated
160	85258990	Television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders: other	0.78	17	Not designated
161	19021900	Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared, not containing eggs	0.77	37	Not designated

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162	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2 000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg	0.77	-61	Not designated
163	82073000	Tools for pressing, stamping or punching	0.76	383	Not designated
164	31054000	Ammonium dihydrogen orthophosphate and mixtures thereof with diammonium hydrogen orthophosphate	0.76	125	Not designated
165	84295900	Self-propelled mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders	0.76	-45	Not designated
166	27101290	Light oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals which \geq 90% by volume "including losses" distil at 210°C "astm d 86 method" (excluding containing biodiesel): Other	0.76	265	Not designated
167	90275000	Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis, using uv, visible or ir optical radiations (excluding spectrometers, spectrophotometers, spectrographs, and gas or smoke analysis apparatus)	0.76	109	Not designated
168	84812000	Valves for oleo hydraulic or pneumatic transmissions	0.75	24	70% designated
169	61102000	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, of hair of Kashmir "cashmere" goats, knitted or crocheted (excluding quilted articles)	0.75	-5	100% designated
170	27011100	Anthracite	0.75	-66	Not designated
171	61099000	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of textile materials, knitted or crocheted (excluding cotton)	0.74	33	100% designated
172	54075200	Woven fabrics of yarn containing \geq 85% by weight of textured polyester filaments, including monofilament of \geq 67 decitex and a maximum diameter of \leq 1 mm, dye	0.73	108	100% designated
173	98010005	Tyres for the goods described in tariff subheadings 9801.00.10 to 9801.00.55	0.73	37	Not designated
174	24041200	Products containing nicotine, intended for inhalation without combustion (excluding containing tobacco or reconstituted tobacco)	0.72	337	Not designated
175	84295120	Self-propelled front-end shovel loaders: not tracked, driven by internal combustion piston engines, of a mass of 3 000 kg or more but not exceeding 30 000 kg (excluding those specially designed for use in mines)	0.72	-77	Not designated
176	33030090	Perfumes and toilet waters (excluding aftershave lotions, personal deodorants and hair lotions): Other	0.71	-1	Not designated
177	64029920	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics	0.71	96	100% designated
178	90211000	Orthopaedic or fracture appliances	0.70	4	Not designated
179	24022010	Cigarettes, containing tobacco: Imported from Switzerland	0.69	133	Not designated

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180	85071099	Lead-acid accumulators of a kind used for starting piston engine "starter batteries" (excluding spent): Other	0.69	-17	Not designated
181	84799000	Parts of machines and mechanical appliances, not elsewhere specified	0.68	50	Not designated
182	23091090	Dog or cat food, put up for retail sale: Other	0.68	85	Not designated
183	85423900	Electronic integrated circuits (excluding such as processors, controllers, memories and amplifiers)	0.68	-40	Not designated
184	64041190	Sports footwear, including tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of textile materials: other	0.67	-43	100% designated
185	85072000	Lead acid accumulators (excluding spent and starter batteries)	0.66	-83	Industrial lead-acid batteries 50% designated
186	84143000	Compressors for refrigerating equipment	0.66	34	Not designated
187	84229000	Parts of dishwashing machines, packing or wrapping machinery and other machinery and apparatus of heading 8422, not elsewhere specified	0.65	38	Not designated
188	72082700	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of ≥ 600 mm, in coils, simply hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness of < 3 mm, pickled, without patterns in relief	0.64	12	100% designated
189	85183000	Headphones and earphones, whether or not combined with a microphone, and sets consisting of a microphone and one or more loudspeakers	0.64	46	Not designated
190	71023900	Diamonds, worked, but not mounted or set (excluding industrial diamonds)	0.64	-34	Not designated
191	84137090	Centrifugal pumps, power-driven (excluding those of subheading 8413.11 and 8413.19, fuel, lubricating or cooling medium pumps for internal combustion piston engine and concrete pumps): Other	0.64	57	70% designated
192	48109290	Multi-ply paper and paperboard, coated on one or both sides with kaolin or other inorganic substances, in rolls or in square or rectangular sheets, of any size (excluding that for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, kraft paper and paperboard): Other	0.63	17	Not designated
193	69091900	Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses (excluding of porcelain or China, articles having a hardness equivalent to ≥ 9 on the Mohs scale, millstones, polishing stones, grindstones and the like of heading 6804, refractory ceramic goods, electrical devices, insulators and other electrical insulating fittings)	0.63	-55	Not designated
194	90213100	Artificial joints for orthopaedic purposes	0.62	9	Not designated
195	44071100	Pine "Pinus spp." sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm (excluding of S-P-F spruce & pine & fir)	0.62	48	Not designated

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196	64029100	Footwear covering the ankle, with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics (excluding waterproof footwear of heading 6401, sports footwear, orthopaedic footwear and toy footwear)	0.62	33	100% designated
197	39023000	Propylene copolymers, in primary forms	0.62	15	Not designated
198	42029200	Travelling-bags, insulated food or beverage bags, toilet bags, rucksacks, shopping-bags, map-cases, tool bags, sports bags, jewellery boxes, cutlery cases, binocular cases, camera cases, musical instrument cases, gun cases, holsters and similar containers, with outer surface of plastic sheeting or textile materials	0.62	23	Not designated
199	72085100	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width \geq 600 mm, not in coils, simply hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness of $>$ 10 mm, without patterns in relief	0.62	12	100% designated
200	85269100	Radio navigational aid apparatus	0.61	-11	Two-way radio terminals and associated equipment 60% designated