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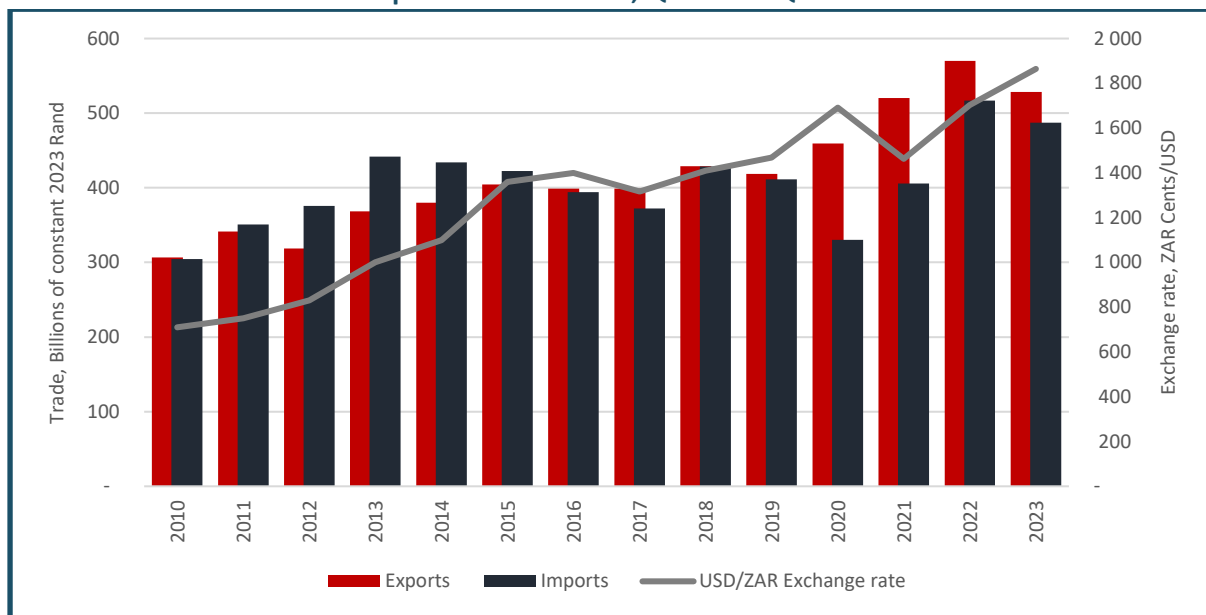
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Trade context

South Africa maintained a trade surplus in the third quarter of 2023, at R41 billion, up from R10 billion in the second quarter of 2023, but lower than the R53 billion from the third quarter of 2022. Exports declined by R41 billion to R529 billion in the year to the third quarter of 2023, while imports declined by R29 billion to R487 billion in the same period (see Graph 1). The export decline was in part driven by a R42 billion decline in coal exports, with volumes declining by six billion kilograms in the year to the third quarter of 2023. The decline in imports was driven by decreasing local demand for diesel and petrol, which saw the value of both decline by R10 billion and R11 billion respectively, while volumes declined by almost one billion litres apiece. Graph 2 shows the top five import products by value.

Graph 1: Trade balance, Q3 2010 – Q3 2023

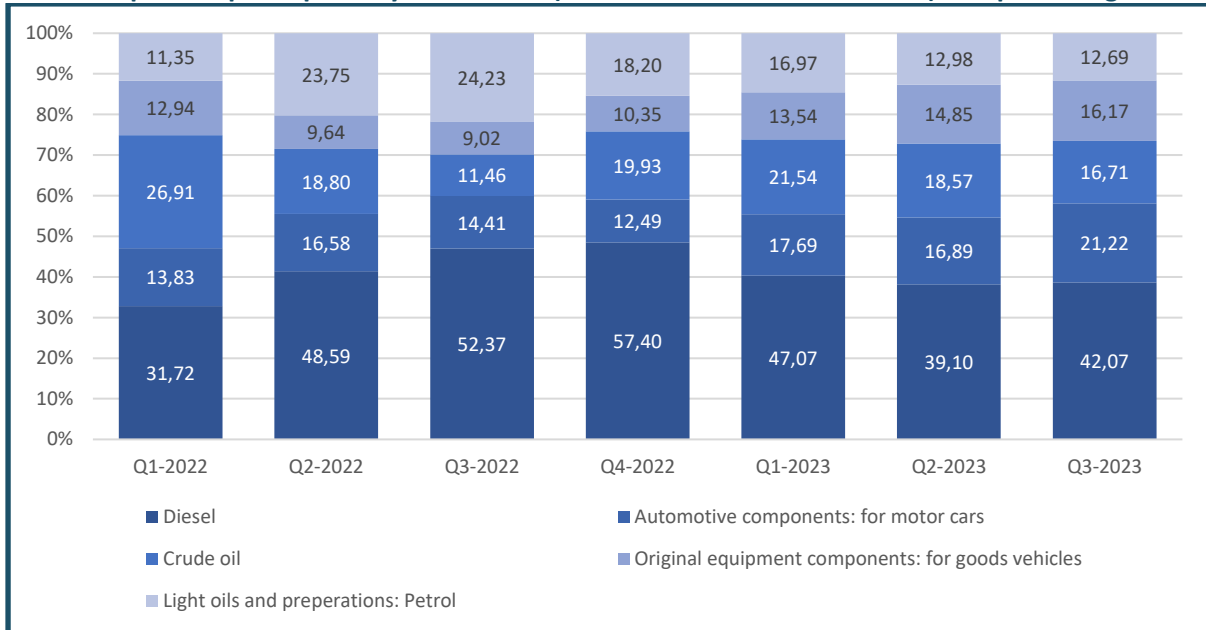


Source: Trade data from South African Revenue Service monthly merchandise trade statistics. Downloaded from <https://www.sars.gov.za/> in December 2023. Exchange rate data from South African Reserve Bank (SARB) downloaded from <https://www.resbank.co.za/>. Note: Rebased, using CPI data from StatsSA, to the third quarter of 2023.

Imports from two (the United States and Germany) of the top five sources increased in the year to the third quarter of 2023, with the increase amounting to a combined R13 billion. Still, the import value from the top five sources declined by R4.9 billion in the year to the third quarter of 2023, driven by a R9 billion decline in imports from China; and a combined R8.8 billion decline in imports from India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Smartphones were the only product with an import decline above R1 billion for imports from China, with much of the R9 billion decline driven by smaller decreases across more than two thousand products. Lithium-ion accumulators, photovoltaic cells and static converters imports continued to grow in the year to the third quarter of 2023, growing by R3.9 billion and R1.9 billion, and R907.5 million respectively. However, compared to the second quarter of 2023, imports of these products show a major decline, with lithium-ion accumulators declining by R8.3 billion, whereas photovoltaic cells and static converters imports decreased by R4.5 billion and R4.3 billion respectively between the second and third quarters of 2023.

Excluding exports to Mozambique (which was the fourth-largest export destination for South African goods, but for which exports mainly consist of items for re-export), exports to the top five destinations of China, Germany, the US, Japan and the United Kingdom amounted to R186 billion in the third quarter of 2023, down from R212 billion in the third quarter of 2022.

Graph 2: Top 5 imports by Rand value (billions of constant 2023 Rand) and percentage

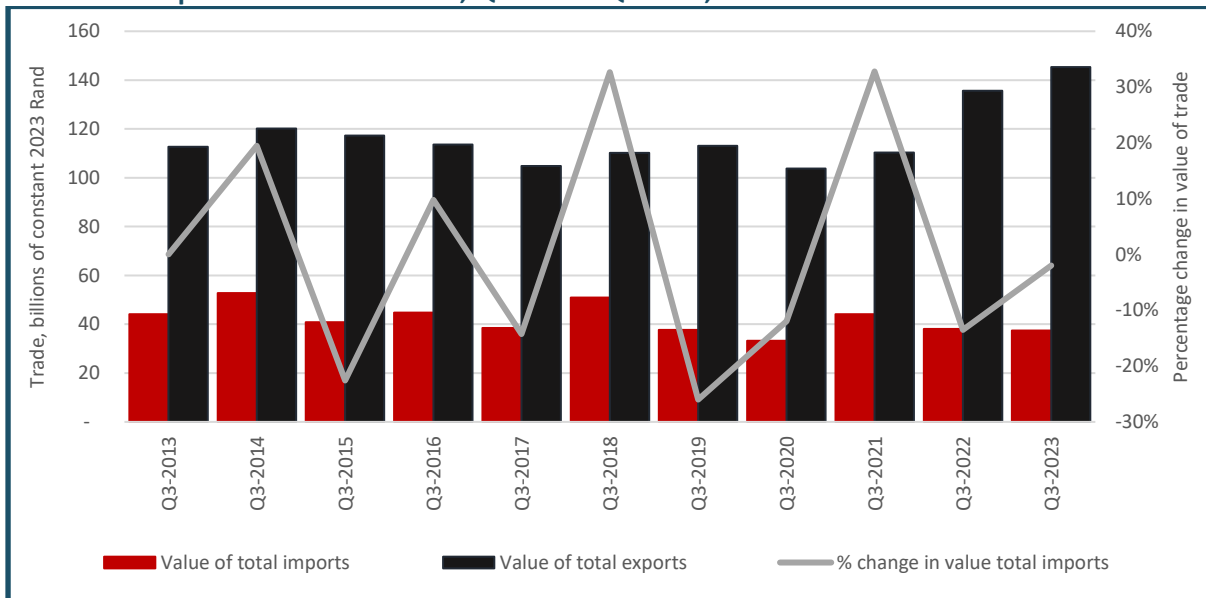


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Continental trade

South Africa’s exports to the rest of the continent continued to grow, amounting to R145.3 billion¹ in the third quarter of 2023. In contrast, imports continued a downward trajectory, falling by 2% to R37.4 billion in the year to the third quarter of 2022. In real terms, this resulted in the country’s highest third quarter surplus with the rest of the continent, at R107.9 billion, up 11% from the third quarter of 2022 (see Graph 3).

Graph 3: Continental trade, Q3 2013 – Q3 2023, billions of constant 2023 Rand



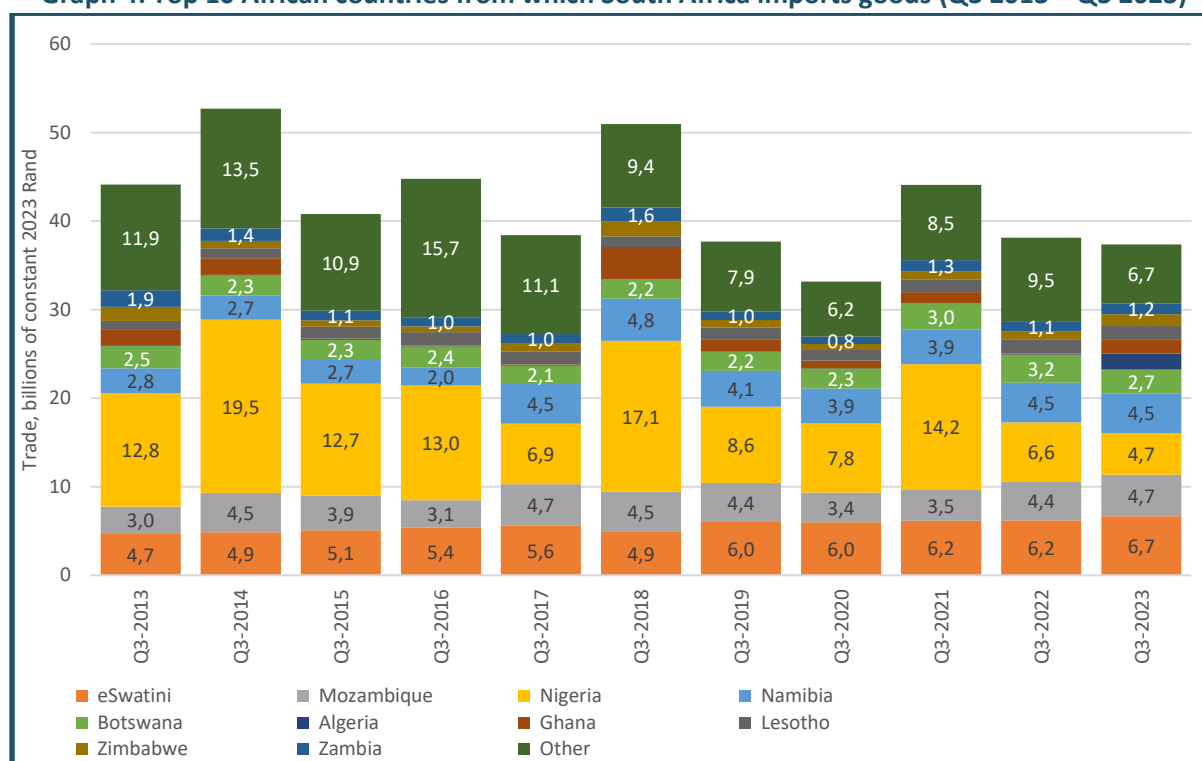
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¹ Including exports to Mozambique, a share of which is destined for re-export.

The decrease in South Africa’s crude demand, and production decreases in Nigeria, saw that country fall behind eSwatini and Mozambique as South Africa’s top import source, by value, from the continent for the third quarter of 2023. Imports from eSwatini and Mozambique increased slightly to R6.7 billion and R4.7 billion respectively in the year to the third quarter of 2023, while imports from Nigeria decreased to R4.7 billion from R6.6 billion in 2022. Combined, imports from the top 10 African sources amounted to R30.7 billion. In addition, there were imports amounting to R1.1 billion for the third quarter of 2023, down from R1.7 billion in the third quarter of 2022. Imports from eSwatini continue to be dominated by sugar and sugar confectionary products, as well as essential oils and resinoids, each valued at more than R1.5 billion (at HS 2 level). The country also supplied articles of apparel and clothing (not knitted or crocheted) valued at R833.4 million, as well as wood and articles of wood valued at R663 million in the same period.

In volumes, crude imports from Nigeria declined from 2.3 billion kilograms in the third quarter of 2021, and again from 765 million kilograms in the second quarter of 2023, to 129 million kilograms by the third quarter of 2023. To supplement the shortfall in crude supply due to the decline in imports from Nigeria, South Africa imported crude from Algeria and Ghana, resulting in a year-on-year surge in the value of total imports from these two countries (see Graph 4).

Graph 4: Top 10 African countries from which South Africa imports goods (Q3 2013 – Q3 2023)

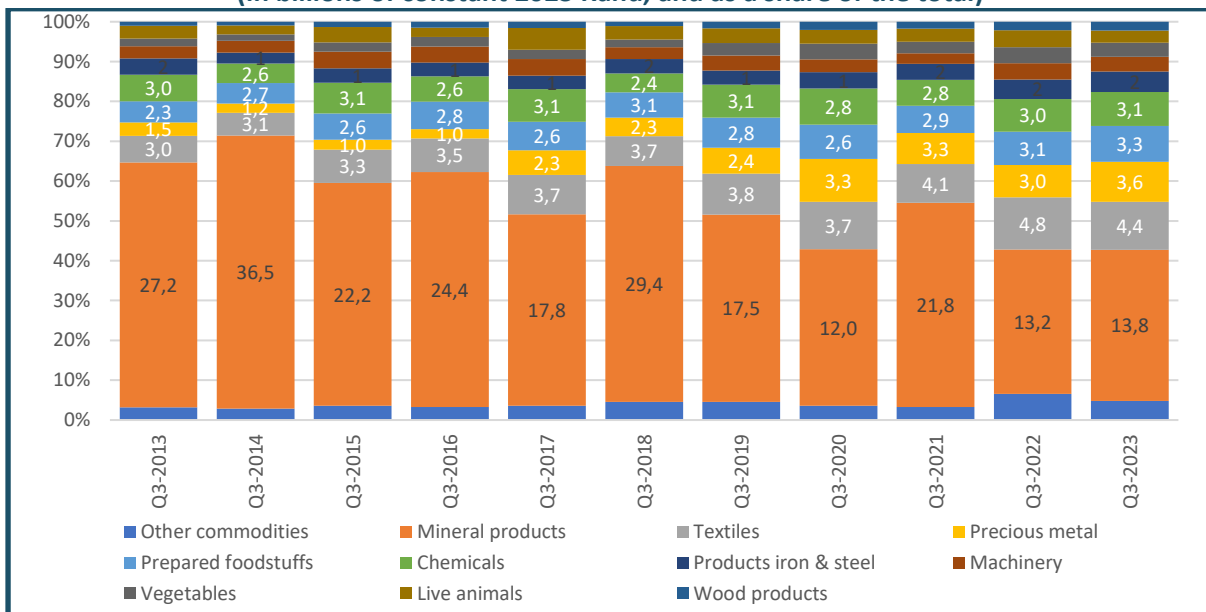


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Graph 5 shows goods imported by South Africa. Mineral products accounted for 38% of goods South Africa imported from the continent. Imports of these products increased by 4% to R13.8 billion in the year to the third quarter of 2023. In the same period, imports of precious metals also increased, from R3 billion to R3.6 billion.

Graph 5: South Africa's imports by product group, Q3 2013 – Q3 2023
(in billions of constant 2023 Rand, and as a share of the total)

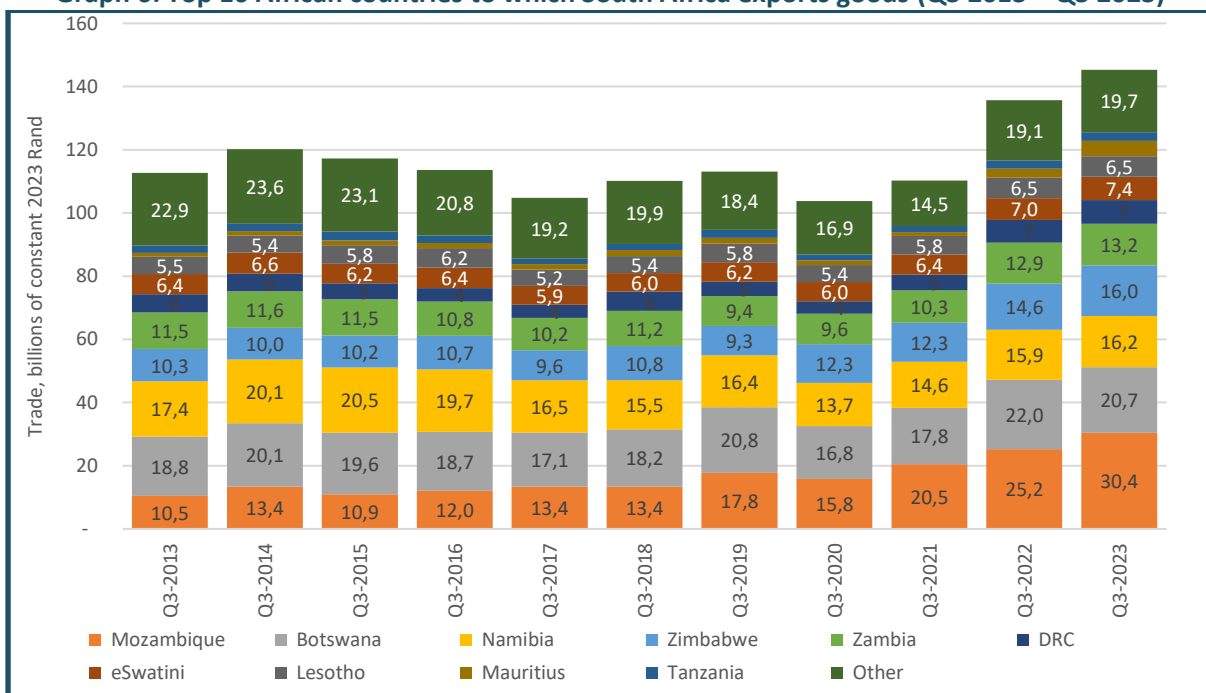


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Exports to the rest of the continent amounted to R145.3 billion in the third quarter of 2023, up some 7% from the third quarter of 2022. Excluding exports to Mozambique, which show substantial growth since 2022 due to products for re-export, South Africa's top export destinations for the third quarter of 2023 were Botswana (R20.7 billion, down 6% from 2022); Namibia and Zimbabwe at R16.2 billion and R16 billion respectively; along with Zambia at R13.2 billion (see Graph 6). Still, much of the post-COVID growth in exports to the rest of the continent has been driven by products like ores for re-export.

Graph 6: Top 10 African countries to which South Africa exports goods (Q3 2013 – Q3 2023)

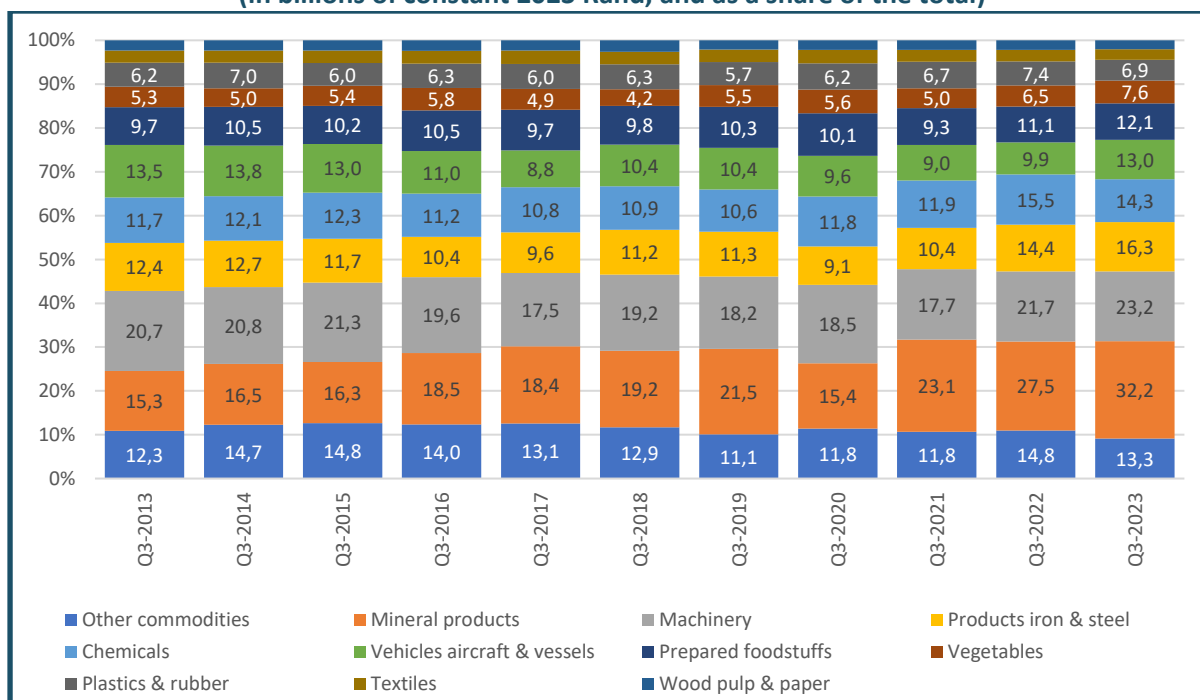


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Graph 7 shows South Africa’s exports to the rest of the continent by product group. Mineral products (covering bituminous coal, petrol, diesel and electrical energy) topped the list, at R32.2 billion in the third quarter of 2023, from R27.5 billion in the previous year. Products like machinery – which include household appliances and industrial machinery – as well as products of iron and steel also saw exports increase in the year to the third quarter of 2023.

Graph 7: South Africa’s exports by product group, Q3 2013 – Q2 2023
(in billions of constant 2023 Rand, and as a share of the total)



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Major imports

The value of the Top 100 imports amounted to R276.4 billion in the third quarter of 2023, down from R293.7 billion in the second quarter. Annexure 1 shows the Top 100 products by value, which can be classified into broad categories such as: 1) petroleum and other liquid fuels; 2) renewable energy-related equipment; 3) information and communications technology (ICT) equipment; 4) food and beverages; 5) production metals; 6) automotives and components; 7) medical equipment; 8) aircraft and aircraft components.

Import surges

Annexure 2 shows the Top 50 imports by quantity for the third quarter of 2023. The annexure classifies the change in the trend of imports into the following categories: not significant; selected for analysis; ongoing monitoring; data errors; surge is within usual variance; and decline in imports. For the current quarter, no product showed a surge with additional analysis. However, the number of products which show a decline in imported quantities more than doubled to 29, from 12 in the second quarter of 2023. There were also fewer potential data errors compared to the previous quarter, and were mainly conversion errors for wood products.

Of the 29 products for which there were decreases in imported volumes, 20 also decreased in value, with the other nine showing an increase in the import value (see Table 1).

Table 1: Decline in imports between Q3 2022 and Q3 2023

HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	REAL DECLINE, QUANTITY	UNITS	PERCENT DECLINE, QUANTITY	PERCENT GROWTH/ DECLINE, VALUE
27101230	Diesel	- 994 854 748	Litres	-32%	-16%
44123900	Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood <= 6 mm thick	- 451 486 271	Cubic meters	-32%	-9%
27090000	Crude oil	- 143 052 835	Kilograms	-18%	53%
27101202	Light oils and preparations: Petrol	- 942 254 339	Litres	-61%	-45%
27111100	Natural gas, liquefied	- 201 403 729	Kilograms	-28%	-4%
27040000	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated	- 78 796 430	Kilograms	-24%	-44%
28182000	Aluminium oxide (excluding artificial corundum)	- 102 749 619	Kilograms	-33%	7%
10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	- 53 351 023	Kilograms	-21%	41%
27011200	Bituminous coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	- 89 191 890	Kilograms	-37%	58%
27101235	Light oils and preparations: Residual fuels	- 273 436 509	Litres	-67%	-62%
44079100	Oak "Quercus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	- 56 032 777	Cubic meters	-33%	-16%
44011200	Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms, non-coniferous	- 76 142 836	Kilograms	-40%	22%
27011900	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	- 216 423 819	Kilograms	-66%	-14%
15119090	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined (excluding chemically modified and crude)	- 62 608 903	Kilograms	-40%	-34%
01069000	Live animals (excluding mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates and cultures of micro-organisms, etc.)	- 114 732 085	Units	-63%	-73%
27101207	Light oils and preparations: aviation kerosene	- 92 208 546	Litres	-58%	-39%
28151200	Sodium hydroxide "caustic soda" in aqueous solution "soda lye or liquid soda"	- 71 282 557	Kilograms	-52%	-61%
28362000	Disodium carbonate	- 48 950 079	Kilograms	-44%	-25%
27101257	Light oils and preparations: Other base oils for prepared lubricating oil	- 38 953 239	Litres	-41%	-46%
25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excluding sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur)	- 113 449 283	Kilograms	-67%	-86%
85235210	Cards incorporating one or more electronic integrated circuits "smart cards": Digital	- 33 388 367	Units	-40%	-20%

HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	REAL DECLINE, QUANTITY	UNITS	PERCENT DECLINE, QUANTITY	PERCENT GROWTH/ DECLINE, VALUE
98010040	Original equipment components: For goods vehicles	- 3 004 434	Kilograms	-6%	88%
27111200	Propane, liquefied	- 21 894 393	Kilograms	-31%	-21%
17011300	Raw cane sugar, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	- 28 734 449	Kilograms	-37%	16%
98010030	Automotive components: For motor cars	- 6 904 376	Kilograms	-12%	55%
31054000	Ammonium dihydrogen orthophosphate, whether or not mixed with diammonium hydrogen orthophosphate	- 45 367 827	Kilograms	-51%	-61%
27132000	Petroleum bitumen	- 1 013 136	Kilograms	-2%	45%
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	- 20 005 111	Kilograms	-33%	-38%
27101215	Light oils and preparations: Illuminating kerosene	- 35 276 002	Litres	-47%	-41%

The next section provides explanations for the surges in Annexure 2.

Explanation of import surges

Finding 1: Ongoing monitoring of previously identified surges

Table 2 shows products that have previously been selected for analysis, and are now monitored for changes in the trend.

Table 2: Ongoing monitoring of import surges of previously identified surges

HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	STATUS OF SURGE	EXPLANATION
27011100	Anthracite, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	Declined slightly from the previous quarter	Imported volumes declined slightly from the second quarter of 2023. However, imports from Russia, which was the driver of the surge, continued to surge (from 147.6 million kilograms in the second quarter to 172.5 million kilograms in the third quarter of 2023). Over this period, no imports were reported from the US and Vietnam, both of which accounted for a combined 21% of total imported volumes in the second quarter of 2023.

HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	STATUS OF SURGE	EXPLANATION
25010010	Salts, including table salt and denatured salt, and pure sodium chloride: not for human consumption	Significant decline from the previous quarter	Imports fell to their lowest level (11 million kilograms) in more than four years, having peaked at 86 million kilograms in the third quarter of 2022. Still, the trend for this product generally fluctuates, although it tends to remain below 30 million kilograms. South Africa is a net importer by significant margins, and there was a minimal decline in imports. This suggests the significant surge in imports seen in previous quarters, including the second quarter of 2023, has been driven by local demand.
11072020	Roasted malt: Of barley	Significant decline from the previous quarter	Following two consecutive quarters of high imports, third quarter 2023 imports declined to its previous trend. Much of the demand leading to the surge was local, driven by a poor barley harvest. However, Imports from Belgium – which has generally been the main source of imports – declined to their lowest level since the third quarter of 2020. Instead, South Africa imported the product from Colombia for the first time.
27101207	Light oils and preparations: aviation kerosene	Significant decline from the previous quarter	Imports of this product have shown significant fluctuation over the past two years (but generally remained above 120 million litres – except in the third quarter of 2021 when they fell to 88 million litres). Imports declined to 67 million litres in the third quarter of 2023, from 264 million litres in the previous quarter. Quarter-on-quarter exports also declined, from 133 million litres to 63 million litres. This suggests that the fluctuation seen over the past few quarters has in part been driven by the export market, and in part by South Africa’s loss of refinery capacity since around the first quarter of 2021.
27101235	Light oils and preparations: Residual fuels	Notable decline from the previous quarter	Similar to imports of aviation kerosene, residual fuels imports declined between the second and third quarters of 2023, with exported volumes also declining.
28362000	Disodium carbonate	Notable decline from the previous quarter	Imports declined to 62 million kilograms, from 112 million kilograms in the second quarter of 2023. Neither of these volumes are outside the range of the usual trend given the general fluctuation in volumes. Nevertheless, this marks a significant decline from the peak of 195 million kilograms in the first quarter of 2023.
96081000	Ball-point pens	Increased slightly from the previous quarter	Imports increased slightly to 30 million units in the third quarter of 2023, from 29 million units in the previous quarter. Nevertheless, this marks a return to the normal range seen before the surge to 91 million units, seen in the first quarter of 2023.

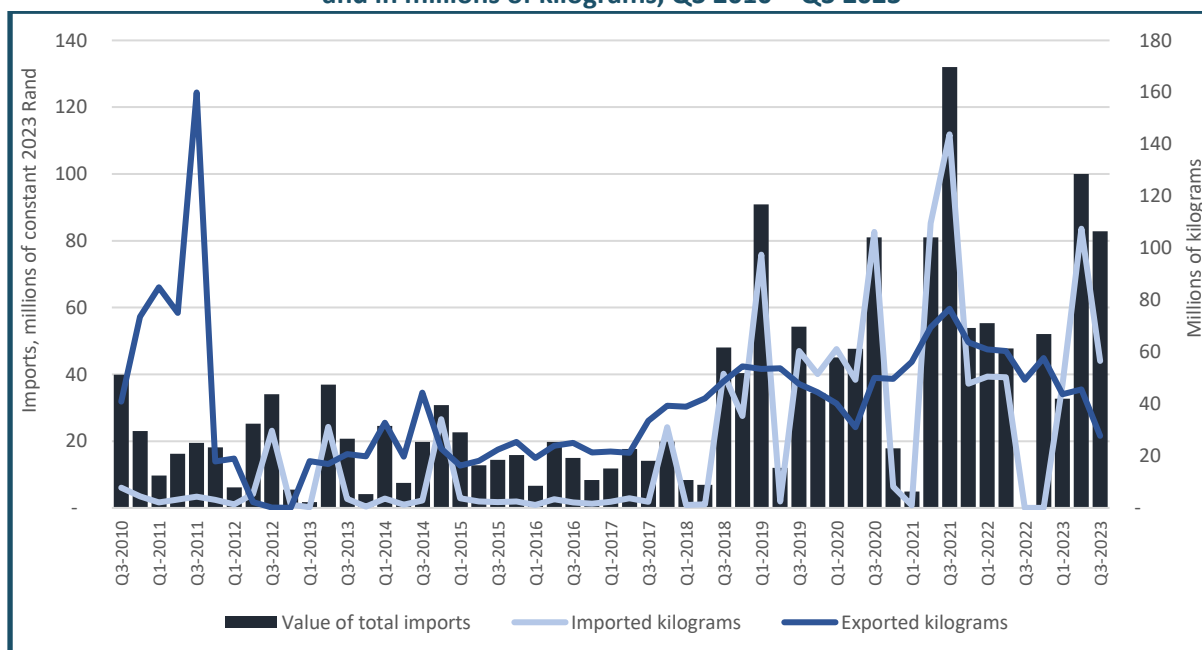
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27132000	Petroleum bitumen	Notable decline from the previous quarter	Imports declined quarter-on-quarter. However, due to loss of refinery capacity, at 42 million kilograms, they remain significantly higher than the 217 425 kilograms imported in the first quarter of 2022. The loss of refinery capacity means South Africa has, since the second quarter of 2022, become a net importer of this product, with significant loss of export volumes.

Finding 2: Cement clinker

Cement clinker (HS 25231000) – one of the key ingredients in the manufacture of cement – is produced by grinding, and then heating raw materials like limestone, clay and sand at temperatures upward of 1400°C. The resulting granules, when mixed with a product like gypsum and ground into fine powder, form cement. South Africa has production capacity of at least 3.5 million tonnes of clinker per annum, and has various vertically integrated firms that produce clinker for their own cement manufacturing operations, and for trade within the local and international market. Although clinker is not designated for local production, unlike with cement, the cement designation guidelines require the use of locally manufactured clinker for cement supplied to organs of state.

South Africa has generally been a net exporter of cement clinker – in volumes – with sporadic periods of high imports. For instance, imports exceeded exports for five successive quarters between the third quarters of 2019 and 2020. In addition, exports have trended downwards since reaching a high 76.6 million kilograms in the third quarter of 2021. Locally based cement manufacturers not procuring local clinker use import markets. Nonetheless, a portion of the clinker imports is likely for re-export to other countries in the continent, like Lesotho and Zimbabwe for instance, where the bulk of South Africa’s exports go. In turn, much of what South Africa imports comes from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, marking a shift from France, which until 2018 was the main source of cement clinker imports.

Graph 8: Trade in cement clinker, in millions of constant 2023 Rand, and in millions of kilograms, Q3 2010 – Q3 2023



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Cement clinker production is carbon intensive, accounting for an estimated 60% of cement emissions, and under 10% of global emissions. Given that much of the cement value chain’s emissions are from the conversion – through high temperature burning – of limestone (combined with other products like clay), the value chain’s emissions cannot be entirely eradicated, but could be reduced by substituting some of the clinker with products such as blast-furnace slag.² In addition, other industry stakeholders are exploring the use of technologies like carbon capture and storage – though much of this work is at research stage, even in industries outside cement.

Finding 3: Data errors and other issues

Table 3: Possible data errors

HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
44072900	Tropical wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of a thickness of > 6 mm	Potential error in reporting quantity from Gabon (which cannot be verified given lack of data from Gabon). Still, imports surged from 1000 cubic metres to 521 million cubic metres in the third quarter of 2023. Value increase also does not correlate with the volume surge.
44079200	Beech “fagus spp.”, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm	Potential error in converting quantity from Germany (which reports in tonnes) to cubic metres as reported by South Africa.
44125900	Blockboard, laminboard and battenboard, with both outer plies of coniferous wood	Potential error in converting quantity from Czech Republic (which reports in kilograms) to cubic metres as reported by South Africa.

² <https://www.carbonbrief.org/qa-why-cement-emissions-matter-for-climate-change/>

DATA ANNEXURES

Annexure 1: Top 100 import products by Rand value, Q3 2023

RANK	HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	IMPORT VALUE, RAND BILLION	CHANGE IN RANK, Q3 2022 - Q3 2023	DESIGNATION STATUS
1	27101230	Diesel	42.07	No change	Not designated
2	98010030	Automotive components: For motor cars	21.22	1	Not designated
3	27090000	Crude oil	16.71	1	Not designated
4	98010040	Original equipment components: For goods vehicles	16.17	1	Not designated
5	27101202	Light oils and preparations: Petrol	12.69	-3	Not designated
6	49070014	Foreign currency, in circulation, imported	8.65	2	Not designated
7	85076000	Lithium-ion accumulators (excluding spent)	7.16	10	Not designated
8	85171310	Smartphones for wireless networks	6.02	-2	Not designated
9	30049099	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes	6.02	No change	Not designated
10	98010045	Original equipment components: For goods vehicles	5.25	1	Not designated
11	87032290	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity 1000 cm ³ to 1500 cm ³	5.01	-4	Not designated
12	85414300	Photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels	4.51	24	Solar PV components 70% designated
13	85176290	Routers and set-top boxes: Other	4.38	No change	Routers not designated; STB 30% designated
14	85044000	Static converters	4.12	7	Not designated
15	10019900	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	3.86	3	Not designated
16	27101226	Light oils and preparations: illuminating kerosene	3.72	4	Not designated
17	87032390	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity 1500 cm ³ to 3000 cm ³	3.67	-3	Not designated
18	84713090	Data-processing machines, automatic, portable, weighing <= 10 kg	3.55	-6	Not designated
19	31021000	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	3.25	-3	Not designated
20	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	2.78	10	Not designated
21	71081300	Gold, in semi-manufactured forms, for non-monetary purposes	2.77	12	Not designated

RANK	HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	IMPORT VALUE, RAND BILLION	CHANGE IN RANK, Q3 2022 - Q3 2023	DESIGNATION STATUS
22	84295200	Self-propelled bulldozers, etc: With 360 degree revolving superstructure	2.68	17	Not designated
23	71023100	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted	2.48	-4	Not designated
24	87033290	Cars and related vehicles: Cylinder capacity 1000 cm3 to 2500 cm3	2.48	30	Not designated
25	87033390	Cars and related vehicles: Cylinder capacity exceeding 2500 cm3	2.34	7	Not designated
26	15119090	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined	2.20	-11	Not designated
27	28182000	Aluminium oxide (excluding artificial corundum)	2.19	No change	Not designated
28	87041090	Dumpers for off-highway use: Other	2.19	12	Not designated
29	87032190	Cars and related vehicles: Cylinder capacity not exceeding 1000 cm3	2.05	-4	Not designated
30	33021000	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures, including alcoholic solutions of a kind used in the food and drink industries	2.03	-2	Not designated
31	90189000	Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical or veterinary sciences, n.e.s.	2.03	3	Not designated
32	74081100	Wire of refined copper, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 6 mm	1.93	27	Not designated
33	27160000	Electrical energy	1.88	19	Not designated
34	27101235	Light oils and preparations: Residual fuels	1.87	-24	Not designated
35	27111100	Natural gas, liquefied	1.85	-4	Not designated
36	87089990	Parts and accessories for tractors and buses	1.82	8	Not designated
37	84715000	Processing units for automatic data-processing machines	1.80	-14	Not designated
38	84314990	Parts of machinery of heading 8426, 8429 and 8430, n.e.s.: Other	1.73	-9	Not designated
39	87082900	Parts and accessories of bodies for tractors and goods and passenger vehicles	1.57	8	Not designated
40	27040000	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated	1.51	-18	Not designated
41	38249999	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries	1.48	2	Not designated
42	88024000	Aeroplanes and other powered aircraft of an of an unladen weight > 15000 kg	1.45	26	Not designated
43	87019500	Tractors, of an engine power > 130 kw	1.43	37	Not designated
44	27101207	Light oils and preparations: Aviation kerosene	1.42	-18	Not designated
45	27011900	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated (excluding anthracite and bituminous coal)	1.35	-8	Not designated
46	31042000	Potassium chloride	1.32	-5	Not designated

RANK	HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	IMPORT VALUE, RAND BILLION	CHANGE IN RANK, Q3 2022 - Q3 2023	DESIGNATION STATUS
47	98010015	Automotive components: for tractors and buses	1.32	-9	Not designated
48	27101257	Light oils and preparations: Other base oils	1.29	-24	Not designated
49	84089090	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston "diesel or semi-diesel engine": Other	1.27	22	Not designated
50	84439900	Parts and accessories of printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, n.e.s.	1.25	-2	Not designated
51	98010025	Original equipment components: for buses and taxis	1.20	142	Bus bodies 80% designated
52	38221900	Prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing	1.09	6	Not designated
53	87032490	Cars and related vehicles: cylinder capacity exceeding 3000 cm3	1.07	-3	Not designated
54	85023100	Generating sets: Wind-powered	1.05	4591	Not designated
55	17011300	Raw cane sugar, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	1.02	15	Not designated
56	74031100	Copper, refined, in the form of cathodes and sections of cathodes	1.01	20	Not designated
57	94019990	Parts of seats, not of wood, n.e.s.: Other	1.00	28	Not designated
58	88073000	Parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft, n.e.s. (excluding those for gliders)	0.97	33	Not designated
59	15121190	Crude sunflower-seed or safflower oil: Other	0.97	-3	Not designated
60	38089399	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	0.96	-25	Not designated
61	39269090	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s.: Other	0.95	4	Plastic wheelie bins 100% designated
62	39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of $\geq 0,94$, in primary forms	0.93	7	Not designated
63	85443000	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	0.93	39	Not designated
64	84223000	Machinery for filling, closing, sealing or labelling bottles, cans, boxes, bags or other containers; machinery for capsuling bottles, jars, tubes and similar containers; machinery for aerating beverages	0.92	121	Not designated
65	87019400	Tractors, of an engine power > 75 kw but ≤ 130 kw (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled tractors, road tractors for semi-trailers and track-laying tractors)	0.91	23	Not designated
66	61091000	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or crocheted	0.90	-5	100% designated
67	88023000	Aeroplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen mass exceeding 2000 kg but not exceeding 15 000 kg	0.90	168	Not designated
68	30021500	Immunological products, put up in measured doses, or in forms or packings for retail	0.87	10	Not designated

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69	85371090	Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V: Other	0.84	41	Insulated medium-voltage Switchgear housing 25% designated
70	22083010	Whiskies: In containers holding 2 li or less	0.83	12	Not designated
71	85177900	Parts of telephone sets, telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	0.81	-8	Not designated
72	27131200	Petroleum coke, calcined	0.80	-10	Not designated
73	84291100	Self-propelled bulldozers and angledozers, track laying	0.80	54	Not designated
74	84798990	Machines and mechanical appliances, n.e.s.: Other	0.79	37	Not designated
75	72104990	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, hot or cold-rolled	0.79	14	100% designated
76	27101215	Light oils and preparations: Illuminating kerosene	0.78	-30	Not designated
77	87085085	Drive-axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	0.77	79	Not designated
78	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)	0.76	88	100% designated
79	87012120	Road tractors for semi-trailers, with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine: of a vehicle mass exceeding 1600 kg	0.75	104	Not designated
80	27101900	Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals, not containing biodiesel, n.e.s.	0.75	-29	Not designated
81	38112100	Prepared additives for oil lubricants containing petroleum oil or bituminous mineral oil	0.74	6	Not designated
82	64029990	Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics: Other	0.73	-27	100% designated
83	27132000	Petroleum bitumen	0.72	51	Not designated
84	27111200	Propane, liquefied	0.72	-18	Not designated
85	40118020	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines	0.72	-18	Not designated
86	84749000	Parts of machinery for working mineral substances of heading 8474, n.e.s.	0.71	13	Not designated
87	33049990	Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin: Other	0.71	10	Not designated

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88	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	0.70	66	Not designated
89	84717000	Storage units for automatic data-processing machines	0.70	-12	Not designated
90	87083090	Brakes and servo-brakes and their parts, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of goods or persons, n.e.s.	0.69	27	Not designated
91	95030090	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys: Other	0.69	-18	Not designated
92	38089199	Insecticides (excluding goods of subheading 3808.50): Other	0.68	-35	Not designated
93	64039990	Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics or composition leather, with uppers of leather: other	0.68	-19	100% designated
94	84834000	Gears and gearing for machinery ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers	0.66	27	Not designated
95	84314300	Parts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49	0.65	42	Not designated
96	27011100	Anthracite	0.62	37	Not designated
97	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)	0.60	46	Not designated
98	85437000	Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, n.e.s. in chapter 85	0.60	5	Not designated
99	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	0.60	54	Not designated
100	27111390	Butanes, liquefied (excluding of a purity of >= 95% of n-butane or isobutane): Other	0.60	81	Not designated

Annexure 2: Surges in import products by quantity Q3 2023

RANK	HS CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION	REAL GROWTH / DECLINE, QUANTITY	UNITS	PERCENT GROWTH/D ECLINE	DESIGNATION STATUS
1	01064900	Live insects (excluding bees)	Surge within usual variance	166 163 141 490	Units	94%	Not designated
2	27101230	Diesel	Decline in imports	- 994 854 748	Litres	-32%	Not designated
3	44123900	Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood <= 6 mm thick	Decline in imports	- 451 486 271	Cubic meters	-32%	Not designated
4	27090000	Crude oil	Decline in imports	- 143 052 835	Kilograms	-18%	Not designated
5	27101202	Light oils and preparations: Petrol	Decline in imports	- 942 254 339	Litres	-61%	Not designated
6	27111100	Natural gas, liquefied	Decline in imports	- 201 403 729	Kilograms	-28%	Not designated
7	10019900	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	Not significant	21 114 280	Kilograms	4%	Not designated
8	44072900	Tropical wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of a thickness of > 6 mm	Data error	398 315 941	Cubic meters	325%	Not designated
9	31021000	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	Not significant	113 489 665	Kilograms	35%	Not designated
10	44123300	Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood <= 6 mm thick, with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood of the species alder, ash etc.	Not significant	152 551 372	Cubic meters	96%	Not designated
11	27040000	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated	Decline in imports	- 78 796 430	Kilograms	-24%	Not designated
12	25232900	Portland cement (excluding white, whether or not artificially coloured)	Not significant	3 987 891	Kilograms	2%	100% designated
13	27101226	Light oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals	Not significant	14 876 320	Litres	8%	Not designated
14	28182000	Aluminium oxide (excl. artificial corundum)	Decline in imports	- 102 749 619	Kilograms	-33%	Not designated
15	10063000	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	Decline in imports	- 53 351 023	Kilograms	-21%	Not designated
16	27011100	Anthracite, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	Ongoing monitoring	50 478 030	Kilograms	38%	Not designated
17	27011200	Bituminous coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	Decline in imports	- 89 191 890	Kilograms	-37%	Not designated
18	27101235	Light oils and preparations: Residual fuels	Decline in imports	- 273 436 509	Litres	-67%	Not designated
19	31042000	Potassium chloride for use as fertiliser	Not significant	19 572 401	Kilograms	17%	Not designated
20	44072500	Dark red meranti, light red meranti and meranti bakau, sawn or chipped lengthwise	Not significant	11 282 294	Cubic meters	10%	Not designated

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21	44079990	Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm	Not significant	4 239 442	Cubic meters	4%	Not designated
22	44079100	Oak "Quercus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	Decline in imports	- 56 032 777	Cubic meters	-33%	Not designated
23	44011200	Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms, non-coniferous	Decline in imports	- 76 142 836	Kilograms	-40%	Not designated
24	27011900	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	Decline in imports	- 216 423 819	Kilograms	-66%	Not designated
25	44071300	Pine, sawn or chipped lengthwise, of a thickness of > 6mm	New trade	108 571 249	Cubic meters	N/A	Not designated
26	15119090	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined (excluding chemically modified and crude)	Decline in imports	- 62 608 903	Kilograms	-40%	Not designated
27	44079200	Beech "fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm	Data error	76 972 238	Cubic meters	103746%	Not designated
28	31022100	Ammonium sulphate (excluding that in pellet or similar forms, or in packages with a gross weight of <= 10 kg)	Not significant	10 794 054	Kilograms	17%	Not designated
29	90318000	Instruments, appliances and machines for measuring or checking, not elsewhere specified in chapter 90 (excluding optical)	Surge within usual variance	70 855 397	Units	4130%	Not designated
30	01069000	Live animals (excluding mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates and cultures of micro-organisms, etc.)	Decline in imports	- 114 732 085	Units	-63,1%	Not designated
31	27101207	Light oils and preparations: aviation kerosene	Decline in imports	- 92 208 546	Litres	-58%	Not designated
32	28151200	Sodium hydroxide "caustic soda" in aqueous solution "soda lye or liquid soda"	Decline in imports	- 71 282 557	Kilograms	-52%	Not designated
33	28362000	Disodium carbonate	Decline in imports	- 48 950 079	Kilograms	-44%	Not designated
34	27101257	Light oils and preparations: other base oils for prepared lubricating oil	Decline in imports	- 38 953 239	Litres	-41%	Not designated
35	25231000	Cement clinkers	Surge within usual variance	56 600 149	Kilograms	1943686%	Not designated
36	25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excluding sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur)	Decline in imports	- 113 449 283	Kilograms	-67%	Not designated

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37	85235210	Cards incorporating one or more electronic integrated circuits "smart cards": Digital	Decline in imports	- 33 388 367	Units	-40%	Not designated
38	98010040	Original equipment components: for goods vehicles	Decline in imports	- 3 004 434	Kilograms	-6%	Not designated
39	15121190	Crude sunflower-seed or safflower oil: Other	Surge within usual variance	17 015 603	Kilograms	52%	Not designated
40	27111200	Propane, liquefied	Decline in imports	- 21 894 393	Kilograms	-31%	Not designated
41	17011300	Raw cane sugar, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	Decline in imports	- 28 734 449	Kilograms	-37%	Not designated
42	98010030	Automotive components: For motor cars	Decline in imports	- 6 904 376	Kilograms	-12%	Not designated
43	44125900	Blockboard, laminboard and battenboard, with both outer plies of coniferous wood	Data error	46 679 515	Cubic meters	1016983%	Not designated
44	27111390	Butanes, liquefied (excluding of a purity of >= 95% of n-butane or isobutane): Other	Not significant	13 226 389	Kilograms	40%	Not designated
45	31054000	Ammonium dihydrogen orthophosphate, whether or not mixed with diammonium hydrogen orthophosphate	Decline in imports	- 45 367 827	Kilograms	-51%	Not designated
46	27132000	Petroleum bitumen	Decline in imports	- 1 013 136	Kilograms	-2%	Not designated
47	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	Decline in imports	- 20 005 111	Kilograms	-33%	100% designated
48	90189000	Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical or veterinary sciences, n.e.s.	Not significant	3 642 362	Units	10%	Not designated
49	27101215	Light oils and preparations: Illuminating kerosene	Decline in imports	- 35 276 002	Litres	-47%	Not designated
50	23099020	Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (excluding dog or cat food put up for retail sale): Feed supplements (excluding milk substitutes) containing added antibiotics	Surge within usual variance	26 004 660	Kilograms	220%	Not designated