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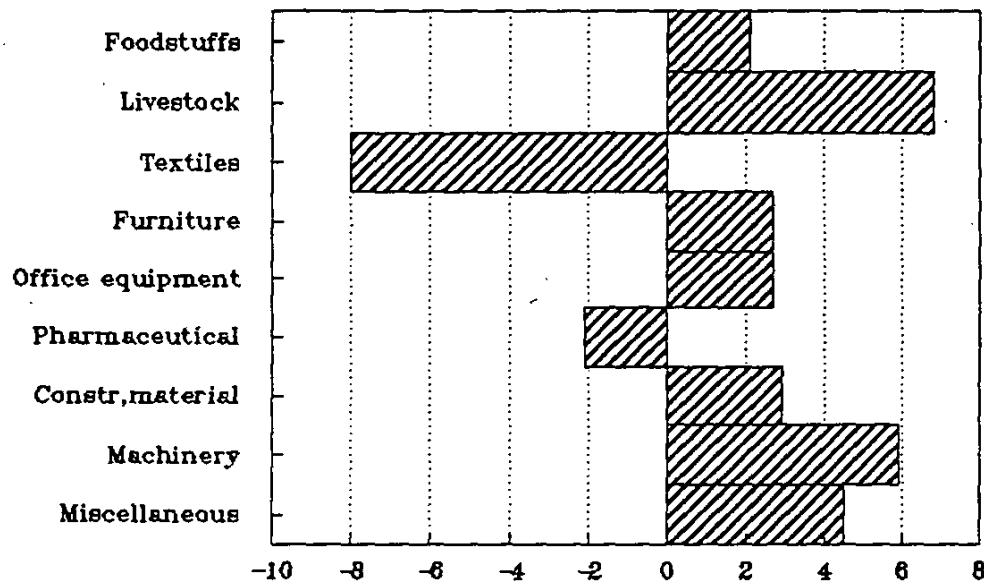
WHOLESALE TRADE SALES PERFORM BETTER

The real wholesale trade sales (at constant prices and excluding diamonds) for July 1997 increased by 3,5% compared with the previous month after seasonal adjustment, and are also 1,9% higher than for July last year.

Seven of the nine wholesaler categories reflect increases in their seasonally adjusted real sales (at constant prices) for July 1997 compared with June 1997. Wholesalers in livestock and farm produce reflect the largest percentage increase (+6,8%) in real sales, followed by wholesalers in machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural) (+5,9%) and wholesalers in miscellaneous goods (+4,5%), while real sales of wholesalers in textiles, clothing and footwear decreased by 8,0%.

The total value of wholesale trade sales (excluding diamonds) for the three months up to July 1997 is 6,5% higher than for the corresponding period of 1996. This represents a decrease of 2,1% in real terms (at constant June 1995 prices).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED WHOLESALE TRADE SALES BY WHOLESALE CATEGORY July 1997 v. June 1997



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SUMMARY - WHOLESALE TRADE

Period	Sales (Excluding diamonds) R million		Percentage change of sales	
	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices
Actual values				
May 1997 - Jul. 1997	59 229,1	49 760,5	+6,5	-2,1
May 1996 - Jul. 1996	55 614,1	50 834,3		
Seasonally adjusted values				
May 1997 - Jul. 1997	59 040,9	49 670,2	+2,0	+1,6
Feb. 1997 - Apr. 1997	57 861,8	48 894,6		


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NOTES

This statistical release shows final estimates of the wholesale trade sales in the Republic of South Africa (the former BANC states are included). The survey is conducted on a firm basis. The results of the sample survey are raised to represent the total wholesale trade sales. Both actual and seasonally adjusted values of wholesale trade sales according to type of business at current as well as at constant June 1995 prices are shown. The value of sales at constant June 1995 prices in respect of each type of business is obtained by deflating the sales value at current prices by means of sub-indices of the production price index on base June 1995=100.

Wholesale trade sales at current prices include VAT.

Symbols used

- * = revised
- = not applicable

1. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.1 AT CURRENT PRICES

R Million

Type of business	Actual values					Seasonally adjusted values				
	1997		1996		Jan. - Jul. 1996	1997		1997		Jul. 1996
	Jul. 1997	Jun. 1997	Jul. 1996	Jun. 1996		Jul. 1997	Jun. 1997	May 1997	Apr. 1997	
Total	20 629,1	19 783,1*	18 852,6	137 603,2	127 385,5	19 952,3	19 265,7	19 822,9	20 401,0	18 236,1
Including diamonds	20 050,3	19 189,6*	18 342,7	133 257,8	123 985,5	3 637,7	3 563,6	3 804,5	3 451,8	3 328,5
Excluding diamonds	3 635,6	3 405,8	3 335,6	24 070,1	24 305,5	1 089,0	1 026,1	1 097,0	1 204,2	1 059,2
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	1 010,6	894,3	977,5	7 021,5	6 482,8	454,0	493,5	458,3	480,0	415,7
Livestock and farm produce	405,6	499,1	375,5	3 029,4	2 681,0	469,1	456,1	461,7	445,5	402,0
Textiles, clothing and footwear	436,1	451,9	379,0	2 854,9	2 696,4	1 026,7	1 002,9	1 076,1	1 069,1	996,7
Furniture and household requisites	976,9	992,2	951,6	7 134,9	6 882,8	-	-	-	-	-
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	578,8	593,5	509,9	4 345,3	3 400,0	1 631,1	1 680,7	1 644,4	1 700,8	1 656,1
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	1 577,8	1 703,8	1 602,1	11 441,0	11 350,2	1 969,7	1 908,3	1 965,9	2 044,0	1 758,2
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	2 068,3	1 925,5	1 847,0	13 014,0	12 123,8	3 578,4	3 362,2	3 574,3	3 786,2	2 939,4
Construction and building materials	3 654,1	3 501,3	3 014,7	23 830,5	20 495,3	5 952,9	5 737,9	5 815,7	5 991,8	5 565,9
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	6 285,4	5 815,6*	5 859,7	40 861,3	36 967,6					
Miscellaneous										

The former TBVC states are included.

1. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.2 AT CONSTANT JUNE 1995 PRICES

R Million

Type of business	Actual values					Seasonally adjusted values				
	1997		1996		Jan. - Jul. 1996	1997		1997		Jul. 1996
	Jul. 1997	Jun. 1997	Jul. 1996	Jun. 1996	1997	Jul. 1997	Jun. 1997	May 1997	Apr. 1997	Jul. 1996
Total	17 368,8	16 608,8	17 091,1	116 142,7	119 877,7	16 790,8	16 229,9	16 649,5	17 180,1	16 485,6
Including diamonds	16 873,9	16 100,3	16 576,0	112 407,4	116 464,1	2 876,4	2 816,0	3 031,3	2 792,1	2 998,6
Excluding diamonds	2 878,7	2 713,1	3 008,1	19 623,1	22 623,8	949,5	889,4	961,6	1 040,2	1 009,0
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	892,5	785,3	941,7	6 210,0	6 339,3	401,6	436,7	406,0	427,6	391,2
Livestock and farm produce	358,5	441,3	353,0	2 702,8	2 568,6	417,0	406,1	430,9	401,0	377,4
Textiles, clothing and footwear	388,2	402,3	356,3	2 565,9	2 581,9	892,6	869,5	929,9	946,4	915,9
Furniture and household requisites	848,2	859,1	872,5	6 215,8	6 442,6	-	-	-	-	-
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	494,9	508,6	515,1	3 735,3	3 413,5	1 436,6	1 468,0	1 441,8	1 485,7	1 558,0
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	1 373,6	1 486,8	1 490,3	10 077,4	10 846,1	1 698,5	1 650,5	1 705,8	1 786,4	1 635,7
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	1 784,9	1 661,2	1 719,6	11 348,2	11 500,3	3 203,8	3 025,4	3 205,4	3 403,8	2 768,3
Construction and building materials	3 277,2	3 134,9	2 843,8	21 442,3	19 716,1	4 847,7	4 637,3	4 674,4	4 729,3	4 783,7
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	5 072,1	4 616,3	4 990,8	32 221,9	33 845,5					
Miscellaneous										

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