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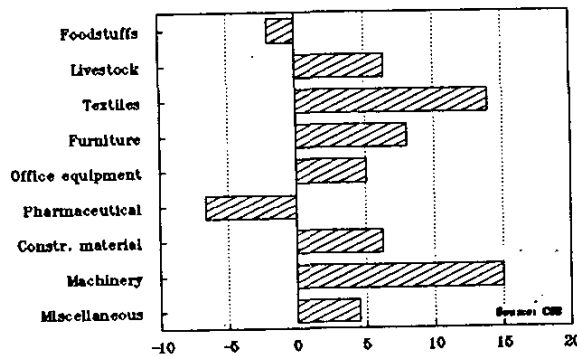
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REAL WHOLESALE TRADE SALES INCREASE FOR SEPTEMBER 1997

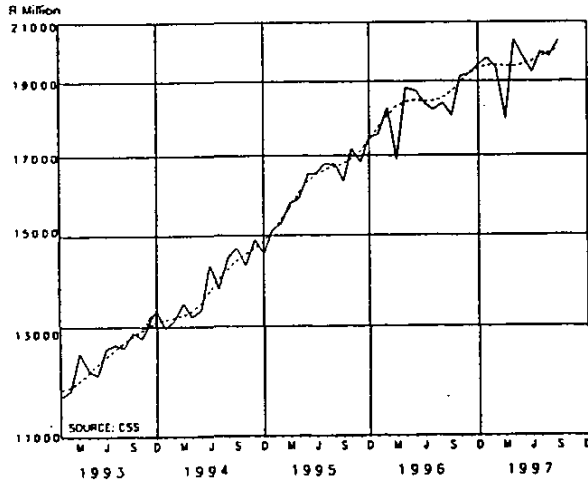
Real wholesale trade sales (at constant June 1995 prices), excluding diamonds, show an increase of 5,0% from September 1996 to September 1997. Furthermore, the total real wholesale trade sales (excluding diamonds) for the three months up to September 1997 is 2,5% higher than for the corresponding period of 1996 and is also 1,0% higher than that for the three months up to June 1997 after seasonal adjustment.

Seven of the nine wholesalers categories reflect increases in their real sales for September 1997 compared with September 1996. Wholesalers in machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural), which have the second largest market share, reflect the largest percentage increase (+15,0%) in real sales, followed by wholesalers in textile, clothing and footwear (+13,9%) and wholesalers in furniture and household requisites (8,0%), while real sales of pharmaceutical and chemical products decreased by 6,6%.

**REAL WHOLESALE TRADE SALES
BY TYPE OF BUSINESS**
Percentage increase -Sep.97 vs Sep.96

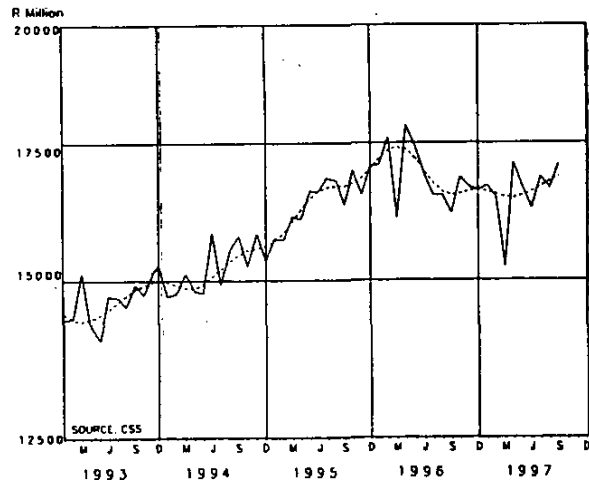


**WHOLESALE TRADE SALES (EXCLUDING DIAMONDS)
(AT CURRENT PRICES)**



Scale: Semi-logarithmic
Trend cycle - - - -
Seasonally adjusted _____

**WHOLESALE TRADE SALES (EXCLUDING DIAMONDS)
(AT CONSTANT JUNE 1995 PRICES)**

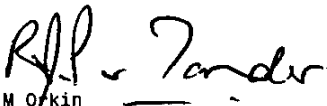


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Period	Sales (Excluding diamonds) R million		Percentage change of sales	
	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices
Actual values				
Jul. 1997 - Sep. 1997	61 188,6	51 259,8	+9,7	+2,5
Jul. 1996 - Sep. 1996	55 777,7	50 002,1		
Seasonally adjusted values				
Jul. 1997 - Sep. 1997	60 114,3	50 528,9	+1,2	+1,0
Apr. 1997 - Jun. 1997	59 415,8	50 015,5		

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NOTES

This statistical release shows final estimates of the wholesale trade sales in the Republic of South Africa (the former TBVC 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		1997		1997		1997		1996	
	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Jan. - Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	Jun.	Jun.	Sep.	Sep.
Total	21 668,2	20 333,4*	19 247,5	179 696,0	165 579,5	20 320,3	19 828,4	19 965,5	19 309,0	18 054,8		
Including diamonds	21 017,6	20 090,0*	18 756,1	174 456,7	161 420,5							
Excluding diamonds	3 489,8	3 648,3*	3 167,9	31 299,5	31 072,2	3 484,4	3 726,1	3 666,8	3 617,8	3 153,6		
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco												
Livestock and farm produce	1 223,9	1 077,4	1 079,4	9 322,8	8 566,1	1 170,7	1 126,8	1 059,6	1 023,1	1 030,6		
Textiles, clothing and footwear	517,6	450,1	426,1	3 997,1	3 515,3	466,0	444,6	449,6	489,4	379,3		
Furniture and household requisites	463,2	475,1	404,3	3 793,2	3 535,3	469,0	481,0	468,6	457,0	408,2		
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	1 109,9	1 000,4*	997,4	9 245,2	8 782,2	1 039,0	1 042,6	1 023,5	1 000,0	923,1		
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	650,5	243,4	491,4	5 239,3	4 159,0							
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	1 761,7	1 661,9*	1 765,4	14 864,6	14 787,9	1 693,5	1 636,1	1 635,5	1 680,8	1 693,5		
Construction and building materials	2 080,7	2 081,0	1 815,4	17 175,8	15 767,8	1 953,0	1 920,0	1 968,5	1 906,2	1 696,9		
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	4 155,8	3 681,1	3 440,1	31 667,4	27 084,4	3 749,1	3 584,2	3 589,8	3 361,2	3 094,2		
Miscellaneous	6 215,1	6 014,7*	5 660,2	53 091,1	48 309,3	6 189,5	5 888,1	5 970,3	5 741,6	5 623,8		

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						
	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1997	Sep. 1996	Jan. - Sep. 1997	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1997	Jul. 1997	Jun. 1997	Sep. 1996	
Total	18 095,9	17 033,5*	17 203,1	151 344,7	154 068,6	17 074,0	16 625,6	16 829,3	16 266,7	16 182,0
Including diamonds	17 537,5	16 824,2*	16 708,6	146 841,6	149 890,3					
Excluding diamonds	2 758,7	2 882,2*	2 814,4	25 336,6	28 636,5	2 743,5	2 952,2	2 911,3	2 869,3	2 791,2
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	1 041,6	943,3	978,5	8 194,9	8 244,9	1 006,9	986,4	960,3	882,7	944,4
Livestock and farm produce	448,7	397,7	394,0	3 549,3	3 345,9	408,4	391,0	397,5	433,1	354,3
Textiles, clothing and footwear	406,7	417,3	376,5	3 389,8	3 363,2	411,8	423,9	416,4	405,7	380,0
Furniture and household requisites	954,2	861,2*	908,0	8 031,2	8 173,2	888,4	896,6	888,3	866,2	837,4
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	558,4	209,3	494,5	4 503,1	4 178,4					
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	1 532,2	1 446,0*	1 640,3	13 055,6	14 041,4	1 472,2	1 425,6	1 439,6	1 467,9	1 572,9
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	1 764,0	1 765,4	1 661,3	14 877,6	14 836,3	1 656,8	1 636,6	1 696,1	1 648,6	1 553,5
Construction and building materials	3 684,2	3 269,2	3 203,4	28 395,6	25 859,2	3 323,8	3 196,4	3 218,6	3 024,4	2 881,8
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	4 947,2	4 842,0*	4 732,2	42 011,0	43 389,7	4 936,1	4 746,2	4 848,0	4 637,5	4 709,4
Miscellaneous										

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