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WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROL INCREASE FOR MARCH 1997

The seasonally adjusted wholesale trade sales of petrol for March 1997 increased by 4,8% compared with February 1997, whereas those of automotive diesel oil decreased by 0,3%.

The total wholesale trade sales of petrol for March 1997 amounted to 881 921 kilolitres, of which 36,1% was sold in Gauteng,

16,3% in KwaZulu-Natal and 16,0% in Western Cape.

465 409 kilolitres of automotive diesel oil was sold in March 1997. Of this volume, 23,1% was sold to resellers, 20,7% to the transport sector and 19,9% to the agricultural sector. The largest percentage of automotive diesel oil sold to the transport sector was sold in Gauteng (24,0%), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (22,1%).

Due to financial restrictions, this series will unfortunately be terminated. It was reported in P6151 for February 1997 that the March 1997 release will be the last edition of the P6151 series. However, on special request, the termination of this series was postponed by one month. The April 1997 survey, to be published in June 1997, will therefore be the last edition of the P6151 series.

SUMMARY - WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROL AND AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL OIL

Period	Petrol		Automotive diesel oil	
	Kilolitres	% change	Kilolitres	% change
Actual quantity:				
Mar. 1997	881 921	+5,5	465 409	+0,9
Mar. 1996	835 674		461 245	
Seasonally adjusted quantity:				
Mar. 1997	904 567	+4,8	484 336	-0,3
Feb. 1997	862 901		486 215	

NOTES

Both actual and seasonally adjusted quantities for total sales of petrol and automotive diesel oil are given in the summary.

The information in this statistical release includes the former TBVC states.

Figures are rounded-off independently of one another; the sum of the figures may

therefore not necessarily add up to the totals.

Symbols and abbreviations used

kl = kilolitres

t = metric tons

.. = data not available

- = nil

* = revised

1. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA BY TYPE OF PRODUCT

PRODUCT	UNIT	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan. - Mar.	
		1997	1997	1996	1997	1996
FUEL						
Petrol	kl	881 921	834 047	835 674*	2 611 597	2 616 645
97 octane	kl	343 110	310 590	314 631	1 017 764	983 417
95 octane - unleaded	kl	37 101	32 924	33 654	107 849	64 178
93 octane	kl	456 934	447 292	450 854	1 356 489	1 491 744
91 octane - unleaded	kl	44 775	43 241	36 517	129 489	65 719
87 octane	kl	-	-	22	5	11 590
Aviation fuel						
Avgas	kl	1 818	2 276	2 024	6 165	5 954
Jet fuel	kl	97 722	150 287	121 599	404 230	347 145
Power paraffin	kl	1 083	1 075	1 331	3 050	3 877
Illuminating paraffin	kl	69 795	63 103	66 502	199 594	205 567
Liquid petroleum gas	t	20 590	19 159	21 509*	60 202	62 946
Automotive diesel oil 1/	kl	465 409	475 126	461 245	1 417 993	1 412 851
Industrial diesel oil 1/	kl	10 937	16 114	17 560	44 920	48 301
Heavy furnace oil 1/	kl	235 043	286 701	265 463	885 318	869 172
LUBRICANTS						
Automotive oil 1/ 2/	kl	17 263	16 771	16 660	50 119	49 328
Industrial oil 1/ 2/ 3/	kl	11 620	12 831	11 635	37 269	34 958
Extracts and process oil	kl	1 867	2 757	2 679	8 302	8 201
Automotive grease 1/	t	375	377	335	1 092	1 043
Industrial grease 1/	t	760	804	744	2 289	2 353
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS						
Solvents	kl	8 339	9 556	10 467	27 137	31 086
Bitumen	t	17 602	22 831	23 166	53 140	60 596
Petrolatum	t	1 307	1 351	915	3 717	2 650
Paraffin wax	t	1 138	1 657	2 255	3 909	5 272

- 1/ Includes international marine sales
 2/ Includes re-refined oil
 3/ Excludes extracts and process oil

2. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, BY PROVINCE, TYPE OF PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP
 MARCH 1997

PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP	UNIT	TOTAL	WESTERN CAPE	EASTERN CAPE	NORTHERN CAPE	FREE STATE	KWAZULU- NATAL	NORTH WEST	GAUTENG	MPUMALANGA	NORTHERN PROVINCE
FUEL											
Petrol	kl	881 921	140 942	69 498	17 173	50 571	143 667	47 278	318 404	53 673	40 714
97 octane	kl	343 110	125 261	60 361	2 164	3 055	130 131	-	68	13 749	8 321
95 octane - unleaded	kl	37 101	15 607	5 754	268	662	13 053	7	-	1 272	478
93 octane	kl	456 934	74	3 219	13 561	43 802	483	44 973	284 169	36 202	30 452
91 octane - unleaded	kl	44 775	-	164	1 181	3 052	-	2 299	34 167	2 450	1 463
87 octane	kl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petrol sales to											
Resellers	kl	837 398	134 745	66 010	15 925	47 527	136 591	43 751	305 529	49 839	37 481
Garages	kl	819 167	133 580	65 098	14 671	46 952	133 377	41 165	304 240	47 091	32 994
Other	kl	18 231	1 165	913	1 254	575	3 214	2 586	1 289	2 748	4 487
Business users	kl	42 522	6 197	3 488	1 249	3 044	7 076	3 527	21 875	3 834	3 233
Agriculture	kl	6 523	1 436	313	261	781	771	976	234	852	899
Government	kl	20 628	2 572	2 164	607	1 593	3 928	1 703	5 119	1 284	1 658
Other	kl	17 371	2 189	1 012	380	669	2 377	847	7 522	1 698	676
Aviation fuel											
Avgas	kl	1 818	212	125	78	117	231	27	834	121	73
Jet fuel	kl	97 722	24 497	1 606	284	247	8 861	51	62 125	10	42
Power paraffin	kl	1 083	215	69	40	67	246	52	297	77	21
Agriculture	kl	243	83	16	23	48	14	15	14	23	7
Other	kl	840	131	53	17	18	232	37	283	54	14
Illuminating paraffin	kl	69 795	5 137	13 271	1 183	5 375	16 013	7 416	11 842	3 760	5 799
Liquid petroleum gas	t	20 590	3 915	2 059	498	1 245	4 972	2 247	4 415	429	808

2. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, BY PROVINCE, TYPE OF PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP (continued)

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PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP	UNIT	TOTAL	WESTERN CAPE	EASTERN CAPE	NORTHERN CAPE	FREE STATE	KWAZULU- NATAL	NORTH WEST	GAUTENG	MPUMALANGA	NORTHERN PROVINCE
Automotive diesel oil 1/ On shore sales 2/ Resellers	kl	465 409	87 740	31 140	21 967	44 259	80 378	31 730	82 053	53 337	32 806
	kl	442 443	70 503	31 140	21 967	44 259	76 649	31 730	82 053	53 337	32 806
	kl	107 290	17 088	10 962	5 133	9 940	19 879	4 900	23 705	7 484	8 198
Business users	kl	335 154	53 415	20 178	16 834	34 318	54 770	26 830	58 348	45 853	24 608
Agriculture	kl	92 629	15 589	6 348	4 756	19 578	10 052	11 328	4 998	11 524	8 455
Mining	kl	37 240	1 061	286	6 433	2 262	1 973	2 292	3 815	13 862	5 257
Construction	kl	27 536	4 272	1 806	396	1 473	4 415	1 774	5 555	4 468	3 376
Transport	kl	96 465	15 529	5 807	3 169	7 546	21 364	6 968	23 171	9 095	3 817
Local marine fishing	kl	7 334	5 817	721	186		610	-		-	-
Public authorities	kl	20 267	3 760	1 821	841	1 078	4 465	1 415	3 990	1 411	1 485
Other	kl	53 683	7 387	3 388	1 053	2 381	11 891	3 053	16 818	5 493	2 219
International marine	kl	22 966	17 238	-	-	-	5 728	-	-	-	-
Industrial diesel oil 1/ On shore sales 2/ International marine	kl	10 937	1 659	-	-	66	5 110	58	522	3 375	147
	kl	4 198	-	-	-	66	30	58	522	3 375	147
	kl	6 739	1 659	-	-	-	5 080	-	-	-	-
Heavy furnace oil 1/ On shore sales 2/ International marine	kl	235 043	81 119	5 162	91	1 020	135 163	859	6 136	4 540	952
	kl	53 777	13 317	5 162	91	1 020	21 699	859	6 136	4 540	952
	kl	181 266	67 802	-	-	-	113 464	-	-	-	-
LUBRICANTS											
Automotive oil 1/ 3/ On shore sales 2/ Resellers	kl	17 263	2 305	1 336	494	1 218	2 965	1 101	4 635	2 130	1 079
	kl	17 245	2 288	1 336	494	1 218	2 964	1 101	4 635	2 130	1 079
	kl	8 455	1 100	787	131	430	1 680	389	2 746	656	536
Business users	kl	8 790	1 188	549	363	788	1 284	712	1 889	1 474	543
Agriculture	kl	2 338	422	139	122	494	245	299	104	346	167
Public authorities	kl	503	69	39	24	34	112	25	150	34	16
Other	kl	5 949	697	371	219	258	927	388	1 635	1 094	360
International marine	kl	18	17	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

1/ Includes international marine sales

2/ Includes local marine sales

3/ Includes re-refined oil

2. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, BY PROVINCE, TYPE OF PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP (concluded)

MARCH 1997

PRODUCT AND MARKET GROUP	UNIT	TOTAL	WESTERN CAPE	EASTERN CAPE	NORTHERN CAPE	FREE STATE	KWAZULU-NATAL	NORTH WEST	GAUTENG	MPUMALANGA	NORTHERN PROVINCE
Industrial oil 1/ 3/ 4/	kl	11 620	1 099	376	173	465	3 407	453	3 648	1 706	293
On shore sales 2/	kl	9 987	719	376	173	465	2 154	453	3 648	1 706	293
International marine	kl	1 633	380	-	-	-	1 253	-	-	-	-
Extracts and process oil	kl	1 867	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Automotive grease 1/	t	375	36	15	15	29	68	23	126	45	18
On shore sales 2/	t	375	36	15	15	29	68	23	126	45	18
Resellers	t	95	6	3	1	2	29	1	50	1	2
Business users	t	280	30	12	14	27	39	22	76	44	16
Agriculture	t	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public authorities	t	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	t	187	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
International marine	t	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Industrial grease 1/	t	760	25	18	33	91	91	113	268	104	17
On shore sales 2/	t	759	25	18	33	91	90	113	268	104	17
International marine	t	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS											
Solvents	kl	8 339	897	788	4	90	3 894	77	2 468	31	88
Bitumen	t	17 602	3 299	624	40	2 092	4 468	141	5 331	668	939
Petrolatum	t	1 307	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paraffin wax	t	1 138	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

1/ Includes international marine sales

2/ Includes local marine sales

3/ Includes re-refined oil

4/ Excludes extracts and process oil

3. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO AGRICULTURE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PRODUCT	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1997		Mar. 1996		Jan. - Mar.			
							1997		1996	
	kl	R1 000	kl	R1 000	kl	R1 000	kl	R 1 000	kl	R 1 000
Automotive diesel oil	92 629	176 067	99 163	185 146*	83 537	153 273	304 257	587 182	316 527	512 907
Petrol	6 523	15 734	6 537	16 155*	7 107	12 531	20 057	46 484	20 770	36 705
Power paraffin	243	386	291	464*	358	372	744	1 193	1 061	1 106
Lubricating oil	2 672	14 936	3 232*	17 912*	2 678	14 153	8 170	43 977	8 235	42 811

	t	R1 000	t	R1 000	t	R1 000	t	R 1 000	t	R 1 000
Grease	110	768	116*	820*	86	537	310	2 167	272	1 725

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