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DECREASE IN VOLUME OF EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1996

The seasonally adjusted volume index of merchandise exports (total exports excluding gold) for December 1996 decreased by 3,6% compared with November 1996, while that of total imports increased by 16,4%. An increase of 8,9% was recorded in the seasonally adjusted index of merchandise exports for November 1996 compared with October 1996 whereas the total for merchandise imports increased marginally by 0,7% from October 1996 to November 1996.

The value of merchandise exports for December 1996 decreased by 4,8% to R8 031,3 million compared with November 1996. The value of merchandise exports for November 1996 shows a significant decrease of 26,4% when compared with October 1996.

In general, December 1996 was not a good trading month and decreases were experienced in the exports of several commodities. The decrease in the exports of commodities compared to November 1996 ranged from 11,0% for manufactured goods classified chiefly by material to 24,6% for food, beverages and tobacco. The exports of inedible raw materials (1,4%), chemicals (7,4%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (8,1%) and unclassified articles (34,5%) increased compared with November 1996's figure.

The value of merchandise imports for December 1996, which totals R8 451,6 million, is 23,1% lower than that of November 1996, while November 1996 is only 0,2% lower than October's figure.

Imports declined for the second consecutive month during December 1996 and the imports of all the commodities decreased by between 13,9% for food, beverages and tobacco to 36,8% for unclassified articles. The only commodity to have experienced an increase in imports during December 1996 was animal and vegetable oils and fats which increased by 3,7%.

Preliminary information indicates that the value of total merchandise exports for 1996 shows an increase of 21,4% compared with 1995, while the value of total merchandise imports increased by 17,3% over the same period.

SUMMARY

PERIOD	MERCHANTISE			
	IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	INDEX 1988=100	% CHANGE	INDEX 1988=100	% CHANGE
VOLUME INDICES				
Actual:				
Oct. 1996 - Dec. 1996	158	+27,4	216	+80,0
Oct. 1995 - Dec. 1995	124		120	
Seasonally adjusted				
Oct. 1996 - Dec. 1996	160	+15,1	211	+18,5
Jul. 1996 - Sep. 1996	139		178	
UNIT VALUE INDICES				
Actual:				
Oct. 1996 - Dec. 1996	205	+7,9	226	+9,2
Oct. 1995 - Dec. 1995	190		207	
Seasonally adjusted				
Oct. 1996 - Dec. 1996	211	+2,9	228	-0,9
Jul. 1996 - Sep. 1996	205		230	

NOTES

Foreign trade statistics refer to the Customs Union Area Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa (including the former TBVC states) and Swaziland. Consequently the statistics do not include the trade between South Africa and the aforementioned territories but only the direct trade of these territories with other "overseas" countries is included.

The information shown in the tables is compiled by the Central Statistical Service on the basis of information supplied by the Commissioner for Customs and Excise, Department of Finance and the SA Reserve Bank (gold).

The information does not include the value of immigrants' and emigrants' effects. Exports include re-exports.

The indices of volume and unit value (prices) are calculated from basic data by means of Laspeyres' (fixed weights) and Paasche's (moving weights) formulae respectively.

The terms of trade is the ratio of the unit value index of exports to the unit value index of imports expressed as a percentage.

The monthly figures received by the CSS are subject to revision. The revised figures are not always published but are taken into account when annual figures are compiled. The published monthly figures do not necessarily add up to the annual figures.

Steps have already been taken to obtain the basic information earlier from the Commissioner of Customs and Excise so that more up to date indices (although of a preliminary nature) can be made available in future.

**TABLE 1 - FOREIGN TRADE
HISTORICAL TABLE**

R MILLION

YEAR MONTH	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)					
J	4 113,0	4 144,3	4 548,1	6 792,9	8 320,1
F	3 683,3	4 051,0	5 379,4	7 829,2	7 724,5
M	4 222,6	5 347,8	6 196,2	8 274,2	8 531,8
A	4 224,9	4 982,9	5 025,9	6 648,7	9 859,7
M	3 881,2	4 183,7	6 070,6	9 153,8	9 698,8
J	4 087,2	4 591,8	6 598,4	8 510,6	8 879,9
J	4 976,7	5 346,3	6 687,2	9 329,1	11 203,7
A	4 648,2	5 868,4	8 053,5	10 004,6	10 546,7
S	5 164,4	5 541,6	7 313,5	7 443,1	10 364,9
O	5 168,0	5 949,2	6 807,6	9 181,4	11 016,5
N	4 526,2	5 312,8	7 274,1	8 369,9	10 992,7
D	4 161,6	4 395,6	6 303,0	6 975,3	8 451,6
YEAR	52 488,7	58 926,4	79 471,5	98 512,8	115 590,9#

EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)					
J	3 151,0	3 121,2	3 680,0	5 877,7	5 611,6
F	4 324,1	3 880,0	4 629,7	6 745,7	6 818,3
M	4 394,8	4 281,9	6 489,1	6 281,7	7 154,0
A	3 610,1	4 818,8	4 226,7	5 379,3	9 080,2
M	4 418,2	4 893,7	4 901,8	7 138,7	7 143,7
J	4 574,7	4 927,0	5 663,0	7 082,2	7 490,0
J	4 096,5	4 946,5	6 045,3	7 575,8	10 206,9
A	4 644,4	4 838,3	6 290,8	7 333,2	9 026,6
S	4 175,3	5 094,9	5 570,6	7 313,8	8 368,0
O	3 226,7	5 543,7	5 950,7	6 994,2	11 457,3
N	4 039,3	5 280,8	6 117,2	7 523,5	8 434,9
D	4 170,9	4 648,6	6 445,1	6 141,3	8 031,3
YEAR	49 861,9	56 988,1	67 352,0	81 386,7	98 822,8#

EXPORTS (GOLD AND MERCHANDISE)					
J	4 833,4	5 097,9	5 683,6	7 778,9	7 362,4
F	5 593,0	5 374,8	6 447,2	8 193,3	8 986,3
M	5 981,2	6 071,5	8 322,1	7 932,2	9 078,3
A	5 245,2	6 874,0	6 539,5	6 965,8	11 001,9
M	5 587,5	6 498,6	6 495,5	9 003,5	8 894,1
J	5 762,2	6 837,8	7 549,0	8 423,8	9 026,4
J	5 470,2	7 130,0	8 289,2	9 538,5	12 413,6
A	6 396,4	7 117,6	8 264,3	9 139,5	11 462,0
S	5 932,9	6 754,4	7 556,4	9 380,9	10 593,7
O	4 926,3	7 429,2	7 658,2	8 775,7	14 196,1
N	5 487,0	7 117,9	7 953,6	9 023,9	10 475,6
D	5 558,6	6 197,8	7 920,9	7 348,7	9 803,6
YEAR	68 035,0	79 214,3	90 021,5	101 505,0	123 294,0#

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TABLE 2 - FOREIGN TRADE
INDICES OF VOLUME AND UNIT VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
 1988=100

YEAR AND MONTH	IMPORTS		EXPORTS				TERMS OF TRADE		IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	VOLUME	UNIT VALUE	GOLD AND MERCHANDISE		MERCHANDISE		GOLD AND MERCHANDISE	MERCHANDISE	VOLUME	UNIT VALUE	MERCHANDISE	
			VOLUME	UNIT VALUE	VOLUME	UNIT VALUE					VOLUME	UNIT VALUE
	ACTUAL VALUES						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES					
1993	99	151	82	141	111	154	93	102				

1994	115	167	71	161	117	173	96	104				
1995	109	177	59	190	122	200	107	113				
1995 J	108	182	59	176	121	176	97	97	122	180	152	175
F	121	186	57	190	116	210	102	113	134	183	121	208
M	127	188	57	187	114	200	99	106	127	184	115	201
A	98	195	53	177	103	189	91	97	95	194	118	194
M	140	189	63	192	130	199	102	105	145	188	123	202
J	127	194	61	183	127	202	94	104	132	190	118	204
J	141	192	63	202	132	209	105	109	130	190	122	210
A	150	192	63	193	132	202	101	105	130	192	120	196
S	113	191	59	212	120	220	111	115	107	192	121	214
O	137	193	61	191	127	200	99	104	127	198	120	198
N	128	188	61	197	126	216	105	115	126	193	120	214
D	107	188	54	180	108	206	96	110	120	194	112	214
1996 J	128	188	53	186	111	221	99	118	146	186	138	220
F	118	190	62	193	141	212	102	112	130	187	147	210
M	125	198	64	190	150	208	96	105	125	194	152	209
A	148	194	74	199	188	211	103	109	143	193	215	217
M	140	201	61	195	141	221	97	110	144	199	134	224
J	126	205	61	199	148	222	97	108	131	201	138	224
J	161	202	79	208	196	228	103	113	149	200	178	229
A	146	209	69	222	221	238	106	114	127	209	200	230
S	148	203	64	220	155	236	108	116	142	205	157	230
O	161	199	85	222	212	236	112	119	151	204	202	234
N	154	207	68	205	231	213	99	103	152	212	220	211
D	158	209	60	219	204	230	105	110	177	216	212	239

TABLE 3 - FOREIGN TRADE
VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
R MILLION

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
TOTAL	98 512,8	10 992,7	11 016,5	8 369,9	101 505,0	10 475,6	14 196,1	9 023,9
GOLD					20 117,7	2 040,7	2 738,9	1 500,4
MERCHANDISE	98 512,8	10 992,7	11 016,5	8 369,9	81 386,7	8 434,9	11 457,3	7 523,5
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	4 222,3	648,4	731,0	482,3	7 769,0	703,9	1 119,6	677,1
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	1 822,1	496,2	442,4	370,2	16 577,1	1 554,8	1 883,4	1 690,5
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	451,2	76,2	130,5	84,7	191,4	23,4	26,7	19,4
CHEMICALS	17 628,8	1 190,3	1 376,8	960,3	7 144,3	841,2	955,0	741,0

MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	15 347,1	1 168,7	1 441,0	996,6	26 646,0	2 917,5	4 562,5	2 072,8
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	34 544,6	3 809,5	4 204,7	3 274,5	9 152,7	1 367,7	1 088,2	1 017,3
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES	20 154,6	910,9	1 049,6	791,0	3 627,1	389,3	455,7	376,4
UNCLASSIFIED	4 342,1	2 692,5	1 640,6	1 410,3	10 279,0	637,1	1 366,1	929,1

TABLE 4 - FOREIGN TRADE - MERCHANDISE
VOLUME INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
1988=100

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	109	154	161	128	122	231	212	126
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	179	229	283	208	173	157	249	166
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	83	116	100	179	110	110	140	132
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	45	24	63	148	102	147	190	120
CHEMICALS	204	206	245	122	264	298	339	320
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	186	169	211	135	112	152	179	78
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	110	100	116	116	363	600	448	507
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES	316	143	167	156	386	433	485	435

TABLE 5 - FOREIGN TRADE - MERCHANDISE
UNIT VALUE INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
1988=100

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	177	207	199	188	200	213	236	216

FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	155	185	169	183	182	218	219	196
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	154	163	169	173	170	191	182	174
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	361	559	359	250	184	199	179	183
CHEMICALS	170	201	195	187	161	200	200	163
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	167	196	194	180	212	205	261	286
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	173	203	199	187	216	234	245	210
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	202	235	237	192	230	265	275	253

TABLE 6 - FOREIGN TRADE
VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
R MILLION

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
TOTAL	98 512,8	10 992,7	11 016,5	8 369,9	101 505,0	10 475,6	14 196,1	9 023,9
GOLD					20 117,7	2 040,7	2 738,9	1 500,4
MERCHANDISE	98 512,8	10 992,7	11 016,5	8 369,9	81 386,7	8 434,9	11 457,3	7 523,5
AGRICULTURE	2 582,7	216,5	369,7	193,5	4 528,5	314,7	583,0	385,5
MINING	1 936,2	214,9	293,7	140,7	18 979,0	2 176,6	3 275,2	1 071,9
MANUFACTURING	81 772,3	8 295,0	8 802,6	6 623,0	45 581,4	5 284,2	6 264,3	5 103,4
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	4 956,8	621,7	584,3	471,3	4 953,1	639,6	801,9	520,7
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	4 244,7	457,1	560,8	372,4	2 507,0	289,6	317,0	301,0
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	2 740,0	257,8	310,8	241,6	3 995,6	209,0	648,8	492,8
CHEMICALS	14 934,9	1 614,5	1 767,6	1 250,3	7 646,5	932,3	1 036,7	825,4
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	2 634,5	132,4	166,8	116,4	12 991,8	1 267,8	1 648,9	1 342,1
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MACHINERY	2 878,5	320,1	348,2	260,8	1 691,4	231,8	234,5	222,0
MACHINERY	16 905,5	1 699,6	1 974,8	1 497,3				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	10 348,6	1 556,1	1 140,2	1 060,7	3 554,5	446,4	568,0	430,9
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	18 711,6	1 226,5	1 472,8	1 008,5	4 955,5	965,9	575,8	657,3

OTHER MANUFACTURING	3 417,2	409,4	476,5	343,6	3 285,9	302,0	432,7	311,2
OTHER	12 221,6	2 266,3	1 550,5	1 412,7	12 297,8	659,4	1 334,7	962,7

TABLE 7 - FOREIGN TRADE
VOLUME INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
1988=100

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	109	154	161	128	122	231	212	126
AGRICULTURE	177	157	291	172	160	116	219	144
MINING	116	159	194	102	203	242	373	130
MANUFACTURING	133	138	150	126	174	154	179	208
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	188	226	227	193	146	184	243	174
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	150	163	203	160	170	203	195	208
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	150	150	180	163	120	78	183	184
CHEMICALS	130	145	162	134	226	257	282	273
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	185	87	119	89	129	136	181	126
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MA- CHINERY	127	140	162	132	180	241	244	256
MACHINERY	132	140	171	138				
ELECTRICAL MACHI- NERY	149	227	169	182	310	352	415	441
TRANSPORT EQUIP- MENT	107	72	89	65	331	627	370	508
OTHER MANUFACTU- RING	141	175	199	174	227	224	317	244

TABLE 8 - FOREIGN TRADE
UNIT VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
1988=100

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995	1995	NOV. 1996	OCT. 1996	NOV. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	177	207	199	188	200	213	236	216
AGRICULTURE	217	247	226	201	167	191	187	187
MINING	233	226	253	230	193	221	216	204
MANUFACTURING	184	215	210	188	190	221	219	206
FOOD, BEVERAGES	163	205	191	181	190	231	219	196

AND TOBACCO									
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	164	195	193	162	164	184	211	186	
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	179	203	203	174	265	256	230	255	
CHEMICALS	183	213	209	179	151	189	192	156	
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	166	212	197	184	169	188	183	215	
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MACHI- NERY	164	197	186	171	259	300	302	275	
MACHINERY	181	205	196	184					
ELECTRICAL MACHI- NERY	183	217	213	184	223	251	266	203	
TRANSPORT EQUIP- MENT	207	242	236	220	253	283	286	241	
OTHER MANUFACTU- RING	193	224	228	189	193	221	224	202	

TABLE 3 - FOREIGN TRADE
VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
R MILLION

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
TOTAL	98 512,8	8 451,6	10 992,7	6 975,3	101 505,0	9 803,6	10 475,6	7 348,7
GOLD					20 117,7	1 772,4	2 040,7	1 207,3
MERCHANDISE	98 512,8	8 451,6	10 992,7	6 975,3	81 386,7	8 031,3	8 434,9	6 141,3
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	4 222,3	558,4	648,4	455,7	7 769,0	530,7	703,9	373,7
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	1 822,1	321,5	496,2	287,9	16 577,1	1 577,0	1 554,8	1 380,7
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	451,2	79,0	76,2	99,9	191,4	19,6	23,4	8,9
CHEMICALS	17 628,8	1 021,8	1 190,3	754,5	7 144,3	903,2	841,2	549,7
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	15 347,1	824,4	1 168,7	685,8	26 646,0	2 595,5	2 917,5	2 076,2
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	34 544,6	3 258,2	3 809,5	2 684,5	9 152,7	1 127,3	1 367,7	671,8
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES	20 154,6	686,1	910,9	624,9	3 627,1	420,8	389,3	316,7
UNCLASSIFIED	4 342,1	1 702,3	2 692,5	1 381,9	10 279,0	857,1	637,1	763,6

TABLE 4 - FOREIGN TRADE - MERCHANDISE
 VOLUME INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
 1988=100

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	109	158	154	107	122	204	231	108
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	179	201	229	197	173	121	157	96
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	83	68	116	139	110	110	110	114
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	45	36	24	195	102	117	147	45
CHEMICALS	204	180	206	97	264	317	298	253
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	186	116	169	94	112	117	152	86
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	110	85	100	97	363	451	600	315
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	316	275	143	110	386	479	433	399

TABLE 5 - FOREIGN TRADE - MERCHANDISE
 UNIT VALUE INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) (REVISION 3)
 1988=100

COMMODITY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	177	209	207	188	200	230	213	206
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	155	181	185	182	182	211	218	185
INEDIBLE RAW MATERIALS	154	180	163	172	170	194	191	164
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	361	385	559	224	184	189	199	182
CHEMICALS	170	198	201	184	161	203	200	155

MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	167	201	196	178	212	238	205	257
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	173	204	203	183	216	241	234	219
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES	202	245	235	215	230	259	265	233

TABLE 6 - FOREIGN TRADE
VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
R MILLION

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
TOTAL	98 512,8	8 451,6	10 992,7	6 975,3	101 505,0	9 803,6	10 475,6	7 348,7
GOLD					20 117,7	1 772,4	2 040,7	1 207,3
MERCHANDISE	98 512,8	8 451,6	10 992,7	6 975,3	81 386,7	8 031,3	8 434,9	6 141,3
AGRICULTURE	2 582,7	163,4	216,5	239,0	4 528,5	272,3	314,7	183,2
MINING	1 936,2	90,4	214,9	72,5	18 979,0	1 357,3	2 176,6	1 430,7
MANUFACTURING	81 772,3	6 574,4	8 295,0	5 275,9	45 581,4	5 512,9	5 284,2	3 740,7
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	4 956,8	579,2	621,7	391,2	4 953,1	524,0	639,6	315,9
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	4 244,7	319,0	457,1	241,9	2 507,0	269,4	289,6	218,5
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	2 740,0	187,2	257,8	186,9	3 995,6	329,4	209,0	313,6
CHEMICALS	14 934,9	1 316,7	1 614,5	980,8	7 646,5	965,5	932,3	620,1
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	2 634,5	139,1	132,4	112,8	12 991,8	1 664,5	1 267,8	1 126,3
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MA- CHINERY	2 878,5	231,2	320,1	185,6	1 691,4	210,0	231,8	185,5
MACHINERY	16 905,5	1 542,8	1 699,6	1 269,4				
ELECTRICAL MACHI- NERY	10 348,6	966,1	1 556,1	836,5	3 554,5	526,6	446,4	363,3
TRANSPORT EQUIP- MENT	18 711,6	1 030,6	1 226,5	880,2	4 955,5	652,9	965,9	366,7
OTHER MANUFACTU- RING	3 417,2	262,4	409,4	190,5	3 285,9	370,8	302,0	230,8
OTHER	12 221,6	1 623,4	2 266,3	1 387,9	12 297,8	888,7	659,4	786,8

TABLE 7 - FOREIGN TRADE
VOLUME INDICES ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
1988=100

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995

	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	109	158	154	107	122	204	231	108
AGRICULTURE	177	102	157	200	160	103	116	83
MINING	116	47	159	55	203	308	242	185
MANUFACTURING	133	108	138	101	174	164	154	157
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	188	210	226	175	146	151	184	105
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	150	112	163	94	170	174	203	191
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	150	109	150	125	120	125	78	121
CHEMICALS	130	119	145	107	226	270	257	220
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	185	94	87	84	129	194	136	110
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MA- CHINERY	127	101	140	92	180	203	241	216
MACHINERY	132	119	140	119				
ELECTRICAL MACHI- NERY	149	140	227	146	310	411	352	354
TRANSPORT EQUIP- MENT	107	61	72	53	331	388	627	278
OTHER MANUFACTU- RING	141	110	175	93	227	52	224	199

TABLE 8 - FOREIGN TRADE
UNIT VALUE ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)
1988=100

INDUSTRY	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995	1995	DEC. 1996	NOV. 1996	DEC. 1995
MERCHANDISE - TOTAL	177	209	207	188	200	230	213	206
AGRICULTURE	217	286	247	213	167	185	191	151
MINING	233	325	226	220	193	237	221	191
MANUFACTURING	184	219	215	187	190	216	221	200
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	163	205	205	166	190	225	231	196
TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND LEATHER	164	198	195	179	164	199	184	146
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	179	203	203	176	265	252	256	247
CHEMICALS	183	213	213	175	151	187	189	148
BASIC METAL INDUSTRIES	166	207	212	189	169	172	188	205
METAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDING MACHI- NERY	164	198	197	174	259	330	300	269

MACHINERY	181	220	205	181				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	183	218	217	181	223	249	251	215
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	207	242	242	237	253	285	283	236
OTHER MANUFACTURING	193	228	224	195	193	211	221	184

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