



ZIMBABWE'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Zimbabwe's goods trade balance shifted to a surplus of **USD 7.0 million in August 2025**, an improvement from **USD 10.2 million deficit observed in July 2025**. (refer to Table 1)

A trade surplus occurs when a country's value of exports is greater than that of imports in a given period. When the value of imports exceeds the value of exports, it implies a trade deficit.

August 2025 exports amounted to **USD878.2 million**, an increase of **0.3% (USD2.1 million)** from the July 2025 **value of USD876.0 million**.

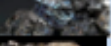
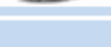
The value of imports for August totaled **USD 871.1 million**, reflecting a **1.7% decrease (USD 15.1 million)** from the July's figure of **USD 886.2 million**.

Table 1: Value of Exported and Imported Goods

Month	Value of Exports (USD Million)	Value of Imports (USD Million)	Trade Balance (USD Million)
August 2025	878.2	871.1	7.0
July 2025	876.0	886.2	-10.2
Percent Change	0.3%	1.7%	168.8%

TOP TEN EXPORT PRODUCTS

Among the top ten products exported in August 2025 were semi-manufactured gold, nickel mattes, and tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, accounting for **52.7%**, **13.9%**, and **8.1%** of the total value of **USD 878.2 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in August 2025 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	52.7
	Nickel mattes	13.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	8.1
	Ferro-chromium	5.0
	Other mineral substances, nes	4.5
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	2.0
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.7
	Nickel ores and concentrates	1.6
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.6
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	0.7
	Other Exports	8.2
	Total	100.0

TOP TEN IMPORT PRODUCTS

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, machinery and mechanical appliances, vehicles and electrical machinery and equipment were among the top ten imported products in August 2025.

The products constituted **22.2%**, **12.5%**, **7.7%** and **5.5%** of the total import value of **USD 871.1 million**, respectively.

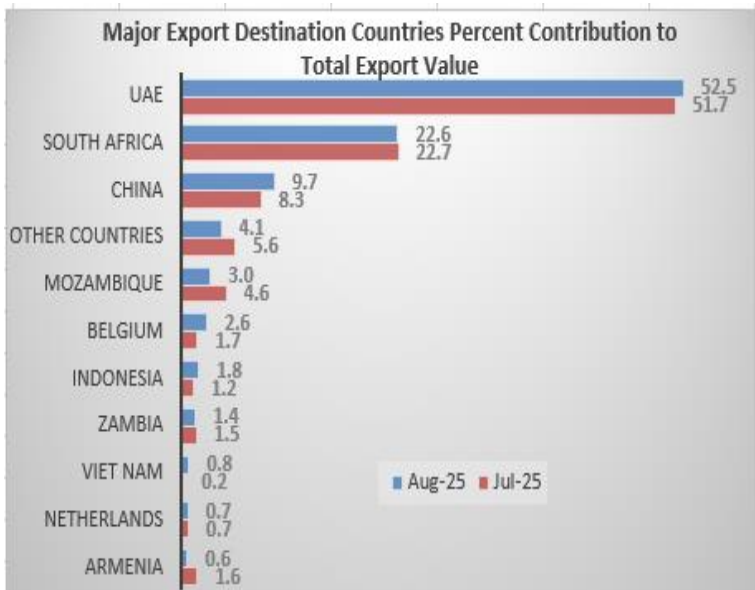
Zimbabwe's Major Imports in August 2025 (%)

	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	22.2
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.5
	Vehicles	7.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.5
	Fertilisers	4.6
	Plastics	4.1
	Cereals	3.4
	Miscellaneous chemical products	3.1
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.7
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	2.4
	Other products	28.9
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

The country's major export destinations in August 2025 were United Arab Emirates (52.5%), South Africa (22.6%) and China (9.7%).

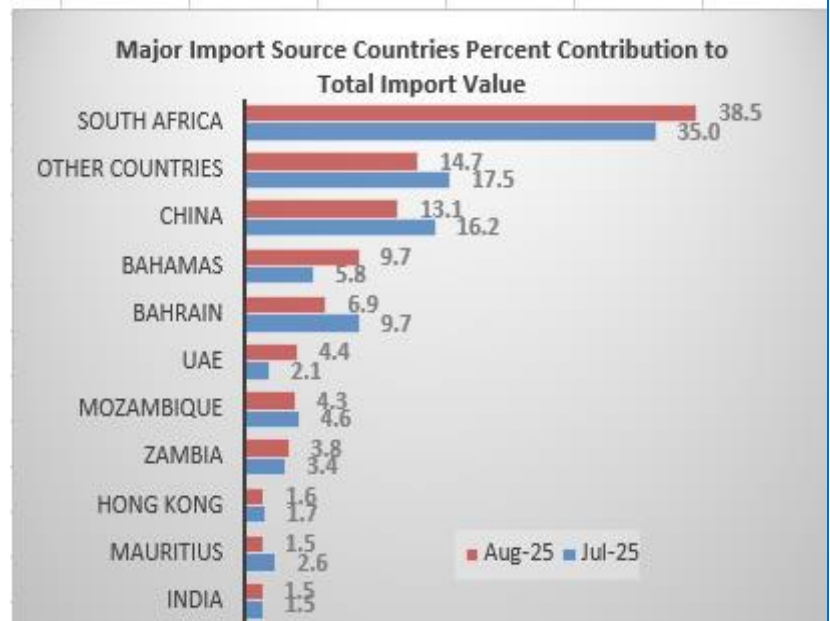
The three countries accounted for about eighty five percent of the total export value of **USD 878.2 million**.



MAJOR IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES

The major source countries for imports in August 2025 were South Africa (38.5%), China (13.1%), Bahamas (9.7%) and Bahrain (6.9%).

The four countries accounted for around sixty eight percent of the total import value of **USD 871.1 million**.



MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO SADC

The major exports to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in August 2025 were nickel mattes (49.2%), chromium ores and concentrates (5.8%), nickel ores and concentrates (5.8%) and coke and semi-coke of coal (5.7%).

The four products accounted for around sixty seven percent of the total export value of **USD 248.1 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in August 2025 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	49.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	5.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	5.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.7
	Semi-manufactured gold/Unwrought gold	5.6
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.1
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.1
	Sugars	2.8
	Iron or steel and products	1.9
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	1.6
	Other Exports	15.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO COMESA

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in August 2025 comprised of tobacco smoking/cigarettes containing tobacco, iron or steel and products and coke and semi-coke of coal.

The products constituted **25.0%**, **12.3%** and **9.4%** of the total export value of **USD 19.9 million**, respectively.

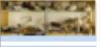
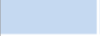
Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in August 2025 (%)

	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	25.0
	Iron or steel and products	12.3
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	9.4
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	7.1
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of paperboard	5.9
	Oranges, fresh or dried	2.9
	Lead-acid accumulators for starting piston engines	2.4
	Other uncoated paper	2.4
	Antimony ores and concentrates	2.3
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	2.0
	Other Exports	28.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO THE EU

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in August 2025 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**78.4%**), ferro-chromium (**17.8%**), and industrial diamonds unworked (**3.0%**) accounting around **99%** of total value (**USD 38.7 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in August 2025 (%)

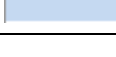
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	78.4
	Ferro-chromium	17.8
	Industrial diamonds unworked	3.0
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	0.2
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.2
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.2
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a squares	0.1
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.0
	Peas, fresh or chilled	0.0
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.0
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AfCFTA

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in August 2025 were nickel mattes (49.0%), chromium ores and concentrates (5.8%), nickel ores and concentrates (5.7%) and coke and semi-coke of coal (5.7%).

The four products accounted for sixty six percent of the total export value of **USD 249.3 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in August 2025 (%)

	Nickel mattes	49.0
	Chromium ores and concentrates	5.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	5.7
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.7
	Semi-manufactured/Unwrought gold	5.6
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.8
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.2
	Sugars	2.8
	Iron or steel and products	1.9
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	1.6
	Other Exports	14.8
	Grand Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM SADC

Major imports from SADC in August 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances (13.8%), mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (9.1%), iron and steel and articles (8.2%) and plastics (5.5%).

The four products contributed about thirty seven percent of the total import value of **USD 441.5 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in August 2025 (%)

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.8
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	9.1
	Iron and steel and Articles	8.2
	Plastics	5.5
	Vehicles	4.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.1
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	4.0
	Fertilisers	4.0
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.7
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits;	3.4
	Other Imports	39.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE EU

Major imports from the EU in August 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances, pharmaceutical products, and perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations. These products accounted for **18.8%**, **15.0%** and **12.2%** of the total value (**USD 19.0 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

The three products constituted forty six percent of the total value of goods imported from the EU.

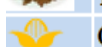
Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in August 2025 (%)

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	18.8
	Pharmaceutical products	15.0
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	12.2
	Fertilisers	11.3
	Meat and edible meat offal	7.5
	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products	6.4
	Miscellaneous chemical products	6.3
	Vehicles	4.2
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	4.0
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.0
	Other Imports	11.1
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE COMESA

Products imported from COMESA in August 2025 recorded a total value of **USD 63.7 million**. Salt, sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials (**17.9%**), iron and steel and articles (**7.8%**), and fertilisers (**6.9%**).

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA in August 2025 (%)

	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	17.9
	Iron and steel and Articles	7.8
	Fertilisers	6.9
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	6.4
	Copper and articles thereof	6.2
	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	5.1
	Cereals	4.4
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.1
	Soaps, waxes, & cleaning, polishing, & lubricating preparations	3.6
	Plastics	3.3
	Other Imports	34.1
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's major imports from AfCFTA in August 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, iron and steel and articles plastics **13.5%, 8.9%, 8.0%** and **5.6%** respectively. These products accounted for about **36%** of the total value (**USD 449.9 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in August 2025 (%)

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.5
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.9
	Iron and steel and Articles	8.0
	Plastics	5.6
	Vehicles	4.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.1
	Salt, sulphur; earths & stone; plastering materials	4.0
	Fertilisers	3.9
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.7
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.3
	Other Imports	40.2
	Total	100.0