



EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS OCTOBER 2025

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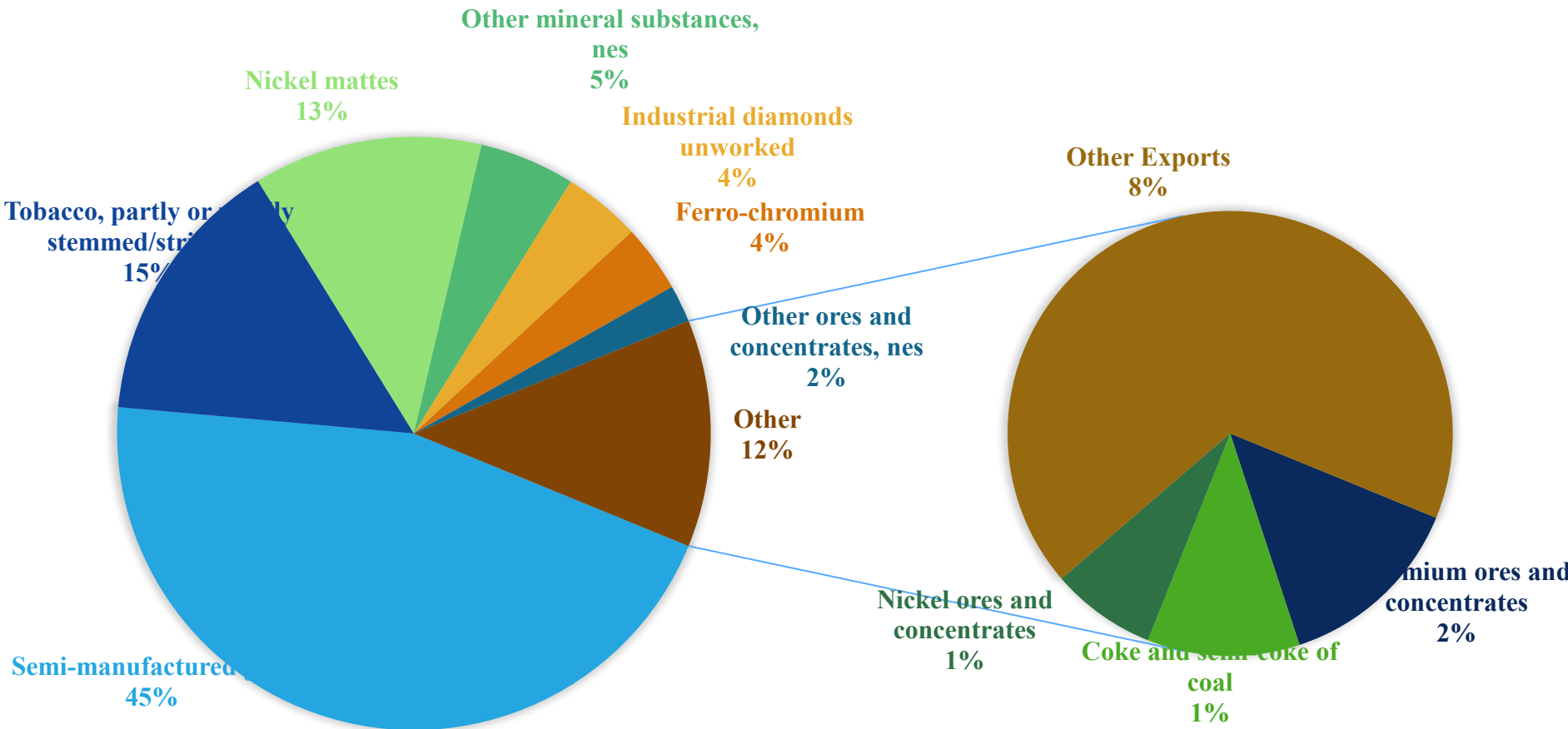
Executive Summary



- ❖ In October 2025, exports increased to **US\$ 1.023 billion (20.2%)**.
- ❖ Imports rose to **US\$1.027 billion (17.8%)**.
- ❖ The resulting trade balance amounted to a deficit of **USD 3.6 million**, an **82.7%** decrease from the September 2025 deficit of **USD 20.7 million**

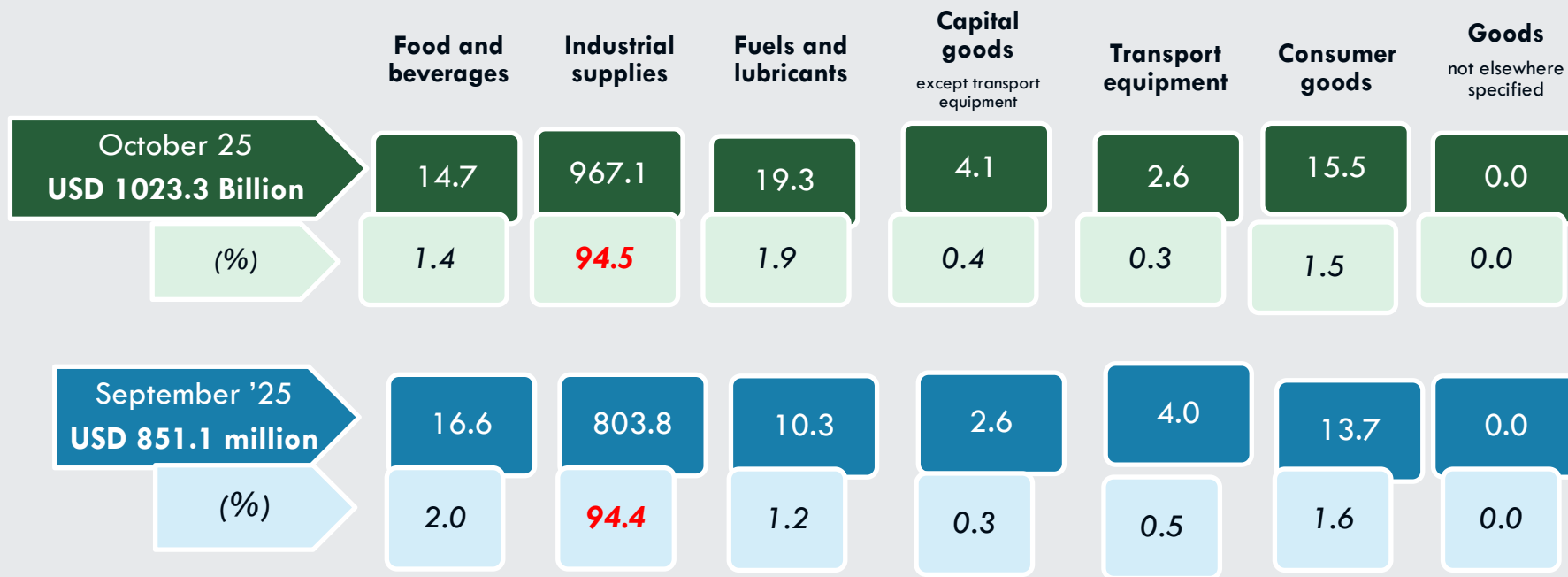
Merchandise Exports in October 2025

Exports Overview






Exports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)

Industrial supplies accounted for **94.5%** of the goods exported in October 2025













Exports by Type of Product: October 2025

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in October 2025 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	45.2
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	14.8
	Nickel mattes	12.5
	Other mineral substances, nes	5.2
	Industrial diamonds unworked	4.2
	Ferro-chromium	3.7
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	2.0
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.7
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.4
	Nickel ores and concentrates	0.9
	Other Exports	8.4
	Total	100.0

Among the top ten products exported in October 2025 were Semi-manufactured gold **(45.2%)** Tobacco **(14.8%)** and Nickel mattes **(12.5%)**











Exports to SADC

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in October 2025 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	46.7
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	8.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	6.4
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.1
	Semi-manufactured gold	3.7
	Nickel ores and concentrates	3.5
	Iron or steel and products	4.8
	Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form	1.8
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.9
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	1.2
	Other Exports	15.5
	Total	100.0

Among the top ten products exported to SADC in October 2025 were Nickel mattes **(46.7%)**, Tobacco, partly and wholly stemmed **(8.2%)**, and **Chromium (6.4%)**. The three products accounted for around **61.3%** of the total export value of **USD 273.0 million**.

Exports to EU

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

	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	85.5
	Ferro-chromium	9.8
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a square	3.0
	Hides and skins of reptile	1.0
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.5
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	0.1
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.0
	Other Personal effects	0.0
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.0
	Men's or boys' garments of other textiles, nes	0.0
	Other Exports	0.0
	Total	100.0

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in October 2025 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped **(85.5%)**, ferro-chromium **(9.8%)**, and granite, crude or roughly trimmed/merely cut into a squares **(3.0%)** accounting around **98.3%** of total value (**USD 47.1 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Exports to AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in October 2025 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	45.8
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	9.8
	Chromium ores and concentrates	6.3
	Iron or steel and products	5.7
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.0
	Semi-manufactured gold	3.7
	Nickel ores and concentrates	3.5
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.9
	Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form	1.8
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	1.2
	Other Exports	14.3
	Total	100.0

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in October 2025 were nickel mattes **(45.8%)**, tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped **(9.8%)**, chromium ores and concentrates **(6.3%)**, and Iron or steel **(5.7%)**.

The four products accounted for around sixty-eight percent of the total export value of **USD 278.6 million**.

Exports to COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in October 2025 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	25.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	19.1
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	9.1
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	6.6
	Maize seed	6.6
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of paperboard	5.0
	Iron or steel and products	3.2
	Other electric conductors, nes	2.2
	Other uncoated paper	2.2
	Mechanical appliances; agricultural	1.3
	Other Exports	19.0
	Total	100.0

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in October 2025 comprised tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, coke and semi-coke of coal, and tobacco smoking/cigarettes containing tobacco. The products constituted **25.8%, 19.1% and 9.1%** of the total export value of **USD 32.7 million**, respectively.

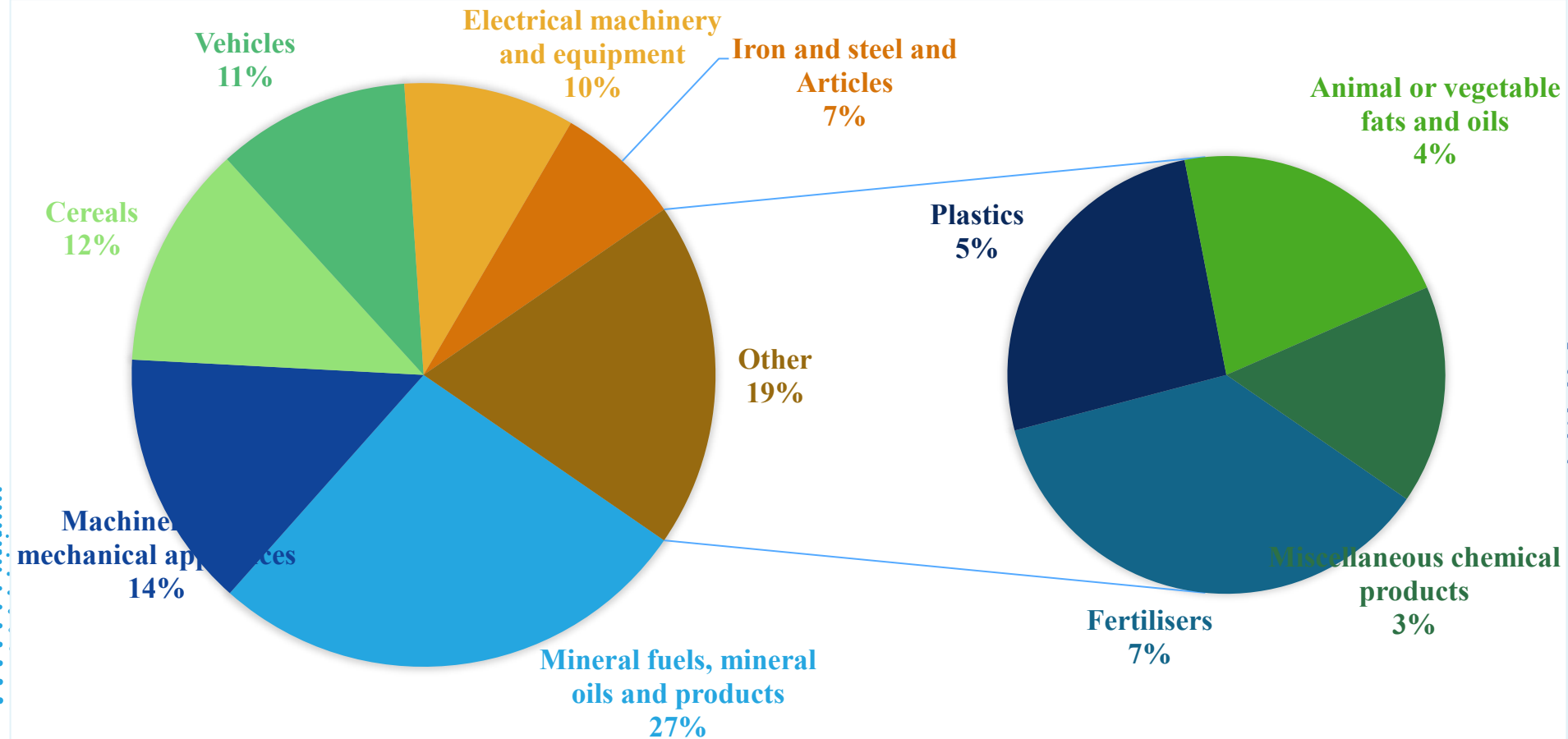
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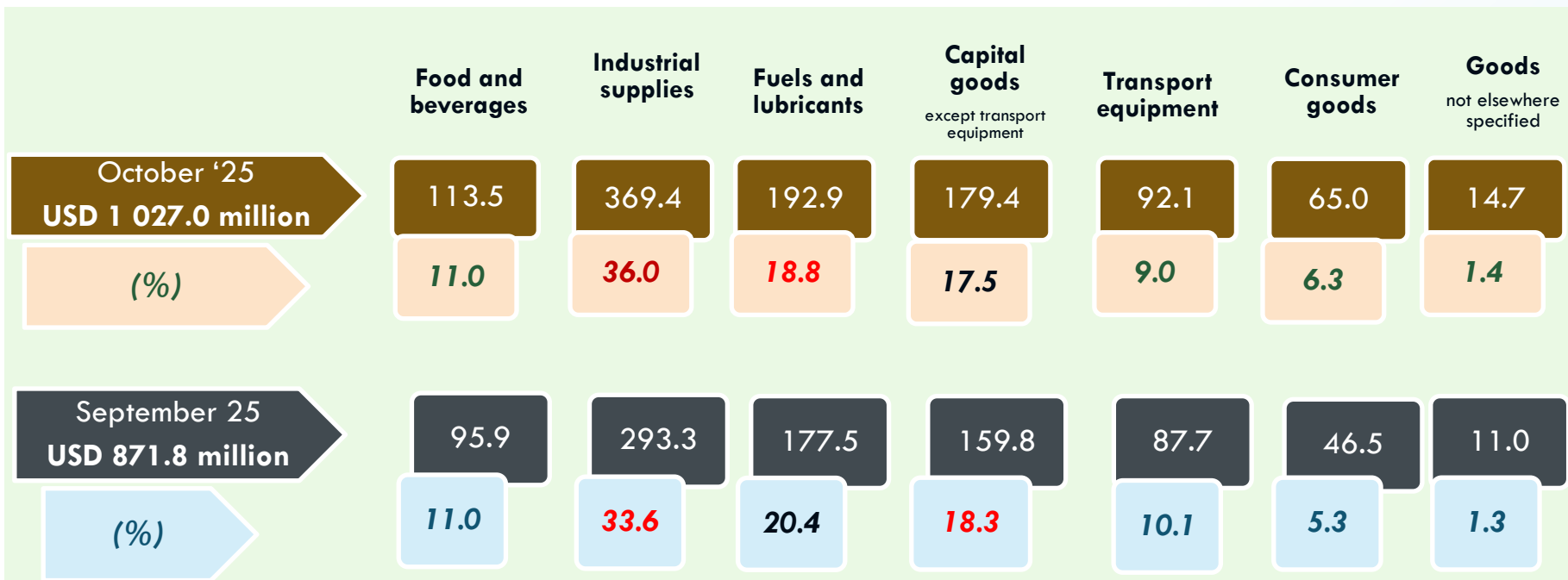
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was the predominant destination, accounting for **49.8%** of all export earnings.
- ❖ South Africa (**20.6%**), China (**12.7%**), and Belgium (**3.0%**) and Mozambique(**2.7%**) follow up as major export destinations.
- ❖ The five major countries accounted for about eighty nine percent of the total export value of **USD 1.023 billion**.
- ❖ Other notable countries were Zambia(**1.8%**), Vietnam(**1.0%**), and Indonesia(**1.0%**)

Merchandise Imports in October 2025

Imports Overview

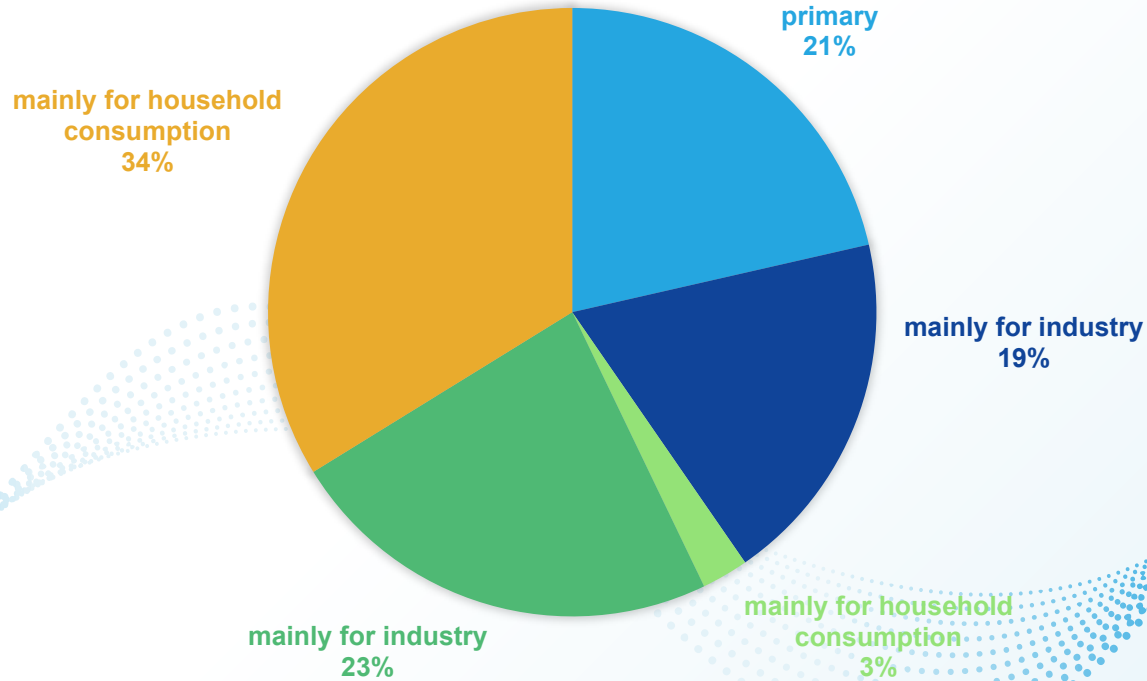


Imports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)

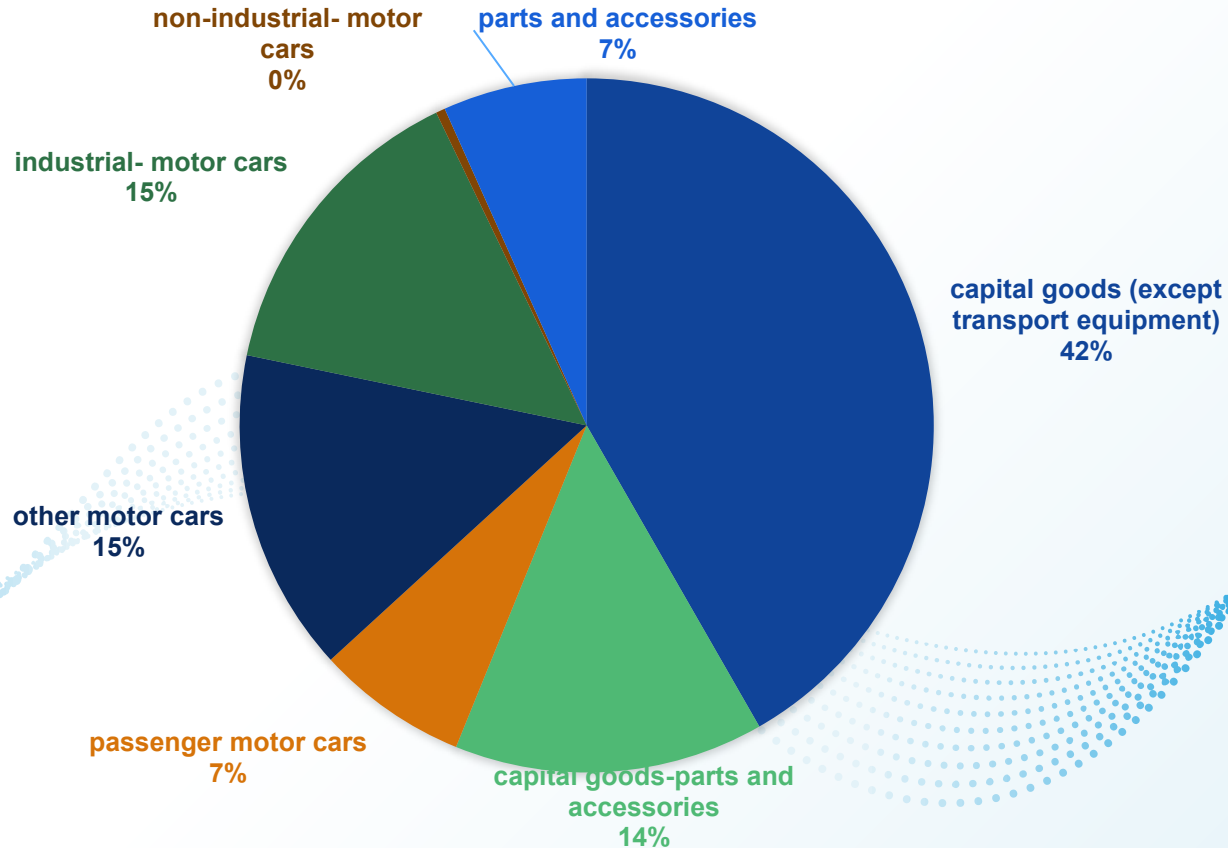


Industrial supplies comprised 36.0% of goods imported in October 2025, followed by fuels and lubricants at 18.8%.











Food and Beverages Imports



Capital goods & Transport Equipment Imports













Imports by Type of Product

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in October 2025 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	20.0
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.6
	Cereals	9.2
	Vehicles	8.0
	Electrical machinery and equipment	7.0
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.2
	Fertilisers	5.2
	Plastics	3.7
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.1
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.3
	Other products	25.7
	Total	100.0

Mineral fuels (20.0%), Machinery & mechanical appliances (10.6%), Cereals (9.2%), and Vehicles (8.0%) were among the top ten products imported in the same month.











Imports by product from SADC

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in October 2025 (%)		
	Cereals	14.4
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.4
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	9.0
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.6
	Plastics	5.1
	Fertilisers	5.1
	Vehicles	5.0
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.6
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.6
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering material	3.3
	Other Imports	32.8
	Total	100.0

Major imports from SADC in September 2025 were Cereals **(14.4%)**, machinery and mechanical appliances **(10.4%)**, **Mineral fuels (9.0%)**, and Iron and steel **(6.6%)**.











The four products contributed about forty percent of the total import value of **USD 500.3 million**.

Imports by product from EU

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in October 2025 (%)		
	Electrical machinery and equipment	14.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.9
	Cereals	10.3
	Meat and edible meat offal.	10.0
	Pharmaceutical products	8.7
	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products	7.2
	Fertilisers	6.8
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	5.6
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	5.6
	Miscellaneous chemical products	3.5
	Other Imports	15.3
	Total	100.0











Electrical machinery and equipment and machinery mechanical appliances, and cereals were the major imports from EU. These products made up **14.1%%**, **12.9%** and **10.3%** of the total value (**USD 22.1 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

Imports by product from AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in October 2025 (%)		
	Cereals	14.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.3
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.8
	Iron and steel	6.5
	Fertilisers	5.5
	Plastics	5.1
	Vehicles	5.0
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.6
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.6
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	3.2
	Other Imports	33.2
	Total	100.0

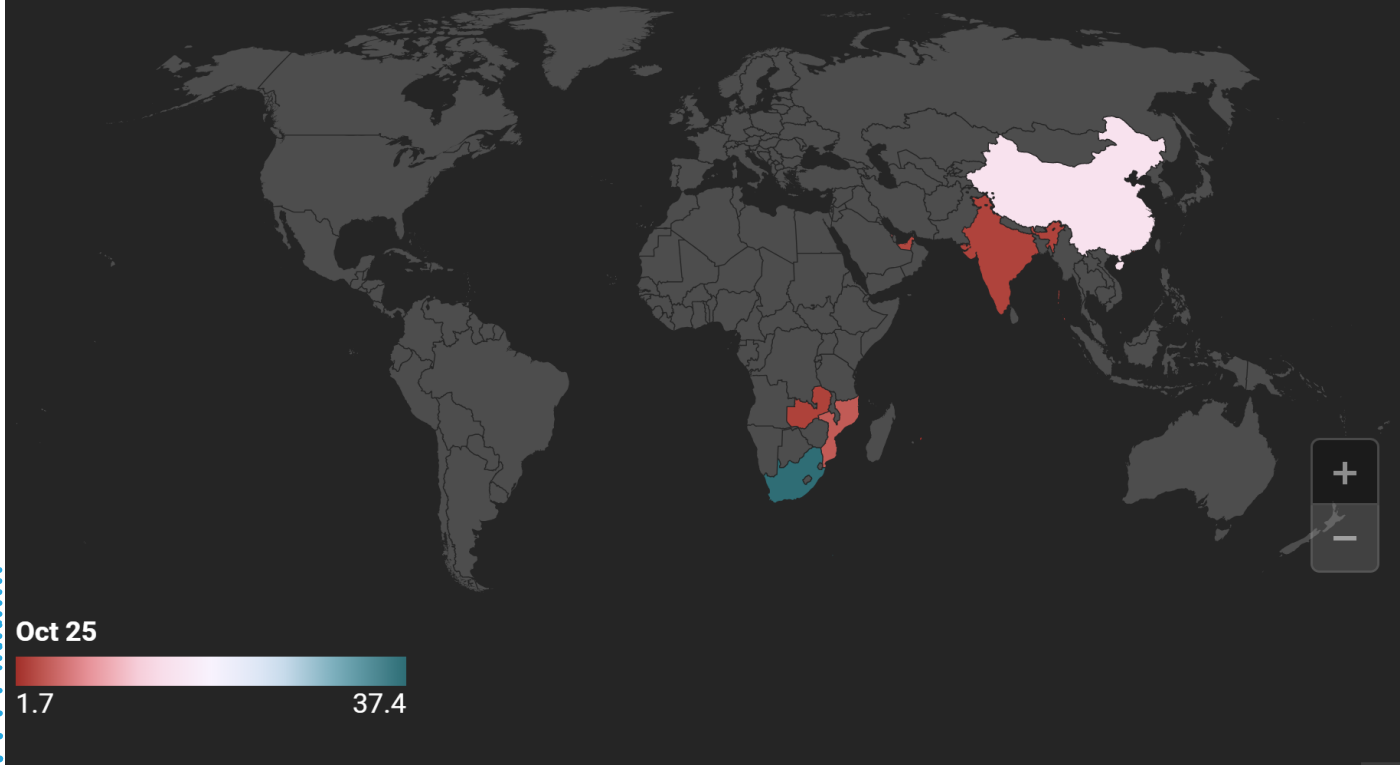
Major imports from AfCFTA in October 2025 were Cereals, machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, and iron and steel **14.1%, 10.3%, 8.8% and 6.5%** respectively. Collectively these products made up **39.7%** of the total value (**USD 510.5 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA. .

Imports by product from COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA in October 2025 (%)		
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	18.9
	Cereals	14.2
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	6.5
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals	4.6
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.9
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.7
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.2
	Plastics	3.1
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	2.9
	Other Imports	34.7
	Total	100.0

Products imported from COMESA in October 2025 recorded a total value of **USD 62.3 million**. Salt, sulphur (**18.9%**), Cereals (**14.2%**), preparations of cereals, flour, starch (**6.5%**), and inorganic chemicals (**4.6%**)

Imports by Country of Origin



- ❖ **South Africa** dominates imports with **37.4%** share.
- ❖ **China (15.9%), Bahamas (8.9%), and Bahrain (5.7%)** follow as key suppliers.
- ❖ Together, the **top 4 countries** account for **nearly 68%** of total imports.
- ❖ Other notable partners: **Mozambique (4.5%), UAE (3.1%) and India (2.9%).**

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