



EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS JANUARY 2026

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Methodology

- The trade statistics are compiled in accordance with International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS 2010**) Manual of the United Nations.
- **FOB**: Defined as the value of the products at the border of the exporting country.
- The **FOB** value is used for the valuation of exports.
- **CIF**: Defined as the **FOB** value plus the costs for insurance and freight, thus referring to the value of the goods at the border of the importing country.
- The CIF value is used for the valuation of imports.
- For imports, **the partner country** is the country from which the goods originated..
- For exports, **the partner country** refers to the country of last known destination, that is, the final country the goods are intended to reach.

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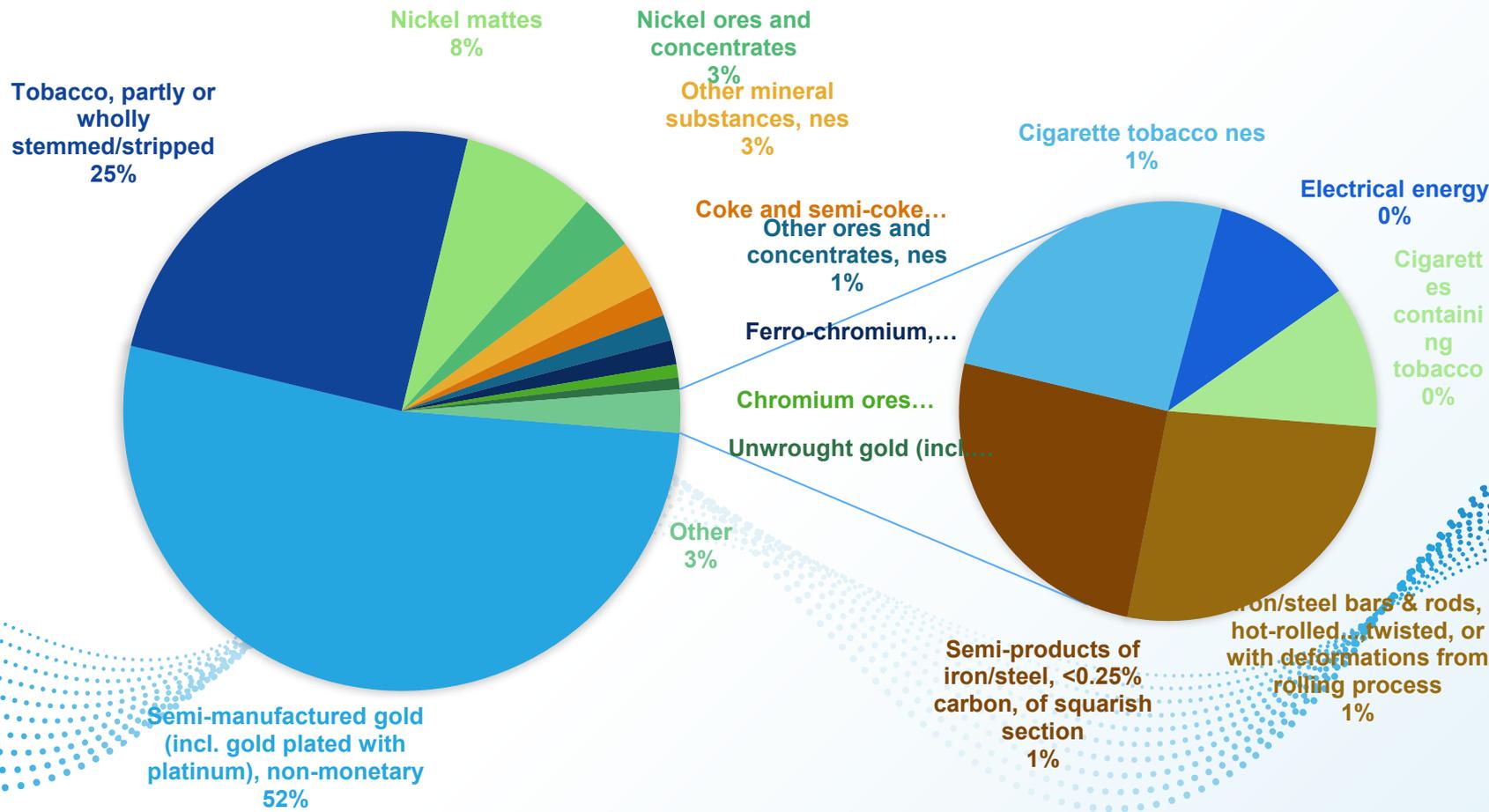
Executive Summary



- ❖ In January 2026, exports decreased to **US\$ 969.4 million (15.1%)**.
- ❖ Imports decreased to **US\$855.7 million (5.1%)**.
- ❖ The resulting trade balance amounted to a surplus of **USD 113.7 million**, a **52.6%** decrease from the December 2025 surplus of **USD240.1 million**

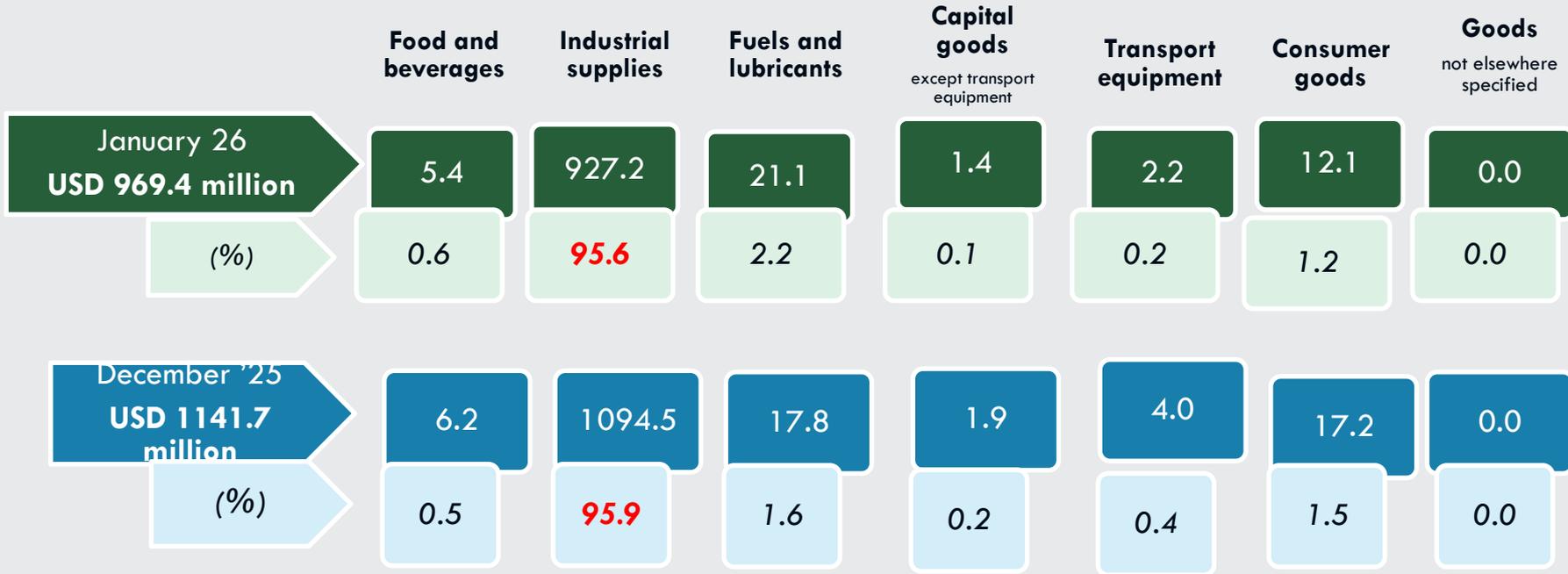
Merchandise Exports in January 2026

Exports Overview



Exports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)

Industrial supplies accounted for **95.6%** of the goods exported in January 2026



Exports by Type of Product: January 2026

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in January 2026 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured/unwrought gold	51.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	24.3
	Nickel mattes	7.5
	Nickel ores and concentrates	3.2
	Other mineral substances, nes	2.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.7
	Ferro-chromium	1.5
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	1.4
	Iron or steel and products	1.3
	Chromium ores and concentrates	0.7
	Other Exports	4.2
	Total	100.0

Among the top ten products exported in January 2026 were Semi-manufactured gold (51.5%) Tobacco (24.3%), and Nickel mattes (7.5%)

Exports to SADC

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in January 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	46.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	19.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	10.6
	Iron or steel and products	9.4
	Semi-manufactured/unwrought gold	5.4
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	2.3
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.5
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	1.3
	Electrical energy	1.2
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	1.1
	Other Exports	0.7
	Total	100.0

Among the top ten products exported to SADC in January 2026 were Nickel mattes (**46.8%**), Nickel ores (**19.8%**), and Coke (**10.6%**). The three products accounted for around **78%** of the total export value of **USD 155.2 million**.

Exports to EU

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in January 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	82.7
	Ferro-chromium	12.6
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a squares	2.3
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.3
	Tobacco refuse	0.8
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.4
	Other Exports	0.0
	Total	100.0

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in January 2026 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**82.7%**), ferro-chromium (**12.6%**), granite (**2.3%**) chromium and concentrates (**1.3%**) accounting for around **98.9%** of the total value (**USD 16.5 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Exports to AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in January 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	44.9
	Nickel ores and concentrates	18.9
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	10.2
	Iron or steel and products	9.2
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	6.3
	Semi-manufactured/unwrought gold	5.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.4
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	1.2
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	1.1
	Electrical energy	1.1
	Other Exports	0.5
	Total	100.0

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) January 2026 were nickel mattes (**44.9%**), Nickel ores (**18.9%**) coke and semicoke of coal (**10.2%**) and iron and steel (**9.2%**).

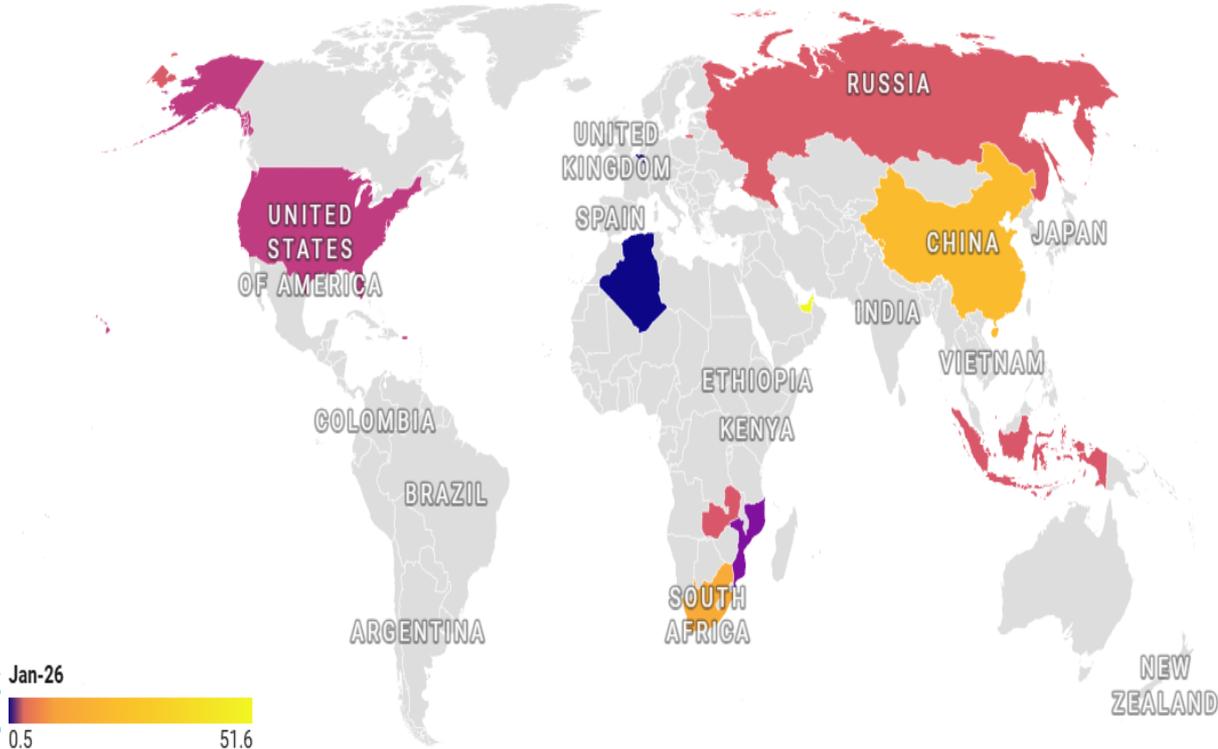
The four products accounted for around eighty four percent of the total export value of **USD 161.8 million**.

Exports to COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in January 2026 (%)		
	Iron or steel and products	44.2
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	23.7
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	12.8
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	9.9
	Electrical energy	4.5
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.4
	Ferro-chromium	1.8
	Tar distilled from coal,	0.2
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	0.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	0.1
	Other Exports	0.2
	Total	100.0

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in January 2026 comprised iron and steel (44.2%), coke and semi-coke of coal (23.7%), and bituminous coal and tobacco (12.8%). The products constituted about 81% of the total export value of USD 61.9 million.

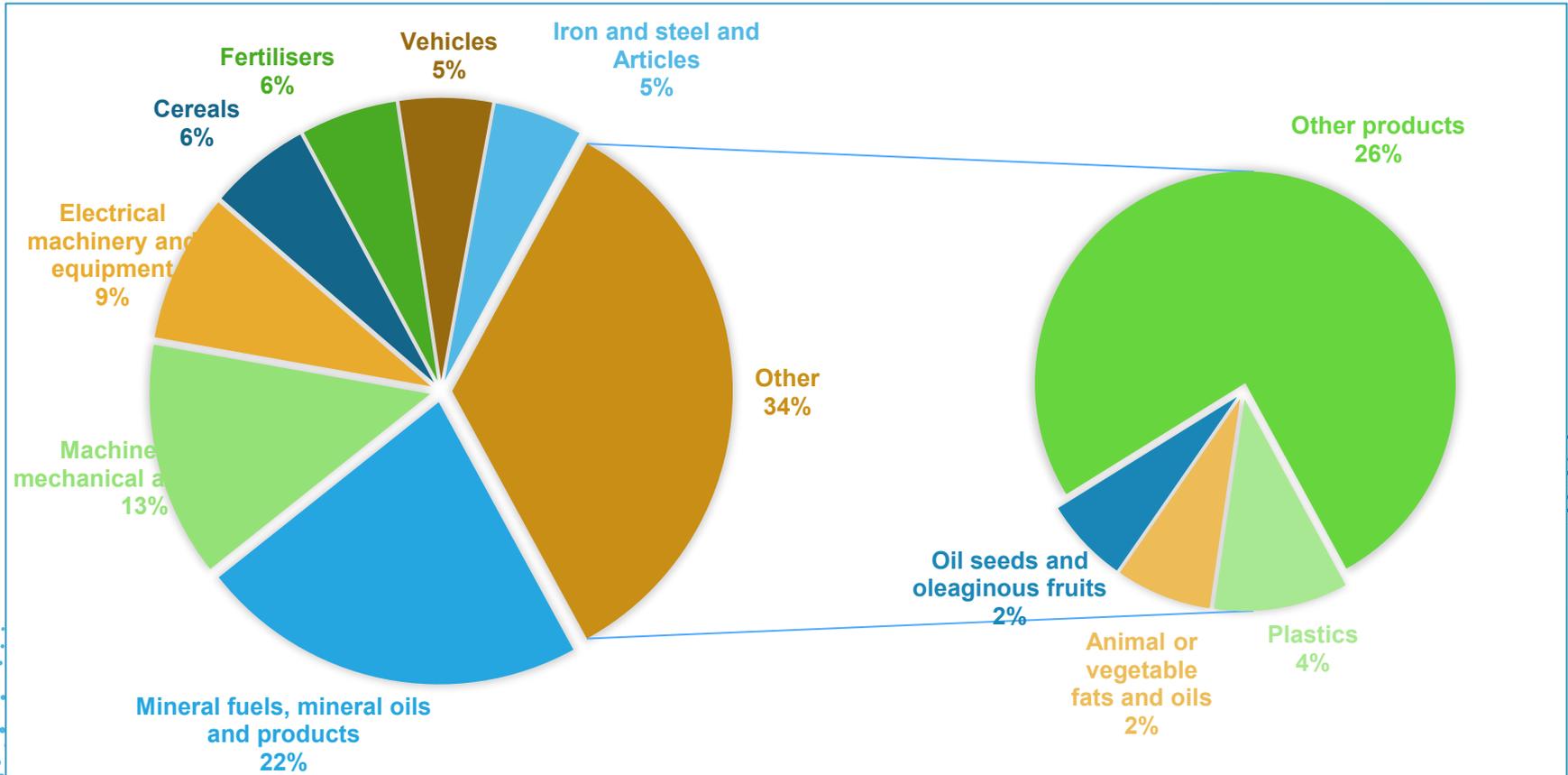
EXPORT DESTINATION



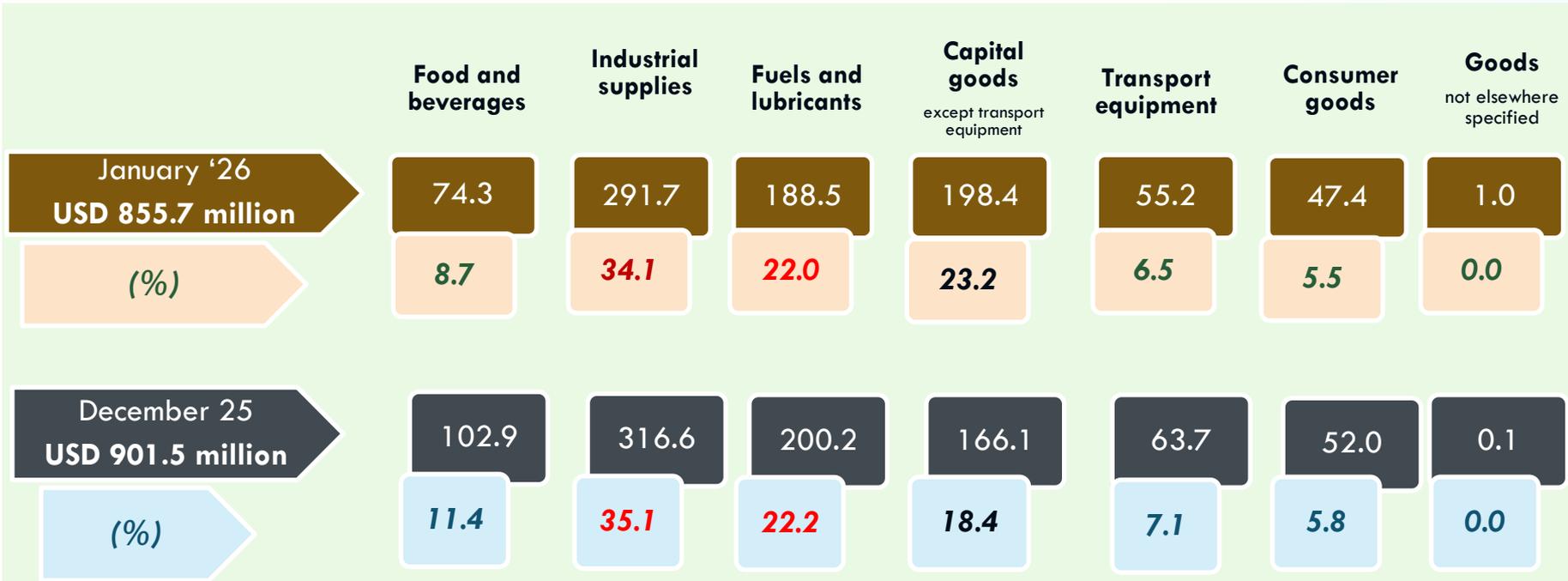
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was the predominant destination, accounting for **51.6%** of all export earnings.
- ❖ China (**22.1%**), South Africa (**13.4%**), Russia (**1.6%**) and Indonesia (**1.2%**) follow up as major export destinations.
- ❖ The five major countries accounted for about **ninety** percent of the total export value of **USD 969.4 million**.
- ❖ Other notable countries were Zambia (**1.2%**) and United States (**1.1%**).

Merchandise Imports in Jan 2026

Imports Overview

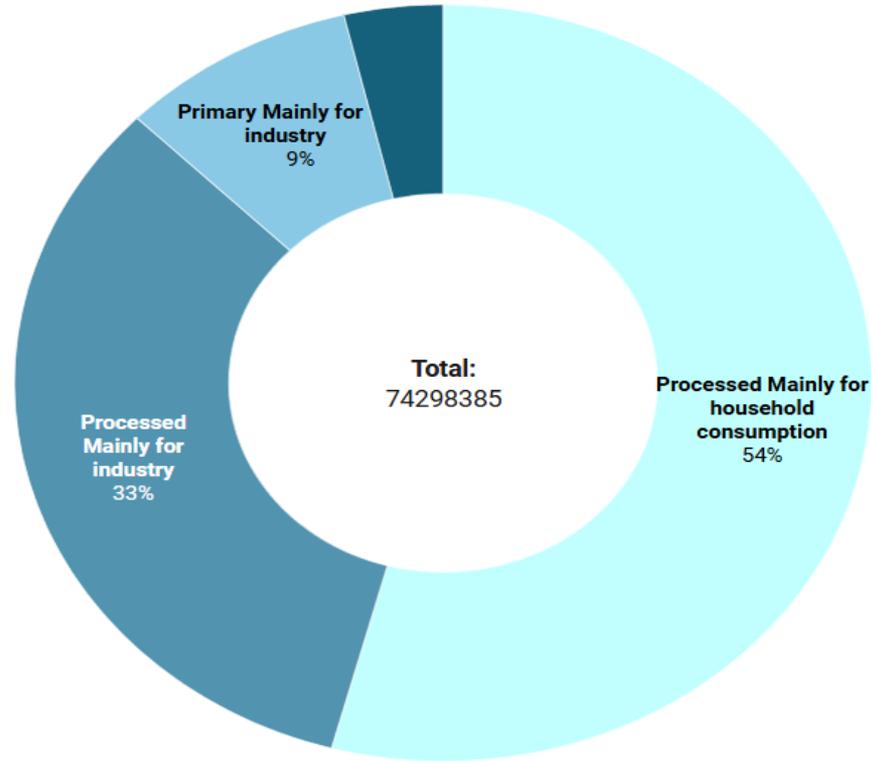


Imports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)



Industrial supplies comprised 34.1% of goods imported in January 2026, followed by Capital goods 23.2% and fuels and lubricants at 22.2%.

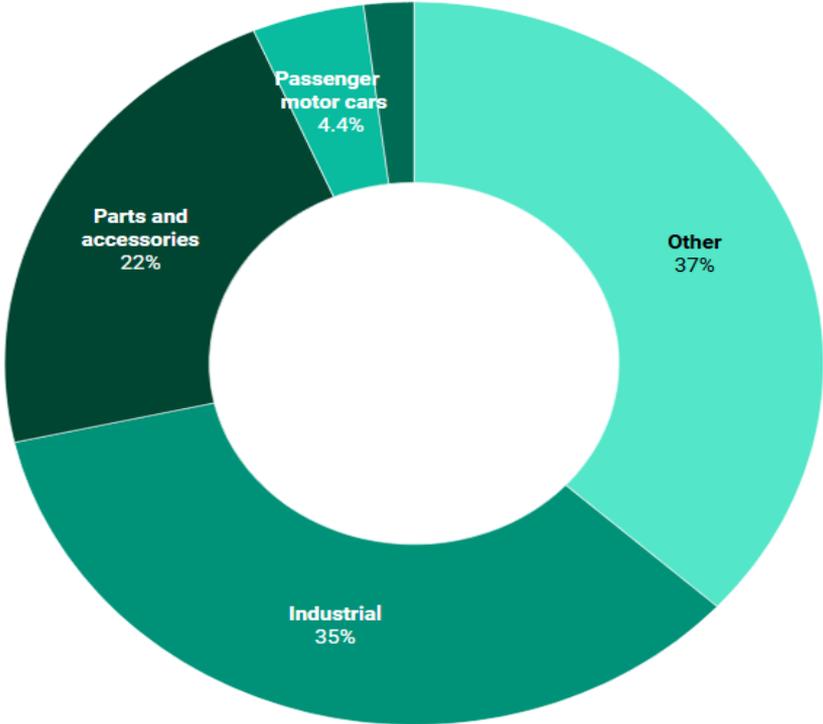
Food and Beverages Imports



Total:
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- Processed Mainly for household consumption
- Processed Mainly for industry
- Primary Mainly for industry
- Primary Mainly for household consumption

Transport Equipment Imports



- Other (37%)
- Industrial (35%)
- Parts and accessories (22%)
- Passenger motor cars (4.4%)
- Non-industrial (2%)

Imports by Type of Product

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in January 2026 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	22.3
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	8.5
	Cereals	5.8
	Fertilisers	5.5
	Vehicles	5.3
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.1
	Plastics	3.5
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	2.5
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2.2
	Other products	25.8
	Total	100.0

Mineral fuels (22.3%), Machinery & mechanical appliances (13.5%), Electrical machinery (8.5%), Cereals (5.8%), and fertilizers (5.5%) were among the top ten products imported in the same month.

Imports by product from SADC

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11.4
	Cereals	11.1
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	9.0
	Fertilisers	8.4
	Iron and steel and articles	5.6
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	5.3
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.8
	Plastics	4.4
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	4.0
	Vehicles	3.7
	Other Imports	32.3
	Total	100.0

Major imports from SADC in January 2026 were Machinery and mechanical appliances **(11.4%)**, Cereals **(11.1%)**, Mineral Fuels **(9.0%)** and fertilizers **(8.4%)**.

The four products contributed approximately 40% of the total import value of **USD 357.0 million**.

Imports by product from EU

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in January 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	47.2
	Electrical machinery and equipment	10.0
	Pharmaceutical products	5.3
	Miscellaneous chemical products	5.3
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	5.1
	Meat and edible meat offal.	5.1
	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products	3.9
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	3.6
	Vehicles	3.3
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	1.9
	Other Imports	9.3
	Total	100.0

Machinery and mechanical appliances, miscellaneous chemicals, electrical machinery and pharmaceutical products were the major imports from EU. These products made up **47.2%**, **10.0%** and **5.3%** of the total value (**USD 25.1 million**) of imports from EU, respectively.

Imports by product from AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in January 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11.3
	Cereals	10.9
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.9
	Fertilisers	8.8
	Iron and steel and articles	5.5
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	5.1
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.8
	Plastics	4.4
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	3.9
	Vehicles	3.7
	Other Imports	32.7
	Total	100.0

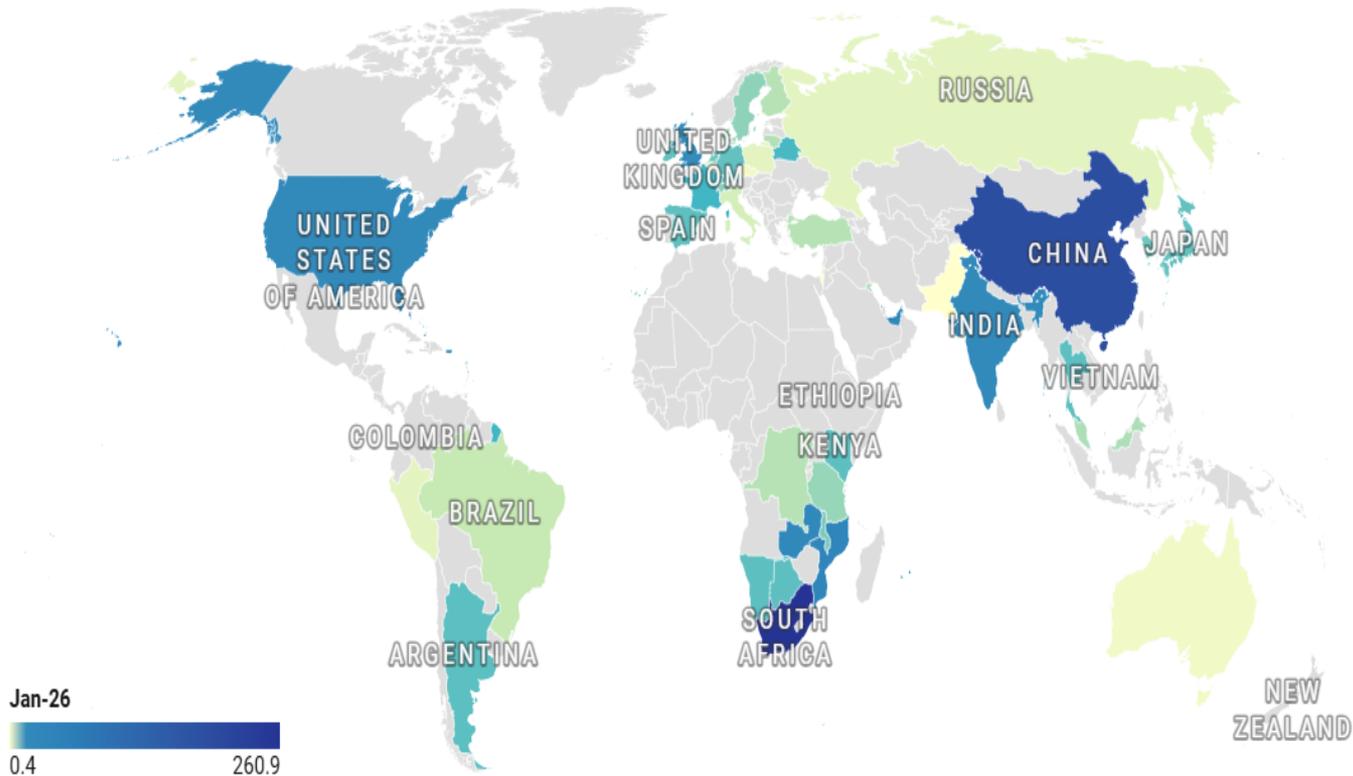
Major imports from AfCFTA in January 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, Cereals, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products and fertilizers, **11.3%**, **10.9%**, **8.9%** and **8.8%** respectively. Collectively these products made up **39.9%** of the total value (**USD 364.5 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA. .

Imports by product from COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA in January 2026 (%)		
	Fertilisers	18.7
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	15.0
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks'	4.9
	Cereals	4.9
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	3.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.7
	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	3.4
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.3
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	2.8
	Other Imports	35.3
	Total	100.0

Products imported from COMESA in January 2026 recorded a total value of **USD 61.9 million**. Fertilizers (**18.7%**) Salt, sulphur (**15.0%**), preparations of cereals (**4.9%**) and Cereals (**4.9%**)

IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES



❖ South Africa dominates imports with **30.5%** share.

❖ China (**22.1%**), Bahrain (**10.3%**), Bahamas (**4.9%**) follow as key suppliers.

❖ Together, the top 4 countries account for nearly **68%** of total imports.

❖ Other notable partners: Mozambique (**3.9%**), Hong Kong (**3.7%**) and UAE (**3.3%**).



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