



# **EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2026**

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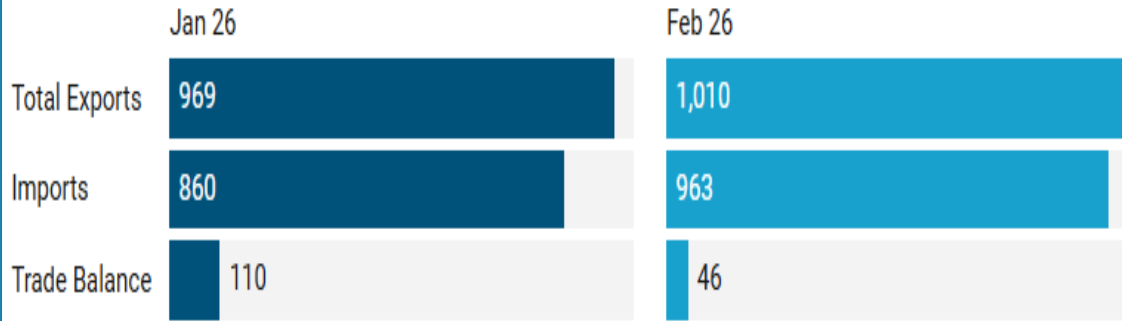
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# Methodology

- 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.

# Executive Summary

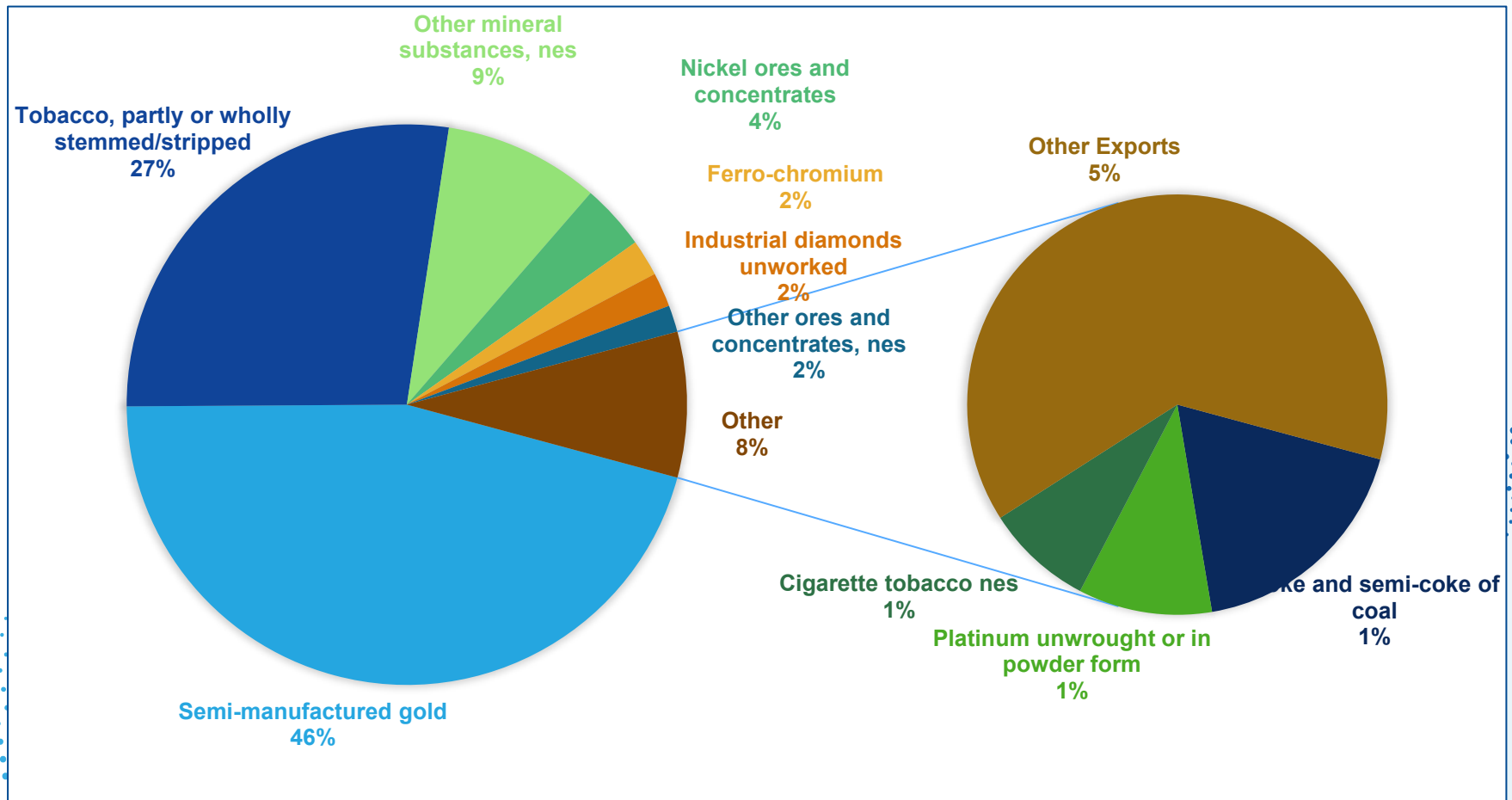
## TRADE BALANCE IN USD MILLIONS



- ❖ In February 2026, exports increased to **US\$ 1.01 billion (4.1%)**.
- ❖ Imports increased to **US\$963.1 million (12.0%)**.
- ❖ The resulting trade balance amounted to a surplus of **USD 46.5 million**, a **57.7%** decrease from the January 2026 surplus of **USD109.9 million**

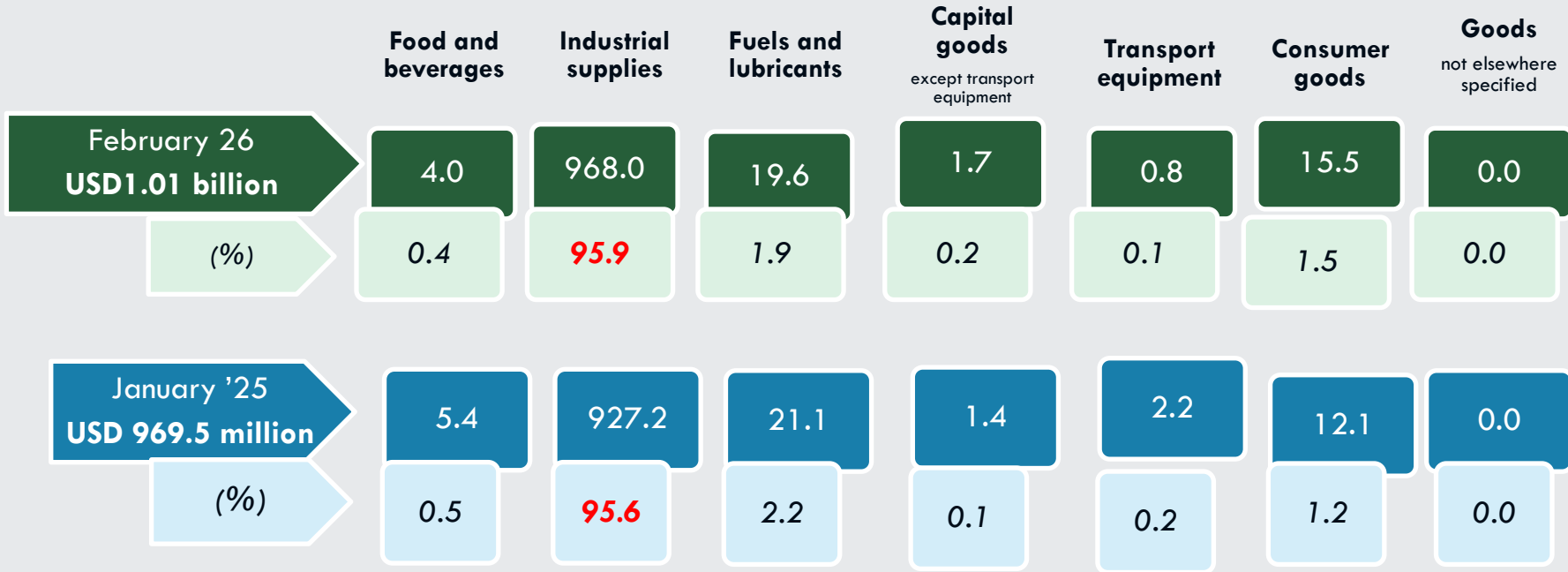
# Merchandise Exports in February 2026

# Exports Overview











# Exports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)

Industrial supplies accounted for **95.9%** of the goods exported in February 2026













# Exports by Type of Product: January 2026

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in February 2026 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	45.7
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	27.5
	Other mineral substances, nes	9.0
	Nickel ores and concentrates	3.8
	Ferro-chromium	2.1
	Industrial diamonds unworked	2.0
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	1.5
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.5
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	0.9
	Cigarette tobacco nes	0.7
	Other Exports	5.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>











Among the top ten products exported in February 2026 were Semi-manufactured gold (45.7%) Tobacco (27.5%), and Other mineral substances (9.0%)

# Exports to SADC

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in February 2026 (%)		
	Nickel ores and concentrates	28.3
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	11.7
	Industrial diamonds unworked	10.1
	Iron or steel and products	9.8
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	8.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	6.5
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	3.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	2.1
	Semi-manufactured gold	1.7
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	1.4
	Other Exports	16.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>











Among the top ten products exported to SADC February 2026 were Nickel ores (**28.3%**), Coke (**11.7%**) and Industrial diamonds (**10.1%**) . The three products accounted for around **50.1%** of the total export value of **USD 130.6 million**.

# Exports to EU

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in February 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	38.2
	Industrial diamonds unworked	28.1
	Ferro-chromium	12.8
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a squares	12.7
	Chromium ores and concentrates	4.8
	Hides and skins of reptiles	1.3
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.8
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.6
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.4
	Original sculptures and statuary, in any material	0.1
	Other Exports	0.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in February 2026 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**38.2%**), Industrial diamonds (**28.1%**), ferro-chromium (**12.8%**) accounting for around **79.1%** of the total value (**USD 14.7 million**) of goods exported to the EU.











# Exports to AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in February 2026 (%)		
	Nickel ores and concentrates	27.4
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	11.4
	Iron or steel and products	10.2
	Industrial diamonds unworked	9.8
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	8.8
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	8.4
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	3.1
	Chromium ores and concentrates	2.1
	Semi-manufactured gold	1.7
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	1.4
	Other Exports	15.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) February 2026 were nickel ores (**27.4%**), Coke (**11.4%**) Iron or steel products (**10.2%**) and industrial diamonds (**9.8%**).

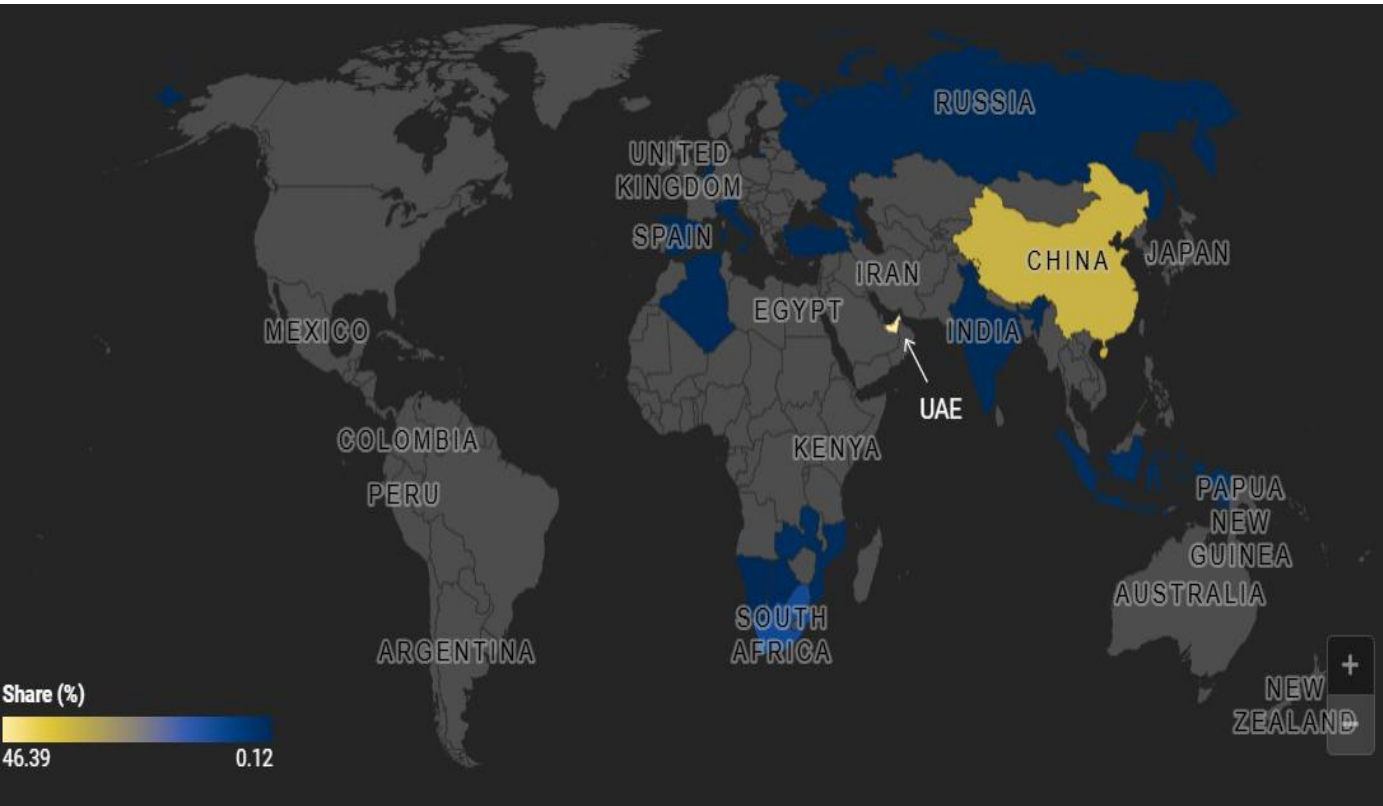
The four products accounted for fifty nine percent of the total export value of **USD 134.7 million**.

# Exports to COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in February 2026 (%)		
	Iron or steel and products	23.2
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	14.8
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	10.7
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	9.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	5.8
	Electrical energy	3.5
	Creosote oils	1.9
	Wood in the rough..., treated with paint, stains, creosote, etc	1.4
	Other uncoated paper	1.4
	Plasters	1.4
	Other Exports	26.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in February 2026 comprised iron and steel (**23.2%**), coke and semi-coke of coal (**14.8%**), and bituminous coal and tobacco (**10.7%**). The products constituted about **49%** of the total export value of **USD 17.0 million**.

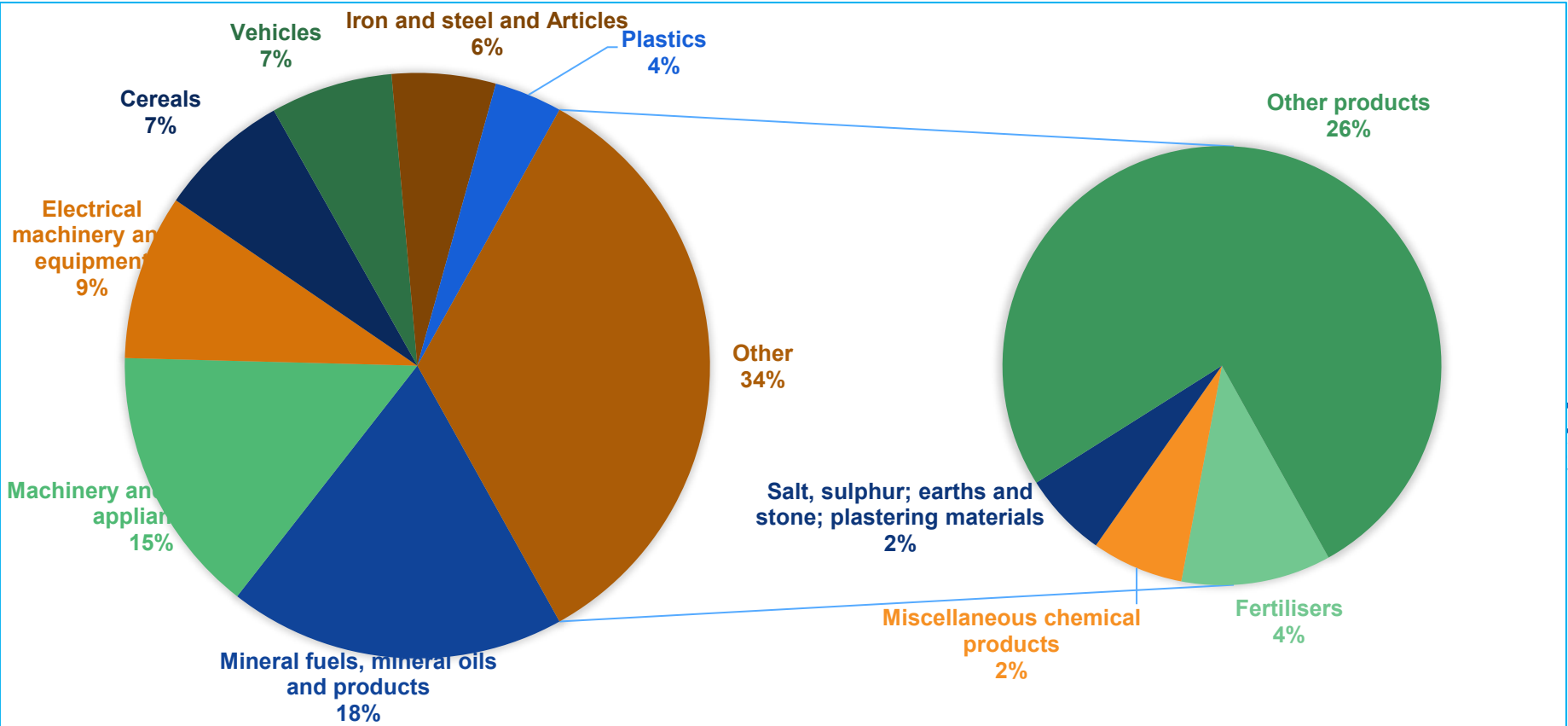
## EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION



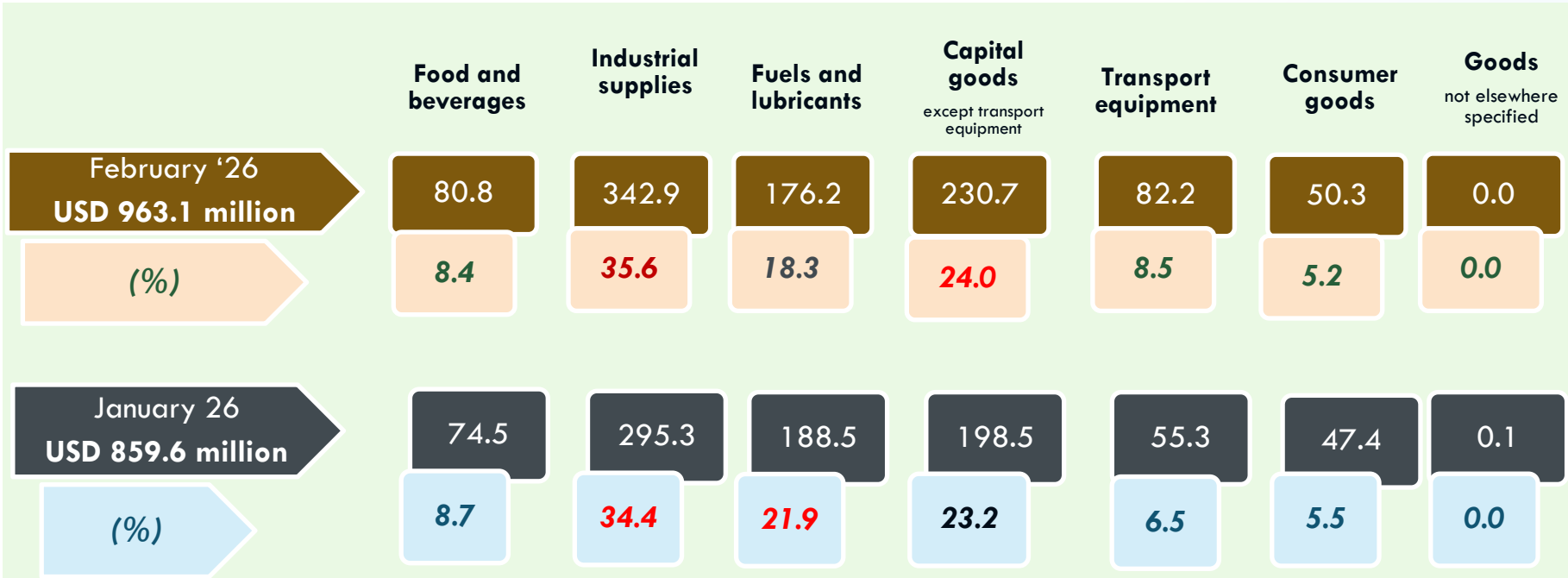
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was the predominant destination, accounting for **46.4%** of all export earnings.
- ❖ China (**34.3%**), South Africa (**9.8%**), Indonesia (**1.7%**) and Zambia (**1.4%**) follow up as major export destinations.
- ❖ The five major countries accounted for about ninety-four percent of the total export value of **USD 1010 million**.
- ❖ Other notable countries were Mozambique (**1.0%**) and Belgium (**0.7%**).

# Merchandise Imports in February 2026

# Imports Overview

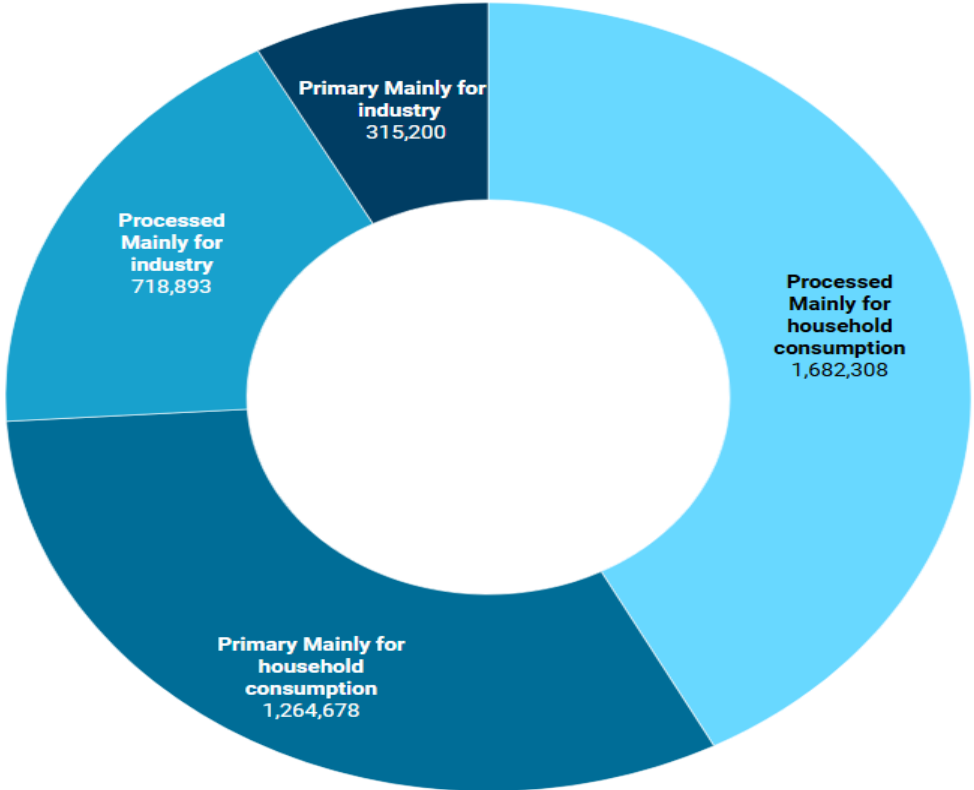


# Imports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)



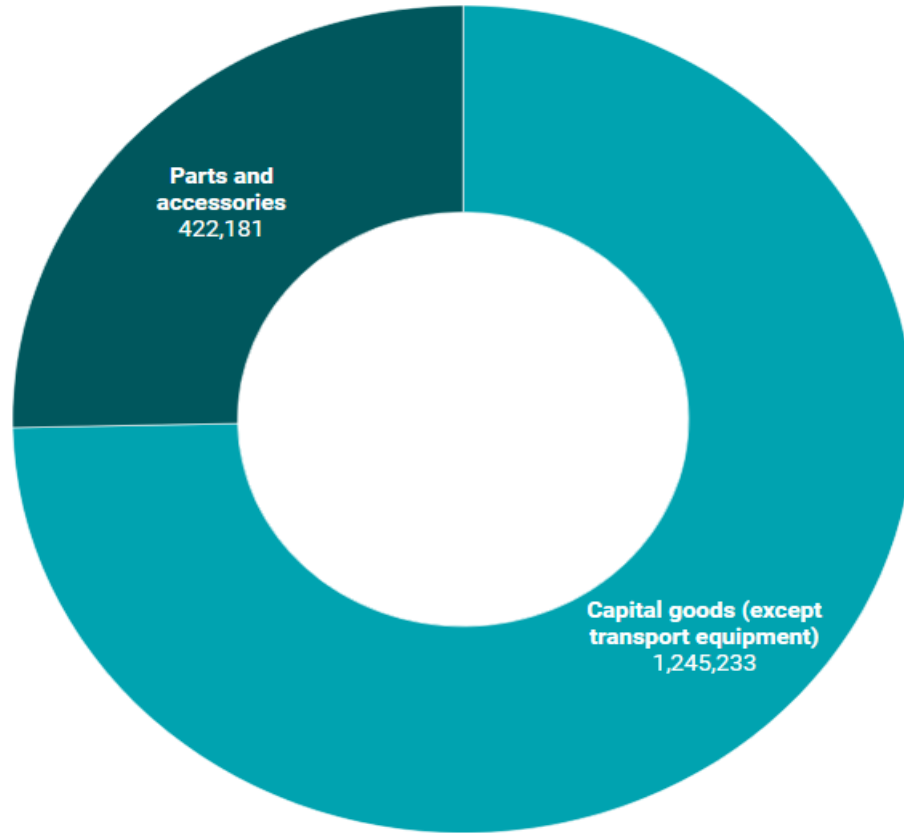
**Industrial supplies comprised 35.6% of goods imported in February 2026, followed by Capital goods 24.0% and fuels and lubricants at 18.3%.**

# Food and Beverages Imports













Processed Mainly for household consumption Primary Mainly for household consumption Processed Mainly for industry Primary Mainly for industry

# Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories













■ Capital goods (except transport equipment) ■ Parts and accessories

# Imports by Type of Product

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in February 2026 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	18.6
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	14.9
	Electrical machinery and equipment	9.1
	Cereals	7.3
	Vehicles	6.7
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.7
	Plastics	3.7
	Fertilisers	3.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.3
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	2.1
	Other products	25.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Mineral fuels (18.6%), Machinery & mechanical appliances (14.9%), Electrical machinery (9.1%), cereals (7.3%), and vehicles (6.7%) were among the top ten products imported in the same month.











# Imports by product from SADC

	Cereals	12.6
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.5
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	6.6
	Iron and steel and articles	6.4
	Vehicles	5.3
	Fertilisers	5.0
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.9
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	4.8
	Plastics	4.8
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.5
	Other Imports	33.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Major imports from SADC in February 2026 were Cereals (**12.6%**), Machinery and mechanical appliances (**12.5%**), Mineral Fuels (**6.6%**) and iron and steel (**6.4%**).











The four products contributed approximately 40% of the total import value of **USD 435.2 million**.

# Imports by product from EU

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	22.5
	Vehicles	15.7
	Pharmaceutical products	12.1
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	9.4
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	9.0
	Ceramic products	5.5
	Meat and edible meat offal.	5.2
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	4.8
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.2
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.5
	Other Imports	10.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>











Machinery and mechanical appliances, **vehicles**, pharmaceutical products and medical or surgical instruments were the major imports from EU. These products made up **22.5%**, **15.7%**, **12.1%** and **9.4%** of the total value (**USD 21.5 million**) of imports from EU, respectively.

# Imports by product from AfCFTA

<b>Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in February 2026 (%)</b>		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.4
	Cereals	12.4
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	6.6
	Iron and steel and articles	6.4
	Vehicles	5.3
	Fertilisers	4.9
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.9
	Plastics	4.8
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	4.8
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.5
	Other Imports	34.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

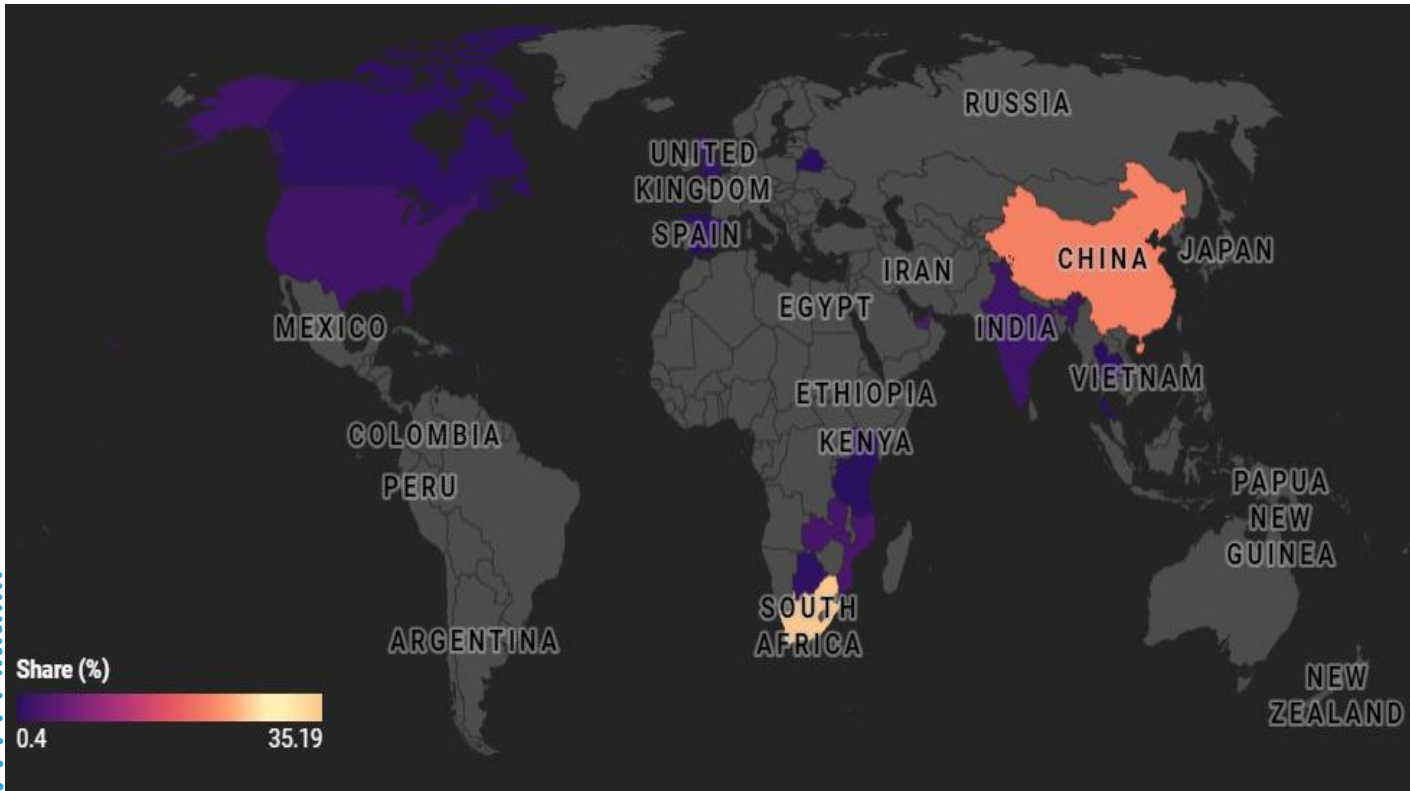
Major imports from AfCFTA in February 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, cereals, mineral fuels, iron and steel and vehicles, **12.4%**, **12.4%**, **6.6%** and **6.4%** respectively. Collectively these products made up **37.8%** of the total value (**USD 441.1 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA. .

# Imports by product from COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA February 2026 (%)		
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	16.6
	Cereals	11.2
	Vehicles	9.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	6.4
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	4.1
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.8
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	3.2
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	3.2
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals,	2.8
	Other Imports	35.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Products imported from COMESA in February 2026 recorded a total value of **USD 58.7 million**. Salt, sulphur (**16.6%**), Cereals (**11.2%**), vehicles (**9.3%**) and electrical machinery (**6.4%**) were among the top ten products.

## IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES



- ❖ South Africa dominates imports with **35.2%** share.
- ❖ China (**22.4%**), Bahrain (**8.7%**), Bahamas (**3.8%**) follow as key suppliers.
- ❖ Together, the top 4 countries account for nearly **71%** of total imports.
- ❖ Other notable partners: Hong Kong (**3.5%**) UAE (**3.5%**) and Mozambique (**3.0%**).



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