



EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS MARCH 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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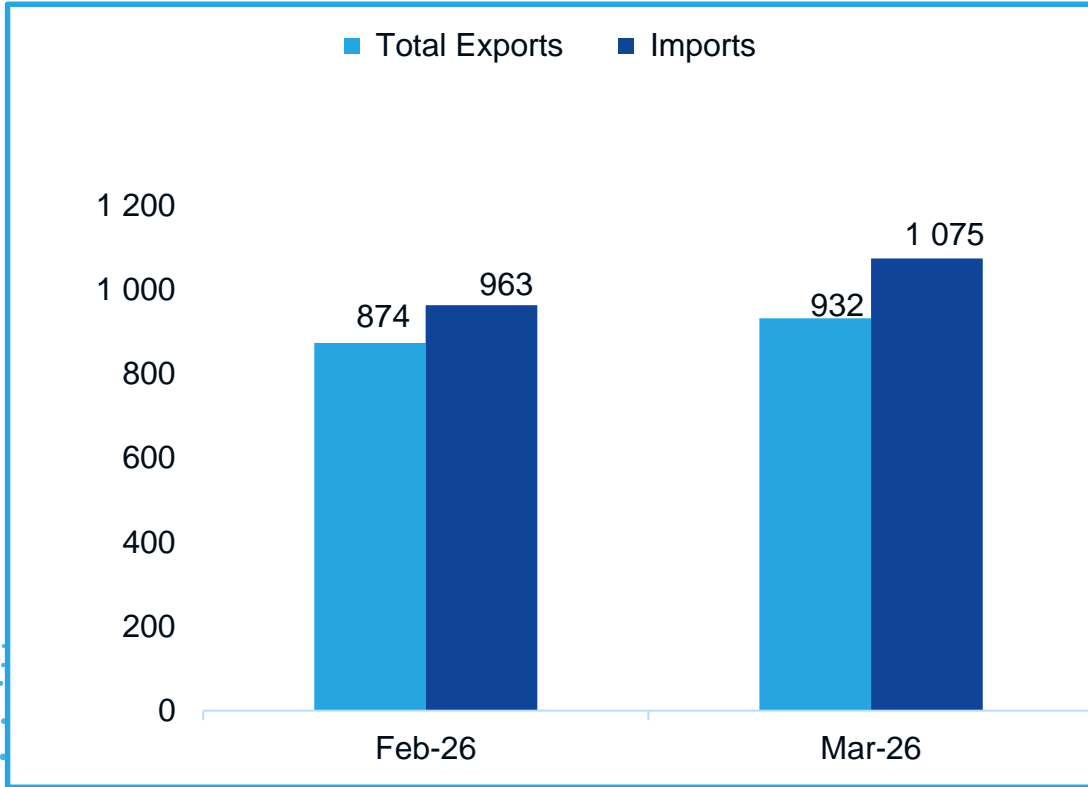
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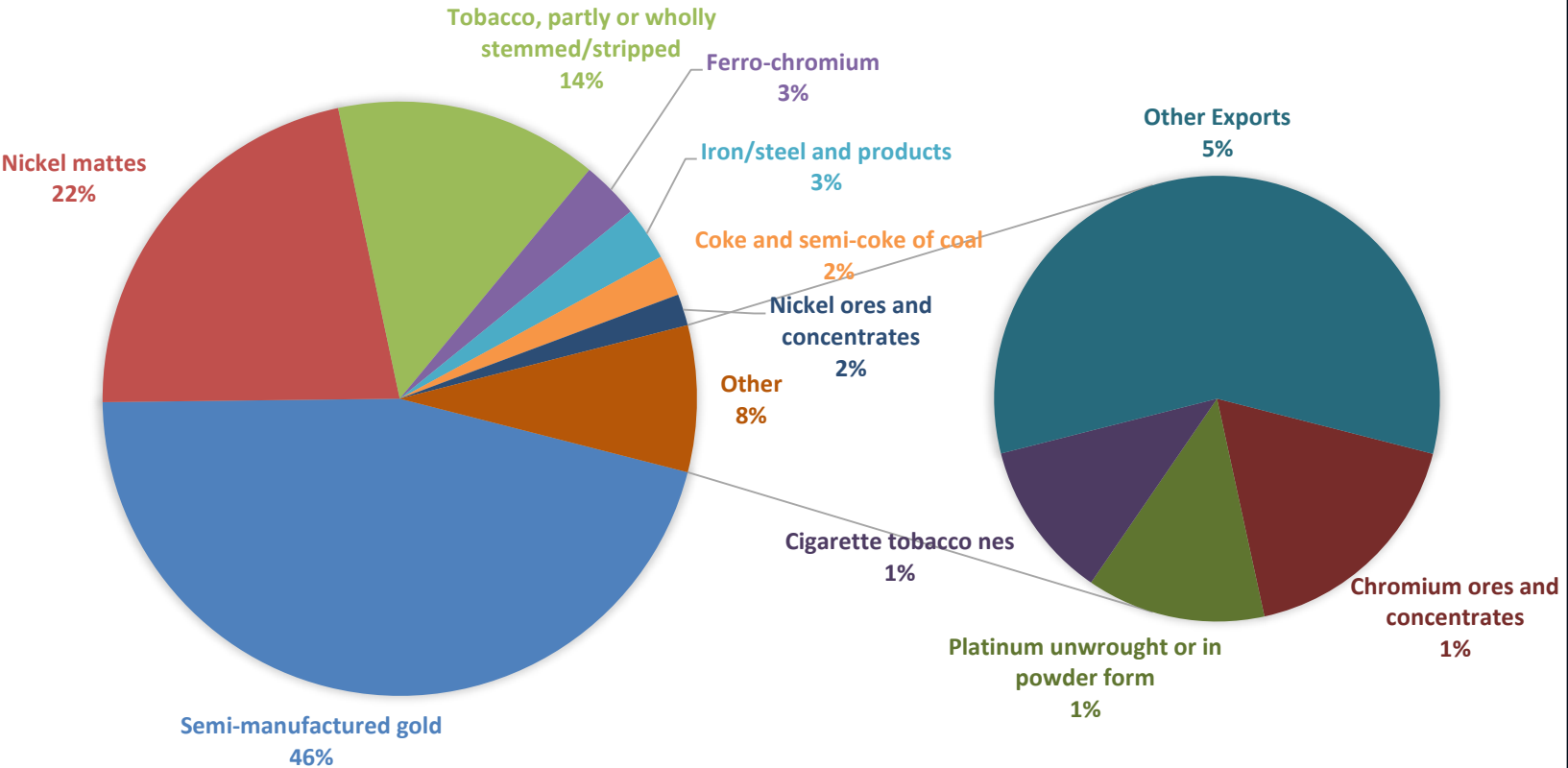
Executive Summary



- ❖ In March 2026, exports increased to **US\$932 million (6.7%)**.
- ❖ Imports increased to **US\$1.07 billion (11.6%)**.
- ❖ The resulting trade balance amounted to a deficit of **USD 142.8 million**, a **59.3%** increase from the February 2026 deficit of **USD89.7 million**

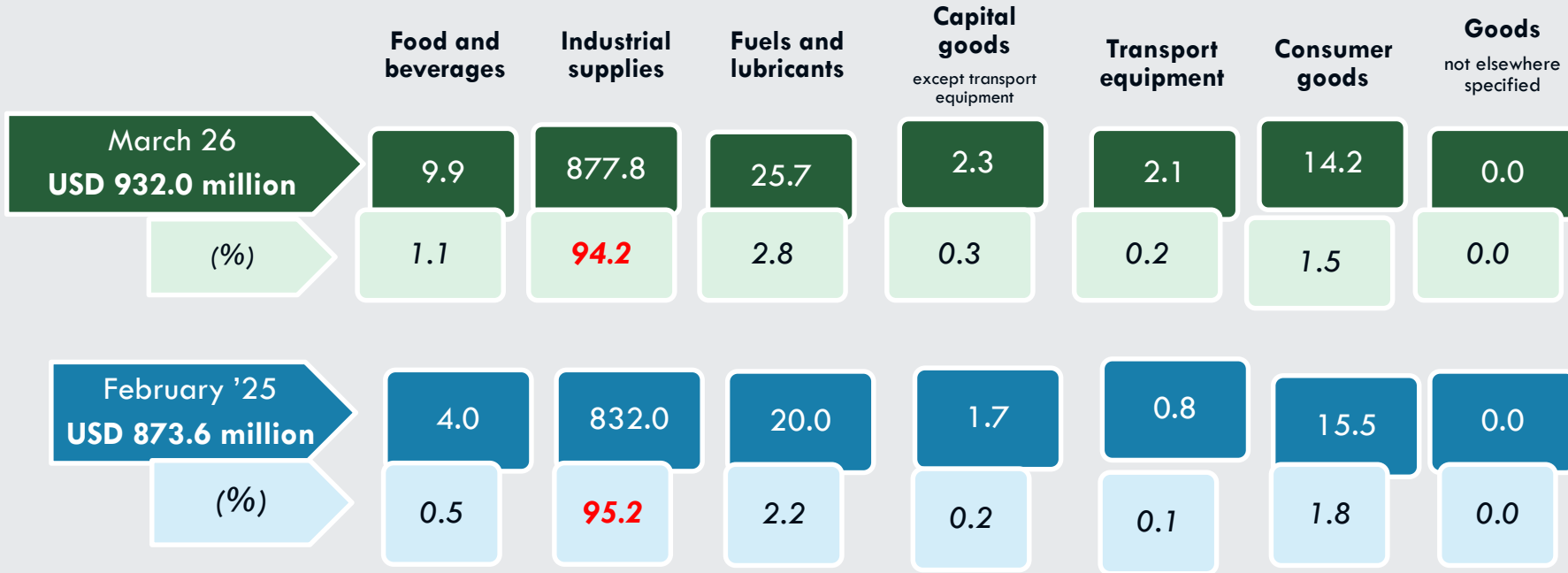
Merchandise Exports in March 2026

Exports Overview







Exports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)

Industrial supplies accounted for **94.2%** of the goods exported in March 2026













Exports by Type of Product: March 2026

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in March 2026 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	45.8
	Nickel mattes	21.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	14.3
	Ferro-chromium	3.1
	Iron/steel and products	2.9
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	2.2
	Nickel ores and concentrates	1.7
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.4
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	1.0
	Cigarette tobacco nes	0.9
	Other Exports	4.6
	Total	100.0

Among the top ten products exported in March 2026 were Semi-manufactured gold (**45.8%**), Nickel mattes (**21.9%**), and Tobacco (**14.3%**)

Exports to SADC

	Nickel mattes	60.9
	Iron or steel and products	8.1
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	6.2
	Nickel ores and concentrates	4.8
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.6
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.9
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.4
	Tobacco refuse	0.9
	Chromium ores and concentrates	0.9
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	0.8
	Other Exports	8.5
	Total	100.0






Among the top ten products exported to SADC in March 2026 were Nickel ores (**60.9%**), Iron or steel products (**8.1%**) and coke and semi-coke (**6.2%**) . The three products accounted for around **75.2%** of the total export value of **USD 334.4 million**.

Exports to EU

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in March 2026 (%)		
	Ferro-chromium	58.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	34.7
	Chromium ores and concentrates	1.6
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	1.5
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	1.1
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.8
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.7
	Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, & other glass containers	0.2
	Original sculptures and statuary, in any material	0.1
	Apparel and Clothing	0.1
	Other Exports	0.2
	Total	100.0

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in March 2026 were Ferro-chromium (**58.9%**), Tobacco (**34.7%**), Chromium (**1.6%**) accounting for around **95.2%** of the total value (**USD 11.7 million**) of goods exported to the EU.










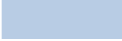
Exports to AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in March 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	60.6
	Iron or steel and products	8.1
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	6.2
	Nickel ores and concentrates	4.7
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.8
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.9
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.5
	Tobacco refuse	0.9
	Chromium ores and concentrates	0.9
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	0.8
	Other Exports	8.6
	Total	100.0

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in March 2026 were nickel mattes (**60.6%**), Iron or steel products (**8.1%**) and coke and semi-coke (**6.2%**) and nickel ores (**4.7%**).

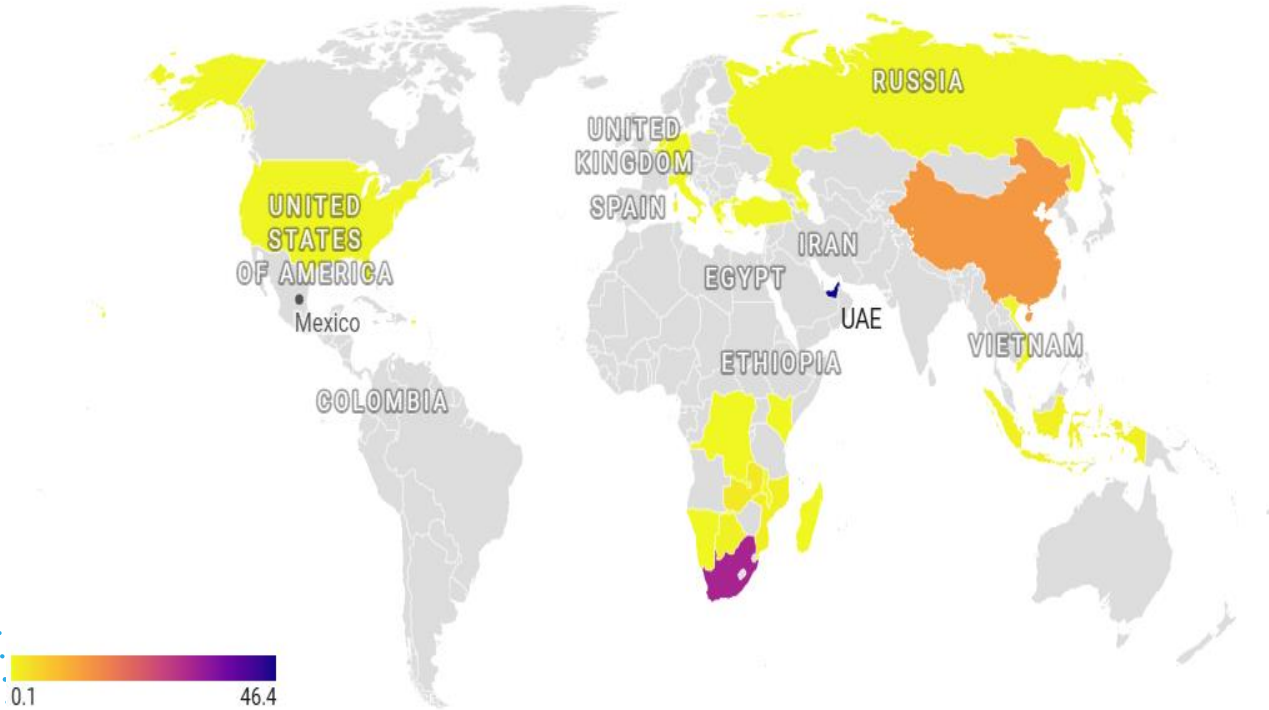
The four products accounted for around eighty percent of the total export value of **USD 336 million**.

Exports to COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in March 2026 (%)		
	Iron or steel and products	30.2
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	13.5
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	13.0
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	10.7
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.3
	Other uncoated paper	3.1
	Plasters	2.5
	Lead-acid accumulators for starting piston engines	1.6
	Crane lorries	1.5
	Electrical energy	1.4
	Other Exports	19.1
	Total	100.0

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in March 2026 comprised iron and steel (**30.2%**), coke and semi-coke of coal (**13.5%**), tobacco (**13.0%**) and bituminous coal (**10.7%**). The products constituted about **68.0%** of the total export value of **USD 22.8 million**.

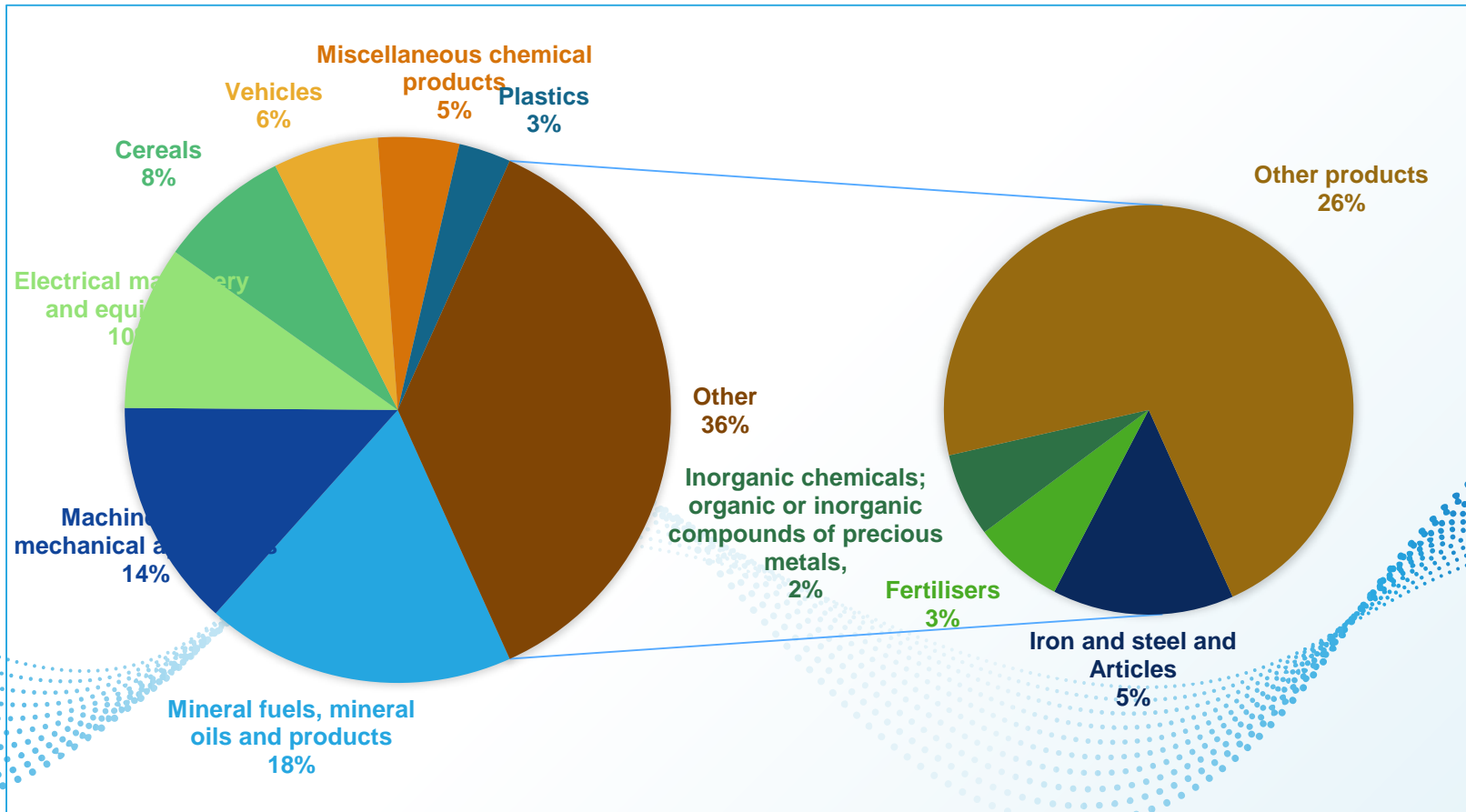
EXPORT DESTINATION



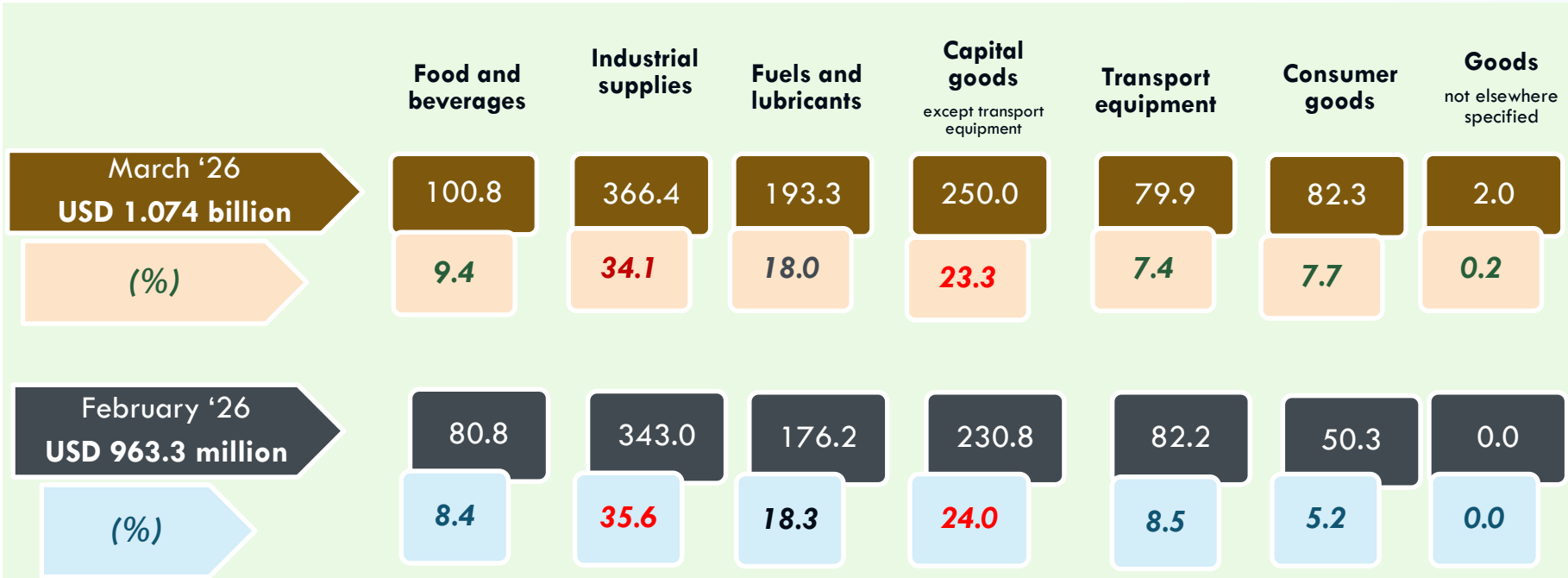
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was the predominant destination, accounting for **46.4%** of all export earnings.
- ❖ South Africa (**31.5%**), China (**13.6%**), Zambia (**2.0%**) and Mozambique (**1.1%**) follow up as major export destinations.
- ❖ The five major countries accounted for about ninety five percent of the total export value of **USD 932.0 million**.
- ❖ Other notable countries were Indonesia (**0.9%**) and Netherlands (**0.8%**).

Merchandise Imports in March 2026

Imports Overview

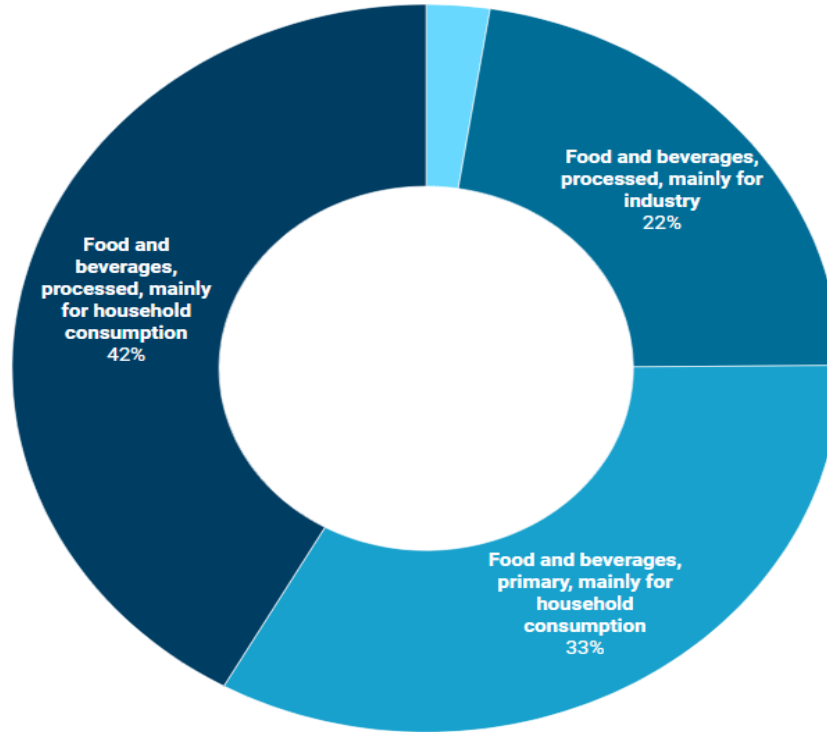


Imports by Broad Economic Category (BEC)



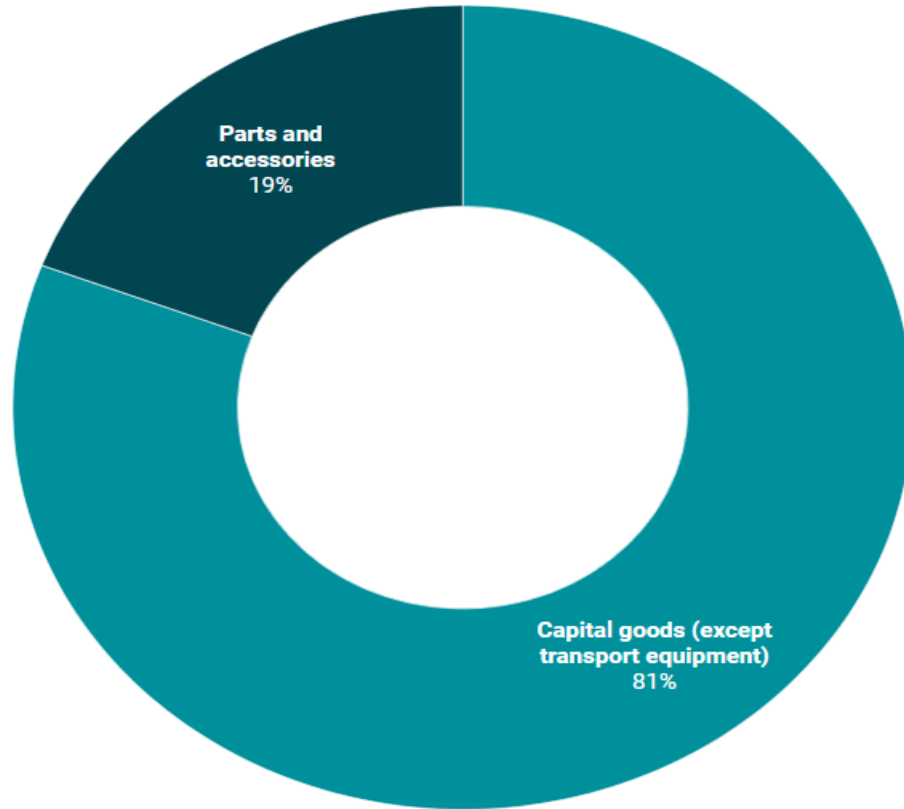
Industrial supplies comprised 34.1% of goods imported in March 2026, followed by Capital goods 23.3% and fuels and lubricants at 18.0%.

Food and Beverages Imports













- Food and beverages, primary, mainly for industry
- Food and beverages, processed, mainly for industry
- Food and beverages, primary, mainly for household consumption
- Food and beverages, processed, mainly for household consumption

Capital goods and parts and accessories













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

Imports by Type of Product

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in March 2026 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	18.3
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	9.7
	Cereals	7.8
	Vehicles	6.2
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.8
	Plastics	3.1
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.2
	Fertilisers	2.6
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals,	2.4
	Other products	26.3
	Total	100.0

Mineral fuels (18.3%), Machinery & mechanical appliances (13.5%), Electrical machinery (9.7%), cereals (7.8%), and vehicles (6.2%) were among the top ten products imported in the same month.











Imports by product from SADC

	Cereals	13.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.0
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.9
	Iron and steel and articles	5.9
	Vehicles	5.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.4
	Fertilisers	4.4
	Plastics	3.8
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	3.6
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.0
	Other Imports	35.4
	Total	100.0

Major imports from SADC in March 2026 were Cereals (**13.1%**), Machinery and mechanical appliances (**13.0%**), Mineral Fuels (**8.9%**) and iron and steel (**5.9%**).











The four products contributed approximately 41% of the total import value of **USD 525.4 million**.

Imports by product from EU

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	44.0
	Miscellaneous chemical products	13.8
	Pharmaceutical products	6.0
	Meat and edible meat offal.	5.9
	Vehicles	5.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.9
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	3.8
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.0
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	2.5
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1.1
	Other Imports	10.4
	Total	100.0










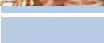
Machinery and mechanical appliances, vehicles, miscellaneous chemical products, pharmaceutical products and meat and edible meat offal were the major imports from EU. These products made up **44.0%**, **13.8%**, **6.0%** and **5.9%** of the total value (**USD 37.1 million**) of imports from EU, respectively.

Imports by product from AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in March 2026 (%)		
	Cereals	12.8
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.8
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.8
	Iron and steel and articles	5.8
	Vehicles	5.6
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.5
	Fertilisers	4.5
	Plastics	3.8
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	3.5
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.1
	Other Imports	8.9
	Total	100.0

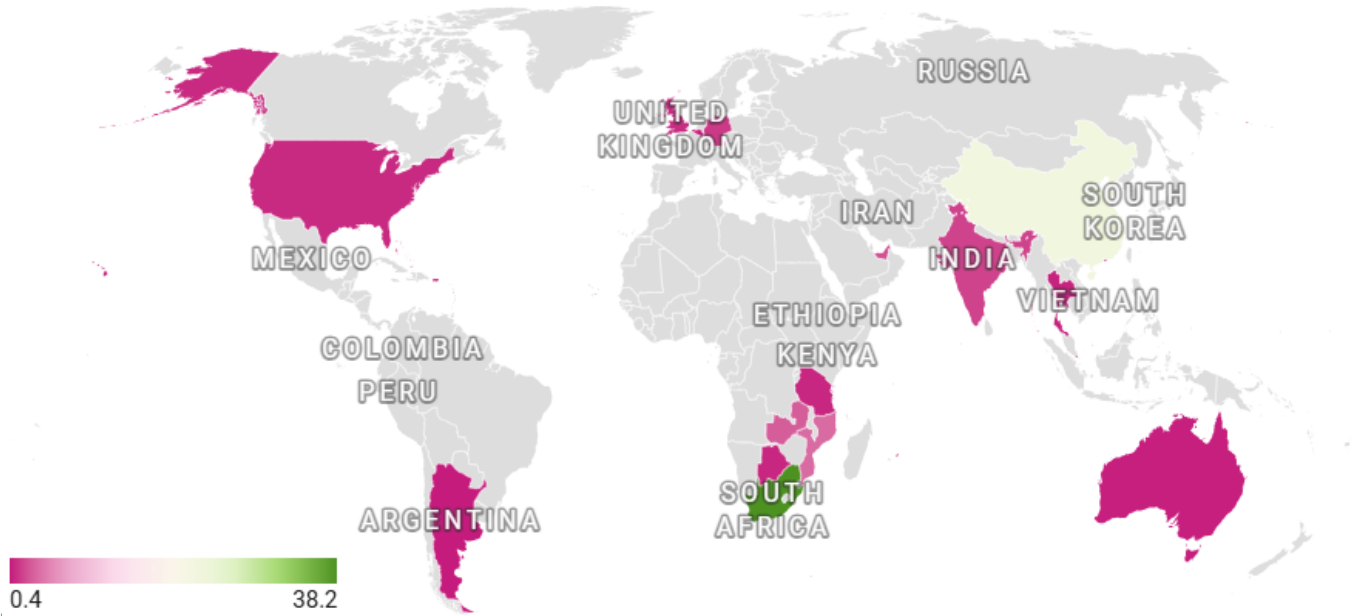
Major imports from AfCFTA in March 2026 were cereals, machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, and iron and steel, **12.8%**, **12.8%**, **8.8%** and **5.8%** respectively. Collectively these products made up **40.2%** of the total value (**USD 534.8 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA. .

Imports by product from COMESA

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA March 2026 (%)		
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	18.0
	Cereals	14.6
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	7.0
	Electrical machinery and equipment	6.3
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	5.5
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals,	5.5
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	4.9
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.7
	Soap, organic surfactants, washing/lubricating preps, artificial waxes, polishing	2.5
	Copper and articles thereof	2.2
	Other Imports	29.8
	Total	100.0

Products imported from COMESA in March 2026 recorded a total value of **USD 65.2 million**. Salt, sulphur (**18.0%**), Cereals (**14.6%**), preparations of cereals (**7.0%**) and electrical machinery (**6.3%**) were among the top ten products.

IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRY



- ❖ South Africa dominates imports with **38.2%** share.
- ❖ China (**22.1%**), Bahrain (**9.0%**), Bahamas (**3.7%**) follow as key suppliers.
- ❖ Together, the top 4 countries account for nearly **74%** of total imports.
- ❖ Other notable partners: **Mozambique (3.6%)**, **Zambia (2.9%)** and **UAE(2.3%)**.



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