



ZIMBABWE'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Zimbabwe's goods trade balance of **USD239.1 million** surplus recorded in June 2026 increased by **34.1%** to **USD320.6million** in July 2026. (refer to Table 1)¹

July 2026 exports amounted to **USD1.47 billion**, an increase of **1.9%** (**USD27.9 million**) from the June 2026 value of **USD1.44 billion**.

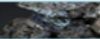
Imports for the month totalled **USD1.15 billion**, which was **4.5%** (**USD53.7 million**) less than the June 2026 imports of **USD1.20 billion**.

Table 1: Value of Exported and Imported Goods

Month	Value of Exports (USD Million)	Value of Imports (USD Million)	Trade Balance (USD Million)
July 2026	1469.8	1149.2	+320.6
June 2026	1441.9	1202.8	+239.1
Percent Change	1.9%	4.5%	34.1%

TOP TEN EXPORT PRODUCTS

Among the top ten products exported in July 2026 were semi-manufactured gold, other mineral substances, nes and nickel mattes accounting for **34.1%**, **21.7%**, and **13.5%** of the total value of **USD1.47 billion**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in July 2026 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	34.1
	Other mineral substances, nes	21.7
	Nickel mattes	13.5
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	8.2
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.9
	Other sulphates, nes	2.5
	Ferro-chromium	2.2
	Waste /scrap or metal clad with gold	2.2
	Nickel ores and concentrates	1.5
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.4
	Other Exports	8.8
	Total	100.0

¹ A trade deficit occurs when a country's value of imports is greater than that of exports in a given period. When the value of exports exceeds the value of imports, it implies a trade surplus.

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 July 2026.

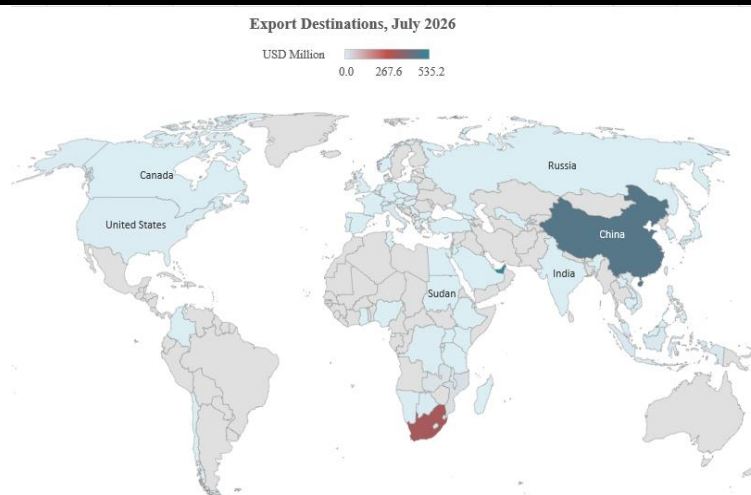
The products constituted **22.5%**, **14.5%**, **6.5%** and **6.4%** of the total import value of **USD1.15 billion**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in July 2026 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	22.5
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	14.5
	Vehicles	6.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	6.4
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.0
	Fertilisers	4.4
	Cereals	4.3
	Plastics	3.6
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	2.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.4
	Other products	27.7
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

The country's major export destinations in July 2026 were United Arab Emirates (**USD535.2 million**), China (**USD466.8 million**) and South Africa (**USD316.4 million**).

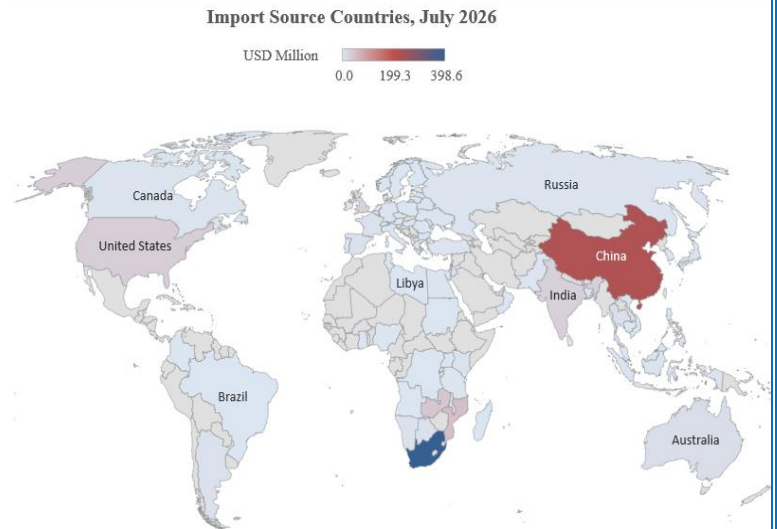
The three countries accounted for about ninety percent of the total export value of **USD1.47 billion**.



MAJOR IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES

The major source countries for imports in July 2026 were South Africa (**USD398.6 million**), China (**USD221.1 million**), Bahrain (**USD76.2 million**) and Mozambique(**USD51.2 million**).

The four countries accounted for sixty five percent of the total import value of **USD1.15 billion**.



MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO SADC

The major exports to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in July 2026 were nickel mattes (**53.6%**), iron/steel and products (**7.5%**), nickel ores and concentrates (**5.9%**) and coke and semi-coke of coal (**5.5%**).

The four products accounted for about seventy three percent of the total export value of **USD371.0 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in July 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	53.6
	Iron/steel and products	7.5
	Nickel ores and concentrates	5.9
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.6
	Semi-manufactured gold /Unwrought gold	3.6
	Other sulphates, nes	3.5
	Cigarette tobacco nes/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.3
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.2
	Cane sugar	1.7
	Other Exports	10.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO COMESA

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in July 2026 comprised of iron/steel and products, coke and semi-coke of coal, bituminous coal not agglomerated and cigarette tobacco nes.

The products constituted **30.6%**, **12.1%**, **8.1%** and **6.5%** of the total export value of **USD28.8 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in July 2026 (%)		
	Iron/steel and products	30.6
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	12.1
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	8.1
	Cigarette tobacco nes	6.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.5
	Maize seed	3.1
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	3.0
	Other uncoated paper	1.7
	Plasters	1.6
	Electrical energy	1.5
	Other Exports	28.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO THE EU

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in July 2026 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**48.0%**), ferro-chromium (**34.4%**), chromium ores and concentrates (**15.0%**) and granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface (**1.5%**).

The four products accounted for about ninety nine percent of total value (**USD36.0 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in July 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	48.0
	Ferro-chromium	34.4
	Chromium ores and concentrates	15.0
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	1.5
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.4
	Tobacco refuse	0.4
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.1
	Other fresh flowers/Roses	0.1
	Fruits of genus capsicum/pimenta dried	0.1
	Spectrometers, spectrophotometers	0.0
	Other Exports	0.0
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AfCFTA

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in July 2026 were nickel mattes (**53.3%**), iron/steel and products (**7.5%**), nickel ores and concentrates (**5.9%**) and coke and semi-coke of coal (**5.5%**).

The four products accounted for seventy two percent of the total export value of **USD373.2 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in July 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	53.3
	Iron/steel and products	7.5
	Nickel ores and concentrates	5.9
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.7
	Semi-manufactured gold /Unwrought gold	3.5
	Other sulphates, nes	3.5
	Cigarette tobacco nes/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.4
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.2
	Cane sugar	1.7
	Other Exports	10.8
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM SADC

Major imports from SADC in July 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances (**12.9%**), mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (**10.8%**), iron and steel and articles (**6.3%**) and fertilisers (**5.9%**).

The four products contributed about thirty six percent of the total import value of **USD542.9 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in July 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.9
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	10.8
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.3
	Fertilisers	5.9
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.9
	Cereals	4.9
	Vehicles	4.6
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.4
	Plastics	4.4
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	4.3
	Other Imports	36.7
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE EU

Major imports from the EU in July 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, miscellaneous chemical products, and meat and edible meat offal. These products accounted for **43.4%**, **15.3%** and **9.4%** of the total value (**USD22.8 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

The three products constituted sixty eight percent of the total value of goods imported from the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in July 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	43.4
	Miscellaneous chemical products	15.3
	Meat and edible meat offal.	9.4
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	5.7
	Pharmaceutical products	4.2
	Plastics	2.6
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	2.3
	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1.9
	Electrical machinery and equipment	1.8
	Oilseeds, grains, seeds, fruits, and medicinal plants.	1.8
	Other Imports	11.7
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE COMESA

Products imported from COMESA in July 2026 recorded a total value of **USD87.6 million**. Salt, sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials & cement accounted for **16.1%**, cereals **8.4%** and fertilisers **7.1%**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA July 2026 (%)		
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	16.1
	Cereals	8.4
	Fertilisers	7.1
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	5.9
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	5.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.5
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.8
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	4.5
	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	3.6
	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	3.6
	Other Imports	34.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's major imports from AfCFTA in July 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, fertilisers and electrical machinery and equipment **12.9%**, **10.7%**, **5.8%** and **5.0%** respectively. These products accounted for **34.4%** of the total value (**USD551.1 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in July 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	12.9
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	10.7
	Fertilisers	5.8
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.0
	Cereals	4.8
	Vehicles	4.5
	Plastics	4.4
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.4
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	4.2
	Oilseeds, grains, seeds, fruits, and medicinal plants.	3.6
	Other Imports	39.6
	Total	100.0