ZIMBABWE'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Zimbabwe's goods trade balace of **USD526.2 million** surplus in August 2026 decreased by **91.1%** to **USD46.7 million** in September 2026. *(refer to Table 1)*[1]

September 2026 exports amounted to **USD1.36 billion**, an decrease of **19.3% (USD323.6 million)** from August 2026 value of **USD1.68 billion**.

Imports for the month totalled **USD1.31 billion**, an increase of **13.5% (USD155.9 million)** from August 2026 imports of **USD1.15 billion.**

Table 1: Value of Exported and Imported Goods

Month	Value of Exports *(USD Million)*	Value of Imports *(USD Million)*	Trade Balance *(USD Million)*
September 2026	1355.3	1308.5	+46.7
August 2026	1678.9	1152.7	+526.2
Percent Change	**19.3%**	**13.5%**	**91.1%**

TOP TEN EXPORT PRODUCTS

Among the top ten products exported in September 2026 were semi-manufactured gold, other mineral substances, nes and tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped accounting for **47.6%**, **21.0%**, and **9.1%** of the total value of **USD1.36** billion, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in September 2026 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	47.6
	Other mineral substances, nes	21.0
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	9.1
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	8.1
	Nickel mattes	1.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.3
	Ferro-chromium	1.2
	Other sulphates, nes	0.8
	Cigarette tobacco nes	0.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	0.8
	Other Exports	7.4
	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 September 2026.

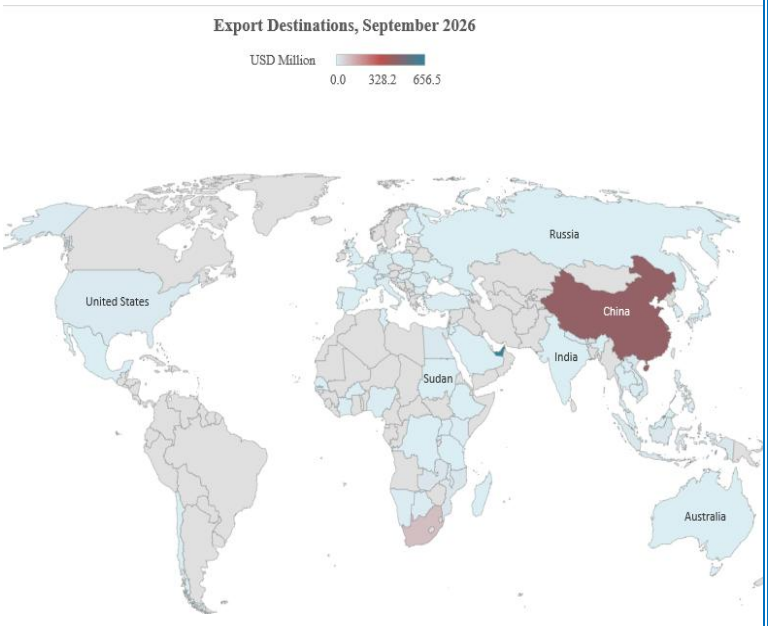
The products constituted **26.7%, 14.8%, 7.3%** and **5.5%** of the total import value of **USD1.31 billion,** respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports in September 2026 (%)		
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	26.7
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	14.8
	Vehicles	7.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	5.5
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.1
	Fertilisers	5.0
	Plastics and articles thereof	3.1
	Cereals	2.9
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	2.4
	Inorganic chemicals; organic/inorganic compounds of precious	2.1
	Other products	25.0
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

The country's major export destinations in September 2026 were United Arab Emirates (**USD656.5 million),** China **(USD437.3 million)** and South Africa (**USD99.3 million**).

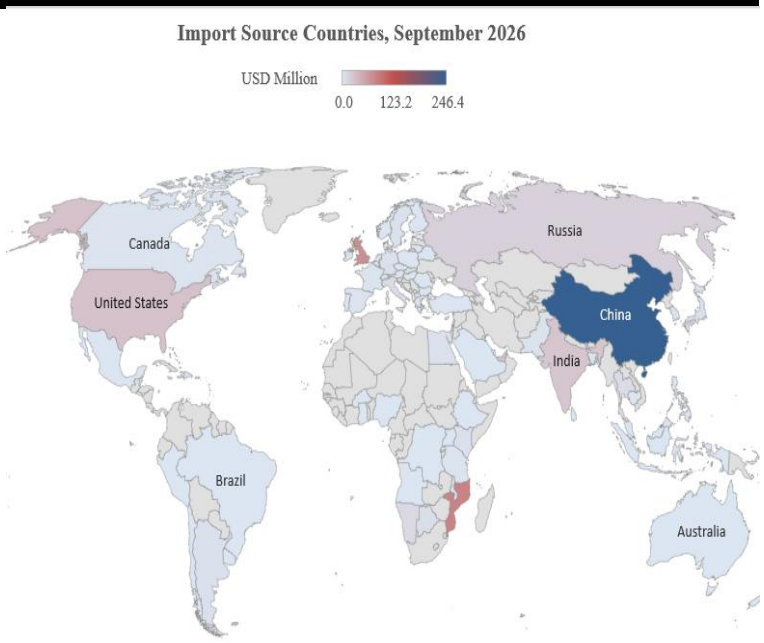
The three countries accounted for about eighty eight percent of the total export value of **USD1.36 billion**.



MAJOR IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES

The major source countries for imports in September 2026 were South Africa **(USD422.6 million),** China **(USD246.4 million)**, Bahrain (**USD85.0 million**) and Singapore **(USD83.2 million)**.

The four countries accounted for sixty four percent of the total import value of **USD1.31 billion.**



MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO SADC

The major exports to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in September 2026 were nickel mattes (**17.3%**), coke and semi-coke of coal (**12.1%),** iron/steel and products **(12.0%)** tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped **(11.3%)**.

The four products accounted for about fifty three percent of the total export value of **USD143.6 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in September 2026 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	17.3
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	12.1
	Iron/steel and products	12.0
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	11.3
	Nickel ores and concentrates	7.6
	Cane sugar	3.9
	Semi-manufactured gold /Unwrought gold	2.9
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.6
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	2.2
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	1.9
	Other Exports	26.1
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO COMESA

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in September 2026 comprised of tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, iron/steel and products, bituminous coal not agglomerated and maize seed.

The products constituted **36.2%, 7.3%, 6.3%** and **5.8%** of the total export value of **USD32.5 million,** respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in September 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	36.2
	Iron/steel and products	7.3
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	6.3
	Maize seed	5.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.1
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	4.5
	Cigarette tobacco nes	3.4
	Electrical energy	3.3
	Other cane sugar	2.2
	Soap and organic surface-active products in bars, etc.	1.6
	Other Exports	24.2
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO THE EU

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in September 2026 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped **(96.2%),** granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface **(1.0%),** tobacco refuse **(0.7%),** and vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded) with **0.5** percent.

The four products accounted for about ninety eight percent of total value (**USD39.2 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in September 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	96.2
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	1.0
	Tobacco refuse	0.7
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.5
	Industrial diamonds unworked	0.4
	Chromium ores and concentrates	0.3
	Men's/boys' trousers and other garments	0.2
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.2
	Other fresh flowers	0.1
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.1
	Other Exports	0.3
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AfCFTA

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in September 2026 were tobacco, partly wholly stemmed/stripped **(18.8%),** nickel mattes **(15.7%),** iron/steel and products **(11.2%)**, and coke and semi-coke of coal **(10.9%).**

The four products accounted for fifty seven percent of the total export value of **USD158.1 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in September 2026 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	18.8
	Nickel mattes	15.7
	Iron/steel and products	11.2
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	10.9
	Nickel ores and concentrates	6.9
	Cigarette tobacco nes/Cigarettes containing tobacco	2.5
	Platinum unwrought or in powder form	2.4
	Bituminous coal not agglomerated	1.7
	Other cane sugar	1.5
	Electrical energy	1.4
	Other Exports	26.8
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM SADC

Major imports from SADC in September 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances **(15.2%),** mineral fuels, mineral oils and products **(12.6%),** fertilisers **(6.4%)** and iron and steel articles **(6.1%)**.

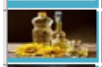
The four products contributed forty percent of the total import value of **USD604.4 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in September 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	15.2
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	12.6
	Fertilisers	6.4
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.1
	Plastics and articles thereof	4.6
	Vehicles	4.2
	Cereals	3.9
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.4
	Food-industry residues and waste; prepared animal feed.	3.2
	Other Imports	36.8
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE EU

Major imports from the EU in September 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, and pharmaceutical products. These products accounted for **59.9%**, **7.0%** and **5.9%** of the total value (**USD34.7 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

The three products constituted about seventy three percent of the total value of goods imported from the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in September 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	59.9
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	7.0
	Pharmaceutical products	5.9
	Meat and edible meat offal.	5.4
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	4.0
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.5
	Ceramic products	2.7
	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	2.6
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.0
	Vehicles	2.0
	Other Imports	5.1
	Grand Total	**100.0**

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE COMESA

Products imported from COMESA in September 2026 recorded a total value of **USD90.3 million**. Salt, sulphur, earths/stone plastering materials & cement, accounted for **17.5%,** cereals **8.1%** and fertilisers **7.8%**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA September 2026 (%)		
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	17.5
	Cereals	8.1
	Fertilisers	7.8
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	7.5
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	6.1
	Miscellaneous chemical products	5.6
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.9
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.4
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.4
	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	3.2
	Inorganic chemicals; organic/inorganic compounds of precious metals	2.4
	Other Imports	30.1
	Total	**100.0**

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's major imports from AfCFTA in September 2026 were machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, fertilisers and ironand steel and articles **15.1%, 12.4%, 6.4%** and **6.1%** respectively. These products accounted for **forty percent** of the total value (**USD612.5 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in September 2026 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	15.1
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	12.4
	Fertilisers	6.4
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.1
	Salt, sulphur; earths/stone; plastering materials & cement	4.8
	Plastics and articles thereof	4.6
	Vehicles	4.2
	Cereals	3.8
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.5
	Other Imports	35.6
	Total	**100.0**