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Customs/import duties

■ Introduction

Customs/import duties are imposed on some goods that are imported into South Africa. Import duties are imposed to protect local producers. In addition, excise duties are also imposed on selected imported goods. Excise duties are also imposed on similar goods that are produced in South Africa.

This chapter gives an overview of customs VAT, customs duty, Duty 1-2B.

■ Customs VAT, customs duty, Duty 1-2B (*Ad valorem* excise duties on imports)

*Table 5.1.1*¹ and *table 5.1.2* show the customs value of imports, customs VAT, customs/import duties and excise duties on imports by sector.

“Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment” is the category that accounts for the largest value of goods imported, followed by “mineral products” and then “vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment”.

Import/customs duty revenues (including specific excise duties on alcohol and tobacco products) are mostly derived from the following categories: “vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment”; “textiles and textile articles”; “prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and vinegar”, “tobacco”; “machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment”; and “footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun-umbrellas and walking sticks”.

Ad valorem excise duty revenues (Duty 1-2B) are mostly derived from the “vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment” category and the “machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment” category.

¹ Tables numbered in italics are included at the end of the chapter.

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Table 5.1.1: Customs/Import duties: Customs value, Customs VAT, Customs duty, Duty 1-2B¹, 2005/06 – 2007/08

R million	Chapter	2005/06			2006/07			2007/08					
		Customs value	Customs VAT ²	Customs duty ²	Duty 1-2B ²	Customs value	Customs VAT ²	Customs duty ²	Duty 1-2B ²	Customs value	Customs VAT ²	Customs duty ²	Duty 1-2B ²
	1 - 5	3 910	508	387	–	5 021	662	539	–	6 711	769	522	–
	6 - 14	4 774	494	95	–	5 903	589	118	–	10 210	1 084	201	–
	16 - 24	3 690	305	132	–	5 460	375	186	–	9 671	708	330	–
	25 - 26	11 576	1 120	1 359	–	15 176	1 542	1 734	–	19 335	2 112	2 197	–
	27 - 38	60 911	849	124	–	104 849	1 709	411	–	124 512	2 277	683	–
	39 - 40	33 510	4 956	440	49	42 277	6 281	497	67	51 570	7 461	579	81
	41 - 43	14 688	2 154	1 048	–	19 546	2 821	1 315	–	24 966	3 550	1 676	–
	44 - 46	1 599	250	263	0	2 094	334	344	0	2 395	388	380	0
	47 - 49	2 250	356	91	–	2 753	434	113	–	3 246	513	142	–
	50 - 63	6 132	926	197	–	9 452	1 300	263	–	9 784	1 452	245	–
	64 - 67	12 749	1 950	1 817	–	16 905	2 541	2 143	–	18 065	2 667	2 489	–
	68 - 70	4 084	691	1 102	–	5 191	869	1 344	–	5 777	962	1 473	–
	71	4 689	740	313	–	6 308	987	399	–	8 743	1 348	418	–
	72 - 83	21 967	965	83	–	31 719	1 281	106	–	45 394	1 393	125	–
	84 - 85	16 978	2 344	536	–	37 843	3 915	675	0	51 355	4 357	791	–
	87 - 89	97 295	14 136	1 183	969	139 007	19 694	1 607	1 209	164 549	22 591	1 984	1 217
	90 - 92	59 542	7 614	6 159	1 641	75 935	9 530	7 671	2 273	92 906	11 667	8 785	2 574
	93	12 515	1 807	17	20	16 497	2 256	17	24	16 963	2 352	18	0
	94 - 96	377	27	12	3	400	35	10	5	768	42	16	8
	97	6 133	966	429	48	8 090	1 270	608	55	9 470	1 489	711	70
		1 420	16	–	–	239	17	–	–	816	46	–	–
		56 148	4 574	3	–	68 995	5 902	5	–	73 546	6 278	6	–
Total		436 937	47 748	15 789	2 731	619 662	64 344	20 107	3 632	750 752	75 483	23 772	3 951

1. Duty 1 - 2B refers to the ad valorem excise duties on imports.

2. As per Bill of Entry processed and not actual revenue collected.

3. The majority of the not assigned group constitutes MDP imports.

Table 5.1.2: Customs/Import duties: Customs value, Customs VAT, Customs duty, Duty 1-2B, 2005/06 – 2007/08 [percentage of total]

Percentage	Chapter	2005/06			2006/07			2007/08					
		Customs value	Customs VAT	Customs duty	Duty 1-2B	Customs value	Customs VAT	Customs duty	Customs value	Customs VAT	Customs duty	Duty 1-2B	
Live animals; Animal products	1 - 5	0.9%	1.1%	2.5%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	2.2%	0.0%
Vegetable products	6 - 14	1.1%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%	1.4%	0.9%	0.8%	0.0%
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage product		0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%
Prepared foodstuffs; Beverages, spirits and vinegar; Tobacco	16 - 24	2.6%	2.3%	8.6%	0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	8.6%	0.0%	2.6%	2.8%	9.2%	0.0%
Mineral products	25 - 26	13.9%	1.8%	0.8%	0.0%	16.9%	2.7%	2.0%	0.0%	16.6%	3.0%	2.9%	0.0%
Products of the chemical of allied industries	27 - 38	7.7%	10.4%	2.8%	1.8%	6.8%	9.8%	2.5%	1.8%	6.9%	9.9%	2.4%	2.1%
Plastics and articles thereof; Rubber and articles thereof	39 - 40	3.4%	4.5%	6.6%	0.0%	3.2%	4.4%	6.5%	0.0%	3.3%	4.7%	7.1%	0.0%
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof	41 - 43	0.4%	0.5%	1.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	1.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	1.6%	0.0%
Wood and articles of wood; Wood charcoal; Cork and articles	44 - 46	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovery	47 - 49	1.4%	1.9%	1.2%	0.0%	1.5%	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	1.9%	1.0%	0.0%
Textiles and textile articles	50 - 63	2.9%	4.1%	11.5%	0.0%	2.7%	3.9%	10.7%	0.0%	2.4%	3.5%	10.5%	0.0%
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks	64 - 67	0.9%	1.4%	7.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.4%	6.7%	0.0%	0.8%	1.3%	6.2%	0.0%
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar	68 - 70	1.1%	1.6%	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.2%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi precious stones	71	5.0%	2.0%	0.5%	0.0%	5.1%	2.0%	0.5%	0.0%	6.0%	1.8%	0.5%	0.0%
Base metals and articles of base metals	72 - 83	3.9%	4.9%	3.4%	0.0%	6.1%	6.1%	3.4%	0.0%	6.8%	5.8%	3.3%	0.0%
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	84 - 85	22.3%	29.6%	7.5%	35.5%	22.4%	30.6%	8.0%	33.3%	21.9%	29.9%	8.3%	30.8%
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	87 - 89	13.6%	15.9%	39.0%	60.1%	12.3%	14.8%	38.2%	62.6%	12.4%	15.5%	37.0%	65.2%
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking	90 - 92	2.9%	3.8%	0.1%	0.7%	2.7%	3.5%	0.1%	0.7%	2.3%	3.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Arms and ammunition; Parts and accessories thereof	93	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94 - 96	1.4%	2.0%	2.7%	1.8%	1.3%	2.0%	3.0%	1.5%	1.3%	2.0%	3.0%	1.8%
Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	97	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Not assigned		12.9%	9.6%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	9.2%	0.0%	0.0%	9.8%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%