**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1862**

**Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(1) What (a) is the name of each of the top 10 countries that the Republic imported goods from in the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 and (b) were the trade values to each country in the specified period;

(2) what is the name of each of the top 10 countries that the Republic exported goods to in the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 and (b) what were the trade values to each specified country in the specified period? NW2113E

**REPLY:**

Based on SARS provisional data, the top 10 countries from which SA imported goods in the period 1 January to 31 March 2023 are:

1. China

2. Germany

3. USA

4. India

5. UAE

6. Thailand

7. Nigeria

8. Saudi Arabia

9. Japan

10. Oman.

Based on SARS provisional data, the top 10 countries to whose markets SA exported goods in the period 1 January to 31 March 2023 are:

1. China

2. USA

3. Germany

4. Japan

5. India

6. UK

7. Netherlands

8. Belgium

9. Botswana

10. UAE

South Africa’s import suppliers (Rand values)

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|  |  | **Total (January to March 2023)** |
|  | **World** | **R485 259 081 939** |
| 1 | China | R99 146 820 610 |
| 2 | Germany | R39 723 451 934 |
| 3 | United States | R36 334 678 519 |
| 4 | India | R32 626 305 702 |
| 5 | UAE | R19 055 926 925 |
| 6 | Thailand | R15 515 425 690 |
| 7 | Nigeria | R13 003 529 551 |
| 8 | Saudi Arabia | R12 835 399 393 |
| 9 | Japan | R11 345 815 628 |
| 10 | Oman | R10 959 640 838 |

Data source: SARS, adjusted for transit trade

(2)(a) and (b):

South Africa’s export destinations (Rand values)

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|  |  | **Total (January to March 2023)** |
|  | **World** | **R455 061 074 141** |
| 1 | China | R54 887 839 800 |
| 2 | United States | R36 896 513 669 |
| 3 | Germany | R31 268 892 040 |
| 4 | Japan | R28 613 650 186 |
| 5 | India | R22 963 598 797 |
| 6 | United Kingdom | R21 062 612 635 |
| 7 | Netherlands | R20 751 577 401 |
| 8 | Belgium | R15 869 295 095 |
| 9 | Botswana | R15 319 831 767 |
| 10 | UAE | R12 369 444 500 |

Data source: SARS, adjusted for transit trade and errors in export data.

The Department also considers revisions in SARS data, as well as data from trading partners to build a more accurate picture. The latter data is not fully available for all countries yet.

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