

**SA-MERCOSUR SECTOR TRADE PERFORMANCE REVIEW DURING 2015  
(STPR- 2015)**

**SOUTH AFRICA-MERCOSUR AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (AFF) TRADE  
PERFORMANCE DURING 2015**

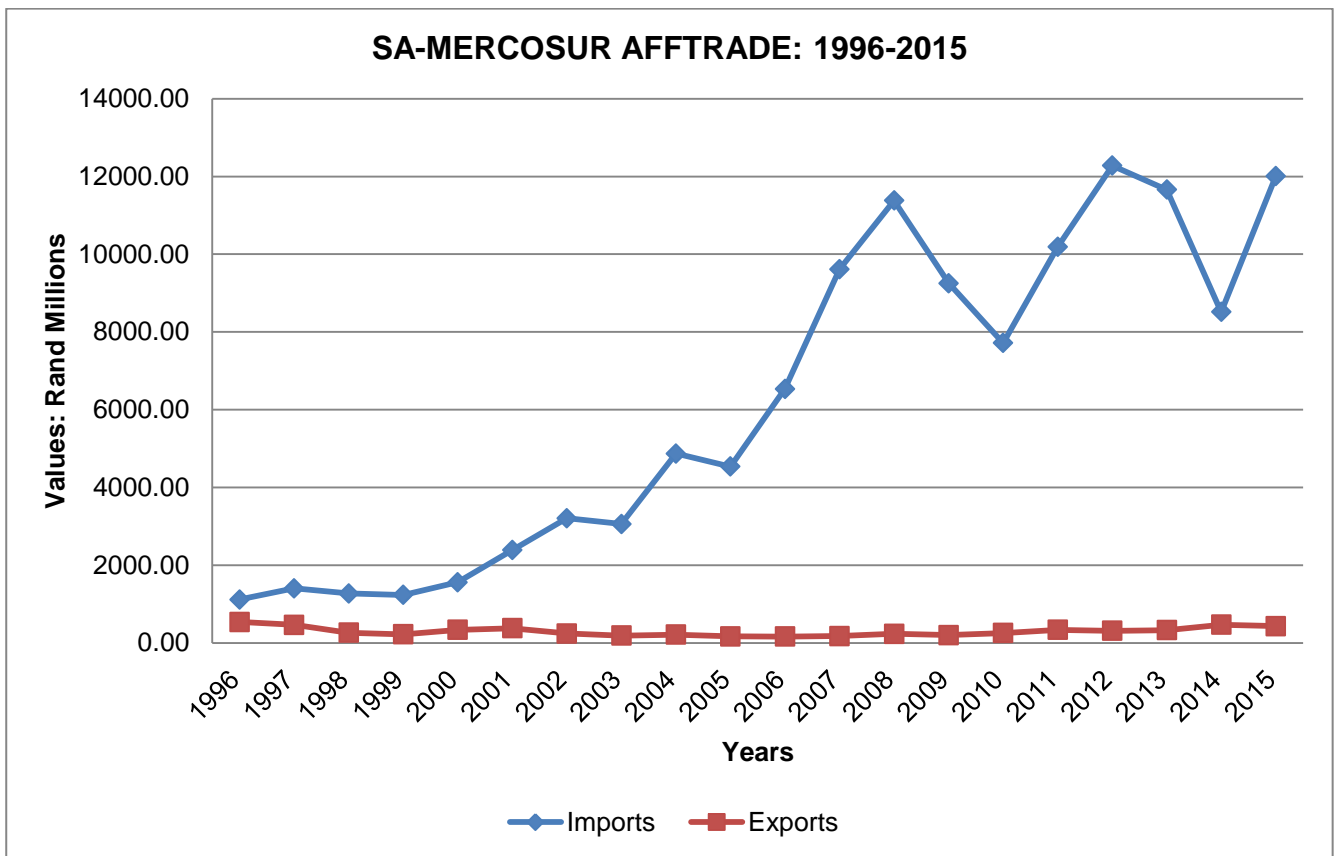
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this briefing is to inform stakeholders of the status of South Africa's AFF trade performance with MERCOSUR on an annual basis by analysing trade flows. The Document does not include trade under the SACU – MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement signed in 2008. The Agreement will only be implemented retrospectively during October 2016.

**SA-MERCOSUR TOTAL AFF TRADE: 1996-2015**

**Figure 1** below shows that SA had a negative trade balance with MERCOSUR countries from 1996 to 2015. The figure also shows that SA's total AFF exports to MERCOSUR in 1996 were approximately 50% of the total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR. The situation deteriorated gradually until SA's total AFF exports to MERCOSUR were 4% of total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR in 2015.

During the period 1996 to 2015, MERCOSUR supplied on average 15% of total SA average AFF imports from the World. On the other hand, MERCOSUR absorbed 0.5% of total SA average AFF exports to the World.



**Figure: 1 – Source: Global Trade Atlas**

**Key observations on export side:**

- MERCOSUR absorbed on average, 0.4% of total SA AFF exports to the World between 2010 and 2015.
- Brazil (55%) and Argentina (27%) were on average the leading SA's AFF export destinations in MERCOSUR from 2010 to 2015.
- South Africa's AFF exports to MERCOSUR decreased by 8% from R468m in 2014 to R430m in 2015.
- From 1996 to 2015, South Africa was a net importer of AFF products from MERCOSUR.
- During 2015, Beverages, spirits and vinegar (HS22) were South Africa's largest AFF export product to MERCOSUR, contributing 37% (i.e. R157m) of the total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR.
- SA's AFF exports of vegetable, fruit & nut, oil seed, and raw hides/skins, declined the most from 2014 to 2015 by 55%, 48%, and 47% respectively<sup>1</sup>.
- SA's AFF export products that had an increase from 2014 to 2015 were miscellaneous edible preparations (HS21) at 39.36% and Paper & paperboard (HS 48) at 33%.
- SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR increased by 13% to Argentina, but decreased by 15%, 2%, and 18% to Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay respectively from 2014 to 2015.

<sup>1</sup> Products considered for this were those with consistent trade of over R500 000.

### Key observations on import side:

- On average from 2010 to 2015, Argentina and Brazil dominated as the leading suppliers of SA total AFF imports from MERCOSUR at 50% and 44% share respectively.
- South Africa's AFF imports from MERCOSUR increased by 41% from R8.5 billion in 2014 to R12 billion in 2015.
- South Africa is a net importer of AFF products from MERCOSUR with an average value of R6.2 billion from 1996 to 2015.
- During 2015, Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder (HS23) was South Africa's largest sub-sector import by value, constituting 33% (i.e. R2.8. billion) of SA total AFF imports from MERCOSUR. .
- Cereals were SA's highest growing AFF import commodity from MERCOSUR at 5428 % (i.e. from R35 million in 2014 to R1.9 billion in 2015).
- From 2014 to 2015, Paraguay's supply of AFF products to SA grew the highest at 663% (i.e. from R43m in 2014 to R329m in 2015).

### 1. Analysis of SA's AFF export markets and product drivers in MERCOSUR 2014 to 2015.

Table1. SA's export performance for AFF products in MERCOSUR by value from 2014 to 2015

Calendar year 2014			Calendar year 2015				
MERCOSUR export markets	% Share in SA World AFF exports	Export value (Mill Rand)	MERCOSUR export markets	% Share in World AFF exports	Export value (Mill Rand)	% Growth 2014-2015	2015 Top 3 products exported into major markets
Brazil	0.21	278.7	Brazil	0.16	237.5	-14.78	Liqueurs And Cordials; Grapes, Dried (Including Raisins); Cartons, Boxes & Cases Corrugated Paper & Paperboard
Argentina	0.08	105.7	Argentina	0.08	120.0	13.47	Kraftliner, Uncoated, Bleached, In Rolls Or Sheets; Liqueurs And Cordials; Pineapple Juice, Not Fortified., Unfermented, Not elsewhere specified
Uruguay	0.04	52.4	Uruguay	0.03	42.9	-18.15	Kraftliner, uncoated, bleached, in rolls or sheets; liqueurs and cordials; Mixtures of fruit and/or vegetable juices

Paraguay	0.02	31.3	Paraguay	0.02	30.5	-2.49	Liqueurs and cordials; Bovine semen; Skins & other parts of birds with feather waste etc.

Source: Global Trade Atlas

**Table 1 above shows that on average between 2014 and 2015, SA's AFF exports to MERCOSUR constituted 0.32% of the total SA AFF exports to the World.**

- During 2014 and 2015, **Brazil** was SA's largest AFF export destination in MERCOSUR with values of R278 million and R237 million, respectively. Brazil's average (2014 and 2015) total contribution to MERCOSUR's imports from SA was 57% of SA's total exports to MERCOSUR. SA's AFF exports to Brazil declined by 15% from R278m in 2014 to R237m in 2015. The contribution of SA's top three AFF export products to Brazil during 2015 were 62% of the total SA AFF exports to Brazil consisting of: Liqueurs and Cordials (27%), Grapes, Dried (Including Raisins) (19%), and Cartons, Boxes & Cases Corrugated Paper & Paperboard (15%).
- **Argentina** was the second largest destination for SA's AFF exports in MERCOSUR for 2014 and 2015, absorbing on average 25% of total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR during the period. SA's AFF exports to Argentina **increased** by 14% from R105.7 million in 2014 to R120 million in 2015. Argentina's three major AFF imports from SA were: Kraft liner, Uncoated, Bleached, In Rolls or Sheets (70%), Liqueurs and Cordials (17%), and Pineapple Juice, not fortified, Unfermented (5%).

On average between 2014 and 2015, **Uruguay, with an average amount of R48 million was** ranked as the third largest export market for South Africa's AFF products to MERCOSUR by value. Uruguay's contribution to SA's AFF exports to MERCOSUR was 11% of the total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR. The top three total SA AFF export products to Uruguay in 2015 constituting 74% of total SA AFF exports to Uruguay were: Kraft liner, Uncoated, Bleached, In Rolls or Sheets (47%), Liqueurs and Cordials (19%), and Mixtures of Fruit and/or Vegetable Juices (8%).

- **Though Paraguay** recorded the lowest decline (i.e. 2%) in their imports of SA AFF export products to MERCOSUR, the country remained the smallest destination of SA's AFF products to MERCOSUR. SA's total AFF products exported to Paraguay in 2015 were dominated by Liqueurs and cordials (93%), and Bovine semen, (5%), which constituted 98% of total SA AFF exports to Paraguay.

## 1.1 Export market analysis during 2014/15:

**Table 2 South Africa's growing and declining AFF export products in MERCOSUR during 2014/15.**

SA growing export markets in MERCOSUR During 2014/2015					
Ranking	Market	Export Growth/decline	Top 3 growing export products & their individual growth percentage		
1	Brazil	-15%	Bovine Semen <sup>2</sup> (81%)	Food Preparations Nesoi, (62%)	Ambergris, Castoreum; Glands For Pharmacy, (61%)
2	Argentina	13.5%	Wine, from grape & grape must with alcohol; ≤ 2 Litres (294%)	Yeasts, Active (243%)	Pineapple Juice, not fortified, Unfermented, (110%)
3	Uruguay	-18%	Mixtures of Fruit and/or vegetable Juices (2115%)	Bulbs, in growth or flower; chichory (327%)	Kraft liner, uncoated, bleached, In rolls or sheets (47%)
4	Paraguay	-2%	Skins & other parts of birds with feather; waste (352%)	Liqueurs And Cordials (37%)	
SA Shrinking Export Markets in MERCOSUR During 2014/15					
Ranking	Market	Export Growth/decline	Top 3 shrinking export Products & their individual shrinkage percentage		
1	Brazil	-15%	Vegetable Seeds For Sowing (-59%)	Skins & bird parts with feather (-44%)	Mixtures Of Fruit and/or Vegetable Juices (-41%)
2	Argentina <sup>3</sup>	13.5%	Liqueurs And Cordials (-21.0255%)		
3	Uruguay	-18%	Liqueurs And Cordials (-55%)	Sheep/Lamb Skins Without Wool On Pickled W/N Split (-53%)	Sardines, Sardinella, Brisling Or Sprats, Frozen (-49%) <sup>4</sup>
4	Paraguay	-2%	Bovine Semen (-40%)		

Source: Global Trade Atlas

<sup>2</sup> Though there were products like Wine, from grape & grape Must with Alcohol, which grew at 77 309% between 2014 and 2015, the study only considered products consistently traded between 2010 and 2015 for this section.

<sup>3</sup> Consideration was only given to products consistently traded from 2010 with values of ≥ R1m.

<sup>4</sup> Though no exports were recorded for 2010 and 2011, the values trade from 2012 to 2015 were significant to be ignored.

**Table 2** above shows SA's AFF performance in MERCOSUR between 2014 and 2015. Between 2014 and 2015, SA's AFF exports to MERCOSUR countries experienced growth only in Argentina with 13.5%, whilst SA's AFF exports to Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay declined by 15%, 2% and 18% respectively.

During the period stated above the top three SA AFF growing export products to MERCOSUR by country were:

- **Brazil**- Bovine semen (81%), food preparations (62%), ambergris and castoreum glands for pharmacy, (61%);
- **Argentina**- Wine, from grape & grape must with alcohol; ≤ 2 Litres (294%); Yeasts, active (243%), and pineapple Juice, not fortified, unfermented (110%)
- **Uruguay** - Mixtures of Fruit and/or vegetable Juices (2115%), Bulbs, in growth or flower; chicory (327%), and kraft liner, uncoated, bleached, in rolls or sheets (47%)
- **Paraguay** - Skins & other parts of birds with feather; waste (352%), liqueurs And Cordials (37%)

On the other hand, SA's AFF exports products experienced shrinkages in different MERCOSUR markets. The following are SA's AFF export products that experienced declines in MERCOSUR markets:

- **Brazil**- Vegetable Seeds For Sowing (-59%), Skins & bird parts with feather (-44%), and Mixtures of fruit and/or Vegetable Juices (-41%);
- **Argentina**- Liqueurs and Cordials (-21%);
- **Uruguay** - Liqueurs and cordials (-55%); Sheep/Lamb Skins without wool (-53%), sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats, frozen (-49%);
- **Paraguay** - Bovine Semen (-40%)

## 1.2 Export market analysis at sub-sector/HS2 level during 2014/15:

**Table 3: South Africa's top 5 major AFF (HS2) export share to MERCOSUR: 2014 - 2015.**

Sub-sector Description (HS2)	Exported value in 2014 (Million and)	Exported value in 2015 (Million Rand)	Sub-sector % share in RSA total AFF exports to MERCOSUR in 2015	Sub-sector % growth between 2014-2015	Top 3 products (HS 6) exported within the sub-sector (2015)	Top 3 export markets % share by value during 2015
HS 22 - Beverages, spirits and vinegar	180.75	157.33	36.51	-12.96	Liqueurs and Cordials; wine From grape & grape must; and Sparkling Wine of fresh grapes	Brazil 62.48% Paraguay 18.19% Argentina 13.49%

						Uruguay 5.84%
<b>HS 48 – Paper and paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board</b>	106.79	141.89	32.93	32.87	Kraftliner, Uncoated, Bleached, In Rolls or Sheets; Cartons, boxes & cases corrugated paper & paperboard; Registers/Accounting books/notebooks/letter Pad	Argentina 59.49% Brazil 26.13% Paraguay 14.38%
<b>HS08 - Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons</b>	71.90	52.03	12.07	-27.64	Pepper of genus piper, neither crushed nor ground; Mixtures of spices provided for in different headings; Spices, not elsewhere specified	Brazil 97.92% Uruguay 1.07% Argentina 0.96%
<b>HS 21- Miscellaneous edible preparations</b>	10.20	14.22	3.30	39.36	Sauces, mixed condiments and seasonings; Food preparations; Protein concentrates & textured protein substances	Brazil 91.09% Argentina 6.99% Uruguay 1.92%
<b>HS 05 - Products of animal origin, nes</b>	17.14	13.98	3.24	-18.43	Skins & other parts of birds with feather; Ambergris, castoreum, glands for pharmacy; Bovine Semen	Brazil 78.04% Paraguay 13.72% Uruguay 6.65% Argentina 1.59%

Source: Global Trade Atlas

**Table 3** above shows that SA's AFF export products to MERCOSUR were concentrated on 5 products at HS2 level. The top 5 products constituted 88% of total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR in 2015. The top 3 markets for each product category (on HS2) are also shown.

**HS 22 - Beverages, spirits and vinegar sub-sector**, was the largest SA AFF export product group to MERCOSUR in 2015 at R157m or 36.5% of the total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR. Exports in this sub-sector declined by 12.9% from R181m in 2014 to R157m in 2015. The top three major export products in the sub-sector were: Liqueurs and cordials; wine from grape & grape must; and sparkling wine of fresh grapes.

The second largest SA AFF product group to MERCOSUR in 2015 was **HS48- paper and paper board, articles of pulp, paper and board**, with a value of R142m in 2015 from R106m in 2014.

The product group's share in SA's total AFF exports to MERCOSUR was 26%, with a growth in value of 33% (i.e. from R106m in 2014 to R142m in 2015). The major export products in this sub-sector were: Kraftliner, uncoated, bleached, in rolls Or Sheets; Cartons, boxes & cases corrugated paper & paperboard; and Registers/accounting books/notebooks/letter pad etc.

**HS08 - Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons**, ranked as SA's third largest AFF export product group to MERCOSUR in 2015, with a share of 12% (i.e. R52m) of the total SA AFF exports to MERCOSUR. SA's exports of HS08 to MERCOSUR declined by 28% from R72m in 2014 to R52m in 2015. Cashew nuts, fresh or dried, shelled; Macadamia nuts, fresh or dried; and Macadamia nuts, shelled, fresh or dried, were top products exported in this category.

**HS 21- Miscellaneous edible preparations**, with a share of 12% were the fourth highest category of SA's AFF export products to MERCOSUR in 2015, having declined by 28% from R72m in 2014 to R52m in 2015. The three main SA export products in this category were: Sauces, mixed condiments and seasonings; Food preparations; Protein concentrates & textured protein substances.

In 2015, **HS 05 - Products of animal origin**, were the fifth largest SA's AFF export category to MERCOSUR, with a value of R14m from R17m in 2014 (i.e. a decline of 18% from 2014 to 2015). The three largest SA AFF export commodities to MERCOSUR under this sub-heading were: skins & other parts of birds with feathers; waste ambergris, castoreum; glands etc. for pharmacy Bovine Semen

## 2. Analysis of SA's major AFF imports from MERCOSUR: 2014 to 2015.

**Table 4: SA's top ten AFF imports from MERCOSUR: 2014-2015.**

Calendar year 2014			Calendar year 2015				MERCOSUR Suppliers & % Share
Top 10 import products (HS 6)	Share in SA total AFF imports from MERCOSUR (%)	Imported value (bill Rand)	Top 10 import products (HS 6)	Share in SA total AFF imports from MERCOSUR (%)	Import value (bill Rand)	% Growth during 2014-2015	
Soybean Oilcake & Other Solid Residue, Wh/Not Ground	32.1	2.74	Soybean Oilcake & Oth Solid Residue, Wh/Not Ground	19.9	2.40	-12.4	Argentina- 99.98%; Brazil - 0.02%
Meat & Offal Of Chickens, Not Cut In Pieces, Frozen	7.7	0.66	Corn (Maize), Other Than Seed Corn	13.0	1.56	224217.1	Argentina- 61%; Brazil- 39%
Cane/Beet Sug Chem Pure Sucrose Refind Nesoi	6.7	0.57	Chicken Cuts And Edible Offal (Inc Livers), Frozen	7.4	0.89	82.0	Brazil - 81.4%; Argentina - 18.5%; Uruguay - 0.1%



Chicken Cuts And Edible Of-fal (Inc Livers), Frozen	5.7	0.49	Meat & offal of chickens, not cut in pieces, frozen	6.0	0.72	8.8	Brazil - 93%; Argentina - 6.8%; Uruguay - 0.2%
Tobacco, Partly Or Wholly Stemmed /Stripped	4.5	0.39	Soybean Oil, Refined, And Fractions, Not Modified	5.5	0.66	75.3	Argentina - 100%
Soybean Oil, Refined, And Fractions, Not Modified	4.4	0.37	Soybeans, Nesoi	4.9	0.59	91.7	Brazil - 59%; Paraguay - 41%
Soybeans, Nesoi	3.6	0.31	Tobacco, Partly Or Wholly Stemmed/Stripped	4.4	0.52	35.7	Brazil - 100%
Turkey Cuts And Edible Of-fal (Includ Liver) Frozen	2.9	0.25	Cane/Beet Sug Chem Pure Sucrose Refind Nesoi	4.2	0.50	-11.8	Brazil - 100%
Plywood, Exc Bamboo, Lt=6 Mm Thk, Coniferous Nesoi	2.2	0.19	Grape Juice, Nesoi,Nt Fortified With Vitamins/Min	2.5	0.30	87.5	Argentina - 100%
Cane Sugar, Solid, Raw, No Added Flav/Color, Nesoi	2.1	0.18	Soybean Oil & Fractions, Crude, Wheth/Not Degummed	0.17	0.29	199.7	Argentina - 100%

Source: Global Trade Atlas

## 2.1 Import market analysis during 2014 and 2015 calendar years:

- **Soybean oilcake & other solid residue, whether/not ground**, was the largest SA AFF import products from MERCOSUR in 2015, despite a decline in growth of 12% from R2.74 billion in 2014 to R 2.40 billion in 2015. Though the product's share in total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR also decreased from 32.1% in 2014 to 19.9% in 2015, it remained the top SA AFF import product from MERCOSUR. The main SA supplier of this product was Argentina with a share of 99.98%.
- **Corn (Maize)** replaced Meat offal of chickens as the second largest SA AFF import product from MERCOSUR in 2015. The value of corn increased by 224 217% from R694 000 in 2014 to R1.6 billion in 2015. The top two MERCOSUR suppliers of corn (maize) in 2015 were Argentina and Brazil with shares of 61% and 39% respectively.
- **Chicken parts and edible offal were** the third largest SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR in 2015 moving from fourth in 2014. The value SA's imports of this product grew by 82% from

R0.49 billion in 2014 to R0.89 billion in 2015, whilst the share of this product to the total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR grew from 5.7% in 2014 to 7.4% in 2015. Brazil (81.4%) and Argentina (18.5%) were the two largest MERCOSUR suppliers to SA.

- **Meat & offal of chickens, not cut in pieces, frozen** – was the fourth largest SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR with a value of R0.72 billion in 2015, and a growth of 8.8% from R0.66 billion in 2014. The product was mainly supplied to SA by Brazil (93%) and Argentina (6.8%)
- **Soybean oil, refined, and fractions, not modified** – replaced tobacco, partly stemmed as the fifth top South African AFF import product from MERCOSUR with a value of R0.66 billion in 2015 from R0.37 billion in 2014 and a growth of 75.3%. The share of the product to total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR also increased from 4.4% in 2014 to 5.5% in 2015. The sole MERCOSUR supplier to SA of this product was Argentina.
- The other products making the top 10 SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR were: Soybeans, Not elsewhere specified; Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped; Cane/beet sugar, chemical pure sucrose refined not elsewhere specified or indicated (nesoi); Grape juice, nesoi, not fortified with vitamins/min; and Soybean oil & fractions, crude, whether/not degummed. These were mainly supplied by Brazil and Argentina.

**Table 5 below provides an indication of growing and/or declining SA's AFF imports markets in MERCOSUR: 2014/15.**

**Table 5: SA's AFF imports growth in MERCOSUR: 2014/15.**

Import Markets During 2015					
Ranking	Market	Import Growth (%)	Products with the highest import growth & their individual growth percentage		
1	Paraguay	662.65	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits w/nt broken, nesoi, (65.7%)	Ambergris, castoreum etc; glands etc for pharmacy, (29%)	Flour meal & pellet meat/meat offal inedible; greave, (14%)
2	Argentina	43.92	Corn (maize), other than seed corn (137580.35%)	Seeds, fruit and spores used for sowing, nesoi, (114444.70%)	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy, shorn, (90524.11%)
3	Brazil	33.09	Corn (Maize), Other Than Seed Corn, (8152415%)	Non-alcoholic Beverages, Nesoi, (2202084%)	Millet Seed, (117104.5%)
4	Uruguay	12.93	Oats Seed (2748%)	Trade advertising material, commercial catalogue etc. (413%)	Flour meal & pellet meat/meat offal inedible; greave (389%)

SA Shrinking Imports Markets in MERCOSUR During 2015 <sup>5</sup>					
Ranking	Market	Import Growth/shrinkage	Top 3 shrinking import products & their individual shrinkage percentage		
1	Paraguay	662.65	Animal (Not Fish) Guts, Bladders, Stomachs & Parts, (-64%)	Seeds Of Forage Plants For Sowing, Nesoi,(-21%),	
2	Argentina	43.92	Bread, Pastry, Cakes, Etc Nesoi & Puddings,(-98)	Coniferous Wood Sawn, Sliced Etc, Over 6 Mm Thick (-94%)	Flour Meal & Pellet Meat/Meat Offal Inedib; Greave (-86%)
3	Brazil	33.09	Folding Cartons, Boxes Etc., Noncor Paper & Paperboard (-99.7%)	Tobacco, Not Stemmed/Stripped (-99.6%)	Kraft Paper/Paperboard uncut Unbleached 225G/M2/More RII/Sht,(96%)
4	Uruguay	12.93	Plywood, excluding bamboo, 6 mm thick, coniferous nesoi (-64%)	Rice, semi/wholly milled, polished etc. Or not (-64%)	Meat of bovine animals, boneless, frozen (-54%)

Source: Global Trade Atlas

**Table 5** shows that from 2014 to 2015, Paraguay was the largest growing SA AFF supplier with a growth of 663%, followed by Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay at 44%, 33%, and 13% respectively. Though Brazil was ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> overall MERCOSUR highest growing SA's AFF import products supplier from 2014 to 2015, it had the largest growing individual AFF export products to SA: Corn (maize) at 8 152 415% (i.e. from R7 502 to R611 million) and Non-alcoholic beverages at 2 202 084% (i.e. from R49 to R1079070). Conversely, some of SA's AFF import products from MERCOSUR countries showed significant declines between 2014 and 2015. Products that yielded the highest declines/shrinkages from MERCOSUR countries were: Folding cartons, boxes etc., non coricated or paper & paperboard (-99.7%); tobacco, not stemmed/stripped (-99.6%); kraft paper/paper board uncut Unbleached 225G/M2/More Roll/Sheet,(96%) all from Brazil, and from Argentina bread, pastry, cakes, etc not elsewhere specified & puddings,(-98), coniferous wood sawn, sliced etc, over 6 mm thick (-94%), and flour meal & pellet meat/meat offal inedible; greave (-86%).

## 2.2 Imports analysis at sub-sector/HS2 level over 2014 to 2015:

Table 6: South Africa's top 5 major AFF (HS2) import share from MERCOSUR: 2014 to 2015.

Sub-sector Description (HS Level 2)	Imported value 2014: Rand billion	Imported value 2015: Rand billion	Sub-sector share in RSA total AFF exports to MERCOSUR 2015 (%)	Sub-sector growth between 2014 & 2015	Top 3 products imported within the sub-sector	Top 3 import markets by value during 2015
<b>(HS23)</b> Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder	3.07	2.79	23.2	-9.1	Soybean oilcake & other solid residue, whether/not ground; sunflower seed oilcake & other solid residue; Flour meal & pellet meat/meat offal inedible; greave	Argentina (95.35%), Brazil (3.18%), Paraguay (1.22%), Uruguay (0.25%)
<b>(HS02)</b> Meat and edible meat offal	1.48	1.96	16.3	32.6	Chicken cuts and edible offal (including livers), frozen; meat & offal of chickens, not cut in pieces, frozen; Turkey cuts and edible offal (include liver) frozen	Brazil (85.68%), Argentina (13.56%), Uruguay (0.76%)
<b>(HS10)</b> Cereals	0.03	1.93	16.1	5428.4	Corn (maize), other than seed corn; wheat and meslin, nesoi; corn (maize) seed, certified, excluding sweet corn	Brazil (41%), Argentina (59%)
<b>(HS15)</b> Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products, etc	0.60	1.17	9.7	94.5	Soybean oil, refined, and fractions, not modified; soybean oil & fractions, crude, whether/not degummed; Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, crude, fractured, etc.	Argentina (96.25%), Brazil (2.87%), Uruguay (0.87%)
<b>(HS12)</b> Oil seed, elegiac fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc., nes	0.34	0.78	6.5	132.7	Soybeans; Peanuts, shelled; Seeds Of Forage Plants For Sowing	Brazil (41.4%), Paraguay (36.9%), Argentina (21.6%), Uruguay (0.1%)

Source: Global Trade Atlas

- **(HS23)- Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder** was the largest SA AFF import product category from MERCOSUR in 2015, with a value of R2.8 billion, constituting 23% of total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR. However, SA's imports of HS23 from MERCOSUR declined by 9% from R3 billion in 2014 to R2.8 billion in 2015. The three top SA's import products on this category

were: Soybean oilcake & other solid residue; Sunflower seed oilcake & other solid residue; and Flour meal & pellet meat/meat offal inedible

- The second largest SA AFF import product category from MERCOSUR in 2015, was **(HS02) - Meat and edible meat offal**, with a value of R2 billion. Imports of these products increased by 33% from R1.5 billion in 2014 to R2 billion in 2015. The sub-sector had a share of 16% to the total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR. The three most imported AFF products under HS02 category by SA from MERCOSUR were: Chicken cuts and edible offal (inc livers), frozen; Meat & offal of chickens, not cut in pieces, frozen.
- **(HS10)- Cereals**, were the third largest SA AFF import product category from MERCOSUR in 2015, with an import value of R1.9 billion and a share of 16% to the total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR. Growth in import value of these products under this heading experienced an increase of 5428% from R0.03 billion in 2014 to R1.9 billion in 2015. SA's top three import products from this category were: Corn (maize), other than seed corn; Wheat and meslin; Corn (maize) seed, certified, excluding sweet corn.
- During 2015, **(HS15)- Animal, vegetable fats and oils, cleavage products** were the fourth largest SA AFF import product category from MERCOSUR with a value of R1.2 billion and a share of 10% to SA's total AFF imports from MERCOSUR. SA's import value of these products from MERCOSUR increased by 95% from R0.6 billion in 2014 to R1.2 billion in 2015.
- **(HS12)- Oil seed, oleagic fruits, grain, seed, and fruit, not elsewhere specified:** The sector's imports into SA from MERCOSUR increased by 133% from R0.34 billion in 2014 to R0.78 billion in 2015. The share of the sector to SA's AFF imports from MERCOSUR in 2015 was 6.5% of the total SA AFF imports from MERCOSUR. Soybeans; Peanuts, shelled; and seeds of forage plants for sowing were the top three products imported by SA from MERCOSUR in 2015.

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