



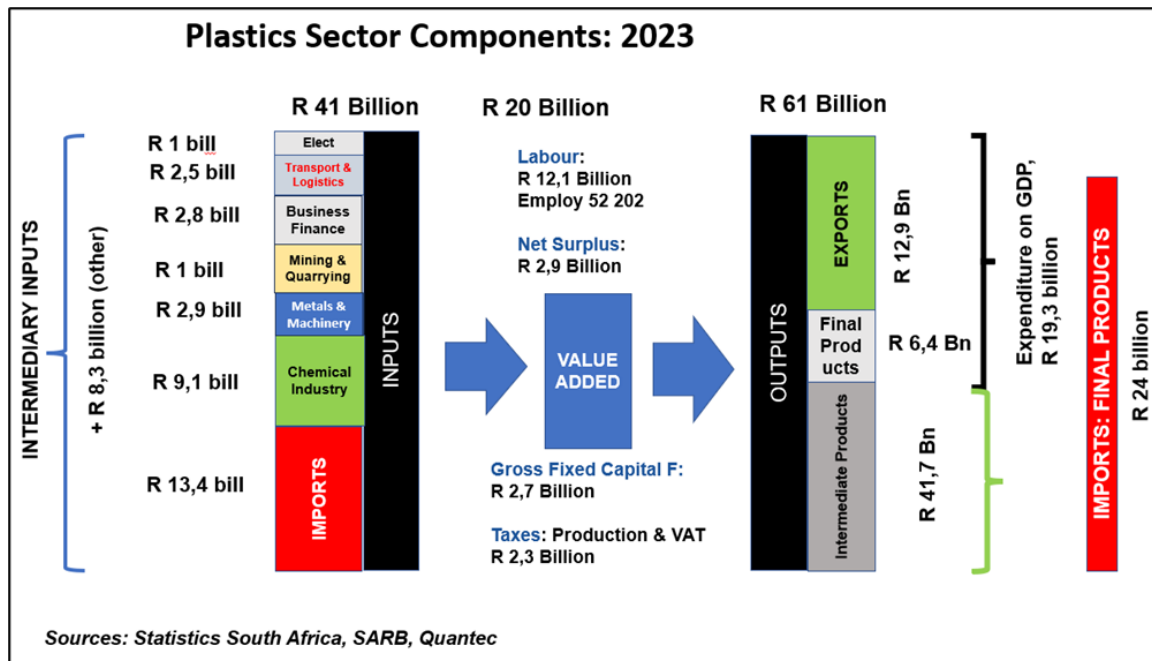
# CHEMICAL SECTOR REPORT

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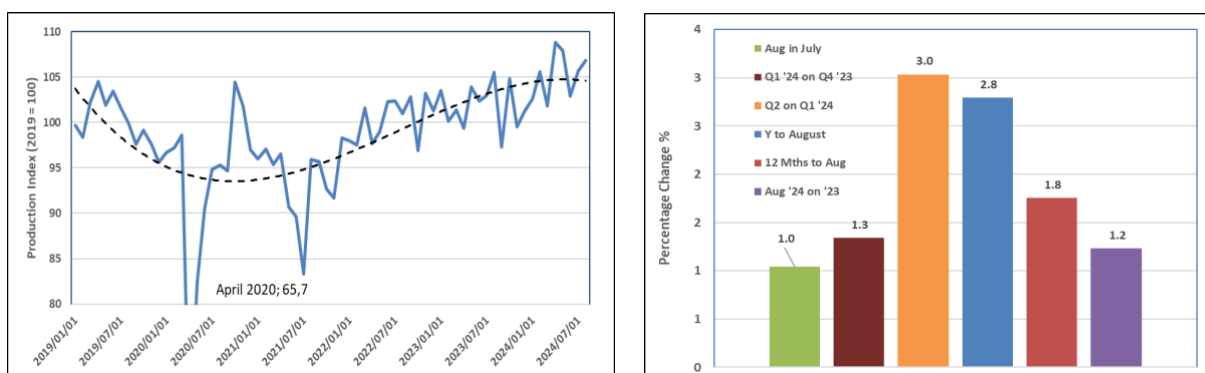
This section consists of an abbreviated summary of salient trends, relationships and ratios for the Plastics Sub-sector.

A further objective is to show some of the detail data available and potential for more disaggregated analysis. International trade data is classified according to the harmonised system (HS) of tariffs. To enabling linkages to domestic industrial data, the former/trade data is reclassified according to the standard industrial classification (SIC) for SA. )



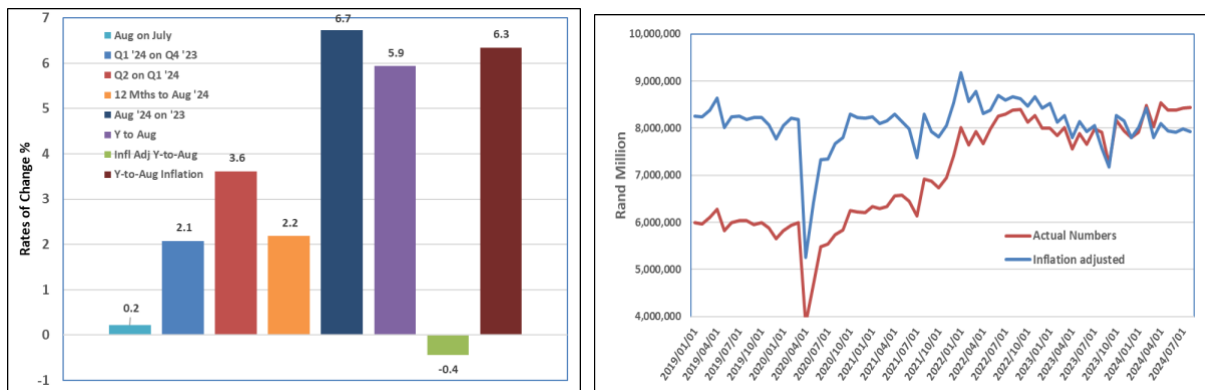
The schematic above shows the 2023 input, value added (sub sector GDP) and output as well as international trade in intermediary and final products, for plastics, according to the SIC classification.

The **Plastics production** trendline shows continues improvement since the middle of 2021, after the Covid restrictions and a second shock mid 2021.



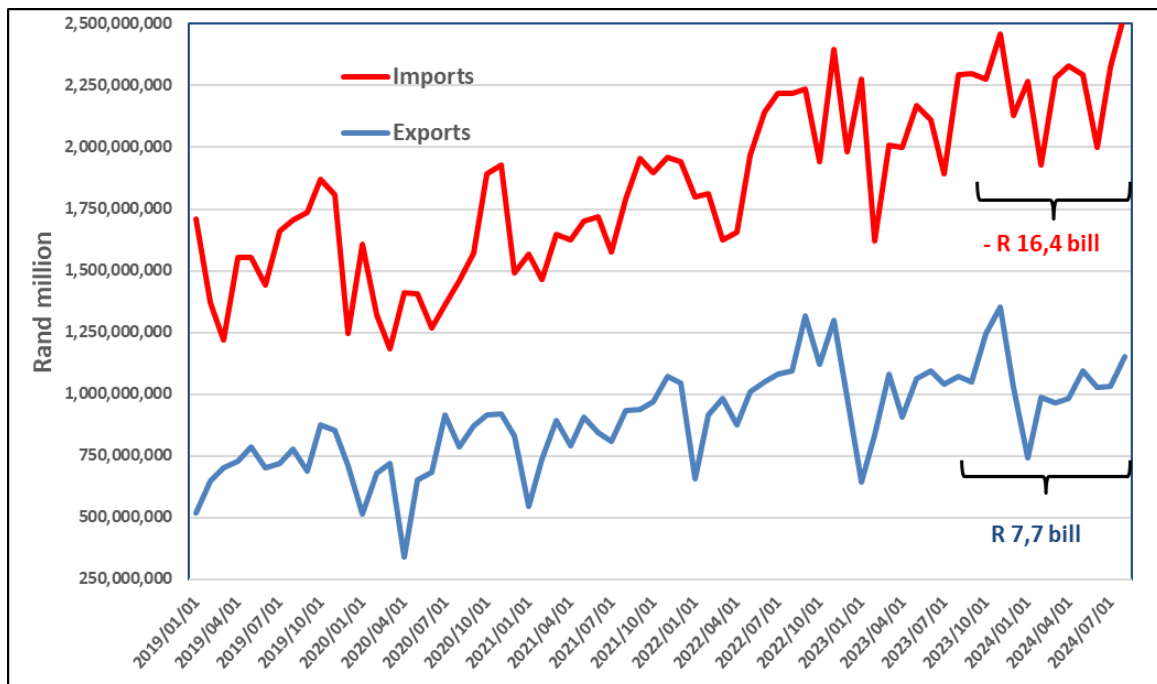
**Source: Statistics SA, Manufacturing Production & Sales, p3041.2, Quantec**

Plastics Sales showed a near 6% increase in actual numbers, but the average inflation was just over 6% resulting in inflation adjusted sales being fairly 'flat' for the year up to August.



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SARS's international trade data is also classified according to the SIC system and is shown below.



Sources: SARS trade data & Quantec

The four tables below show the imports and exports of plastic products, as well as countries of origin and/or destination. for 2023.

**Import of specific goods (Top 10 imported goods)**

Imports of specific product	HS Code	R million	%
Articles of plastics (inc poly [HST3926]	HST3926	4,972.35	20.81
Other plates, sheets, film, fo [HST3920]	HST3920	4,917.69	20.58
Containers (boxes, bags etc), [HST3923]	HST3923	3,832.90	16.04
Other plates, sheets, film, fo [HST3921]	HST3921	2,872.41	12.02
Self-adhesive plates, sheets, [HST3919]	HST3919	2,624.37	10.99
Tubes, pipes & hoses & their f [HST3917]	HST3917	2,287.77	9.58
Tableware & other household ar [HST3924]	HST3924	1,124.22	4.71
Floor cover (rolls & tiles) & [HST3918]	HST3918	700	2.93
Insulating fittings for assemb [HST8547]	HST8547	597.7	2.5
Builders' ware of plastics, no [HST3925]	HST3925	427.2	1.79

**Origin of goods imports (Top 10 import regions)**

Imports origin by region	R million	%
European Union	8,815.54	36.9
Eastern Asia	8,529.65	35.7
South Asia	2,676.97	11.21
NAFTA	1,574.75	6.59
Western Asia	1,227.35	5.14
Europe Rest	1,208.88	5.06
SADC	804.33	3.37
Northern Africa	190.76	0.8
Not allocated	181.33	0.76
Americas Rest	179.16	0.75

**Export of specific goods (Top 10 exported goods)**

Product	HS Code	R million	%
Containers (boxes, bags etc), [HST3923]	HST3923	3,665.76	28.45
Tubes, pipes & hoses & their f [HST3917]	HST3917	2,546.41	19.76
Articles of plastics (inc poly [HST3926]	HST3926	1,925.80	14.95
Other plates, sheets, film, fo [HST3920]	HST3920	1,143.73	8.88
Tableware & other household ar [HST3924]	HST3924	704.94	5.47
Other plates, sheets, film, fo [HST3921]	HST3921	665.22	5.16
Baths, shower-baths, sinks, wa [HST3922]	HST3922	511.52	3.97
Self-adhesive plates, sheets, [HST3919]	HST3919	426.02	3.31
Builders' ware of plastics, no [HST3925]	HST3925	372.64	2.89
Headgear NESOI , whether or no [HST6506]	HST6506	151	1.17

**Destination of goods exports (Top 10 export regions)**

Export destination by region	R million	%
SADC	9,889.79	76.75
NAFTA	578.08	4.49
European Union	499.98	3.88
Northern Africa	337.57	2.62
Oceania including Australia and New Zealand	229.07	1.78
Sub-Saharan Africa excluding SADC	217.75	1.69
Europe Rest	202.51	1.57
Western Asia	152.08	1.18
South Asia	132.77	1.03
Americas Rest	68.61	0.53