South Africa

**General Information**

- **Capital:** Pretoria (administrative),
- **Population (m):** 57
- **Local Currency:** South African rand
- **Exchange Rate (LCU:US$):** 13
- **Head of State:** President – Cyril Ramaphosa

**Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):** 67
**Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):** 71
**Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):** 82
**Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):** 77
**Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):** 55

**Recent Economic Indicators**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)</th>
<th>GDP (Bn$) (market prices)</th>
<th>GDP per capita ($) (PPP)</th>
<th>Export of Goods (Bn$)</th>
<th>Import of Goods (Bn$)</th>
<th>Unemployment Rate (% yearly)</th>
<th>Inflation (Av)</th>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>13,360</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<td>13,573</td>
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**Principal Export Destinations**

- **China 9.5%, US 7.7%, Germany 7.1%, Japan 4.7%, India 4.6%, Botswana 4.3%, Namibia 4.1%**

**Principal Import Destinations**

- **China 18.3%, Germany 11.9%, US 6.6%, Saudi Arabia 4.7%, India 4.7%**

**Principal Export Commodities**

- gold, diamonds, platinum, other metals and minerals,
- machinery and equipment

**Principal Import Commodities**

- machinery and equipment, chemicals, petroleum products, scientific instruments, foodstuffs

The most problematic factors for exporting to South Africa:

1. Burdensome import procedures
2. Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
3. High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation
4. High cost or delays caused by international transportation
5. Crime and theft

**Israel's Goods Trade Relations with South Africa**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Export</th>
<th>Import</th>
<th>Total trade (export + import)</th>
<th>Trade Balance (export - import)</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>228</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>204</td>
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**The Main Sectors of Goods Trade between Israel and South Africa**

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<td><strong>Machinery, Mechanic equipment</strong></td>
<td>32</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td><strong>Plastics</strong></td>
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<td>11</td>
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<td><strong>Machinery, Electrical equipment</strong></td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>Furniture</strong></td>
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<td>8</td>
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**M$ % Share % Change**

- **Machinery, Mechanic equipment:** 11% -58%
- **Plastics:** 9% -20%
- **Machinery, Electrical equipment:** 5% -8%
- **Furniture:** 4% 28%
- **Chemical Products:** 3% -41%

**Sector**

- **Vegetables Preparations**
- **Fruits & Nuts**
- **Machinery, Electrical equipment**
- **Cocoa And Cocoa Preparations**
- **Fuel**

**M$ % Share % Change**

- **Vegetables Preparations:** 12% 78%
- **Fruits & Nuts:** 11% 57%
- **Machinery, Electrical equipment:** 10% 248%
- **Cocoa And Cocoa Preparations:** 8% 1173%
- **Fuel:** 7% 968%

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* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey
** Excluding Diamonds

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