



International Trade Delegation

Republic and canton Jura Switzerland



Feedback Report

On Wednesday, 25 November 2015 the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) hosted a trade delegation from Republic and canton Jura, Switzerland.

The DCCI through its International Business Department aims to promote international trade in the eThekweni municipal area and beyond. This aim speaks to goal 1, 2 and 8 of the Business Vision for Economic Development of Durban. The Chamber initiated the Business Vision to challenge the Business community in eThekweni, to apply its collective mind to encourage local economic development.

Goal 1: Increased investment in the City's economy

Goal 2: Institutional partnership and collaboration

Goal 8: The achievement of 'International destination' status for leisure, business and other tourists

Among the delegates attending the economic mission were the Minister of Economy and Cooperation, Mr Michel Probst, Delegate for Economic Promotion, Mr Jean-Claude Lachat, Head of Swiss Business Hub Southern Africa, Ms Anita Dietiker, Head of S-GE Suisse romande, Mr Sylvain Jaccard and the Honorary Consul of Switzerland, Mr Hanspeter Graber.

The objectives of the economic mission were:

- Promoting exports
- Seeking distributors
- Gathering information on the market
- Technology monitoring
- Establishing business relationships

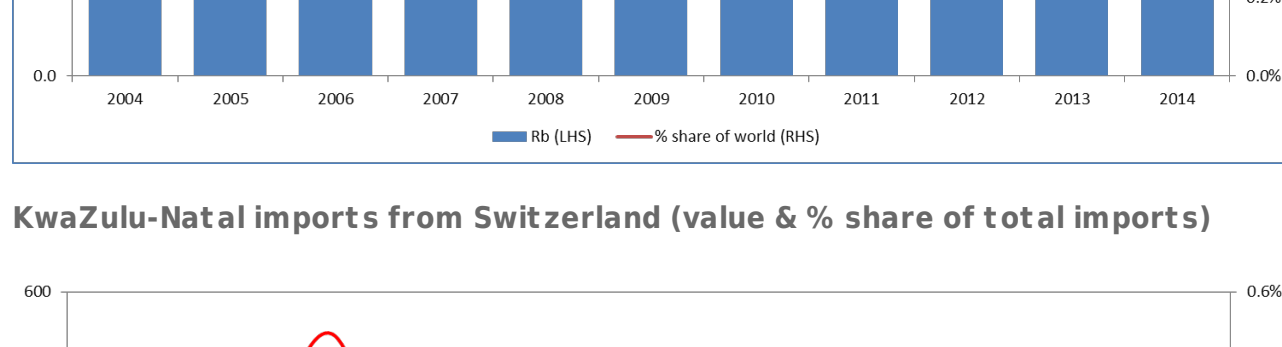
Bilateral economic agreements have been signed between Switzerland and South Africa during previous economic missions. These include:

- Representatives of the EFTA States and SACU (South African Custom Union: South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland) signed a Free Trade Agreement which entered into force in May 2008
- Switzerland and South Africa signed an Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation which has been effective since 07 December 2014

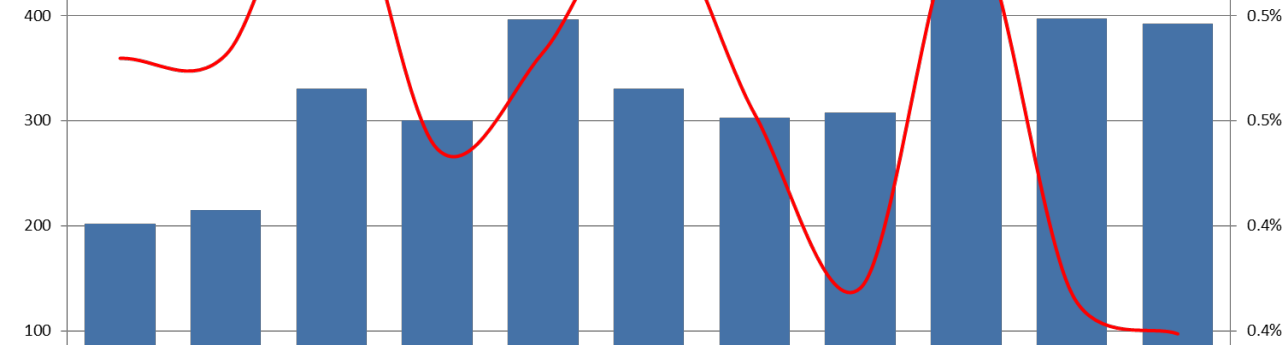
The delegates from the economic mission were heavily focussed on the following industries:

- Watch Industry
- Micromechanics
- Medical
- Telecommunication
- Car Industry
- Aeronautics

South African imports from Switzerland (value & % share of total imports)



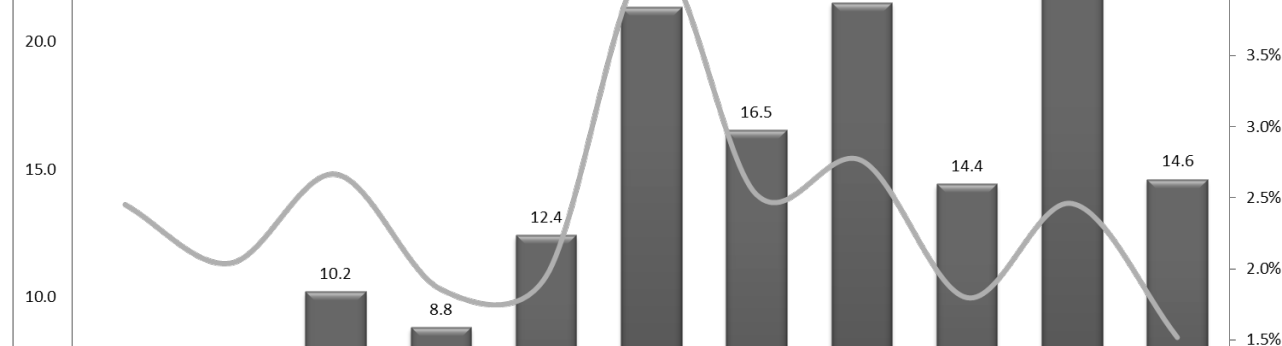
KwaZulu-Natal imports from Switzerland (value & % share of total imports)



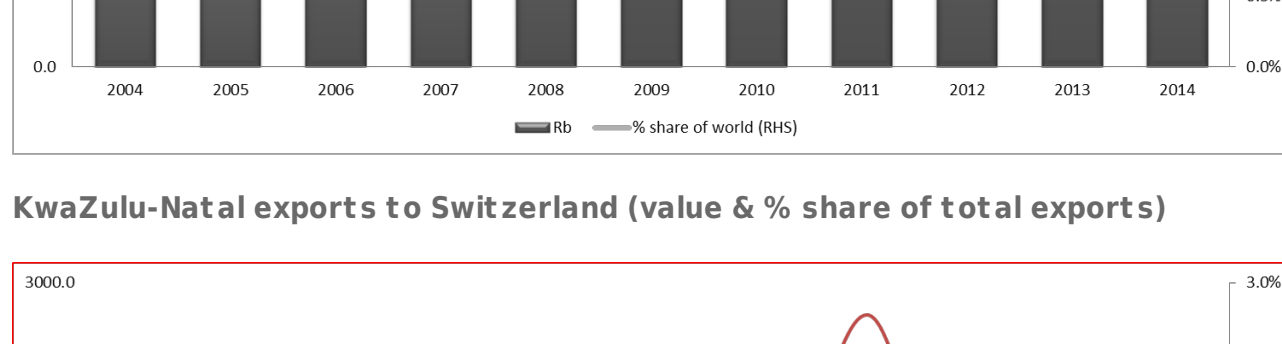
South Africa and KwaZulu-Natal imports from Switzerland (top 10 products - HS2)

RSA	KZN
Nuclear reactors, machinery and mechanical appliances	Nuclear reactors, machinery and mechanical appliances
Photographic, cinematographic, and medical instruments	Tanning or dyeing extracts
Pearls and precious or semi-precious stones	Pharmaceutical products
Pharmaceutical products	Miscellaneous chemical products
Clocks and watches	Photographic, cinematographic, and medical instruments
Electrical machinery and equipment	Tools, cutlery, spoons and forks
Essential oils and resinoids	Plastics and articles thereof
Organic chemical compounds	Electrical machinery and equipment
Tanning or dyeing extracts	Railway or tramway locomotives
Miscellaneous chemical products	Essential oils and resinoids

South African exports to Switzerland (value & % share of total exports)



KwaZulu-Natal exports to Switzerland (value & % share of total exports)



South Africa and KwaZulu-Natal exports to Switzerland (top 10 products - HS2)

RSA	KZN
Pearls and precious or semi-precious stones (69.0%)	Aluminium and articles thereof (92.9%)
Aluminium and articles thereof	Vehicles and accessories
Ores, slag and ash	Fish and crustaceans
Fruit and nuts	Electrical machinery and equipment
Vehicles and accessories	Iron and steel
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	Beverages, spirits and vinegar
Prepared vegetables, fruit and nuts	Fruit and nuts
Fish and crustaceans	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
Mineral fuels and mineral oils	Made up textile articles
Electrical machinery and equipment	Nuclear reactors, machinery and mechanical appliances

The DCCI wishes to thank the Swiss delegation for visiting our beautiful city. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Alta Keyter on 031 335 1000 or keytera@durbanchamber.co.za

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