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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 590

DATE OF ORAL REPLY: 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) What total quantity of fertiliser does the Republic import from Morocco annually;
- (2) whether the Republic has considered implementing restrictions on its trade with Morocco until Morocco stops its colonisation of Western Sahara; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4061E

#### REPLY:

- (1) Below is a summary of fertiliser imports from Morocco. There appears to be a spike in imports in the month of July 2022. There were no imports of fertiliser from Morocco in 2019 and 2020.

HS Heading	2021 (quantity-KG)	2022 (YTD January to July; quantity-KG)	Grand Total (quantity - KG)
31031100	300 245		300 245
31031900	300 170	1 222 026	1 522 196
31039000		625 250	625 250
31042000		1 195 130	1 195 130
31053000		1 063 498	1 063 498
31054000	28 304		28 304
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>628 719</b>	<b>4 105 904</b>	<b>4 734 623</b>

In value terms, SA's 2021 imports from Morocco reached R6.6 million or 0.043% of SA's total fertiliser imports. Imports of fertilizer from Morocco this year from January to July, amounted to R64 million or 0.5% of SA's total imports of fertilizer.

- (2) Trade decisions on imports are made in compliance with the rules of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). It requires granting non-discriminatory market access for imports from all WTO Members, subject to applicable tariffs and health, safety and environmental standards, such as sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements. Any restrictions beyond these need to comply with specified rules. This provides the legal framework within which any administration is required to operate.

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