



## Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, January – March 2004

There was a 6.1% increase in merchandise trade imports to the island during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2004, compared to 2003.

Wood products, floor tiles, rubber products, electrical products, paints and varnishes, vehicles and heavy equipment were the major contributors to the increase. EC\$52.2 million dollars in goods were imported during this period compared to EC\$49.2 million in 2003.

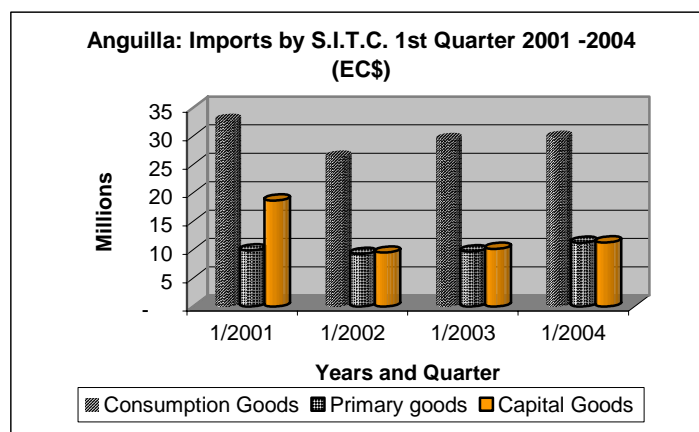
The month of March saw the largest increase in imports of 25.2%, January also recorded a 5.5% increase and imports in February were down 9.8% this year compared to last year. The primary sources of the decline in February were in Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes, which registered a 37.2% decline, Food, which declined by 36.9% from 2003.

Imports of these products leveled off into February after the increased importation during the months of December 2003 and January 2004 (*holiday season where traditionally an extra amount of cooking and baking is done*). Crude Materials such as, oils etc. also declined by 41.5% in February.

EC\$1.5 million more in Primary Goods were imported for this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2004 than for the corresponding period in 2003, which amounted to a 15.6% increase. The Chemicals and Related Products category (*which includes paints and varnishes etc.*) were responsible for this large increase and accounted for a 42% climb compared to 2003.

Capital Goods which are made up of machinery and transport equipment, also increased for this reporting period by 10.8% over last year's first quarter. The importation of electrical equipment, vehicles and outboard motors contributed to the increase. There was a 28% increase in the importation of vehicles for this quarter compared to the same period last year.

Consumption goods for this period recorded a slight 1.4% increase over the first quarter of 2003. Manufactured Goods Classified chiefly by Materials contributed most to this rise. This category saw EC\$3.2 million more in goods being imported for this quarter than for the corresponding period in 2003. Both the Food component and Beverages and Tobacco component recorded declines of 19.7% and 22% respectively for this period. This maybe due to more persons increasingly buying these products from outlets in St.Maarten (*Such trade is not picked up on the ASTCUDA system as persons usually pass through the port of Blowing Point with their products and duties are paid without an entry form required*).



Imports from the United States of America, Anguilla's main trading partner, although just rising slightly by 4%, accounted for just over half of the total trade to the island during the first quarter of 2004. Trade with Caricom<sup>1</sup> countries for this period rose 16.8% compared to last year. These group of countries accounted for 9.2% of total trade to Anguilla. Imports from Canada made up 2% of overall trade and trade with this country rose 11% for this first quarter 2004 compared to the same period last year. Trade with Japan rose 65% from 2003 and goods imported from this country accounted for 3% of overall trade.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$2.3 million, a 7.5% drop during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2004 compared to last year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The EC\$2.3 million in exports include some of the heavy equipment such as excavators, shovels and tamping machines that were brought in to the island to construct and upgrade the roads and which are now being re-exported. Domestic exports accounted for 21% of the overall exports for this period. February had the largest volume in Domestic Exports for this period of EC\$214,722.

The international merchandise trade deficit for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was EC\$49.9 million, a 6.8% increase compared to EC\$46.7 million in 2003.

This report along with other Trade Data, are available at the Government of Anguilla's website: <http://gov.ai/statistics/external.htm>

<sup>1</sup> Caricom Countries:- Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago.

**Anguilla: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2001-2004 International Trade Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$ M)**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% Change 04/03</b>
<b>Imports</b>	61,314,993	45,024,239	49,239,273	52,254,846	6.12%
<b>Exports</b>	1,903,239	2,403,621	2,504,765	2,315,732	(7.55)
<b>Balance (E-I)</b>	(59,411,754)	(42,620,618)	(46,734,508)	(49,939,114)	6.86%

**Anguilla: Imports by SITC (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2001-2004)**

	<b>Category</b>	<b>1/2002</b>	<b>1/2003</b>	<b>1/2004</b>	<b>% change 04/03</b>
<b>Consumption Goods</b>	0 Food and Live Animals	10,208,665	13,006,931	10,445,581	-19.7%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	3,753,698	4,437,503	3,463,308	-22.0%
	4 Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	170,569	190,795	210,233	10.2%
	6 Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	7,025,602	6,409,129	9,688,266	51.2%
	8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	5,180,284	5,351,193	5,996,665	12.1%
	9 Commodities and Transactions NES in SITC	-	36,764	42,667	16.1%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>26,338,818</b>	<b>29,432,315</b>	<b>29,846,720</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Primary Goods</b>	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	1,186,590	1,110,323	1,177,606	6.1%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	5,156,806	5,388,241	5,498,310	2.0%
	5 Chemicals and Related Products NES	2,871,142	3,171,114	4,501,599	42.0%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9,214,538</b>	<b>9,669,678</b>	<b>11,177,515</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	7 Machinery and Transport Equipment	9,470,883	10,137,280	11,230,611	10.8%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,024,239</b>	<b>49,239,273</b>	<b>52,254,846</b>	<b>6.1%</b>