



## Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, January – March 2006

There was a 44.4% increase in merchandise trade imports to the island during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2006, over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2005. EC\$112.2 million dollars in goods were imported during 2006 compared to EC\$77.6 million in 2005.

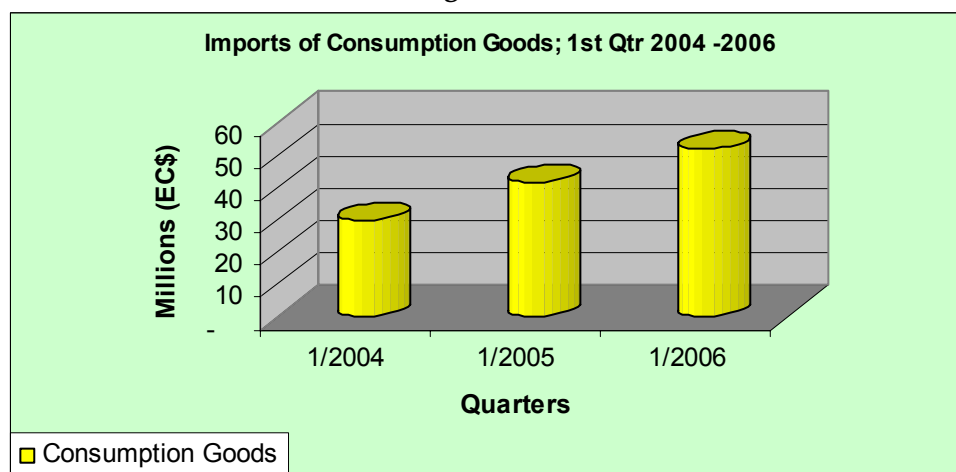
The month of March saw the largest increase in imports of 62.1%. January and February also recorded increases of 36.4% and 31.8% respectively over their corresponding periods in 2005.

Alcoholic beverages, water-based and acrylic paints, fertilizers, PVC pipes and fittings, tyres, wood fabric, generators, heavy equipment and machinery, aviation fuel, medical supplies and equipment and home finishing materials (such as doors, windows, ceramic fixtures and electric lamps and fittings) were the major contributors to the increase.

Consumption Goods for this period recorded an increase of 25.2% over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2005, driven mainly by imports of Manufactured Goods Classified chiefly by Materials. This category saw an increase of EC\$4.2 million in value of goods imported for this quarter than for the corresponding period in 2005. Imports of tyres, wood, home furnishings (*such as doors and windows*), fabric and toiletries were some of the commodities that contributed to the increase. The Beverages and Tobacco component recorded the largest annual percentage increase (122.6%) within the Consumption Goods category. During the month of March, large quantities of aerated beverages and liquor were imported by beverage distributors and manufacturers.

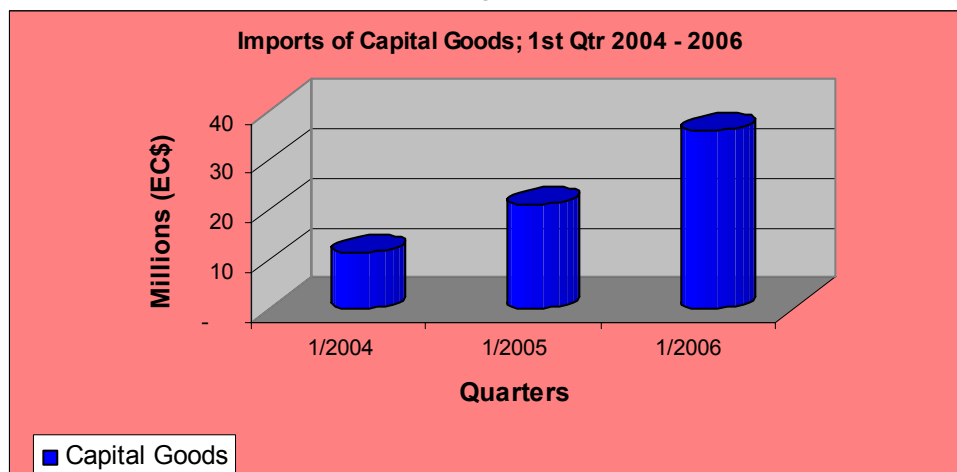
Imports of Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles also rose during this period by 24.6% resulting from increased imports of ceramic fixtures and electric lamps and fittings. Meanwhile, imports within the Food and Live Animals and Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes components declined by 11.8% and 9.5% respectively during this period from the corresponding period in 2005.

***Fig. 1***



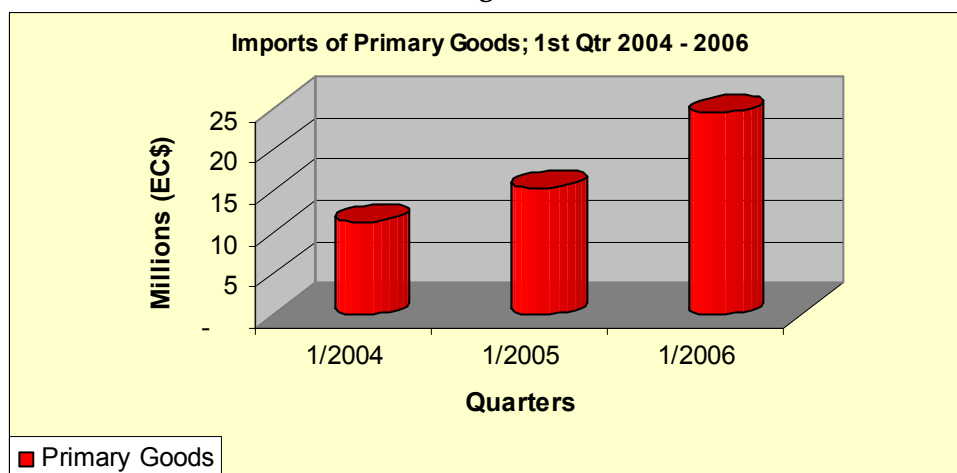
Capital Goods, which comprises of one component (machinery and transport equipment), also experienced an increase for this reporting period, by 71.7% over last year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The importation of generators, heavy equipment and machinery and air-conditioning units contributed to the increase.

**Fig. 2**



EC\$9.0 million more in Primary Goods were imported for this 1st quarter 2006 than for the corresponding period in 2005, which amounted to a 59.1% increase. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials component (*which includes aviation fuel, diesel fuel and propane gas*) were responsible for the large increase and accounted for a 114.6% climb over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2005. Imports during the month of March contributed mainly to this increase. The Chemicals and Related Products component recorded a 31.9% increase over last year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Paints, medical supplies, fertilizers and PVC pipes and fittings were some of the commodities imported that contributed to the increase. Imports of Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels declined for this period by 28.6% from the corresponding period in 2005.

**Fig. 3**



Imports from the United States of America, rose by 22.6% and accounted for just under half (45.7%) of the total trade to the island during the 1st quarter of 2006. Trade with Caricom<sup>1</sup> countries for this period rose 125.8% over last year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. These group of countries accounted for 19.8% of total trade to Anguilla. Imports from Canada made up just under, 1.0% of overall trade and trade with this country dropped by 41.5% for this

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

1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 compared to the same period last year. Trade with Japan rose 20.2% and goods imported from this country accounted for 2.3% of overall trade.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$6.0 million, a 7.6% decline from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2005. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$4.4 million for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 compared to EC\$721,478 for the corresponding period in 2005, accounted for 73.0% of the overall exports for this period. The value of re-exports during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 totaled EC\$1.6 million.

The international merchandise trade deficit for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006 was EC\$106.1 million, a 49.2% increase compared to EC\$71.1 million in 2005.

**Table 1**  
**Imports by S.I.T.C<sup>2</sup>**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2004 – 2006 (EC\$)**

	Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2005	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2006	% Change 06/05
<b>Consumption Goods</b>	0 Food and Live Animals	10,445,581	14,819,257	13,076,273	-11.8%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	3,463,308	4,946,468	11,009,540	122.6%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	210,233	281,576	254,754	-9.5%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	9,688,266	13,492,688	17,706,904	31.2%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	5,996,665	7,928,061	9,874,553	24.6%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	42,667	0	0	0.0%
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,846,720</b>	<b>41,468,050</b>	<b>51,922,024</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>Primary Goods</b>	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,177,606	3,404,437	2,432,094	-28.6%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	5,498,310	7,544,125	16,187,847	114.6%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	4,501,599	4,402,835	5,807,474	31.9%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11,177,515</b>	<b>15,351,397</b>	<b>24,427,415</b>	<b>59.1%</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	11,230,611	20,845,542	35,800,643	71.7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>52,254,846</b>	<b>77,664,989</b>	<b>112,150,082</b>	<b>44.4%</b>

**Table 2**  
**International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2004 – 2006**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2005	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2006	% Change 06/05
<b>Imports</b>	52,254,846	77,664,989	112,150,082	44.4
<b>Exports</b>	2,315,732	6,524,968	6,031,600	(7.6)
<b>Balance (E-I)</b>	(49,939,114)	(71,140,021)	(106,118,482)	49.2

<sup>2</sup> Standard International Trade Classification