

Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary April 2005

The value of total merchandise trade imports into Anguilla for April 2005 were EC\$29.2 million up 55.0 percent from April 2004 when EC\$18.8 million worth in goods were imported.

The year to date change in the value of imports from 2004 to 2005 is 33.4 percent. Heavy equipment, machinery, frozen meats, wood and wood products and paints have been the main contributors to the increase.

Capital Goods from which the main contributors to the increase originate, saw the largest increase in value of EC\$5.4 million for April, which resulted in an overall 140.1percent increase in this category over April 2004. With a number of construction projects on stream, the imports of heavy equipment such as tamping machines, shovel loaders and excavators needed to begin civil works were imported, accounting for the large increase in this category of goods. Vehicle parts, air condition units and phones were some of the other components that also contributed to the increase.

Imports of Primary Goods had an overall increase of 84.0 percent during April 2005. Crude Materials, was the main contributor to the increase in this category. This component increased by 395.0 percent from the previous April. The importation of sand and stone accounted for the rise. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants component increased during this period by 50.0 percent caused by the import of jet fuel, diesel oil and petroleum jelly. Chemicals and Related Products also increased during April by 76.0 percent, as a result of high imports of automotive paints, water paints, perfumes and PVC pipes, fittings and tubes.

Consumption Goods imports increased by a value of EC\$2.0 million from EC\$11.5 million in April 2004 to EC\$13.6 million for the equivalent month this year. Food and Manufactured Goods by Material, included in this category, saw increases of 31.0 percent and 28.5 percent respectively over the same period last year. Meats, dairy products, grains, linens and iron and steel products and other building materials were some of the commodities imported. Overall, Consumption Goods increased by 18.0 percent over April 2004.

Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$3.9 million, a 779.4 percent increase during the month of April 2005 compared to April last year. Such a large increase comprised the re-exports of heavy equipment and machinery that were used in the road and airport runway construction. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$264,398 for April 2005 compared to EC\$93,571 in April last year, accounted for 7 percent of the overall exports for this period.

For the period under review the total value in duty collected for goods imported using the ASYCUDA System was EC\$3.6 million in April 2005 compared to EC\$3.0 million in April 2004.

In April 2005, Anguilla's balance of trade was EC\$25.2 million. Compared with the same period in 2003 an increase of 37.3 percent was recorded in the deficit.

The figures for imports and exports/re-exports shown represent the total record on customs documents brought to account at that period. They do not necessarily represent the actual total amount of goods imported into the country or exported from the country during that period. However, the customs records account for the major percentage by far, of total merchandise imports.

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

Imports by SITC¹ April 2003 -2005 (EC\$)

	Description	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	% Change 04/05
	0 Food and Live Animals	2,919,801	3,939,276	5,146,046	30.6%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,049,102	1,965,080	1,573,072	-19.9%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	58,307	60,188	62,224	3.4%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	2,559,892	3,492,825	4,487,129	28.5%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,275,058	2,137,606	2,410,640	12.8%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	O	O	0	
Consumption Goods Sub total		7,862,160	11,594,975	13,679,111	18.0%
	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	257,119	248,749	1,231,046	394.9%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,977,786	2,000,073	2,996,989	49.8%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,082,748	1,163,492	2,042,607	75.6%
Primary Goods	Sub-Total	3,317,653	3,412,314	6,270,642	83.8%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	5,299,812	3,860,029	9,267,081	140.1%
Total		16,479,625	18,867,318	29,216,834	54.9%

April 2004 - 2005 International Trade Merchandise Statistics (EC\$)

	April 2004	April 2005	% Change 04/05
Imports	18,867,318	29,216,834	55.0%
Exports	445,905	3,921,295	779.4%
Balance (E-I)	(18,421,413)	(25,295,539)	37.3%

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¹ Standard International Trade Classification