

Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary April 2006

The value of total merchandise trade imports to Anguilla for April 2006 was EC\$33.3 million, up 14.3% from April 2005 when EC\$29.2 million valued in goods was imported. The year to date change in value of imports from 2005 to 2006 shows an increase of 36.2%.

Mineral Fuels, alcoholic beverages, vegetable oils, building materials (wood, cement, iron and steel), electrical fittings and fixtures and plants were the main contributors to the increase.

Consumption Goods accounted for 47.7% of total imports and was the main contributor to the increase in total imports during April 2006. This category of goods saw an increase in imports to the tune of EC\$2.3 million for April 2006, which resulted in an annual (April 06/05) 16.5% increase. Imports within the Manufactured Goods by Material component, was the largest contributor to the increase within Consumption Goods. This component accounted for EC\$6.0 million in goods imported during April 2006, which resulted in a 31.9% increase over April 2005. Tyres, plywood, fabric, linens, iron and steel products and cement were some of the commodities that contributed to the rise. The Beverages and Tobacco component accounted for 23.0% of overall Consumption Goods imported. Increased imports of Beer and Rum by beverage distributors and manufacturers accounted for the large climb.

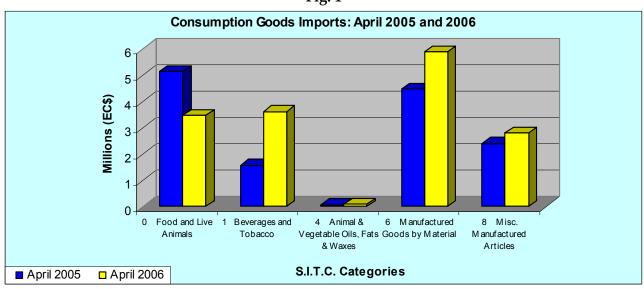


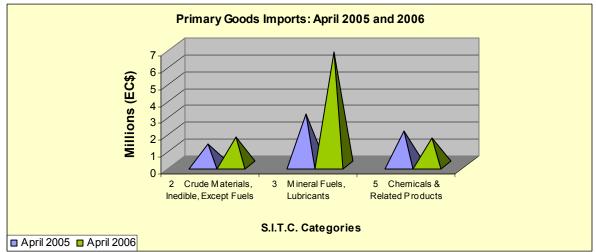
Fig. 1

Imports within the Food and Live Animal category accounted for 21.9% of imports within Consumption Goods category, however, during April 2006, this category of goods recorded a decline of 32.3% from April 2005 value of imports. There was a lesser import quantity of meat and poultry products, dairy products, fish, cereals, fruits and vegetables during April this year from April 2005. Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles (which includes Furniture, mattresses, electrical fittings and fixtures etc.) recorded a 16.6% increase and accounted for 17.6% of Consumption Goods imports.

There was a 48.6% increase in Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats imports during April 2006 over April 2005 resulting from increased imports of vegetable and jojoba oils by food distributors on the island. This component of goods accounted for 0.6 % of overall consumption Goods imports.

Primary Goods also showed an increase in imports of 58.7% during April 2006 and accounted for 29.8% of total imports. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants component accounted for the majority (67.3%) of the increase within the Primary Goods category. Imports of diesel, petroleum jelly and propane gas during April 2006, resulted in the 123.4% increase over April 2005. Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels and Chemical and Related Products imports accounted for 16.7% and 16.0% respectively of Primary Goods. Imports of wood and banana plants during April 2006 contributed to the annual increase (April 06/05) of 34.8% in Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels. There was a 21.9% decline within the Chemical and Related Products category from April 2005. Cosmetics, PVC pipes fittings, and paints were some of the main items contributing to the decline.





Capital Goods, which comprises of one component (Machinery and Transport Equipment) made up 22.4% of total imports. Annually, (April 06/05), imports within this category declined by 19.2%. A low import quantity of air condition units, cell phones and motor vehicle parts contributed to the decline.

Fig. 3



Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports during April 2006 were valued at EC\$2.5 million, a 35.7% decline from April 2005. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$1.8 million during this period compared to EC\$264,398 in April last year accounted for 71.9% of the overall exports from Anguilla. For this period re-exports totaled EC\$708,972.

Anguilla's balance of trade for February 2006 was in deficit by EC\$30.8 million. When compared with the same period in 2005 the deficit increased by 22.0%.

Table 1
Imports by S.I.T.C. April 2004 – 2006 (EC\$)

	Description	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	% Change 06/05
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	3,939,276	5,146,046	3,483,946	-32.3%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,965,080	1,573,072	3,634,569	131.0%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	60,188	62,224	92,494	48.6%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	3,492,825	4,487,129	5,917,284	31.9%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,137,606	2,410,640	2,809,974	16.6%
	Sub total	11,594,975	13,679,111	15,938,267	16.5%
	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	248,749	1,231,046	1,659,937	34.8%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	2,000,073	2,996,989	6,696,676	123.4%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,163,492	2,042,607	1,594,899	-21.9%
Primary Goods	Sub-Total	3,412,314	6,270,642	9,951,512	58.7%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	3,860,029	9,267,081	7,490,721	-19.2%
Total		18,867,318	29,216,834	33,380,500	14.3%

Table 2 International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$) April 2004 – 2006

	April 2004	April 2005	April 2005	% Change 06/05
Imports	18,867,318	29,216,834	33,380,500	14.3
Exports	445,905	3,921,295	2,522,360	(35.7)
Balance (E-I)	(18,421,413)	(25,295,539)	(30,858,140)	22.0

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

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¹ Standard International Trade Classification