



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary August 2004

Anguilla's imports reached EC\$30.9 million for August 2004, a 97.3 percent increase from the same period last year when imports were EC\$15.6 million. The primary sources of this increase was due to a rise in Capital goods imports with a percentage increase of 237.8 percent, this category includes Machinery and Transport Equipment followed by Primary Goods with a percentage increase 82.6 percent this category includes Chemicals and Related products. The large increases in these two categories, indicates that present consumption activity is showing little change but investment activity is relatively strong.

Capital Goods had the largest increase by value of EC\$10.2 million during this period and also recorded the largest percentage increase of 237.8 percent from last year August. The imports of heavy equipment (*such as loaders, excavators, rollers, dumpers, graders, concrete mixers*) to be used in the construction of the new facilities for the airport runway project were imported.

Imports in the Primary Goods category was driven by the imports of PVC piping and other plastic fittings. These commodities fall under the Chemicals and Related products category, which showed an increase of 142.8 percent over August 2003. Primary goods imports rose by a value of EC\$2.4 million, which resulted in an 82.6 percent increase.

Consumption goods imports increase in August 2004 over August 2003 was mainly driven by increases in the Manufactured Goods by material and Miscellaneous manufactured articles categories with 50.6 percent and 56.9 percent respectively. The importation of construction materials such as cement, steel, iron, electrical fittings and furniture accounted for the increase.

During August, the total value in duty collected for goods imported using the ASYCUDA system was EC\$2.5 million compared to EC\$2.2 million in August 2003. Total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point was EC\$223,915 compared to 184,927 during August last year.

Exports (*which include re-exports and domestic exports*) were EC\$968,693 a 57.4 percent increase from the EC\$2.2 million in August 2003. The large export figure in August 2003 was due to the re-exports of the heavy equipment that were brought in for the road construction projects. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$220,571 during this period compared to EC\$377,833 in August last year, accounted for 23 percent of overall exports. Re-exports totaled EC\$748,122 compared to EC\$1.8 million in August last year. The re-exports, consisted of vehicles and motorcycles (*that were brought in for a car show*) and paintings.

The merchandise trade deficit for August was EC\$29.9 million or a 123.5 percent increase compared to EC\$13.4 million for the same period in 2003.

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 SITC August 2004 (EC\$)

| | Description | Aug-03 | Aug-04 | % Change 03/04 |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Consumption Goods | 0 Food and Live Animals | 2,658,664 | 3,063,254 | 15.2% |
| | 1 Beverages and Tobacco | 1,170,065 | 907,348 | -22.5% |
| | 4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes | 37,239 | 49,515 | 33.0% |
| | 6 Manufactured Goods by Material | 3,239,272 | 4,878,457 | 50.6% |
| | 8 Misc. Manufactured Articles | 1,283,442 | 2,014,054 | 56.9% |
| | Sub total | 8,388,682 | 10,912,628 | 30.1% |
| Primary Goods | 2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels | 512,861 | 936,574 | 82.6% |
| | 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants | 1,519,604 | 2,206,727 | 45.2% |
| | 5 Chemicals & Related Products | 945,073 | 2,294,185 | 142.8% |
| | Sub-Total | 2,977,538 | 5,437,486 | 82.6% |
| Capital Goods | 7 Machinery & Transport Equipment | 4,320,672 | 14,594,679 | 237.8% |
| | Total | 15,686,892 | 30,944,793 | 97.3% |

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| | August 2003 | August 2004 | % Change 03/04 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Imports | 15,686,892 | 30,944,793 | 97.3% |
| Exports | 2,274,540 | 968,693 | -57.4% |
| Balance (E-I) | (13,412,352) | (29,976,100) | 123.5% |