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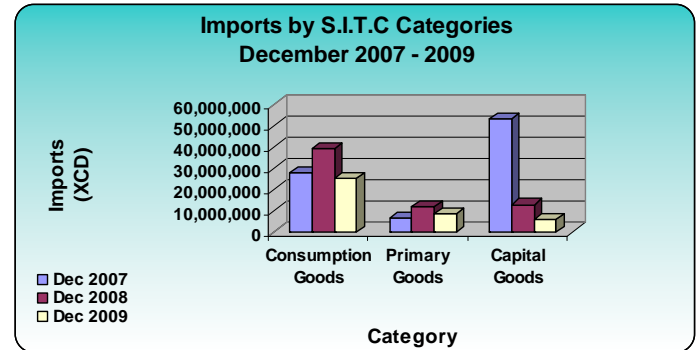
## International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary - December 2009

### OVERVIEW

International merchandise trade for the period December 2009, that is buying from and selling goods to sources outside Anguilla's borders, showed that the import bill, stood at EC\$40.7 million; 37.0% lower than the December 2008 amount. On the other hand exports were valued at EC\$3,1 million; registering an increase of 125.4% over the corresponding period in 2008.

The value of imports far outweigh that of exports and this report will provide a description of what was imported and show the movement of these goods by SITC. There are three broad categories used and the Consumption Goods accounted for the largest slice of the import bill. All three of these categories saw large

declines, but the level of imports this period was still above imports in the earlier part of this decade.



- 1- S.I.T.C: Standard Industrial Trade Classification
- 2- XCD or EC\$- Eastern Caribbean Dollar

### CONSUMPTION GOODS

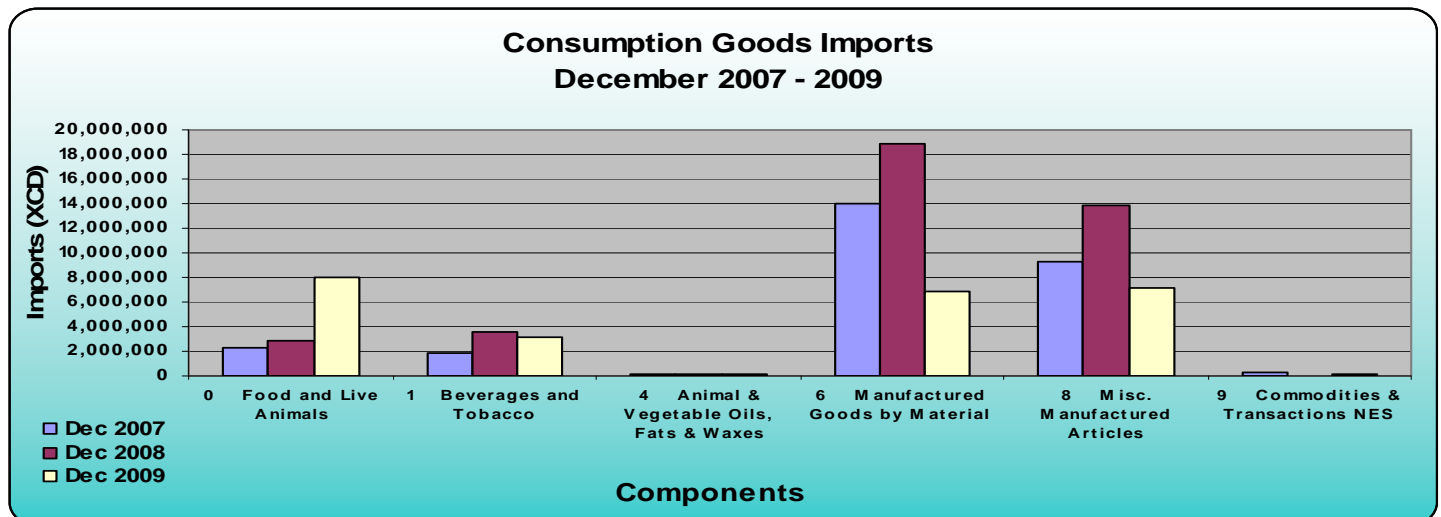
Consumption Goods accounted for 62.4% of all imports this period. Overall, the value of imports in this category was down to EC\$25.4 million, a change by 35.5% over the corresponding period in 2008.

The fall in this category was due to falling imports of manufactured goods, the two components, listed below, together made up 55.1% of imports of Consumption Goods. Manufactured Goods by Material, such as doors, tyres etc. fell 63.9% and Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles such as ceramic sinks, chandeliers etc. fell 48.4% both dropping from double digit millions to EC\$6.8 million and EC\$7.2 million respectively compared to December 2008.

Beverages and Tobacco also saw a fall in imports by 11.6% to EC\$3.2 million.

Nearly a third (31.4%) of all Consumption Goods was Food and Live Animals. The value of Food and Live Animals imports showed an impressive leap this period from EC\$2.9 million to EC\$8.0 million. Larger imports of various items like frozen chicken parts, lobster, milk, biscuits, pepper sauces, syrup, raw cane sugar and biscuits were seen.

The other component Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes saw growth in imports for the period.



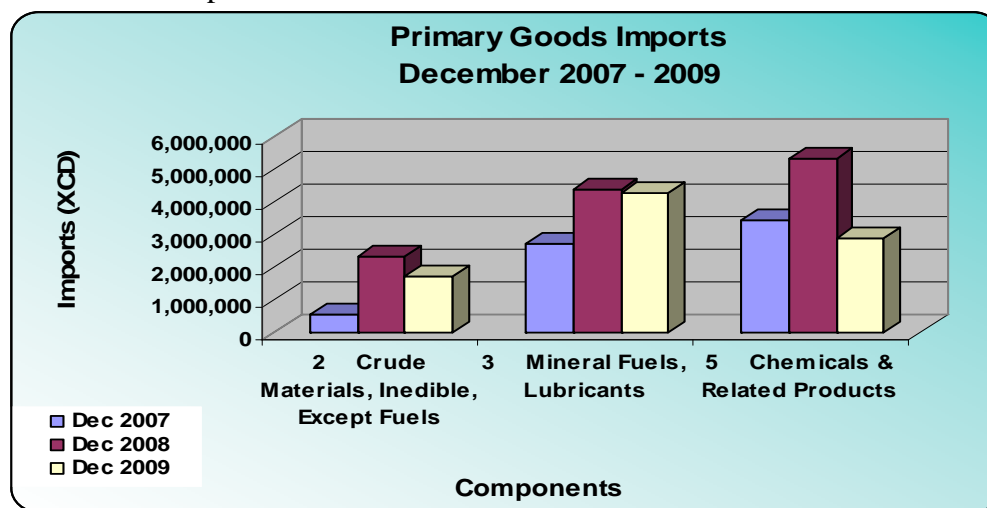
## PRIMARY GOODS

The value of imports in the Primary Goods category fell this period by 26.6% to EC\$8.8 million. Mineral Fuels, Lubricants imports were slightly below (-2.5%) the value of imports of this component in 2008, at EC\$4.3 million.

Crude Materials, Inedible except Fuels fell this month by 26.5% to EC\$1.7 million compared to December

2008, although the value of imports in this component was still above the level imported earlier comparative years of the decade.

Imports of Chemicals & Related Products were down this period by 46.3% from its corresponding period in 2008, to EC\$2.9 million.

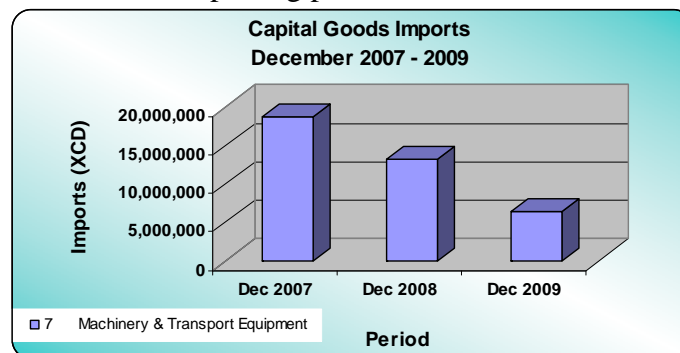


## CAPITAL GOODS

Imports of Machinery and Transport Equipment were halved (-50.8%) this period compared to December 2008. The value of Capital Goods imported, which is the sole component in this category, was EC\$6.5 million.

Lower spending on consumer durables like washing machines and refrigerators contributed to push down imports. Business capital goods accumulation was also of lower value this period, with a fall in items like TV receivers, transformers, lifts and skip hoists.

Automobile and computer imports were also slightly lower for this reporting period.



## EXPORTS

The value of domestic exports and re-exports represents the total record on customs documents and does not necessarily represent the total value of goods exported during the period. The value of exports increased by EC\$1.7 million to EC\$3.1 million compared to EC\$1.4 million in December 2008.

Re-exports was the main driver for this increase in exports as Domestic Exports fell by 76.1% over the corresponding period in 2008.

Anguilla's balance of trade, exports minus imports, is running a deficit of EC\$37.6 million.

In recent years higher consumption and investment demand were the main factors for the increasing imports of foreign goods which resulted in a large increase in Anguilla's trade deficit. Much lower imports this period however, resulted in a shrinking deficit.

**Imports by SITC Categories (XCD)**  
**December 2005- 2009**

Description		Dec 2005	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	% Change 09/08
<b>Consumption Goods</b>	0 Food and Live Animals	1,537,962	5,487,249	2,290,246	2,922,522	7,982,485	173.1%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	2,011,735	2,753,466	1,862,811	3,584,945	3,167,464	-11.6%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	35,964	109,871	94,579	88,537	180,645	104.0%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	5,632,818	7,964,207	13,975,839	18,920,754	6,834,571	-63.9%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	5,367,808	4,415,327	9,242,594	13,861,027	7,151,559	-48.4%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	0	0	260,008	0	72,994	
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,586,287</b>	<b>20,730,120</b>	<b>27,726,077</b>	<b>39,377,785</b>	<b>25,389,718</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>
<b>Primary Goods</b>	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	546,272	604,871	539,392	2,337,514	1,717,659	-26.5%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	3,497,279	6,284,509	2,725,064	4,364,797	4,255,729	-2.5%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,823,780	2,399,884	3,430,512	5,344,031	2,869,988	-46.3%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,867,331</b>	<b>9,289,264</b>	<b>6,694,968</b>	<b>12,046,342</b>	<b>8,843,376</b>	<b>-26.6%</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	16,932,631	12,257,858	18,706,081	13,170,950	6,478,560	-50.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>37,386,249</b>	<b>42,277,242</b>	<b>53,127,126</b>	<b>64,595,077</b>	<b>40,711,654</b>	<b>-37.0%</b>

**International Merchandise Trade Statistics (XCD)**  
**December 2007- 2009**

	December 2007	December 2008	December 2009	% Change 09/08
<b>IMPORTS (M)</b>	53,127,126	64,595,077	40,711,654	(37.0)
<b>EXPORTS (X)</b>	4,473,323	1,384,276	3,119,788	125.4
<b>BALANCE (M-I)</b>	<b>(48,653,803)</b>	<b>(63,210,801)</b>	<b>(37,591,866)</b>	<b>(40.5)</b>

*This report, along with other Trade data, is available at the Government of Anguilla Statistics Department's website: <http://gov.ai/statistics/external.htm>*

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