



## **Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary December 2005**

Fuelled by the increased importation of Capital Goods, imports to Anguilla for the month of December 2005, reached EC\$37.4 million, a 47.4% increase over December 2004 when imports totaled EC\$25.4 million.

Imports in the Capital Goods category, which comprises of a single category (*machinery & transport equipment*) increased for this month by 153.4% followed by the Primary Goods and Consumption Goods categories, with increases of 11.6% and 8.6% respectively.

The value of imports within the Capital Goods category during December 2005 grew by EC\$10.2 million over the December 2004 figure. Machine parts, home appliances, vehicles, heavy equipment, table fans and telephones (including cell-phones) were some of the major contributors to the large increase.

Mineral Fuels, Lubricants had the largest percentage increase of 21.2% within the Primary Goods category. The large boost for this group of items can be attributable to the high importation value of diesel and petroleum jelly products. Chemicals and related products also recorded an increase in imported goods of 15.4%. Acrylic and automotive paints, printing inks, and perfumes were the main items imported.

Meanwhile, imports of Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels declined from December 2004 when there was an increased importation of asphalt and bitumen and stone (used in the construction of the new airport runway and roads). There were no major on going projects during this period that requires the use of these materials hence the lower import value during this reporting period.

The main categories that contributed to the increase in imports of Consumption Goods over the corresponding period of 2004 were Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, by 86.5%. Substantial imports of electrical lamps and fittings, electrical signs, wooden furniture, clothing and garden furniture contributed to the increase. Manufactured Goods by Material, increased by 17.9% and the Beverages and Tobacco component by 13.7%. Imports of tyres, floor and wall coverings, cement, iron and steel products, beer and rum were some of the items that contributed to the increases.

The Food and Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes components declined by 61.1% and 28.4% respectively; this decline was as a result of a lower import value of meat, poultry and dairy products and vegetable oils.

Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports during December were valued at EC\$519,132. Domestic exports which had a total value of EC\$314,460 during this period compared to EC\$105,414 in December last year, accounted for 60.5% of the overall exports.

A value of EC\$204,672 this year compared to EC\$4.6 million in December 2004 in goods were re-exported. Such a large value for re-exports during December 2004 was as a result of the re-exportation of the cinematographic equipment used in the NBC Destination Wedding program that took place on the island.

In December 2005, Anguilla's balance of trade recorded a deficit of EC\$36.8 million compared to the same period in 2004, which was EC\$20.7 million. The deficit increased by 77.6 %.

The values for imports and exports/re-exports shown in Table 2 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.

Table 1: Imports by SITC<sup>1</sup> December 2003 – 2005 (EC\$)

	Description	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	% Change 05/04
<b>Consumption Goods</b>	0 Food and Live Animals	2,533,284	3,955,925	1,537,962	-61.1%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	2,311,938	1,769,312	2,011,735	13.7%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	17,333	50,245	35,964	-28.4%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	3,506,446	4,777,640	5,632,818	17.9%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,767,075	2,877,733	5,367,808	86.5%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	0	819	0	0.0%
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,136,076</b>	<b>13,431,674</b>	<b>14,586,287</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>Primary Goods</b>	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	486,937	789,632	546,272	-30.8%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	2,197,323	2,886,278	3,497,279	21.2%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,189,208	1,580,846	1,823,780	15.4%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>3,873,468</b>	<b>5,256,756</b>	<b>5,867,331</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,574,218	6,683,334	16,932,631	153.4%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,583,762</b>	<b>25,371,764</b>	<b>37,386,249</b>	<b>47.4%</b>

Table 2  
December 2004 –2005 International Trade Merchandise Trade statistics (EC\$)

	December 2004	December 2005	% Change 04/05
<b>Imports</b>	25,371,3764	37,386,249	47.4
<b>Exports</b>	4,616,502	519,132	(88.8)
<b>Balance (E-I)</b>	(20,755,262)	(36,867,117)	77.6

<sup>1</sup> Standard International Trade Classification