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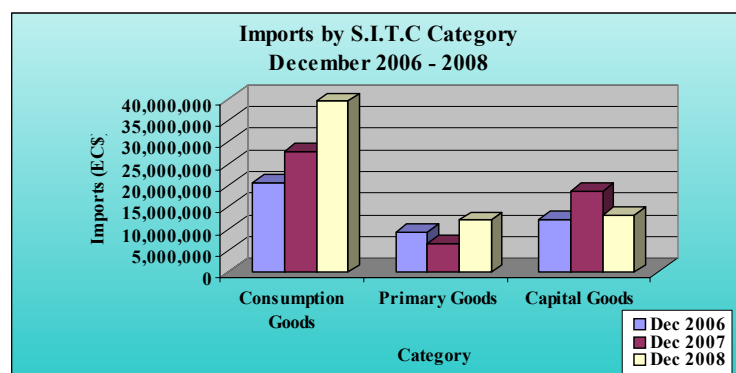
International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary– December 2008

OVERVIEW

Imports for the month of December 2008 totaled EC\$64.6 million, an increase of 21.6% over the corresponding EC\$53.1 in December 2007. Total imports for the year January to December 2008 totaled EC\$733.7 million.

There were increases in imports for two of the S.I.T.C¹ categories during December 2008; Consumption Goods and Primary Goods. The Primary Goods category experienced the largest percentage increase with 79.9% over its corresponding 2007 figure while Consumption Goods experienced a 42.0% increase. Conversely, the Capital Goods category experienced a decrease of 29.6% over its corresponding 2007 figure.

Consumption, Primary and Capital Goods contributed 61.0%, 18.6% and 20.4% respectively to the total import bill for December 2008.



¹ Standard Industrial Trade Classification

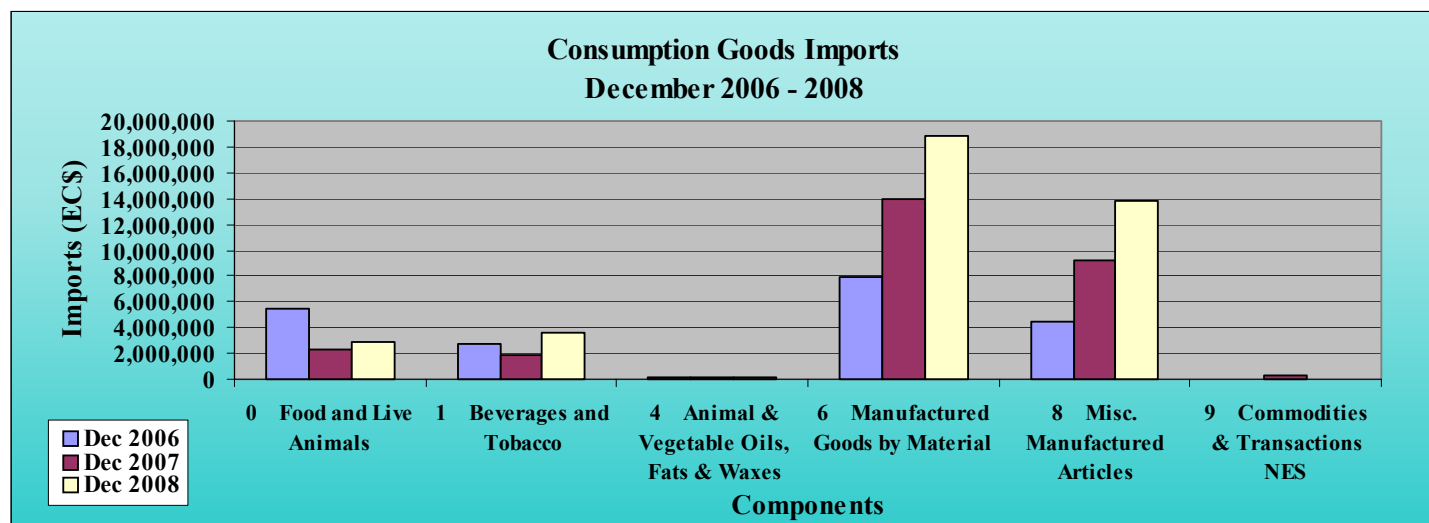
CONSUMPTION GOODS

Consumption Goods accounted for EC\$39.4 million of the total imports, with all the components in this category experiencing increases except for one component over their corresponding December 2007 figure.

The Manufactured Goods by Material was the component which contributed the most to this category with EC\$18.9 million; 48.0% of Consumption Goods. This component experienced an increase of 35.4%, which was partly due to the increase value of plywood, window, doors, cement, block and steel etc.

The component Animals & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes experienced the sole decrease in the Consumption Goods category of 6.4%. This was partly due to the decrease in the import value of some oil products imported in December 2008.

The Beverages and Tobacco component for the month of December 2008 experienced the largest increase in the Consumption Goods category with a total value of EC\$3.6 million; a 92.4% increase over its corresponding 2007 figure. This increase was partly due to the increased import value of items such as whisky, beer, rum and cigars etc. which may have been stock piled for the Christmas season.

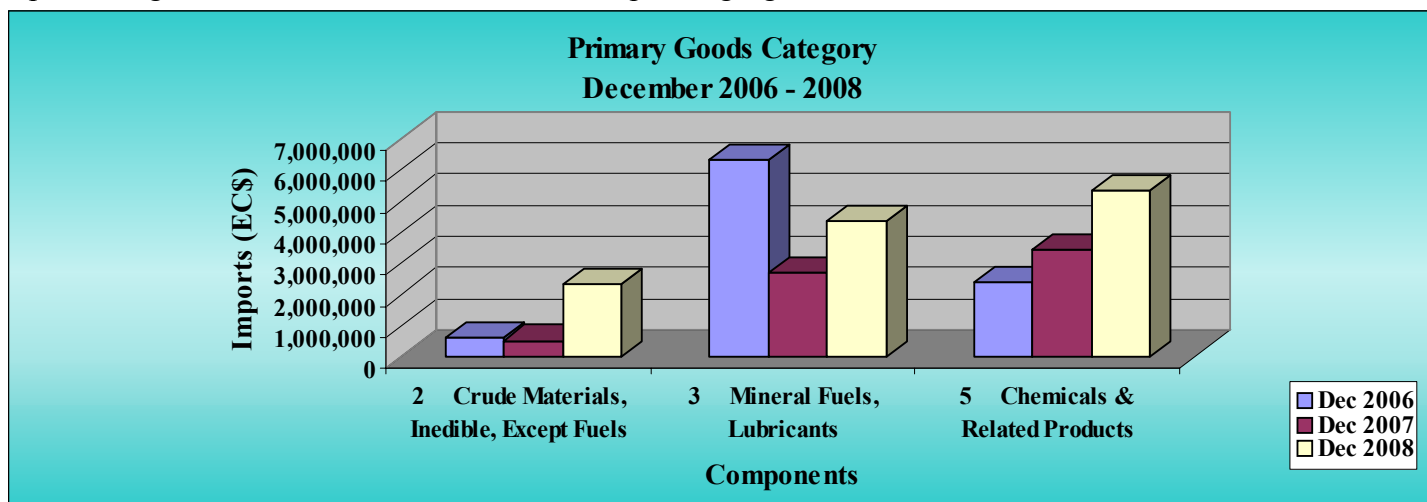


PRIMARY GOODS

Primary Goods accounted for EC\$12.0 million of the total imports, a 79.9% increase from its corresponding 2007 figure. The Chemicals & Related Products component experienced the largest import value in the Primary Goods category, contributing 44.4% to this category with EC\$5.3 million; resulting in an increase of 55.8% over its corresponding 2007 figure. This increase was partly due to the increase value of items such as paints, PVC pipes and fittings etc.

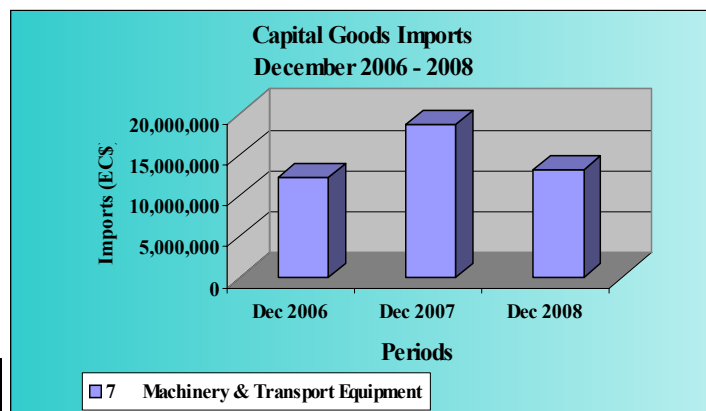
The Crude Material, Inedible, Except Fuels component experienced the largest increase over its corresponding 2007 figure, which more than quadrupled it with a 333.4% increase. This component's import value totaled EC\$2.3 million, which was in part due to the increase in the import value of items such as sand, coconut trees and other plants.

The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants component contributed EC\$4.4 million to the Primary Goods category, experiencing an increase of 60.2% over its corresponding figure of EC\$2.7 million.



Capital Goods accounted for EC\$13.2 million, 20.4% of the total import bill, with Machinery and Transport Equipment being the sole component in this category experiencing a 29.6% decrease over its corresponding December 2007 figure.

The decrease in the value of vehicles being imported from EC\$7.0 million to EC\$3.2 million, was one of the contributors to the decrease in this category.



	CARS	JEEP	BUS/VAN	OTHER VEHICLES	TOTAL
December 2008	65	19	7	15	106
December 2007	29	46	6	50	131

EXPORTS

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports for the month of December 2008 were EC\$1.4 million, a 69.1% decrease over its December 2007 value of EC\$4.5 million. Domestic exports totaled EC\$0.4 million compared to EC\$0.3 million in December 2007; a 28.7% increase.

Anguilla's balance of trade for December 2008 was in deficit by EC\$63.2 million, a deficit increase of 29.9% when compared with the same period in 2007.

**Imports by S.I.T.C Categories
December 2005 – 2008**

Categories	Description	Dec 2005	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	% Change 08/07
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	1,537,962	5,487,249	2,290,246	2,922,522	27.6%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	2,011,735	2,753,466	1,862,811	3,584,945	92.4%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	35,964	109,871	94,579	88,537	-6.4%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	5,632,818	7,964,207	13,975,839	18,920,754	35.4%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	5,367,808	4,415,327	9,242,594	13,861,027	50.0%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	0	0	260,008	0	
	Sub total	14,586,287	20,730,120	27,726,077	39,377,785	42.0%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	546,272	604,871	539,392	2,337,514	333.4%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	3,497,279	6,284,509	2,725,064	4,364,797	60.2%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,823,780	2,399,884	3,430,512	5,344,031	55.8%
	Sub-Total	5,867,331	9,289,264	6,694,968	12,046,342	79.9%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	16,932,631	12,257,858	18,706,081	13,170,950	-29.6%
	Total	37,386,249	42,277,242	53,127,126	64,595,077	21.6%

**International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$)
December 2005 – 2008**

	December 2005	December 2006	December 2007	December 2008	% Change 08/07
IMPORTS	37,386,249	42,277,242	53,127,126	64,595,077	21.6
EXPORTS	519,132	3,284,176	4,473,323	1,384,276	(69.1)
BALANCE (E-I)	(36,867,117)	(38,993,066)	(48,653,803)	(63,210,801)	29.9

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