



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary February 2005

The value of Anguilla's total international trade merchandise imports for February 2005 reached EC\$25.1 million, up 63 percent from February 2004 when EC\$15.4 million in goods were imported. The value of imports is the highest amount for a month of February since the year 2000, when imports were valued at EC\$21.1 million. All three categories; Consumption Goods, Primary Goods and Capital goods contributed to the increase with each increasing over the corresponding period for 2004 by 59.3 percent, 47.0 percent and 86.5 percent respectively.

Food products, wood, sand, asphalt, lubricating oils, heavy equipment cement and plants were some of the main commodities contributing to the increase.

Capital Goods showed the largest percentage increase of 86.5 percent, and had an increased value in imports of EC\$2.9 million over February 2004. This sector includes machinery and transport equipment. Heavy equipment (such as self-propelled shovels, concrete pumps, cranes) was imported. Vehicles and telephones were also a major component of this increase.

Consumption Goods, increased overall by 59.3 percent and had the largest increase in value of goods imported of EC\$5.1 million during February 2005 in comparison to February last year. Manufactured Goods chiefly by material within this category had the largest increase of 100.5 percent caused by the imports of construction material (such as cement, steel), tyres and home building fixtures. The Food and Beverage, component, also increased by 83.0 percent. This was as a result of the large imports of poultry, beef and fish commodities as well as sugars, jellies and pet foods. Imports within the Beverages and Tobacco components declined during this period caused by the drop in the imports of rum and cigars.

Imports of Primary Goods rose by 47.0 percent during February over the same period of 2004. Crude materials, showed the largest increase and sand, Asphalt were the main contributors to the increase in this category. This component increased by 255.6 percent from last year's February. The increased imports of petroleum jelly and lubricating oils accounted for the rise in the Mineral Fuels, Lubricants category.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports during February were valued at EC\$1.1million, a 176.2 percent increase compared to last year February. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$125,239 during this period compared to EC\$214,722 in February last year accounted for 11 percent of the overall exports to Anguilla in February. For this period re-exports totaled EC\$1.0 million and comprised mainly of heavy equipment.

The total value in duty collected for goods imported for the period under review, using the ASYCUDA system was EC\$3.9 million compared to EC\$2.5 million in February 2004. The total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point was EC\$268,558.56 compared to EC\$ 201,335.15 in February 2004, while EC\$123,403.22 in duties was collected at the Road Bay port during February 2005 a 41 percent increase over February 2004.

Anguilla's balance of trade was in deficit by EC\$23.9 million. Compared with the same period in 2004 the deficit increased by 59.4 percent.

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 February 2005 (EC\$)

	Description	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Feb 2005	% Change 04/05
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	5,012,594	3,161,554	5,783,903	82.9%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,570,415	1,389,338	1,132,460	-18.5%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	91,971	57,786	56,305	-2.6%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	2,103,527	2,342,680	4,697,612	100.5%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,738,832	1,805,924	2,295,010	27.1%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	7,618	8,295	0	0.0%
	Sub total	10,524,957	8,765,577	13,965,290	59.3%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	407,395	238,130	846,751	255.6%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,798,974	1,808,164	2,621,822	45.0%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	996,447	1,226,909	1,339,090	9.1%
	Sub-Total	3,202,816	3,273,203	4,807,663	46.9%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	3,403,750	3,421,884	6,380,293	86.5%
	Total	17,131,523	15,460,664	25,153,246	62.7%

February 2004/2005 International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$ M)

	February 2004	February 2005	% Change 03/04
Imports	15,460,664	25,153,246	62.7%
Exports	423,570	1,169,932	176.2%
Balance (E-I)	(15,037,094)	(23,983,314)	59.4%