



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary January 2006

The positive trend, marked by a considerable rate of increase in the importation of goods to Anguilla in 2005 appears to be continuing in 2006, as revealed by the EC\$32.5 million in goods brought in during January 2006, an increase of 36.4% over the corresponding period in 2005, when EC\$23.8 million in goods were imported. This follows the 47.4% rise experienced during December 2005, which is traditionally a "heavy" month for imports to the island.

Alcoholic beverages, fuel, paints, building materials, vehicles¹ (*during January 2006, 99 vehicles were imported to the island; this is in comparison to the 66 vehicles that were imported in January 2005*) heavy equipment, electrical lamp fittings, PVC products and steel and copper products were some of the main contributors to the increase.

Primary Goods which had the greatest percentage increase over its corresponding 2005 figure, saw the largest increase in value of EC\$4.7 million in imported goods in January. This resulted in a 126.6% increase over January 2005. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants component had the largest percentage increase. This component grew by 340.7% over the same period in 2005 (*during January 2006, 1.0 million kg of diesel fuel was imported, this is compared to the 824 kg of diesel fuel imported during January 2005. 427,000 kg of aviation fuel was imported during January 2006 -Anguilla now offers refueling services to the private jets to the island, there were no imports of aviation fuel in January 2005*).

There was also an increase in imports of Chemicals and Related Products within this category by 21.9% caused by a high import value of paints, mastics (*a flexible cement used in woodwork, plaster, also used as a filler and adhesive*) and PVC pipes, fittings and fixtures.

Capital Goods (*which includes machinery and transport equipment*) increased as a broad category by 62.8% relative to the same period last year and had an overall total value increase of goods imported of EC\$3.5 million. Motor vehicle parts, heavy equipment, vehicles and air conditioning units were some of the main sources of the increase in this category.

Imports of Consumption Goods increased slightly by 3.1% during January 2006 over January 2005. The Manufactured Goods by Material component had the largest percentage increase of 48.5% with Beverages and Tobacco recording a 46.6% increase over the same period in 2005. Alcoholic beverages, rubber products, copper wire, steel bars and rods, home finishing products (*such as windows, doors and tiles*) and linens, were some of the goods imported. These goods were imported by building hardware merchants, electrical supplies retailers, and accommodation establishments.

Imports within the Food and Live Animals and Animal & Vegetable Oils & Waxes components, declined by 52.8% and 63.8% respectively. These declines can be attributable to the quantity of these commodities imported, as the import value of olive and vegetable oils, meats, dairy and vegetable products all declined during January 2006.

¹ Vehicles include: Cars, Jeeps, Buses/Vans, Pick-ups, Trucks, Heavy Equipment and Motorcycles.

Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$1.3 million, declining by 10.4% from its January 2005 figure. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$917,715, accounted for 69.0% of the overall exports for January 2006. During January, re-exports totaled EC\$411,371.

Anguilla's balance of trade for this period was EC\$31.1 million in deficit. Compared, to the same period in 2005 the deficit grew by 39.5%.

This report along with other Trade Data, are available at the Government of Anguilla's website: <http://gov.ai/statistics/external.htm>

Table 1
Imports by S.I.T.C² January 2004 – 2006 (EC\$)

	Description	Jan 2004	Jan 2005	Jan 2006	% Change 06/05
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	4,244,154	5,065,910	2,391,432	-52.8%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	987,503	2,036,092	2,985,125	46.6%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	103,529	106,015	38,421	-63.8%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	3,449,262	4,036,439	5,993,154	48.5%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,984,667	3,288,672	3,576,634	8.8%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	0	0	0	
	Sub total	10,769,115	14,533,128	14,984,766	3.1%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	437,712	1,097,074	904,024	-17.6%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,984,182	1,365,550	6,017,812	340.7%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,365,665	1,281,857	1,563,216	21.9%
	Sub-Total	3,787,559	3,744,481	8,485,052	126.6%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	3,590,391	5,523,479	8,989,837	62.8%
TOTAL		18,147,065	23,801,088	32,459,655	36.4%

Table 2
International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$)
January 2004 – 2006

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2005	% Change 06/05
Imports	18,147,065	23,801,088	32,459,655	36.4%
Exports	715,341	1,483,276	1,329,086	-10.4%
Balance (E-I)	(17,431,724)	(22,317,812)	(31,130,569)	39.5%

² Standard International Trade Classification