



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary January 2005

The positive trend, marked by a significant rate of increase in the importation of goods to Anguilla in 2004 appears to be continuing in 2005, as revealed by the EC\$23.8 million in goods brought in during January 2005, an increase of 31.2 percent over the corresponding period in 2004, when EC\$18.1 million in goods were imported. This follows the 30.0 percent rise experienced during December 2004, which is traditionally a “heavy” month for imports to the island.

Alcoholic beverages, sand, flint (hard stone), vehicles, telephones (cell phones), electrical lamp fittings and music media were some of the main contributors to the increase.

Consumption Goods, from which the main contributors to the increase in imports originated, saw the largest increase in value of EC\$3.7 million in imported goods for January, resulting in a 35.0 percent increase over January 2004. The Beverages and Tobacco component had the largest percentage increase of 106.2 percent with Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles (which includes furniture, mattresses, electrical fittings, books, music records etc.) recording a 66.0 percent rise over the same period last year. These goods were imported by building hardware merchants, electrical supplies retailers, supermarkets and accommodation establishments.

Capital Goods (*which includes machinery and transport equipment*) had the largest percentage increase as a broad category for this period of 54.0 percent and had an overall total value increase of goods imported of EC\$2.0 million. Vehicles, cell-phones and outboard motors were some of the main sources of the increase in this category.

Imports of Primary Goods declined overall by 1.1 percent during January with the Mineral Fuels, Lubricants category carrying the largest decline of 31.2 percent. With the large quantity of petroleum products imported during the last two months of the 4th quarter (*November and December*) imports of these commodities seemed to have leveled off during January 2005, thus the decline. Additionally, rough seas in January caused delays in the docking of the fuel tankers servicing the fuel companies. Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels, was the only component within the Primary Goods category showing an increase of 151.0 percent. The increase is attributed to the importation of flint (*hard stone*), sand and wood. .

Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$1.5 million, increasing by 107.3 percent over January 2004. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$480,267 for January 2005, accounted for 33.0 percent of the overall exports for this period. During January, re-exports totaled EC\$1.0 million. Some of the heavy machinery that was brought in for the airport project was re-exported during the month.

The total value in duty collected for goods imported for the period under review, using the ASYCUDA system was EC\$2.7 million in January 2005 compared to EC\$2.8 million in January 2004. The total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point was EC\$331,631.52 compared to EC\$ 258,288.17 in January 2004.

Anguilla’s balance of trade for this period was EC\$22.3 million in deficit. Compared, to the same period in 2004 an increase of 28.0 percent was recorded

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

	Description	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2005	% Change 04/05
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	4,259,418	4,244,154	5,065,910	19.4%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,232,252	987,503	2,036,092	106.2%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	48,265	103,529	106,015	2.4%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	2,107,432	3,449,262	4,036,439	17.0%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,311,554	1,984,667	3,288,672	65.7%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	29,146	-	-	
	Sub total	9,988,067	10,769,115	14,533,128	35.0%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	333,151	437,712	1,097,074	150.6%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,768,139	1,984,182	1,365,550	-31.2%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,046,515	1,365,665	1,281,857	-6.1%
	Sub-Total	3,147,805	3,787,559	3,744,481	-1.1%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,072,147	3,590,391	5,523,479	53.8%
	Total	17,208,019	18,147,065	23,801,088	31.2%

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	January 2004	January 2005	% Change 04/05
Imports	18,147,065	23,801,088	31.1%
Exports	715,341	1,483,276	107.3%
Balance (E-I)	(17,431,724)	(22,317,812)	28.0%