

Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary July 2005

Imports during the month of July were up 35% over July 2004. The total value in goods imported was EC\$27.5 million compared to EC\$20.3 million last year. The value of imports this month is the highest amount for July since 2001, when imports were valued at EC\$20.7 million. All three categories of goods, Consumption, Primary and Capital categories contributed to the increase. Imports within the Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, Food, Beverages and Tobacco components rose by 181%, 62% and 40% respectively.

Some of the main commodities contributing to the increase were meats, sugar, alcoholic beverages, diesel oil, wood, household furnishings and fittings, table fans.

Primary Goods, from which the main components of the increase originated, increased overall by 82% during July in comparison with July 2004 and had an increase in value of EC\$3.2 million. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants component had the largest increase of 181%; there was an increase in the importation of diesel oils. Wood, banana plants and other ornamental plants, which fall within the Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels also contributed to the rise in the Primary Goods category.

Consumption Goods, increased overall by 36% and had the largest increase in value of goods imported of EC\$4.0 million during July 2005 in comparison to July last year. Imports of sugar and to a lesser extent meats and poultry within the Food and Live Animals category contributed most to the growth over the year. Manufactured Goods chiefly by Material within this category increased by 35% due mainly to imports of construction materials (such as cement, steel, wood), tyres and home building fixtures. The Beverage and Tobacco, component, also increased by 40%. This was as a result of the large imports of wines and rums brought in by local wholesale merchants for restocking for the upcoming Summer Festival.

Imports of Capital Goods also increased, though slightly, during this period by 2% over July 2004. Heavy equipment, computers and table fans (as a result of increased demand due to the intolerable heat felt over the past few months with temperatures reaching the mid to high 80's and lower 90's) were the major contributors to the rise.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports during July were valued at EC\$3.1million, a 67% increase compared to last year July. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$2.2 million during this period compared to EC\$61,844 in July last year accounted for 74% percent of the overall exports from Anguilla during this period. Re-exports totaled EC\$687,493 and was comprised mainly of iron and steel products and marine engines.

The total value in duty collected for goods imported for the period under review, using the ASYCUDA system was EC\$4.7 million compared to EC\$3.3 million in July 2004. The total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point was EC\$263,330.22 compared to EC\$ 226,458.59 in July 2004, while EC\$40,865.76 in duties was collected at the Road Bay port during July 2005 a 35% drop from the corresponding period in 2004.

Anguilla's balance of trade was in deficit by EC\$24.4 million. Compared with the same period in 2004 the deficit increased by 32%.

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 SITC¹ July 2003 - 2005 (EC\$)

	Description	July 2003	July 2004	July 2005	% Change 04/05
	O Food and Live Animals Beverages and Tobacco Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes Manufactured Goods Chiefly by Material.	3,460,724 1,307,884 68,524 2,395,463	2,609,348 1,444,890 63,461 3,786,411	4,229,910 2,023,353 59,667 5,121,869	62.1% 40.0% -6.0% 35.3%
Consumption Goods	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles 9 Commodities & Transactions NES Sub total	1,456,224 0 8,688,819	2,381,140 0 10,285,250	2,547,170 0 13,981,969	7.0% 0.0% 35.9%
	 2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants 5 Chemicals & Related Products 	368,220 1,490,241 1,037,441	701,486 1,408,908 1,873,134	945,682 3,954,710 2,355,552	34.8% 180.7% 25.8%
Primary Goods Capital Goods	Sub-Total 7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	2,895,902 4,816,206	3,983,528 6,126,900	7,255,944 6,272,473	82.1% 2.4%
·	Total	16,400,927	20,395,678	27,510,386	34.9%

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	July 2003	July 2004	July 2005	% Change 04/05
Imports	16,400,927	20,395,678	27,510,386	34.9%
Exports	755,688	1,861,485	3,104,363	66.8%
Balance (E-I)	(15,645,239)	(18,534,193)	(24,406,023)	31.7%

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¹ Standard International Trade Classification