



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary March 2006

The value of total trade merchandise imports to Anguilla for March 2006 was EC\$46.5 million up 62.1% over March 2005 when EC\$28.7 million in goods were imported. The value of imports is the highest amount for March since the year 2001, when imports were valued at EC\$24.1 million. All three categories: Consumption Goods, Primary Goods and Capital Goods contributed to the increase with each increasing over its corresponding category in March 2005.

Alcoholic beverages, meat and dairy products, aviation fuel, acrylic and water-based paints, fertilizers, PVC pipes and fittings, wood, home furnishings and fixtures, generators, air-condition units, heavy equipment and machinery and medical instruments and supplies were some of the main contributors to the increase.

Consumption Goods was the main contributor to the growth in imports during March 2006, accounting for 44% of overall imports. Imports within this category, increased in value by EC\$7.6 million, resulting in a 58.6% increase over March 2005.

The rise in imports within this category was driven mainly by imports of Manufactured Goods Chiefly by Material, which recorded a 40.8% increase over March 2005. Tyres, ceramic tiles and fixtures, iron and steel products, linens, blocks and wood were some of the items which accounted for the EC\$6.7 million in imports in this category. With the island experiencing a buzz within the construction industry, there was an increase in building materials and home finishing materials, as some of these projects are in the beginning stages while others are in the completion/furnishing stages.

Imports of Beverages and Tobacco rose by 168.0% over March 2005 as a result of imports of large quantities of aerated beverages, rum, whiskies and vodka by beverage distributors and manufacturers, while imports of electric lamps and fittings, furniture, medical instruments and clothing resulted in the Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles component showing a 46.4% increase over March 2005.

Imports within the Food and Live Animals group within the Consumption Goods category rose by 39.6% over March 2005. The imports of meat and dairy products, grains, vegetables and fruits, contributed to this rise. There was a 6.8% rise in imports within the Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes component.

Imports of Primary Goods were EC\$1.4 million more in March 2006 than for the corresponding period in 2005, which amounted to a 20.4% increase. The Mineral Fuels, Lubricants category (*which includes aviation fuel, diesel oil, propane gas etc.*) was mainly responsible for this increase and recorded a 35.2% over its March 2005 figure.

Imports within the Chemicals and Related Products category increased by 22.8%, over the corresponding period in 2005. Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, acrylic and vinyl paints, fertilizers and PVC pipes and fittings were some of the main items contributing the increase. Imports of Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels declined by 18.4% from the same period last year. These declines can be attributable to the quantity of these commodities imported, as the import value of certain species of coniferous wood, sand, fresh flowers all declined during March 2006.

Capital Goods (*which includes machinery and transport equipment*) increased as a broad category by 98.8% relative to the same period last year and had an overall total value increase of goods imported of EC\$8.8 million. Generators, heavy equipment (*excavators, loaders*), lawn mowers and air-conditioning units were some of the main sources of the increase within this category.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$2.3 million, a 41.6% decline during the month of March compared to last year's March when exports totaled EC\$3.9 million. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$2.1 million for March 2006 compared to EC\$94,585 in March 2005, accounted for 93.1% of the overall exports for this period. For this period the value of re-exports totaled EC\$156,607

For the period under review the total value in duty collected for goods imported using the ASYCUDA System was EC\$5.8 million compared to EC\$4.9 million in March 2005.

During March 2006, Anguilla's balance of trade was EC\$44.2 million in deficit. Compared with the same period in 2005 an increase of 78.2% was recorded.

Table 1
Imports by S.I.T.C¹ March 2004 – 2006 (EC\$)

	Description	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	% Change 06/05
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	3,039,873	3,969,444	5,540,139	39.6%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,086,467	1,777,916	4,765,017	168.0%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	48,918	119,256	127,328	6.8%
	6 Manufactured Goods Chiefly by Material	3,896,324	4,758,637	6,701,919	40.8%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,206,074	2,344,379	3,432,757	46.4%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	34,372	0	0	0.0%
	Sub total	10,312,028	12,969,632	20,567,160	58.6%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	501,764	1,460,612	1,191,979	-18.4%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,705,964	3,556,753	4,807,576	35.2%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,909,025	1,781,888	2,187,645	22.8%
	Sub-Total	4,116,753	6,799,253	8,187,200	20.4%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,218,336	8,941,770	17,771,819	98.8%
Total		18,647,117	28,710,655	46,526,179	62.1%

¹ Standard International Trade Classification

Table 2

**International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$)
March 2004 – 2006**

	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	% Change 06/05
Imports	18,647,117	28,710,655	46,526,179	62.1
Exports	1,176,821	3,871,760	2,262,985	(41.6)
Balance (E-I)	(17,470,296)	(24,838,895)	(44,263,194)	78.2

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>