



## Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary May 2005

Imports to Anguilla, continued to show strong increases in May, maintaining the trend, which started in the second quarter of 2004. The value of Anguilla's total international merchandise trade imports for the month of May was EC\$30.4 million up 31.4 percent from May 2004 when EC\$23.2 million in goods were imported. Imports within the Consumption Goods category were the main contributors to this increase. Some of the main commodities contributing to the increase for this period were beverages, food, electrical fittings, paints, wood and other building materials. The first five months of the year have shown an increase in imports of 46.0 percent over the same period in 2004.

Consumption Goods, from which the main components of the increase originated, increased overall by 90.1 percent during May in comparison with May 2004 and had an increase in value of EC\$9.1 million. The Food component had the largest increase of 196.0 percent; there was an increase in the importation of sugar, (*Anguilla now processes, repackages and exports it to the European Union*). Electrical fittings, furniture and clothing, which fall within the Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles also contributed to the increase in the Consumption Goods category. Imports of Beverages showed an increase of 56.1 percent over the same period in May 2004. As the construction sector continues to thrive imports from the Manufactured Goods by Material component increased during May by 22.3 percent mainly due to a rise in the imports of, wood products (doors, windows etc), tiles, steel and iron building materials.

Imports of Primary Goods also increased during May by 43.3 percent. Chemicals and Related Products, was the main contributor to the increase in this category. This component increased by 74.4 percent over May 2004. The importation of acrylic and automotive paints, fertilizers, insecticides and PVC pipes and fittings accounted for the rise.

During this period, imports of Capital Goods recorded a 34.0 percent decline from May last year. Previously this category of goods recorded large increases due to the importation of heavy equipment that were used in the airport rehabilitation and the road upgrade projects and more recently some of the large construction projects currently underway. With two of the major projects completed and the equipment re-exported, imports within this category will begin to return to normal levels. Even though there was a decline within this category there was still large increases of some individual items including air condition units, telephones and car parts.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports during May were valued at EC\$7.0 million compared to EC\$564,682 during May 2004. Domestic exports totaled EC\$5.4 million for May 2005 compared to EC\$81,815 in May last year, accounting for 77.0 percent of the overall exports for this period. For this period re-exports totaled EC\$1.6 million.

For the period under review the total value in duty collected for goods imported using the ASYCUDA System was EC\$3.0 million in May 2005 compared to EC\$2.8 million in May 2004. Total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point for May 2005 was EC\$251,263 compared to EC\$159,155.54 for May 2004.

Anguilla's balance of trade was EC\$23.4 million for this period. Compared with the same period in 2004 an increase of 3.5 percent was recorded in the deficit.

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 May 2005 (EC\$)

|                          | Description                                  | May 2003          | May 2004          | May 2005          | % Change<br>04/05 |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Consumption Goods</b> | 0 Food and Live Animals                      | 3,062,310         | 3,283,157         | 9,712,134         | 195.8%            |
|                          | 1 Beverages and Tobacco                      | 1,037,348         | 1,144,591         | 1,787,266         | 56.1%             |
|                          | 4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes      | 43,479            | 124,778           | 107,228           | -14.1%            |
|                          | 6 Manufactured Goods by Material             | 2,877,619         | 4,165,690         | 5,093,493         | 22.3%             |
|                          | 8 Misc. Manufactured Articles                | 1,369,601         | 1,477,487         | 2,677,143         | 81.2%             |
|                          | 9 Commodities & Transactions NES             | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |                   |
|                          | <b>Sub total</b>                             | <b>8,390,357</b>  | <b>10,195,703</b> | <b>19,377,264</b> | <b>90.1%</b>      |
| <b>Primary Goods</b>     | 2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels    | 288,279           | 470,330           | 641,616           | 36.4%             |
|                          | 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants                  | 1,558,681         | 1,801,768         | 2,302,153         | 27.8%             |
|                          | 5 Chemicals & Related Products               | 1,180,775         | 1,002,888         | 1,749,359         | 74.4%             |
|                          | <b>Sub-Total</b>                             | <b>3,027,735</b>  | <b>3,274,986</b>  | <b>4,693,128</b>  | <b>43.3%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Goods</b>     | <b>7 Machinery &amp; Transport Equipment</b> | <b>5,093,808</b>  | <b>9,731,692</b>  | <b>6,419,635</b>  | <b>-34.0%</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>             |  | <b>16,511,900</b> | <b>23,202,381</b> | <b>30,490,027</b> | <b>31.4%</b>      |

### May 2004 – May 2005 International Trade Merchandise Statistics (EC\$ )

|                      | May 2004     | May 2004     | % Change<br>04/05 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Imports</b>       | 23,202,381   | 30,490,027   | 31.4%             |
| <b>Exports</b>       | 564,682      | 7,051,629    | 1148.7%           |
| <b>Balance (E-I)</b> | (22,637,699) | (23,438,398) | 3.5%              |