

## Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary November 2005

Imports into Anguilla for the month of November 2005 were up 11.2%, when compared to November 2004. The total value of merchandise imported for the month under review was recorded at EC\$34.1 million in comparison to EC\$ 30.6 million for the same period in 2004.

Imports for the year thus far, have increased by 24.7% over the same period in 2004. The value of total imports to date as at the end of November stood at EC\$313.2 million compared to EC\$251.2 million last year.

There was a 28.9% increase in the value of Primary Goods imported during November. Consumption Goods increased by 13.2% while imports of Capital Goods declined slightly by 0.9%.

The rise in imports of Primary Goods was largely due to an increase in imported goods within two of the sub categories mainly; Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Chemicals and Related Products by 69.5% and 3.3% respectively. Diesel oil and liquid propane gas were the main contributors.

The main categories, which accounted for the increase in Consumption Goods, were Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles and Food, by 71.1% and 32.1% respectively. A vast quantity of home furnishings, clothing and footwear and toy imports, accounted for the increase within the Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles category, while condiments and sugar were the main commodities that contributed to the increase within the Food component. Consumption Goods, accounted for just over 53.9% of overall imports to the island. A lower import value of rum and vegetable oils accounted for the declines within the Beverages and Tobacco and Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes categories.

Imports of Capital Goods, declined by 0.9% during November this year, compared to November 2004. This category made up 27.9% of total trade for this period.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports during November 2005 were valued at EC\$6,094,105 compared to EC\$2,189,772 in November last year, an increase of 178.3% over the 2004 period. Domestic exports, accounted for 78.1% of the overall exports for November 2005.

Anguilla's November 2005 balance of trade recorded a deficit of EC\$28 million, compared to EC\$28.5 million for the same period in 2004. The deficit declined by 1.6% in 2005 from 2004.

The figures for imports and exports/re-exports shown in Table 2 represent the total record on customs documents brought to account during 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 of total merchandise imports.

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

Table 1: Imports by SITC¹ November 2004-2005(EC\$)

	Description	Nov 2004	Nov 2005	% Change 05/04
	0 Food and Live Animals	3,925,322	5,183,423	32.1%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	3,487,767	2,704,394	-22.5%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	114,613	75,301	-34.3%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	5,786,666	5,416,220	-6.4%
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Consumption Goods				
	Sub total	16,240,169	18,386,009	13.2%
	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	664,860	484,515	-27.1%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	2,160,663	3,662,411	69.5%
Primary Goods	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,977,946	2,043,724	3.3%
	Sub-Total	4,803,469	6,190,650	28.9%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	9,598,319	9,509,830	-0.9%
Total		30,641,957	34,086,489	11.2%

Table 2:

November 2004-2005 International Merchandise Trade statistics (EC\$)

	November 2004	November 2005	% Change 05/04
Imports	30,641,957	34,086,489	11.2
Exports	2,189,772	6,094,105	178.3
Balance (E-I)	(28,452,185)	(27,992,384)	(1.6)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standard International Trade Classification