



## Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary November 2004

Imports into Anguilla for the month of November 2004 were up 47.7 percent, when compared to November 2003. The total value of merchandise imported for the month under review was recorded at EC\$30.6 million in comparison to EC\$ 20.7 million for the same period in 2003.

Imports for the year thus far, have increased by 21.2 percent over the same period in 2003. The value of total imports to date, as at the end of November, stood at EC\$251.2 million compared with EC\$ 187 million last year.

There was a 91.2% increase in the value of Capital Goods imported during November. Consumption Goods and Primary Goods increased by 67.0 percent and 26.4 percent respectively.

The main categories, which accounted for this increase in Consumption Goods were Beverage and Tobacco, which increased by 127.2 percent and Animal and Vegetable Oil, Fats & Waxes, which experienced a 114.0 percent increase over the corresponding 2003 figure. The increase in the Beverage and Tobacco category, which includes mineral water, whisky and rum can be attributed to stock piling for the Christmas season.

Imports of Primary Goods for November 2004 showed an increase of 67 percent increase over the corresponding period 2003. This was largely due to the increase in imports within all the sub categories mainly; Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuel followed by Chemical and Related Products of 79.5 percent and 69.1 percent respectively.

The increase in Capital Goods (*machinery & transport equipment*) imports in November 2004 over the same period in 2003 was mainly due to the importation of vehicles<sup>1</sup> and accessories. Based on the dollar value, the United States of America was the country from which the highest value, EC\$6.0 million, of machinery and transport equipment was imported, followed by St. Maarten (Dutch) with EC\$1.1 million.

Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports during November 2004 were valued at EC\$2,189,772 compared to EC\$499,942 in November last year, an increase of 338.0 percent over the 2003 period. Domestic exports accounted for 11.1 percent of the overall exports for November 2004.

The total value in duty collected for goods imported during November using the ASYCUDA System was EC\$4.2 million compared to EC\$2.8 million in November 2003. The total value in duty collected at the port of Blowing Point for November 2004 was EC\$326,422.84 compared to EC\$245,441.63 for November 2003. The total

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<sup>1</sup> Vehicles include cars, jeeps, buses, vans, pick-ups, trucks, motorcycles and heavy equipment.

duties collected Sandy Ground and Wallblake Airport for November 2004 were EC\$ 20,586.59 and EC\$33,484.87 respectively compared to EC\$56,262.00 and EC\$ 32, 565.37 for November 2003.

Anguilla's November 2004 balance of trade recorded a deficit of EC\$28.5 million, compared with the same period in 2003. The deficit increased by 40.6 percent in 2004 over 2003.

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: <http://gov.ai/statistics/external.htm>

Table 1: Imports by SITC November 2004

	Description	Nov-03	Nov-04	% Change 03/04
<b>Consumption Goods</b>	0 Food and Live Animals	2,607,487	3,925,322	50.5%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,535,393	3,487,767	127.2%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	53,559	114,613	114.0%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	4,655,185	5,786,666	24.3%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	3,993,377	2,925,801	-26.7%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES			
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,845,001</b>	<b>16,240,169</b>	<b>26.4%</b>
<b>Primary Goods</b>	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	370,382	664,860	79.5%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,335,620	2,160,663	61.8%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,169,786	1,977,946	69.1%
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,875,788</b>	<b>4,803,469</b>	<b>67.0%</b>
<b>Capital Goods</b>	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	5,019,332	9,598,319	91.2%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,740,121</b>	<b>30,641,957</b>	<b>47.7%</b>

Table 2: November 2003/4 International Trade Merchandise Trade statistics (EC\$ M)

<b>November</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% Change 03/04</b>
<b>IMPORTS</b>	20,740,121	30,641,957	<b>47.7</b>
<b>EXPORTS</b>	499,942	2,189,772	<b>338.0</b>
<b>BALANCE (E-I)</b>	(20,240,179)	(28,452,185)	<b>40.6</b>