

Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary 3rd Quarter, July - September 2005

During the third quarter (July - September) of 2005, there was a 4.0% increase in merchandise trade imports to Anguilla over the same period last year. EC\$81.8 million dollars in goods were imported during this period compared to EC\$78.8 million in 2004.

Food products, wood products, rum, cement, stationery supplies, building materials and tyres were some of the major contributors to the increase.

Within this 3rd quarter the month of July recorded the largest increase of 35.0% followed by September with 8.0%. August was the only month that recorded a decline in imports of 20.1% over the corresponding period in last year.

EC\$8.1 million more in Consumption Goods were imported during the third quarter than for the corresponding period in 2004, which amounted to a 23.0% increase. Annually (Sep05/04), the Beverages and Tobacco component carried the largest percentage increase of 104.0%. This increase is attributable to a large import of alcoholic beverages. The Food and Live Animals component also saw an increase of 30.0% over 2004. The increase is attributable to increased imports of meat, fish and dairy products, cereals and sugar (*Anguilla now processes, repackages and re-exports sugar to the European Union*). Other categories contributing to the increase were Manufactured Goods Classified chiefly by Materials and Animals and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes with 12.0%, and 5.0% percent respectively.

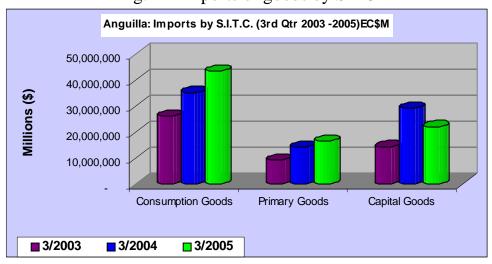


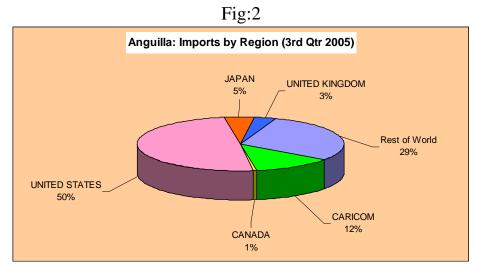
Fig: 1 – Imports of goods by SITC

Imports within the Primary Goods category recorded an increase of 14% for the period July to September 2005. EC\$2.0 million more value in goods were imported over last year's 3rd quarter.

The increase within this category was fuelled by imports of Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials which had an increase over 2004 of 33%. The other component recording an increase was Crude Materials, Inedible except Fuels with 7%. Wood, fresh and dried flowers and banana plants were the primary sources of the increase within the crude materials component. Imports of Chemicals and Related Products NES declined during September by 3%.

Over the corresponding period (3rd qtr2004/2003), Capital Goods, which are mainly machinery and transport equipment, declined for this period by 25%. During the 3rd quarter of 2004 heavy equipment (such as loaders, excavators, rollers, dumpers, graders, concrete mixers) were imported to be used in the construction of the extended runway, the main component of new facilities for the Wallblake Airport Expansion Project. With no major on going projects of this kind at this time, the need for these types of equipment has lessened, resulting in the import value for this category declining for this period.

Imports from the United States of America, dropped slightly by 4% from the corresponding period in 2004. However, this country accounted for half of the total trade to the island during the third quarter of 2005. Trade with CARICOM¹ countries for this period grew by 40% compared to last year. This group of countries accounted for 13% of total trade to Anguilla. Trade with Japan accounted for 5% of overall trade.



Exports which include re-exports and domestic exports were valued at EC\$11.5 million, a 211. % increase during the third quarter 2005 compared to last year's third quarter. Domestic exports accounted for 63.3% of the overall exports for this period. During the 3rd quarter, September recorded the largest volume in domestic exports of EC\$4.1 million. Re-exports totaled EC\$4.2 million and comprised mainly of heavy equipment, electrical fittings and other products and foodstuff.

The international merchandise trade deficit for the 3rd quarter was EC\$70.3 million, a 6.4% decline compared to EC\$75.1 million in 2004.

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

¹ Caricom Countries:- Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago.

Anguilla: Imports by SITC² (3rd Qtr 2003 - 2005 EC\$ M)

	Category	3/2003	3/2004	3/2005	% change 05/04
	0 Food and Live Animals	8,994,485	10,393,449	13,538,759	30%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	4,182,642	3,316,499	6,777,116	104%
	4 Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	151,415	189,158	198,398	5%
	6 Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Mat.	8,844,248	13,556,436	15,213,416	12%
Consumption Goods	8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles Sub-Total	4,038,430 26,211,220	7,711,540 35,167,082	7,580,721 43,308,410	-2% 23%
	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	1,145,053	2,224,738	2,385,374	7%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	4,651,656	6,289,604	8,359,275	33%
Primary Goods	5 Chemicals and Related Products NES Sub-Total	3,500,745 9,297,454	5,896,705 14,411,047	5,691,059 16,435,708	-3% 14%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery and Transport Equipment	14,460,420	29,290,772	22,106,514	-25%
	TOTAL	49,969,094	78,868,901	81,850,632	4%

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	2004	2005	% Change 05/04
Imports	78,868,901	81,850,632	4.0
Imports	78,808,901	81,830,032	4.0
Exports	3,703,239	11,508,427	211.0
Balance (E-I)	(75,165,662)	(70,342,205)	(6.4)

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² Standard International Trade Classification