

Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary September 2005

Anguilla's total international merchandise trade imports for the month of September 2005 rose by 8 % over September last year. This increase comes after a significantly negative August performance, which saw a 20.1% decline in imports compared to August 2004. Total imports for the month were valued at EC\$29.6 million in comparison to EC\$27.5 million in 2004.

The primary source of this increase, was increased imports within the Consumption Goods category, whereas imports within the Primary and Capital Goods categories, declined by 25% and 10% respectively.

Consumption Goods imports grew during September 2005 over September 2004 by 30% stemming mainly from imports within the Beverages and Tobacco component, as well as the Food and Live Animals and Manufactured Goods by Material components. These components had increases of 194%, 41% and 19% respectively. Sugar, rum, cement and other building materials were some of the major items accounting for the increase.

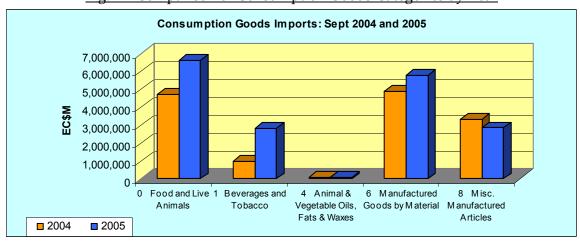
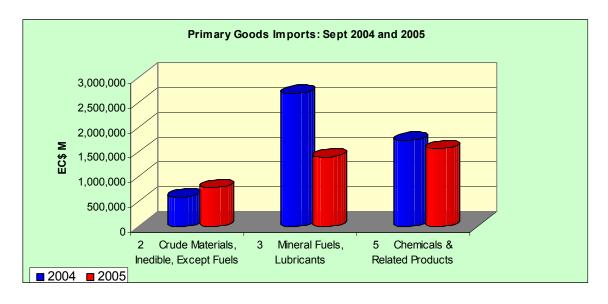


Fig. 1 – Comparison of Consumption Goods Categories by Year

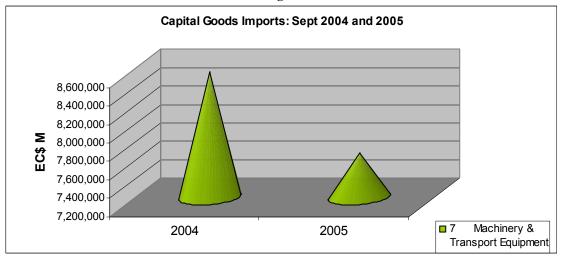
Imports in the Primary Goods category saw a decline of 25% from September last year. Mineral Fuels, Lubricants experienced the largest decline of 48% within this category followed by Chemicals and Related products with 10%. The Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels, component recorded an increase of 32% for this period. During the same period in 2004 large quantities of diesel gas and lubricating oils were imported. The high demand for these commodities in September 2004 could be attributable to the increased use of heavy machinery and other equipment on the island that were brought in and deployed on two large scale projects that were under construction. During the current period (Sept 2005) with those projects completed and the heavy machinery and equipment re-exported, demand for diesel fuel and lubricating oils is not as high. Demand for these commodities has returned closer to normal levels.

<u>Fig. 2</u>



Capital Goods (which include machinery and transport equipment) also declined for this period by 10%. Large appliances and equipment (such as water purifying machinery, refrigerating furniture, heavy equipment, building materials etc.) that were imported during the corresponding period in 2004 were partly the source for this category showing a high import value at that time. There were no major imports of this kind recorded during September this year.

Fig. 3



Exports (*which include re-exports and domestic exports*) were valued at EC\$5.4 million compared to EC\$873,061 in September 2004. Domestic Exports which totaled EC\$4.1 million during September 2005 compared to EC\$74,991 for the corresponding period last year, accounted for 75.2% of overall exports. Re-exports totaled EC\$1.3 million and was mainly due to the re-exports of heavy equipment, diesel oil and electrical fixtures.

The merchandise trade deficit for September was EC\$24.1 million or a 9.5% decline when compared to EC\$27.0 million for the same period in 2004.

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

Table 1
Imports by S.I.T.C¹ September 2003 – 2005 (EC\$)

	Description	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	% Change 05/04
	0 Food and Live Animals	2,875,097	4,720,847	6,648,234	41%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	1,704,693	964,261	2,832,581	194%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	45,652	76,182	67,535	-11%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	3,209,513	4,891,568	5,801,319	19%
Consumption	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,298,764	3,316,346	2,850,117	-14%
Goods	Sub total	9,133,719	13,969,204	18,199,786	30%
	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	263,972	586,678	772,888	32%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	1,641,811	2,673,969	1,392,778	-48%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,518,231	1,729,386	1,564,943	-10%
Primary Goods	Sub-Total	3,424,014	4,990,033	3,730,609	-25%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	5,323,542	8,569,193	7,682,436	-10%
	Total	17,881,275	27,528,430	29,612,831	8%

Table 2 September 2004 – September 2005 International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EC\$)

			% Change
	September 2004	September 2005	05/04
Imports	27,528,430	29,612,831	7.6
Exports	873,061	5,493,751	529.3
Balance (E-I)	(26,655,369)	(24,119,080)	(9.5)

¹ Standard International Trade Classification

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