

International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary April 2002

After a decline during the 1st quarter 2002 of 26%, imports to Anguilla increased in April slightly by 4.6%. Total merchandise trade imports for April 2002 were EC\$21.1 million compared to EC\$20.2 million in April 2001.

The commodities showing the largest increases were Lubricating Oils (which can be attributed to the oil price increases caused by the Middle East crisis and the shut down of exports of oil) Rum, Vehicles, Building Materials and Fixtures.



Total Exports for April amounted to EC2.2 million of which domestic exports comprised of Blocks only was EC\$136,252, compared to EC\$33,786 for 2001. EC\$2.1 million were the re-exportation of items. For April Blocks were exported to Antigua and St. Martin.



The main contribution to such a large increase in re-exports was from vehicles that were sent overseas to be repaired and also some, which were shipped for car shows.

April recorded a trade balance of EC\$18.8 million in deficit¹, a 4.2% decline compared to 2001, representing an improvement in the Trade Balance

¹ Net imports with imports exceeding exports.