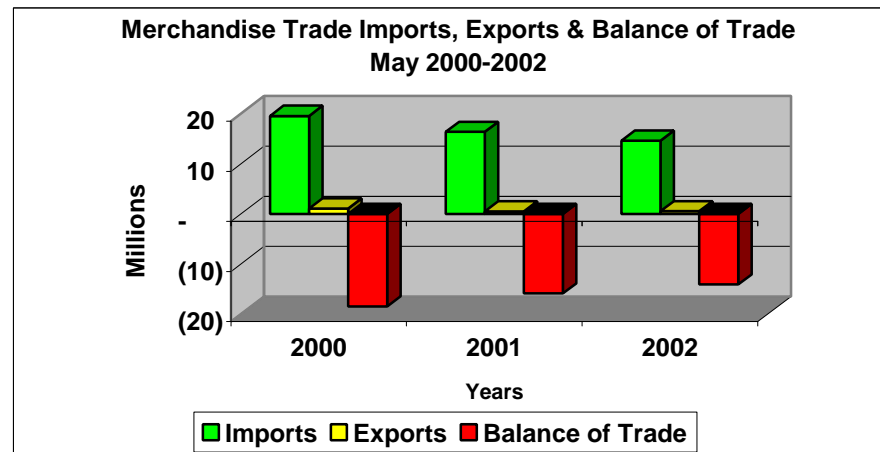


International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary May 2002

Anguilla's total international merchandise imports for the month of May were down 10.7% compared to May 2001. Imports for May 2002 were recorded at EC\$14.6 million in comparison to EC\$16.3 million for 2001. Some of the main contributors to the decline in May were foodstuff, machinery, vehicles and construction materials such as PVC piping and pipe fittings.

For the first five months of this year, importss have declined 17.5% over the same period in 2001. The decline in May was less, indicating that the decline in imports is slowing. The value of imports in 2001 from January to May was \$97.9 million compared with \$80.8 million this year. The second quarter is expected to show a significantly smaller decline in imports than the first quarter of this year.

Total merchandise exports for May 2002 amounted to EC\$546,447 of which domestic exports were EC\$121,996. EC\$424,451 were the re-exportation of items. This is a 7.4% increase over May 2001 and a year to date increase of 78.3%, mainly due to the large increase in re-exports in April.



May recorded a trade balance of EC\$14.1 million in deficit¹, a 11.3% decline compared to May 2001.

The figures for imports and exports/re-exports 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.

MONTHLY MERCHANDISE TRADE

	1999	2000	2001	2002	% Change 01/02
January	17,391,045	23,290,424	24,196,729	16,753,375	(30.8)
February	17,135,458	21,149,716	18,152,805	13,496,178	(25.7)
March	15,479,360	20,789,737	18,965,459	14,774,686	(22.1)
1st qtr	50,005,863	65,229,877	61,314,993	45,024,239	(26.6)
April	26,185,889	15,900,007	20,223,439	21,163,495	4.6
May	20,482,054	19,557,990	16,395,972	14,637,488	(10.7)
June	19,722,596	23,799,838	17,313,510		(100.0)
2nd qtr	66,390,539	59,257,835	53,932,921	35,800,983	(33.6)
July	21,030,139	20,130,355	20,687,981		(100.0)
August	18,672,123	18,010,099	17,708,960		(100.0)
September	21,588,500	17,216,472	13,262,787		(100.0)
3rd qtr	61,290,762	55,356,926	51,659,728	-	(100.0)
October	20,503,392	21,152,560	13,570,642		(100.0)
November	23,260,278	33,374,588	16,026,311		(100.0)
December	26,632,803	20,816,732	13,298,197		(100.0)
4th qtr	70,396,473	75,343,880	42,895,150	-	(100.0)
TOTAL	248,083,637	255,188,518	209,802,792	80,825,222	(61.5)