



Anguilla: International Merchandise Trade Statistics Summary December 2004

Imports this month, again fuelled by the increased importation of capital goods, reached EC\$25.3 million, a 29.6 percent increase over December 2003 when imports totaled EC\$19.5 million.

Imports in the Capital Goods category, which comprises of a single category (*machinery & transport equipment*) increased for this month by 46.1 percent, followed by Primary Goods and Consumption Goods categories, with increases of 35.7 percent and 20.6 percent respectively.

The value of imports within the capital goods category during December grew by EC\$2.1 million over December 2003. Heavy equipment, refrigerating furniture (such as, counters and showcase freezers), air-condition units, planters, telephones (including cell-phones and vehicles were some of the major contributors to the large increase.

Primary goods increased for this period in value, over last year December by EC\$1.3 million. Crude materials, Inedible, except fuels had the largest percentage increase of 62.2 percent. The large boost in this category can be attributable to the importation of asphalt, stone (used in the construction of the new airport runway and roads). Chemicals and related products and Mineral fuels, lubricants, the other two components within the primary goods category also recorded increases in imported goods of 33.0 percent and 31.4 percent respectively. Acrylic paints, printing inks, fertilizers, plastic pipes and fittings, fireworks and lubricating oils were the main items imported.

The main categories that contributed to the increase in imports of Consumption Goods over the corresponding period of 2003 were Animal & Vegetable Oils, by 190.0 percent caused by the substantial importation of Olive Oils by various tourist establishments. With the tourist season beginning the imports of these products would have been expected to increase: Food by 56.2 percent, and Manufactured Goods by Materials by 36.3percent. The imports of tyres, plywood, building cement, wall and floor tiles, aluminum sheets, furniture and ceramic products were some of the items that contributed to the increases

Exports, which include re-exports and domestic exports during December were valued at EC\$4.6 million. Domestic exports which totaled EC\$105,420 during this period compared to EC\$322,810 in December last year, accounted for 2.2 percent of the overall exports. A value of EC\$4.5 million this year compared to EC\$108,158 in December 2003 in goods were re-exported. Such a large value for re-exports was due

to the re-exportation of the cinematographic equipment that was used in the NBC Destination Wedding program that took place on the island.

In December 2004, Anguilla's balance of trade was in deficit EC\$20.7 million as compared to the same period in 2003, which was EC\$19.0 million. The deficit increased by 8.4 percent.

The values for imports and exports/re-exports shown in Table 2 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.

Table 1: Imports by SITC December 2004 (EC\$)

	Description	Dec-03	Dec-04	% Change 03/04
Consumption Goods	0 Food and Live Animals	2,533,284	3,955,925	56.2%
	1 Beverages and Tobacco	2,311,938	1,769,312	-23.5%
	4 Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	17,333	50,245	189.9%
	6 Manufactured Goods by Material	3,506,446	4,777,640	36.3%
	8 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,767,075	2,877,733	4.0%
	9 Commodities & Transactions NES	-	819	
	Sub total	11,136,076	13,431,674	20.6%
Primary Goods	2 Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	486,937	789,632	62.2%
	3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants	2,197,323	2,886,278	31.4%
	5 Chemicals & Related Products	1,189,208	1,580,846	32.9%
	Sub-Total	3,873,468	5,256,756	35.7%
Capital Goods	7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	4,574,218	6,683,334	46.1%
	Total	19,583,762	25,371,764	29.6%

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

	December 2003	December 2004	% Change 03/04
Imports	19,583,762	25,371,764	29.6%
Exports	430,968	4,616,502	971.2%
Balance (E-I)	(19,152,794)	(20,755,262)	8.4%