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EXTERNAL TRADE

1991 PRELIMINARY DATA NOVEMBER

The preliminary data for January-November 1991 shows a decline in the value of total trade when compared to 1990. Total trade stood at US\$2,632.9 million in the current eleven month period, but was US\$2,701.2 million in the corresponding 1990 period. An analysis of this, shows that there was a 3.3 percent or US\$54.5 million, decline in the value of imports when compared with the previous period. The SITC sections which registered a fall in imports were 'Mineral Fuels', 'Food' and 'Machinery and Transport Equipment' down 20.9 percent, 3.1 percent and 2.0 percent respectively. Together, these three categories accounted for 55.1 percent of total imports in 1991, compared with 58.8 percent in the 1990 period.

IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC FUNCTION (END-USE) AS AT NOVEMBER 1991 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 1(a) US\$'000

END-USE CATEGORIES	November 1991	October 1991	Jan.-November 1991	Jan.-November 1990
TOTAL	143,283	110,517	1,587,843	1,642,077
Consumer Goods	24,256	17,677	229,833	273,714
Food (incl. Beverages)	6,769	7,430	84,783	
Non-Durable Goods	7,810	5,636	77,104	
Semi-Durable Goods	2,263	1,120	16,209	
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	2,865	1,861	28,237	
Other Consumer Durables	4,549	1,630	23,500	
Raw Materials	95,182	64,797	995,472	851,537
Food (incl. Beverages)	8,774	5,060	111,861	
Industrial Supplies	60,692	30,688	471,396	
Crude Oil	46	6,989	120,865	
Other Fuels and Lubricants	12,211	11,875	163,024	
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	13,459	10,185	128,326	
Capital Goods	23,845	28,043	362,538	516,826
Transport Equipment- Motor Cars	1,852	3,397	32,730	
Other Indus. Transport Equipment	5,523	6,426	119,677	
Construction Materials	5,962	7,030	83,051	
Machinery and Equipment	10,225	11,153	124,902	
Other Capital Goods	283	37	2,178	

NB: THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS NOW BEING USED AND THE END-USE CLASSIFICATION HAS BEEN REVISED. AS A RESULT, THE 1991 DATA IS NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF 1990.

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Estimated export earnings of US\$1,045.1 million in the current period was 2.0 percent or US\$14.0 million less than the corresponding period in 1990. In the 1991 period, 'Crude Materials excluding Fuels' valued US\$614.1 million. This, however was US\$50.5 million below the comparative value for 1990.

The trade deficit at US\$542.9 million was US\$40.2 million less than in 1990.

CARICOM

Imports from Caricom countries valued at US\$61.0 million was 23.2 percent or US\$18.4 million less than that recorded for the corresponding eleven months of 1990. Export earnings also, were down in the current period, by US\$7.8 million or 11.8 percent from the US\$66.1 million for the comparable 1990 period.

IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC FUNCTION (END-USE) AS AT NOVEMBER 1991 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 1(b)

JS'000

END-USE CATEGORIES	November 1991	October 1991	Jan.-November 1991	Jan.-November 1990
TOTAL	2,403,121	1,629,847	16,681,299	11,613,241
Consumer Goods	406,900	265,066	2,425,895	1,923,424
Food (incl. Beverages)	119,801	117,039	883,638	
Non-Durable Goods	133,070	83,531	823,357	
Semi-Durable Goods	38,796	16,276	176,832	
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	40,244	24,501	280,145	
Other Consumer Durables	74,989	23,719	261,923	
Raw Materials	1,605,318	996,482	10,622,590	6,061,392
Food (incl. Beverages)	162,090	71,051	1,148,293	
Industrial Supplies	1,015,968	459,097	5,089,544	
Crude Oil	877	122,706	1,267,237	
Other Fuels and Lubricants	220,458	209,700	1,799,978	
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	205,925	133,928	1,317,538	
Capital Goods	390,903	368,299	3,632,814	3,628,425
Transport Equipment- Motor Cars	26,510	38,394	314,613	
Other Indus. Transport Equipment	78,355	82,209	1,121,016	
Construction Materials	104,906	99,367	896,159	
Machinery and Equipment	176,038	147,784	1,277,683	
Other Capital Goods	5,094	545	23,343	

IMPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AS AT NOVEMBER 1991
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 2(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	November 1991		October 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1990	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	143,283	70,680	110,517	84,904	1,587,843	1,045,139	1,642,077	1,059,136
Food	14,354	9,678	12,101	10,829	171,404	194,574	176,927	185,025
Beverages and Tobacco	1,926	2,081	911	2,199	13,844	30,484	18,426	35,259
Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)	2,030	43,428	3,232	59,975	47,141	614,066	34,979	664,617
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	12,385	1,889	19,102	434	285,986	10,799	361,897	15,256
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	737	2	532	3	13,303	253	14,171	24
Chemicals	26,996	1,984	10,847	2,352	202,223	19,238	192,223	22,753
Manufactured Goods	29,783	904	19,625	1,558	262,011	16,878	255,113	18,693
Machin. & Transport Equipt.	32,730	4,350	31,124	1,353	418,074	88,842	426,541	23,917
Misc. Manufactured Articles	20,728	6,364	11,709	6,201	155,482	70,005	134,396	93,592
Other	1,614	0	1,334	0	18,375	0	27,404	0

IMPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AS AT NOVEMBER 1991
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 2(b)*

JS'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	November 1991		October 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1990	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	2,403,121	1,327,786	1,629,847	1,468,057	16,681,299	11,153,099	11,613,241	7,518,665
Food	262,375	179,999	182,179	185,531	1,782,715	1,961,829	1,231,096	1,298,678
Beverages and Tobacco	30,801	39,028	14,945	38,134	148,460	328,680	132,988	249,47
Crude Mat. (excl. Fuels)	36,318	818,582	40,124	1,040,003	483,130	6,715,828	248,392	4,738,913
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	223,650	35,883	335,699	7,582	3,089,603	128,301	2,612,333	109,159
Animal & Veg. Oils & Fats	13,163	30	7,102	38	141,096	2,916	100,112	173
Chemicals	446,316	37,176	164,788	40,114	2,151,321	220,718	1,348,070	161,440
Manufactured Goods	520,593	16,964	293,435	26,981	2,854,868	178,668	1,811,399	132,668
Machin. & Transport Equipt.	505,852	81,547	404,776	23,375	4,147,361	829,653	2,986,689	170,979
Misc. Manufactured Articles	339,526	118,577	165,070	106,299	1,688,940	786,506	947,082	657,408
Other	24,527	0	21,729	0	193,805	0	195,080	0

* Adjustments have been made to Section 2 of Export data for Jan.-Sept. 1991

TRADE WITH CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET AS AT NOVEMBER 1991
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	November 1991		October 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1990	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	5,761	5,522	4,469	6,104	60,992	58,284	79,356	66,113
Food	344	1,284	554	1,779	11,163	14,247	20,493	11,885
Beverages and Tobacco	325	589	269	420	4,937	4,331	9,502	4,523
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	82	13	72	0	721	547	600	1,661
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	0	383	0	176	1,043	3,331	3,941	8,374
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	0	1	105	0	3,974	5	3,813	3
Chemicals	1,668	1,610	1,283	1,521	14,143	14,078	16,613	16,259
Manufactured Goods	2,493	617	1,433	1,224	19,041	10,662	17,948	11,243
Machinery and Transport Equipment	569	204	577	366	4,115	3,533	4,127	3,395
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	280	821	176	618	1,855	7,550	2,319	8,770
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TRADE WITH CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET AS AT NOVEMBER 1990
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3(b)

J\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	November 1991		October 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1991		Jan.-Nov. 1990	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	104,416	103,541	70,756	105,169	651,661	641,110	570,021	471,677
Food	6,285	24,071	8,746	30,884	109,061	155,041	145,573	84,400
Beverages and Tobacco	5,835	11,066	4,401	7,368	54,273	50,338	69,104	32,569
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	1,522	243	1,096	0	8,117	4,949	4,283	12,242
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	0	7,280	0	3,070	9,503	41,411	27,626	60,516
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	0	26	1,634	0	35,705	65	27,446	23
Chemicals	30,981	30,209	20,389	25,873	161,874	159,696	118,702	115,279
Manufactured Goods	45,945	11,520	22,765	21,190	207,077	111,863	130,691	79,720
Machinery and Transport Equipment	9,081	3,769	8,771	6,206	44,805	35,094	29,901	24,018
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	4,767	15,357	2,954	10,578	21,246	82,653	16,695	62,910
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0