



EXTERNAL TRADE

1991 PRELIMINARY DATA

DECEMBER

For 1991, preliminary estimates of total merchandise trade was US\$2,922.6 million. This represents a 3.7 percent decline when compared with the US\$3,034.0 million of 1990. Imports valued at US\$1,762.3 million was 6.1 percent below that of 1990, while earnings from exports were estimated at US\$1,160.3 million, marginally above the 1990 figures. The balance of trade gap, was US\$602.5 million, a 16.4 percent improvement compared with the US\$720.3 million gap in 1990.

Table 1(a) IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC FUNCTION (END-USE) AS AT DECEMBER 1991
(PRELIMINARY DATA) US\$'000

| | December 1991 | November 1991 | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | Jan.-Dec. 1990 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL | 174,500 | 143,283 | 1,762,343 | 1,877,146 |
| Consumer Goods | 21,160 | 24,256 | 250,993 | 345,929 |
| Food (incl. Beverages) | 6,171 | 6,769 | 90,954 | |
| Non-Durable Goods | 6,384 | 7,810 | 83,488 | |
| Semi-Durable Goods | 2,105 | 2,263 | 18,314 | |
| Durable Goods - Motor Cars | 2,002 | 2,865 | 30,239 | |
| Other Consumer Durables | 4,498 | 4,549 | 27,998 | |
| Raw Materials | 126,561 | 95,182 | 1,122,033 | 951,071 |
| Food (incl. Beverages) | 10,122 | 8,774 | 121,983 | |
| Industrial Supplies | 51,352 | 60,692 | 522,748 | |
| Crude Oil | 7,395 | 46 | 128,260 | |
| Other Fuels and Lubricants | 36,881 | 12,211 | 199,905 | |
| Parts & Access. of Capital Goods | 20,811 | 13,459 | 149,137 | |
| Capital Goods | 26,779 | 23,845 | 389,317 | 580,146 |
| Transport Equipment- Motor Cars | 4,575 | 1,852 | 37,305 | |
| Other Indus. Transport Equipment | 4,477 | 5,523 | 124,154 | |
| Construction Materials | 5,403 | 5,962 | 88,454 | |
| Machinery and Equipment | 11,788 | 10,225 | 136,690 | |
| Other Capital Goods | 536 | 283 | 2,714 | |

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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All categories of imports with the exception of 'Crude Materials excluding Fuels' and 'Chemicals' declined in 1991 when compared with 1990 import values. The most significant decline was observed for 'Mineral Fuels' which recorded a decline of 18.1 percent.

Preliminary estimates of earnings from exports at US\$1,160.3 million in 1991, reveals a marginal growth (0.3 percent) over the US\$1,156.8 million earned in 1990. Exports of food, particularly sugar and bananas, showed an increase over 1990. There was however a decline in exports of 'Crude Materials' (down by US\$56.9 million) a direct result of the fall in earnings from bauxite and alumina. There was also a significant increase in Re-exports, during the year, particularly in 'Machinery and Transport Equipment'.

CARICOM

Estimates of total trade with Caricom at US\$130.4 million in 1991 was US\$28.3 million less than the US\$158.7 million for 1990. Imports were down 23.1 percent and exports fell by 11.4 percent. 'Food' imports declined sharply by 45.7 percent and there was a 59.8 percent reduction in the exports of 'Mineral Fuels' in 1991 when compared with 1990.

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

Table 1(b)

| END-USE CATEGORIES | J\$'000 | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | December 1991 | November 1991 | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | Jan.-Dec. 1990 |
| TOTAL | 2,990,298 | 2,403,121 | 19,671,597 | 13,426,739 |
| Consumer Goods | 406,994 | 406,900 | 2,832,889 | 2,459,736 |
| Food (incl. Beverages) | 120,777 | 119,801 | 1,004,415 | |
| Non-Durable Goods | 121,633 | 133,070 | 944,990 | |
| Semi-Durable Goods | 40,845 | 38,796 | 217,677 | |
| Durable Goods - Motor Cars | 36,859 | 40,244 | 317,004 | |
| Other Consumer Durables | 86,880 | 74,989 | 348,803 | |
| Raw Materials | 2,134,483 | 1,605,318 | 12,757,073 | 6,848,711 |
| Food (incl. Beverages) | 182,644 | 162,090 | 1,330,937 | |
| Industrial Supplies | 900,401 | 1,015,968 | 5,989,945 | |
| Crude Oil | 151,497 | 877 | 1,418,734 | |
| Other Fuels and Lubricants | 602,834 | 220,458 | 2,402,812 | |
| Parts & Access. of Capital Goods | 297,107 | 205,925 | 1,614,645 | |
| Capital Goods | 448,821 | 390,903 | 4,081,635 | 4,118,292 |
| Transport Equipment- Motor Cars | 65,318 | 26,510 | 379,931 | |
| Other Indus. Transport Equipment | 81,774 | 78,355 | 1,202,790 | |
| Construction Materials | 100,560 | 104,906 | 996,719 | |
| Machinery and Equipment | 191,206 | 176,038 | 1,468,889 | |
| Other Capital Goods | 9,963 | 5,094 | 33,306 | |

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

Table 2(a)

US\$'000

| S.I.T.C. SECTIONS | December 1991 | | November 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1990 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports |
| ALL SECTIONS | 174,500 | 91,651 | 143,283 | 70,680 | 1,762,343 | 1,160,262 | 1,877,146 | 1,156,851 |
| Food | 13,859 | 10,073 | 14,354 | 9,678 | 185,263 | 206,904 | 208,304 | 192,302 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 1,001 | 1,878 | 1,926 | 2,081 | 14,845 | 32,362 | 20,345 | 36,915 |
| Crude Materials (excl. Fuels) | 5,942 | 65,544 | 2,030 | 43,428 | 53,083 | 679,610 | 40,437 | 736,463 |
| Mineral Fuels, etcetera | 44,460 | 178 | 12,385 | 1,889 | 330,446 | 10,977 | 403,692 | 16,534 |
| Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats | 665 | 6 | 737 | 2 | 13,968 | 259 | 16,912 | 31 |
| Chemicals | 21,035 | 1,473 | 26,996 | 1,984 | 223,258 | 20,711 | 211,139 | 24,515 |
| Manufactured Goods | 25,666 | 1,364 | 29,783 | 904 | 287,677 | 18,242 | 291,337 | 20,445 |
| Machin. & Transport Equipt. | 41,471 | 2,283 | 32,730 | 4,350 | 459,545 | 91,125 | 476,899 | 30,336 |
| Misc. Manufactured Articles | 19,154 | 8,852 | 20,728 | 6,364 | 174,636 | 100,072 | 174,750 | 99,310 |
| Other | 1,247 | 0 | 1,614 | 0 | 19,622 | 0 | 33,331 | 0 |

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

Table 2(b)

JS\$'000

| S.I.T.C. SECTIONS | December 1991 | | November 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1990 | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports |
| ALL SECTIONS | 2,990,298 | 1,736,424 | 2,403,121 | 1,327,786 | 19,671,597 | 13,268,204 | 13,426,739 | 8,655,665 |
| Food | 268,287 | 191,661 | 262,375 | 179,999 | 2,051,002 | 2,189,895 | 1,460,550 | 1,385,657 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 19,543 | 37,863 | 30,801 | 39,028 | 168,003 | 366,543 | 148,281 | 262,581 |
| Crude Mat. (excl. Fuels) | 98,226 | 1,237,990 | 36,318 | 818,582 | 581,356 | 7,953,818 | 290,232 | 5,297,896 |
| Mineral Fuels, etcetera | 758,003 | 3,538 | 223,650 | 35,883 | 3,847,606 | 131,839 | 2,950,908 | 119,429 |
| Animal & Veg. Oils & Fats | 13,192 | 108 | 13,163 | 30 | 154,288 | 3,024 | 122,051 | 227 |
| Chemicals | 336,833 | 29,267 | 446,316 | 37,176 | 2,488,154 | 249,985 | 1,495,558 | 175,580 |
| Manufactured Goods | 479,582 | 27,198 | 520,593 | 16,964 | 3,334,450 | 205,866 | 2,094,608 | 146,737 |
| Machin. & Transport Equipt. | 633,277 | 33,762 | 505,852 | 81,547 | 4,780,638 | 863,415 | 3,377,175 | 222,295 |
| Misc. Manufactured Articles | 358,152 | 175,037 | 339,526 | 118,577 | 2,047,092 | 1,303,818 | 1,246,393 | 1,045,262 |
| Other | 25,203 | 0 | 24,527 | 0 | 219,008 | 0 | 240,983 | 1 |

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

Table 3(a)

US\$'000

| S.I.T.C. SECTIONS | December 1991 | | November 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1990 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports |
| ALL SECTIONS | 6,483 | 4,637 | 5,761 | 5,522 | 67,475 | 62,921 | 87,719 | 71,014 |
| Food | 911 | 1,289 | 344 | 1,284 | 12,074 | 15,536 | 22,252 | 12,718 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 134 | 306 | 325 | 589 | 5,071 | 4,637 | 10,252 | 4,778 |
| Crude Materials (excl. Fuel) | 79 | 25 | 82 | 13 | 800 | 572 | 672 | 1,720 |
| Mineral Fuels, etcetera | 2,225 | 131 | 0 | 383 | 3,268 | 3,462 | 3,941 | 8,661 |
| Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats | 197 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4,171 | 7 | 4,425 | 5 |
| Chemicals | 585 | 974 | 1,668 | 1,610 | 14,728 | 15,052 | 17,710 | 17,544 |
| Manufactured Goods | 1,893 | 872 | 2,493 | 617 | 20,934 | 11,534 | 21,422 | 12,252 |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment | 291 | 290 | 569 | 204 | 4,406 | 3,823 | 4,413 | 3,701 |
| Miscell. Manufactured Articles | 168 | 748 | 280 | 821 | 2,023 | 8,298 | 2,632 | 9,635 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

Table 3(b)

J\$'000

| S.I.T.C. SECTIONS | December 1991 | | November 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1991 | | Jan.-Dec. 1990 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports | Imports | Total Exports |
| ALL SECTIONS | 127,751 | 92,459 | 104,416 | 103,541 | 779,412 | 733,569 | 637,512 | 510,963 |
| Food | 18,278 | 25,740 | 6,285 | 24,071 | 127,339 | 180,781 | 159,778 | 91,075 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 2,634 | 6,091 | 5,835 | 11,066 | 56,907 | 56,429 | 75,160 | 34,629 |
| Crude Materials (excl. Fuel) | 1,472 | 473 | 1,522 | 243 | 9,589 | 5,422 | 4,867 | 12,711 |
| Mineral Fuels, etcetera | 45,570 | 2,600 | 0 | 7,280 | 55,073 | 44,011 | 27,626 | 62,824 |
| Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats | 3,864 | 46 | 0 | 26 | 39,569 | 111 | 32,394 | 36 |
| Chemicals | 11,412 | 19,519 | 30,981 | 30,209 | 173,286 | 179,215 | 127,564 | 125,589 |
| Manufactured Goods | 35,698 | 17,336 | 45,945 | 11,520 | 242,775 | 129,199 | 158,720 | 87,813 |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment | 5,636 | 5,678 | 9,081 | 3,769 | 50,441 | 40,772 | 32,212 | 26,460 |
| Miscell. Manufactured Articles | 3,187 | 14,976 | 4,767 | 15,357 | 24,433 | 97,629 | 19,191 | 69,826 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |