



EXTERNAL TRADE

PRELIMINARY DATA APRIL 1994

Total merchandise trade increased by 2.5 percent (US\$24.7 million) to US\$1,005.3 million during the first four months of 1994. Imports rose by 6.6 percent (US\$40.2 million) to US\$646.8 million. Exports valued at US\$358.5 million were 4.1 percent below that of the corresponding 1993 period. The net result was that the trade deficit widened by US\$55.6 million (23.9 percent).

IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC FUNCTION (END-USE) AS AT APRIL 1994 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 1(a)

US \$'000

END-USE CATEGORIES*	APRIL 1994	MARCH 1994	JAN. - APR. 1994	JAN. - APR. 1993
TOTAL	153,964	187,777	646,842	606,685
Consumer Goods	27,909	38,255	124,880	129,604
Food (incl. Beverages)	9,887	11,685	39,219	47,657
Non-Durable Goods	8,173	11,491	34,574	52,943
Semi-Durable Goods	2,035	2,062	7,248	7,395
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	2,815	6,239	21,218	5,879
Other Consumer Durables	4,999	6,778	22,621	15,730
Raw Materials	96,282	116,255	399,334	368,209
Food (incl. Beverages)	14,874	11,862	42,865	35,784
Industrial Supplies	51,985	61,694	215,410	179,562
Crude Oil	6,677	13,863	24,867	55,118
Other Fuels and Lubricants	9,088	10,678	59,601	48,871
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	13,658	18,158	56,591	48,874
Capital Goods	29,773	33,267	122,628	108,872
Transport Equipment - Motor Cars	2,228	2,040	11,818	19,202
Other Indus. Transport Equipment	3,558	5,754	22,255	22,948
Construction Materials	6,610	9,844	30,909	24,748
Machinery and Equipment	17,024	14,926	55,777	40,754
Other Capital Goods	353	703	1,869	1,220

There was a decrease of 3.6 percent (US\$4.7 million) in imports of 'Consumer Goods' over that recorded for the corresponding period in 1993. This was as a result of a decline in the imports of 'Food incl. Beverages' (17.7 percent), 'Non-Durables' (34.7 percent) and 'Semi-Durable Goods' (2 percent). 'Durable Goods - Motor Cars' went up by 260.9 percent to US\$21.2 million while 'Other Consumer Durables' moved from US\$15.7 million to US\$22.6 million an increase of 43.8 percent. 'Raw Materials' accounting for 61.7 percent of total imports, registered a growth of 8.5 percent (US\$31.1 million) while 'Capital Goods' went up by 12.6 percent (US\$13.8 million). See Table 1a.

Although there were significant increases in exports in most of the S.I.T.C. sections, the decreases in 'Food', 'Beverages and Tobacco', 'Mineral Fuels etc.' and 'Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles' together contributed to the overall 4.1 percent decline in exports. (See Table 2a).

CARICOM

Imports from CARICOM went up by 41.4 percent to US\$35.6 million for the first four months of 1994. The main contributing sectors to this increase were 'Beverages and Tobacco' (US\$ 5.2 million), and 'Mineral Fuels' (US\$9.1 million).

Total exports declined by 3.2 percent (US\$0.6 million). With the exception of 'Crude Materials', 'Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats', 'Manufactured Goods' and 'Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles', exports from all the other Sections were lower when compared with the corresponding 1993 period.

IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC FUNCTION (END-USE) AS AT APRIL 1994 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 1(b)

JS'000

END-USE CATEGORIES	APRIL 1994	MARCH 1994	JAN. - APR. 1994	JAN. - APR. 1993
TOTAL	5,081,028	6,114,835	20,919,510	13,456,352
Consumer Goods	923,775	1,259,030	4,049,211	2,870,731
Food (incl. Beverages)	328,657	387,917	1,287,012	1,051,504
Non-Durable Goods	270,044	377,944	1,127,326	1,175,333
Semi-Durable Goods	67,388	67,560	234,659	164,149
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	92,164	202,940	669,038	130,598
Other Consumer Durables	165,522	222,669	731,176	349,147
Raw Materials	3,177,405	3,777,484	12,937,793	8,163,697
Food (incl. Beverages)	489,413	392,118	1,400,197	794,402
Industrial Supplies	1,717,419	2,007,796	6,978,133	3,976,137
Crude Oil	223,019	461,884	827,963	1,223,639
Other Fuels and Lubricants	303,448	341,754	1,943,532	1,084,934
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	444,106	573,932	1,787,968	1,084,585
Capital Goods	979,848	1,078,321	3,932,506	2,421,924
Transport Equipment - Motor Cars	72,611	66,171	372,728	425,762
Other Indus. Transport Equipment	115,860	187,030	703,458	515,103
Construction Materials	218,178	321,255	999,742	549,332
Machinery and Equipment	561,517	480,776	1,796,128	904,642
Other Capital Goods	11,682	23,089	60,450	27,085

IMPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AS AT APRIL 1994
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 2(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	April 1994		March 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	153,965	93,332	187,777	100,366	646,842	358,503	606,684	373,976
Food	18,903	19,818	19,505	32,520	70,123	96,274	77,093	97,955
Beverages and Tobacco	3,596	2,686	2,869	3,619	10,346	10,700	4,587	12,074
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	8,048	53,667	7,943	50,203	22,610	192,248	19,624	174,444
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	15,578	482	24,516	1,100	84,267	2,638	104,498	3,021
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	846	3	1,822	2	4,877	6	3,997	3
Chemicals	18,912	2,487	19,232	2,242	67,329	8,577	64,169	7,595
Manufactured Goods	25,566	1,477	31,096	2,072	106,016	6,297	101,555	4,854
Machinery and Transport Equipment	38,798	2,829	43,787	1,584	163,784	7,349	131,976	4,464
Misc. Manufactured Articles	22,416	9,883	33,813	7,024	110,281	34,414	84,515	69,566
Other	1,302	0	3,194	0	7,209	0	14,670	0

IMPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS BY SECTIONS AS AT APRIL 1994
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 2(b)

JS\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	April 1994		March 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	5,081,029	3,068,918	6,114,834	3,294,390	20,919,510	11,714,506	13,456,352	8,292,691
Food	622,779	652,768	647,006	1,067,561	2,291,199	3,146,551	1,704,993	2,170,970
Beverages and Tobacco	119,903	88,647	95,332	118,716	340,997	349,091	101,817	267,592
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	267,060	1,768,363	261,748	1,649,738	740,991	6,296,290	435,594	3,866,761
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	520,248	15,907	802,844	36,134	2,764,804	86,186	2,319,867	66,952
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	28,237	82	60,420	68	160,126	179	88,737	82
Chemicals	619,910	81,934	610,322	73,677	2,155,703	280,104	1,414,666	168,299
Manufactured Goods	845,888	48,754	1,014,436	67,984	3,433,478	205,693	2,254,289	107,622
Machinery and Transport Equipment	1,270,689	86,338	1,406,932	49,449	5,207,303	225,261	2,934,636	98,927
Misc. Manufactured Articles	742,812	326,125	1,110,849	231,057	3,587,448	1,125,145	1,876,083	1,545,486
Other	43,503	0	104,945	6	237,461	6	325,670	0

TRADE WITH CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET AS AT APRIL 1994
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	April 1994		March 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	10,943	4,478	9,421	5,135	35,564	17,549	25,175	18,133
Food	1,429	1,123	1,681	1,137	5,002	3,974	5,627	4,550
Beverages and Tobacco	1,551	283	1,882	205	5,217	1,015	1,171	1,089
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	32	71	2	10	205	234	45	234
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	3,677	58	544	187	9,116	781	2,028	1,429
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	389	1	323	2	1,147	3	980	0
Chemicals	1,311	1,041	1,824	1,292	4,939	4,427	5,590	4,605
Manufactured Goods	1,994	862	2,602	1,376	7,882	4,048	7,433	3,159
Machinery and Transport Equipment	382	315	355	146	1,307	722	1,281	1,041
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	178	724	208	780	749	2,345	1,020	2,026
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TRADE WITH CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET AS AT APRIL 1994
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3(b)

J\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	April 1994		March 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1994		Jan. - Apr. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	363,996	147,709	313,090	168,747	1,171,610	572,701	558,946	401,793
Food	46,778	37,038	55,967	37,408	164,286	129,764	124,932	100,759
Beverages and Tobacco	51,817	9,328	62,456	6,719	172,569	33,007	25,990	24,120
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	1,066	2,331	63	331	6,563	7,612	997	5,199
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	122,817	1,916	18,006	6,132	300,400	25,373	45,034	31,678
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	12,981	46	10,759	68	37,899	119	21,784	13
Chemicals	43,211	34,307	60,459	42,447	162,193	144,489	124,109	102,038
Manufactured Goods	66,669	28,473	86,639	45,150	259,858	132,194	165,020	70,018
Machinery and Transport Equipment	12,722	10,394	11,798	4,815	43,117	23,535	28,424	23,058
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	5,935	23,876	6,943	25,677	24,725	76,608	22,656	44,910
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0