



EXTERNAL TRADE

PRELIMINARY REPORT MAY 1994

During the first five months of the year, total imports were valued at US\$849.6 million. This was approximately US\$60 million or 7.6 percent more than the comparative period in 1993. Earnings from exports estimated at \$US 475.1 million also registered an increase of US\$9.6 million or 2.1 percent over the same period as well.

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

Table 1 (a)

US\$'000

END-USE CATEGORIES	MAY 1994	APRIL 1994	JAN. - MAY 1994	JAN. - MAY 1993
TOTAL	202,764	153,964	849,606	789,617
Consumer Goods	36,636	27,909	161,516	170,385
Food (incl. Beverages)	10,435	9,887	49,654	57,980
Non-Durable Goods	14,543	8,173	49,117	73,402
Semi-Durable Goods	1,542	2,035	8,790	9,728
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	5,525	2,815	26,743	8,774
Other Durables	4,591	4,999	27,212	20,501
Raw Materials	138,525	96,282	537,859	474,993
Food (incl. Beverages)	21,454	14,874	64,319	40,860
Industrial Supplies	59,167	51,985	274,577	225,426
Crude Oil	12,141	6,677	37,008	84,756
Other Fuels and Lubricants	28,272	9,088	87,873	59,632
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	17,491	13,658	74,082	64,319
Capital Goods	27,603	29,773	150,231	144,239
Transport Equipment - Motor Cars	1,160	2,228	12,978	27,584
Other Indust. Transport Equipment	3,989	3,558	26,244	28,117
Construction Materials	7,140	6,610	38,049	31,677
Machinery and Equipment	14,720	17,024	70,497	55,398
Other Capital Goods	594	353	2,463	1,463

Items classified as "Consumer Goods" registered a decline of US\$8.9 million or 5.2 percent. Although the sub-categories of "Durable Goods - Motor Cars" and "Other Consumer Durables" showed significant increases of 205.0 percent and 32.7 percent respectively the overall decline was as a result of the other groupings combined. "Raw Materials" went up by 13.2 percent or US\$62.9 million. Even though there was a significant decline in the sub-category "Crude Oil" (56.3 percent), importation of "Other Fuels and Lubricants" went up by 47.4 percent. Capital Goods also went up by \$US6 million or 4.2 percent.

The fairly significant increases in most of the S.I.T.C. sections have resulted in the overall 2.1 percent growth in exports. The major contributors to this were "Mineral Fuels" (34.2 percent), "Manufactured Goods" (39.5 percent), and "Machinery and Transport" (58.9 percent).

CARICOM

Imports from CARICOM for the period January - May 1994 were valued at US\$49.6 million or 61.2 percent more than that for the 1993 period. The major contributors were "Beverages and Tobacco" (334.5 percent), "Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)" (117.7 percent) and "Mineral Fuels, etc" (572.8 percent).

Total exports to the region declined by 1.5 percent and were estimated at US\$22.5 million. With the exception of "Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats", "Manufactured Goods", "Machinery and Transport", and "Miscell. Manufactured Articles", all of the other S.I.T.C. sections showed significant decreases.

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

Table 1(b)		US\$'000			
END-USE CATEGORIES	MAY 1994	APRIL 1994	JAN. - MAY 1994	JAN. - MAY 1993	
TOTAL	6,679,759	5,081,028	27,599,269	17,517,168	
Consumer Goods	1,218,413	923,775	5,267,624	3,776,071	
Food (incl. Beverages)	347,984	328,657	1,634,996	1,280,675	
Non-Durable Goods	484,582	270,044	1,611,908	1,629,505	
Semi-Durable Goods	51,147	67,388	285,806	215,964	
Durable Goods - Motor Cars	182,284	92,164	851,322	194,867	
Other Durables	152,416	165,522	883,592	455,060	
Raw Materials	4,549,203	3,177,405	17,486,996	10,534,053	
Food (incl. Beverages)	682,825	489,413	2,083,022	907,080	
Industrial Supplies	1,943,944	1,717,419	8,922,077	4,994,308	
Crude Oil	405,243	223,019	1,233,206	1,881,611	
Other Fuels and Lubricants	942,916	303,448	2,886,448	1,323,827	
Parts & Access. of Capital Goods	574,275	444,106	2,362,243	1,427,227	
Capital Goods	912,143	979,848	4,844,649	3,207,044	
Transport Equipment - Motor Cars	38,381	72,611	411,109	611,854	
Other Indust. Transport Equipment	130,643	115,860	834,101	629,830	
Construction Materials	237,687	218,178	1,237,429	703,142	
Machinery and Equipment	485,627	561,517	2,281,755	1,229,734	
Other Capital Goods	19,805	11,682	80,255	32,484	

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

Table 2(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	May 1994		April 1994		Jan. - May 1994		Jan. - May 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	202,763	79,557	153,965	100,260	849,605	475,114	789,617	465,525
Food	28,868	21,090	18,903	19,818	98,991	117,364	91,716	120,489
Beverages and Tobacco	2,588	4,091	3,596	2,686	12,934	14,791	6,747	15,933
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	3,602	33,623	8,048	53,667	26,212	225,871	23,162	218,955
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	40,538	144	15,578	482	124,805	2,782	144,987	4,226
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	2,083	0	846	3	6,960	6	4,511	4
Chemicals	18,868	1,685	18,912	2,487	86,197	10,262	78,592	9,988
Manufactured Goods	27,072	1,978	25,566	1,477	133,088	8,275	131,898	5,933
Machinery and Transport Equipment	41,848	2,383	38,798	2,829	205,632	9,732	176,738	6,125
Misc. Manufactured Articles	32,612	14,563	22,416	16,811	142,893	86,031	111,327	83,737
Other	4,684	0	1,302	0	11,893	0	19,939	135

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

Table 2(b)

JS\$'000

S.I.T.C. SE	May 1994		April 1994		Jan. - May 1994		Jan. - May 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	6,679,760	2,621,270	5,081,029	3,297,380	27,599,270	15,546,690	17,517,168	10,322,395
Food	930,102	694,648	622,779	652,768	3,221,301	3,841,199	2,029,623	2,670,523
Beverages and Tobacco	86,228	134,664	119,903	88,647	427,225	483,755	149,768	353,137
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	119,413	1,107,523	267,060	1,768,363	860,404	7,403,813	514,142	4,853,583
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	1,352,335	4,748	520,248	15,907	4,117,139	90,934	3,218,718	93,670
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	67,784	9	28,237	82	227,910	188	100,152	103
Chemicals	603,399	55,512	619,910	81,934	2,759,102	335,616	1,734,850	221,349
Manufactured Goods	900,472	65,091	845,888	48,754	4,333,950	270,784	2,927,894	131,540
Machinery and Transport Equipment	1,380,159	78,537	1,270,689	86,338	6,587,462	303,798	3,928,078	135,758
Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,083,474	480,538	742,812	554,587	4,670,922	2,816,597	2,471,296	1,859,741
Other	156,394	0	43,503	0	393,855	6	442,647	2,991

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

Table 3(a)

US\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	May 1994		April 1994		Jan. - May. 1994		Jan. - May. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	14,083	4,939	10,943	4,478	49,647	22,488	30,799	22,828
Food	1617	1172	1,429	1,123	6,619	5,146	6,952	5,778
Beverages and Tobacco	1687	190	1,551	283	6,904	1,205	1,589	1,275
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	4	17	32	71	209	251	96	368
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	4730	61	3,677	58	13,846	842	2,058	2,255
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	572	0	389	1	1,719	3	1,058	1
Chemicals	1879	1181	1,311	1,041	6,818	5,608	7,274	5,610
Manufactured Goods	2931	1312	1,994	862	10,813	5,360	8,991	3,796
Machinery and Transport Equipment	413	214	382	315	1,720	936	1,613	1,282
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	250	792	178	724	999	3,137	1,168	2,463
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Table 3(b)

J\$'000

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	May 1994		April 1994		Jan. - May 1994		Jan. - May. 1993	
	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports	Imports	Total Exports
ALL SECTIONS	469,752	162,715	363,996	147,709	1,641,362	735,416	683,804	505,871
Food	53,921	38,675	46,778	37,038	218,207	168,439	154,342	127,974
Beverages and Tobacco	56,222	6,231	51,817	9,328	228,791	39,238	35,261	28,242
Crude Materials (excl. Fuel)	131	568	1,066	2,331	6,694	8,180	2,138	8,163
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	157,901	2,025	122,817	1,916	458,301	27,398	45,707	49,996
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	19,092	0	12,981	46	56,991	119	23,524	33
Chemicals	62,643	38,914	43,211	34,307	224,836	183,403	161,491	124,318
Manufactured Goods	97,749	43,202	66,669	28,473	357,607	175,396	199,613	84,134
Machinery and Transport Equipment	13,751	7,016	12,722	10,394	56,868	30,551	35,785	28,400
Miscell. Manufactured Articles	8,342	26,084	5,935	23,876	33,067	102,692	25,943	54,611
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0