

# HIGHLIGHTS

## QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN WORLD MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY REGION

### WTO Says Value of Merchandise Trade Rose 17% in Fourth Quarter

The value of world merchandise trade climbed 17 percent in the fourth quarter, with goods exports up 22 percent in the full year, the World Trade Organization said. These short-term "value" figures should not be confused with the annual trade growth figures, which are "volume" data using "constant dollars" with inflation taken into account, WTO said in a statement. Over the year 2010, merchandise exports increased by 22 per cent in value. A more comprehensive analysis of the annual picture with statistics in volume terms, the latest trends and a forecast for the coming year will be released in early April. The available monthly statistics for about 70 economies representing more than 90 per cent of world trade showed that merchandise trade decreased in December 2010, reflecting in good part seasonal variations. Nonetheless, the year-end value was above the comparable pre-crisis level of December 2008. Comparing the fourth quarter of 2010 with the same period in 2009, the region with the largest growth rate was South and Central America with exports growing by 25 per cent and imports by 30 per cent. Asian exports rose by about 23 per cent and imports by around 22 per cent on a "year-on-year" basis.

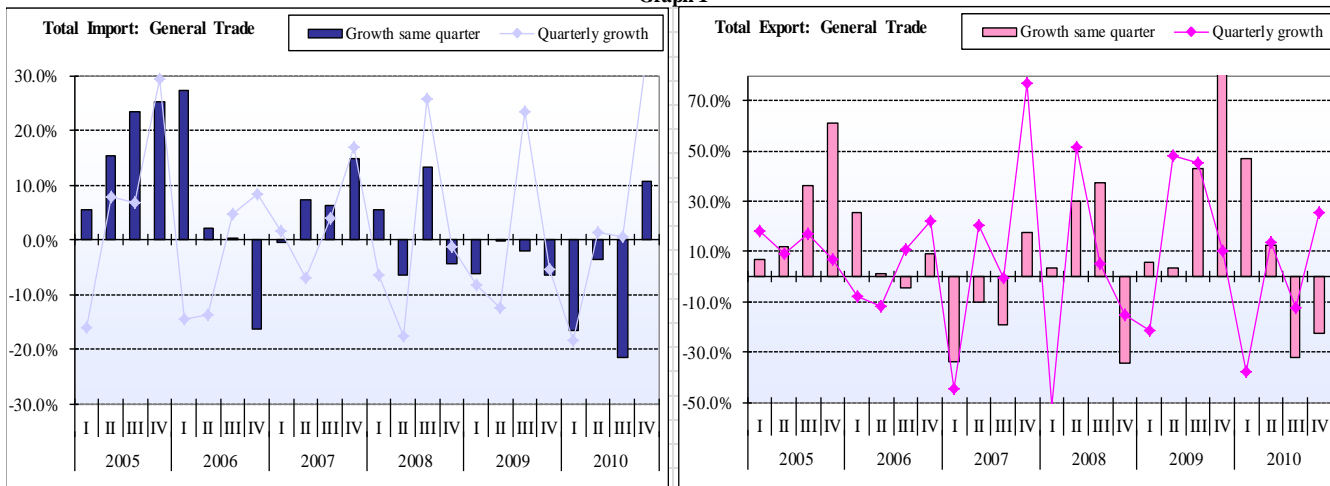
### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR ARUBA: FOURTH QUARTER 2010

In the fourth quarter of 2010 the following developments have been registered in the international merchandise flows of Aruba.

#### Trends in Total import and export

During the fourth quarter of 2010 Aruba imported a total value of Afl. 555 million from the rest of the world. This represents an increase of 10.7% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Total exports from Aruba decreased by 22.8% during the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The total value of export during this quarter was Afl.63.5 million. (Graph 1)

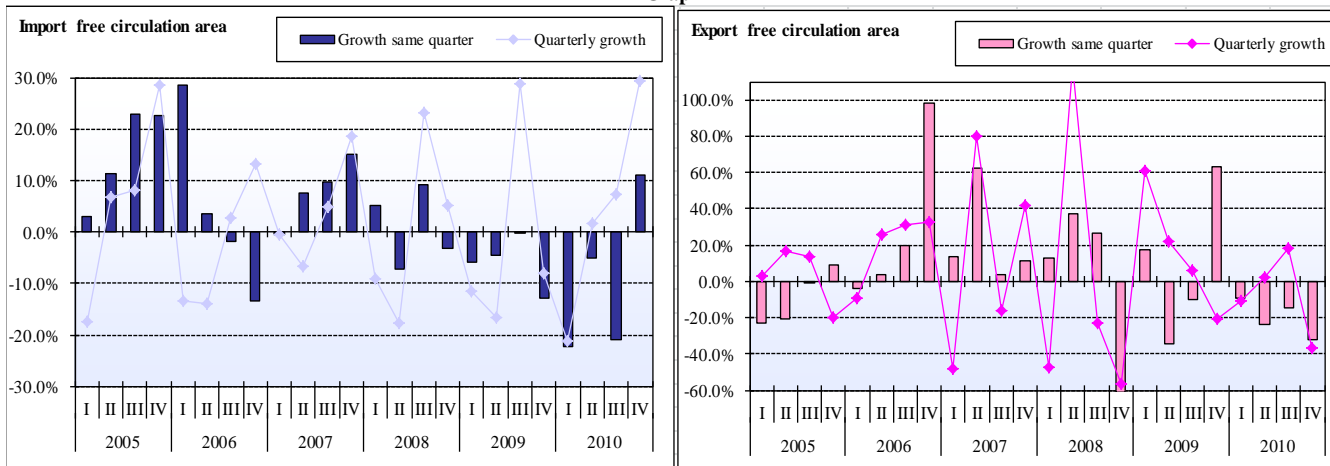
Graph 1



#### Merchandise trade in the free circulation area of Aruba

In the fourth quarter of 2010 import in the free circulation area of Aruba increased with 11.2% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The value of import to this area was Afl. 501 million in the fourth quarter of 2010. The value of export for that same area decreased with 31.8% compared to the same quarter of 2009, reaching a level of Afl. 8 million. (Graph2)

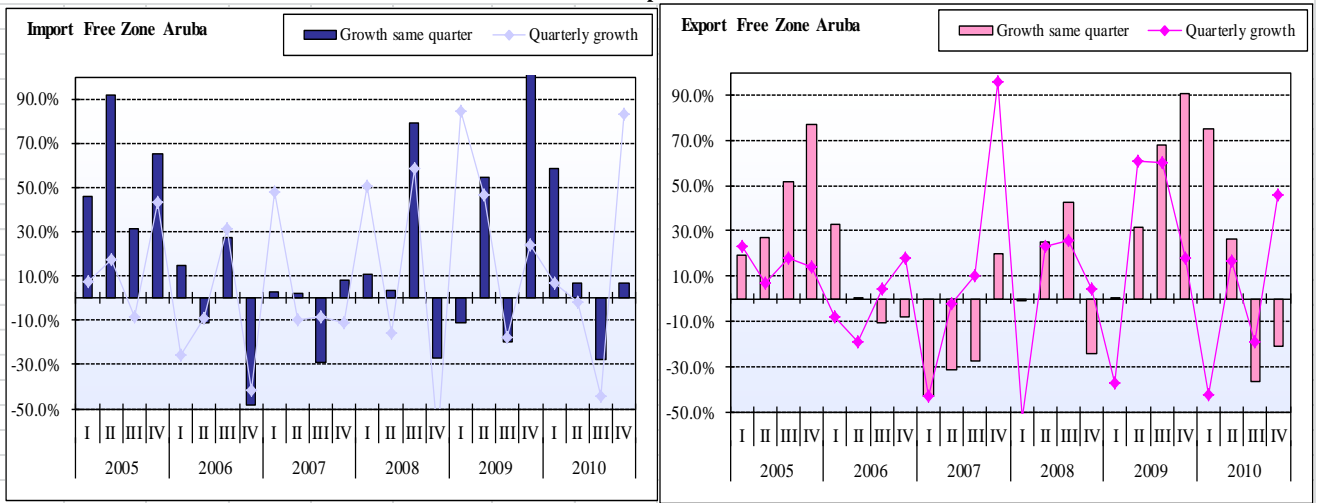
Graph 2



**Import and Export in the Free Zone of Aruba**

For the fourth quarter of 2010 the value of import to the Free Zone of Aruba was Afl. 53.7 million. This represents an increase of 6.9% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The value of Export from the Free Zone of Aruba during the fourth quarter of 2010 was Afl.55.5 million. This decrease in the Free Zone of Aruba took place mainly in the section of " Food Products". (Graph 3)

**Graph 3**



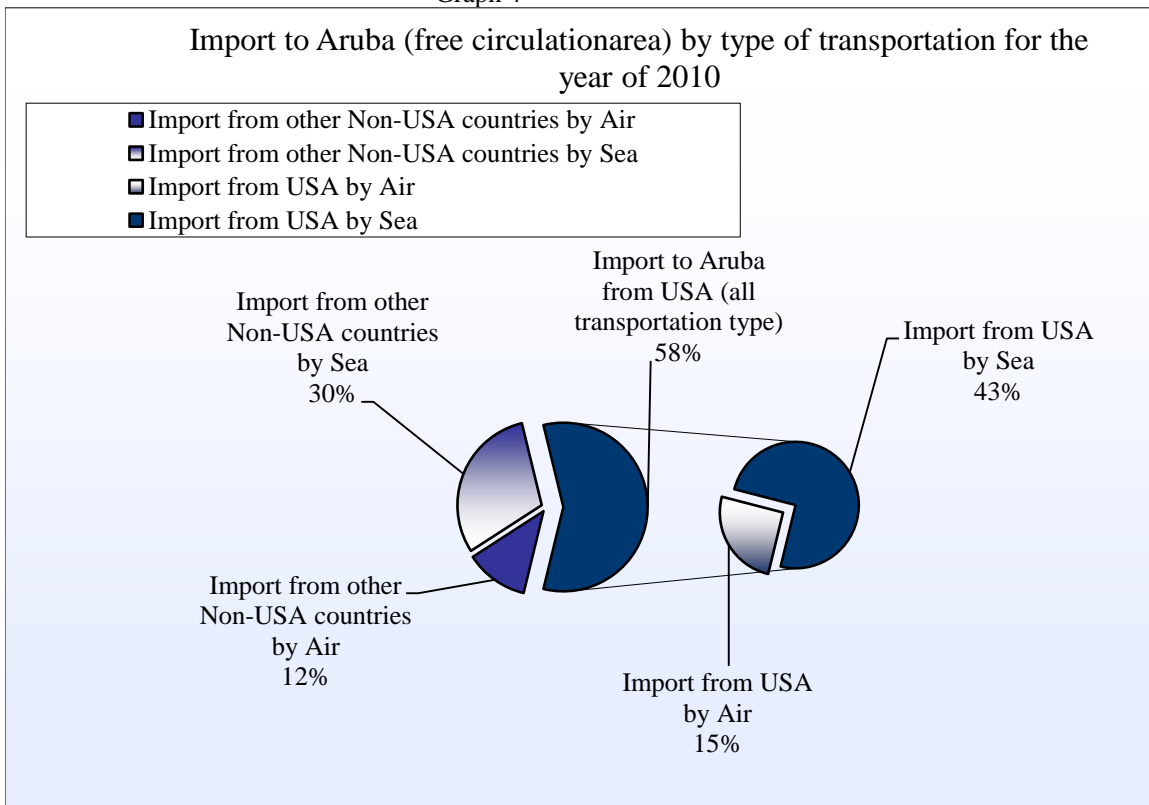
**Import in the free circulation area of Aruba from USA and Non-USA countries by type of transportation**

An analysis of the transportation type used to import goods in Aruba indicated that for the year of 2010, 73% of imports were by sea and 27% by air<sup>1</sup>.

The USA had a share of 53% in imports to Aruba. From this share 41% was by sea, while 12% was by air<sup>1</sup>. (Graph4)

Other customs information for the year of 2010 indicated that the total number of containers<sup>2</sup> entering the free circulation area decreased with 16%, from 14.058 containers during the year of 2010 to 14.699 containers for the year of 2009.

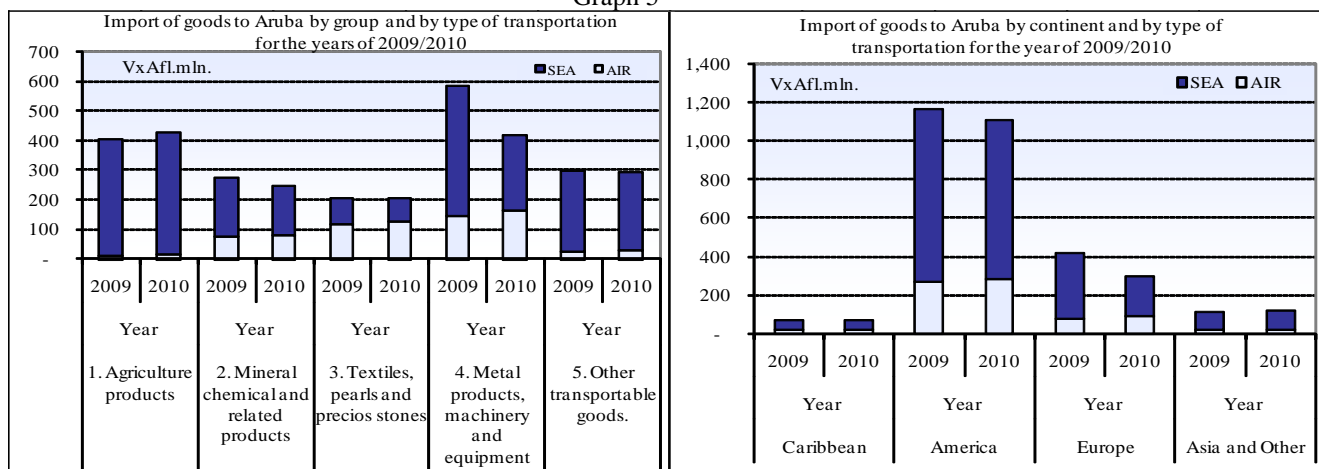
**Graph 4**



### Import in the free circulation area of Aruba by Group, Continent and type of transportation

For the year of 2010 the value of import in the free circulation area of Aruba for air transport<sup>1)</sup> was Afl.421 million. This represents an increase of 4% compared to the previous year. Import for the year 2010 in the free circulation area for sea transport was Afl.1.184 million which represents a decrease of 14.7% compared to the year of 2009. The continent of America remains the main import trade partner as well as for air<sup>1)</sup> as for sea transport to Aruba. (Graph5)

Graph 5



### Import in the free circulation area of Aruba by type of Import according to the International Standard Industrial Classification

Graph 6 represents import to the free circulation area of Aruba by codification of companies classified according to the Aruban Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC). The ISIC of which the import decreased the most for the year of 2010 in percentage was "Mining, quarrying and electricity, gas and water supply" and "Manufacturing". (Graph6)

Graph 6

Import to Aruba (free circulation area) in value by International Standard Industrial Classification  
VxAfl.mln (excluding mineral fuels)

	Year 2009	Year 2010
Retail trade and repair of goods	548	553
Wholesale trade and commission trade	401	418
Manufacturing	223	131
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	85	85
Transport, storage and communications	84	79
Hotels and restaurants	62	66
Construction	54	55
Real estate, renting and business activities	53	46
Non classified	34	42
Mining, quarrying and electricity, gas and water supply	134	39
Health and social work	33	33
Other community, social and personal service activities	27	29
Private (Inboedel)	20	15
Financial intermediation	5	5
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	5	5
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	9	5
Education	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>1,606</b>

<sup>1)</sup>All transactions taking place at the custom office at the airport are considered as air-transport.

<sup>2)</sup>Total containers reflect all container sizes including empty containers.