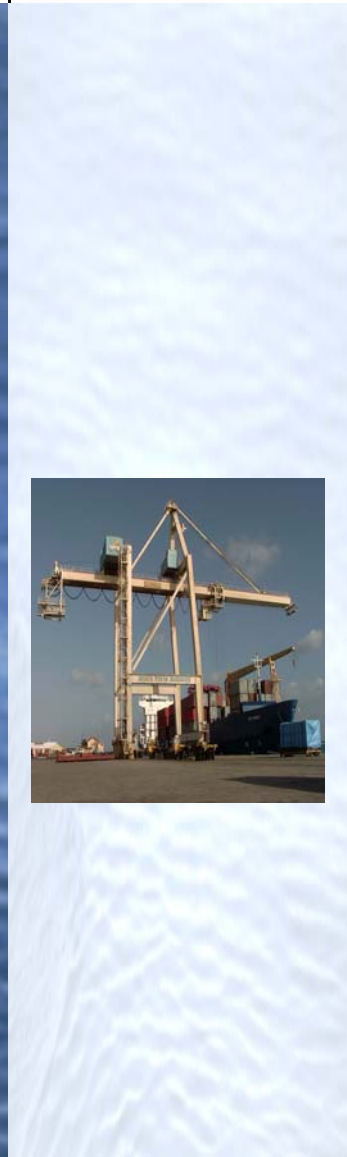
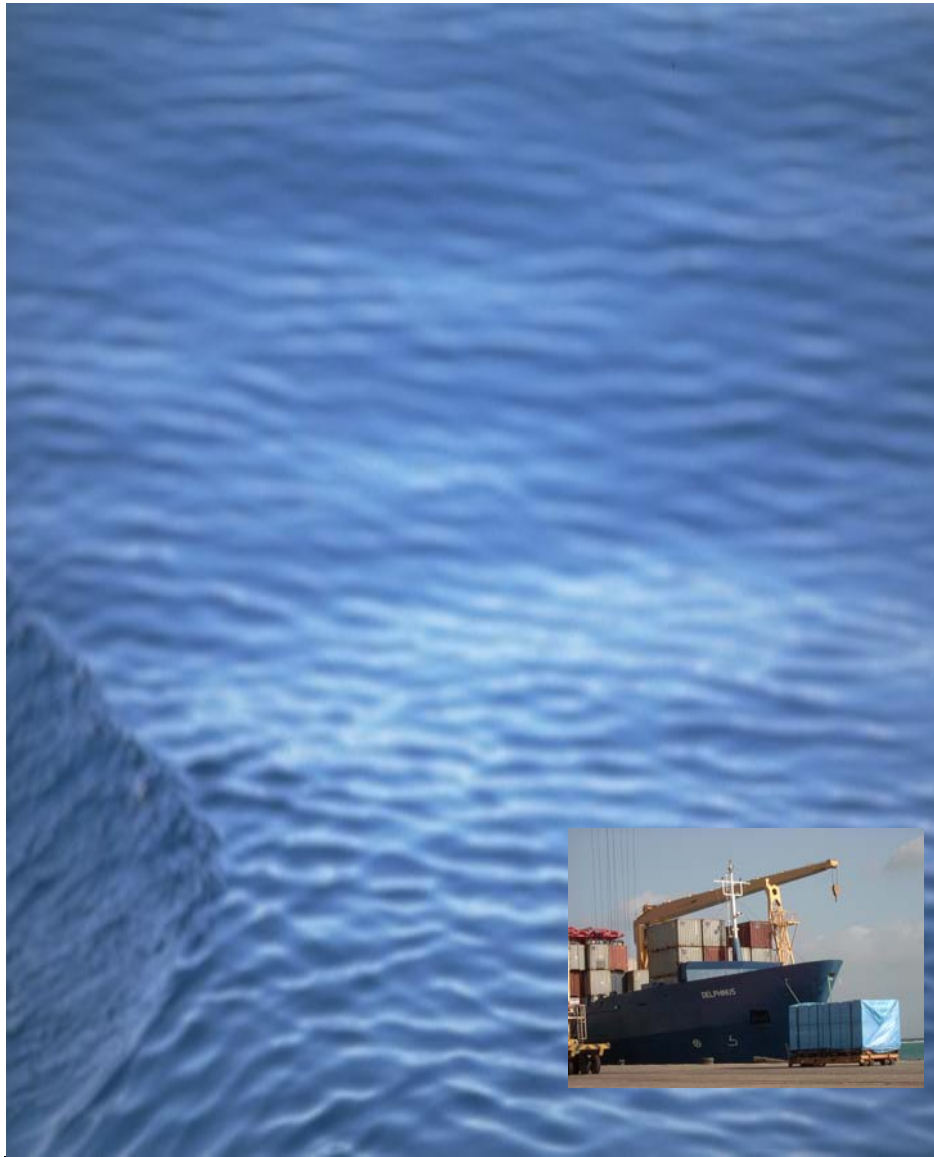


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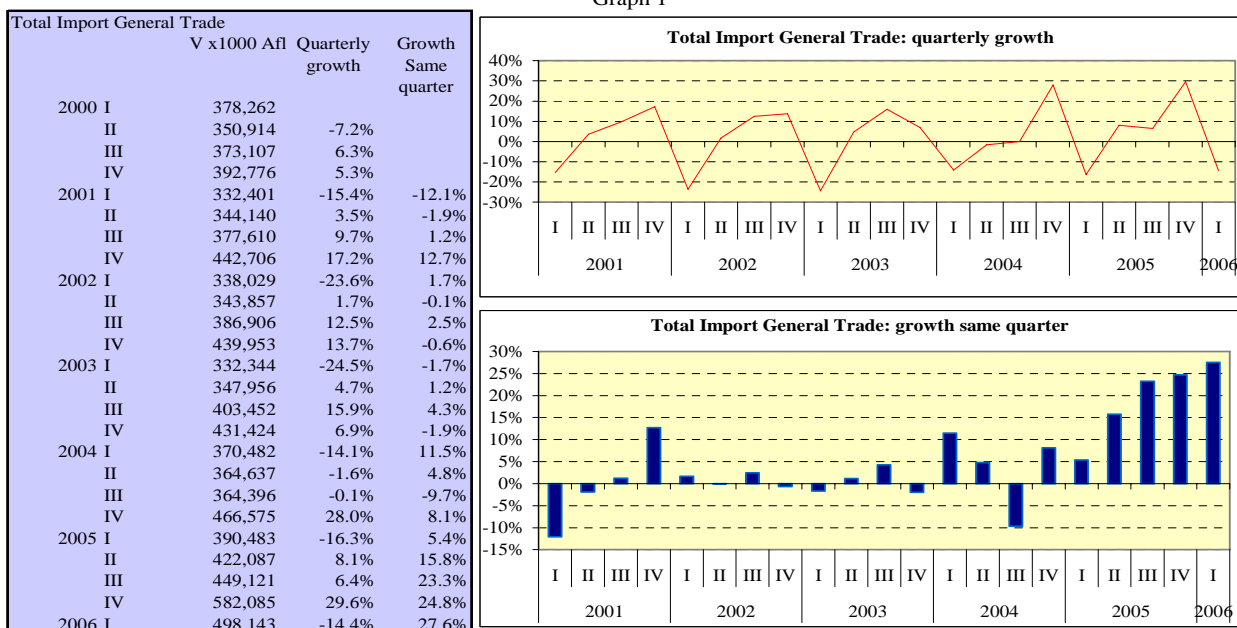
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR ARUBA: FIRST QUARTER 2006

In the first quarter of 2006 the following developments have been registered in the international merchandise flows of Aruba.

Trends in Total import and export

During the first quarter of 2006 Aruba imported a total value of Afl. 498 million from the rest of the world. This represent an increase of 27.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Total exports from Aruba increased by 25.9% during the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The total value of export during this quarter was Afl. 49.7million. (Graph 1)

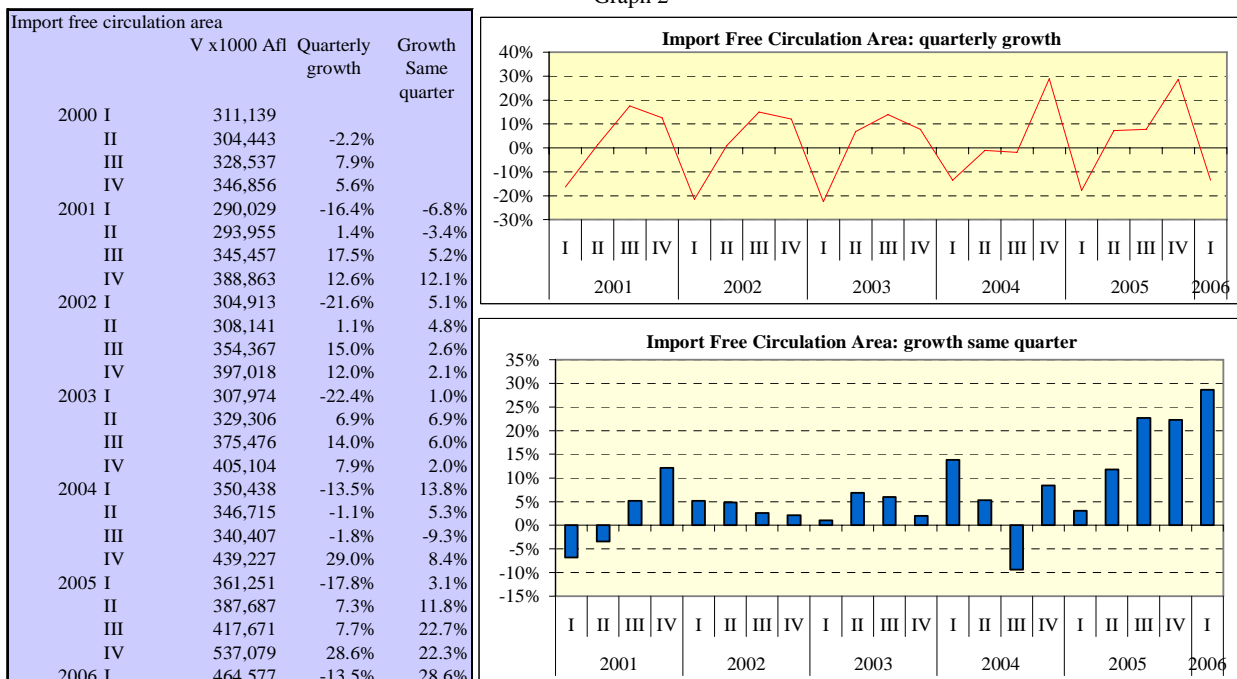
Graph 1



Merchandise trade in the free circulation area of Aruba

In the first quarter of 2006 import in the free circulation area of Aruba increased with 28.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The value of import to this area was Afl. 464.6 million in the first quarter of 2006. The value of export from that same area decreased by 4% compared to the same quarter of 2005, reaching a level of Afl. 8.8 million. (Graph 2)

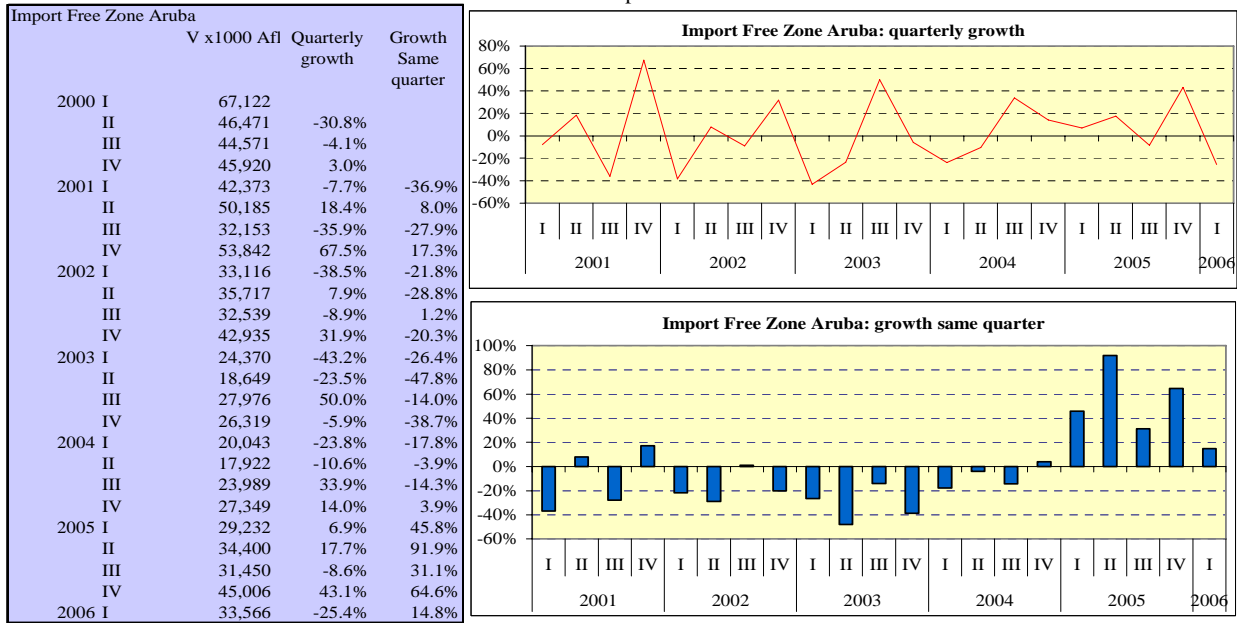
Graph 2



Import and Export in the Free Zone of Aruba

The value of Import to the Free Zone of Aruba was Afl. 33.6 million. This represent an increase of 14.8% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The value of Export from the Free Zone of Aruba during the first quarter of 2006 was Afl.41 million. This increase in the Free Zone of Aruba took place mainly in the section of " Food Products". (Graph 3)

Graph 3



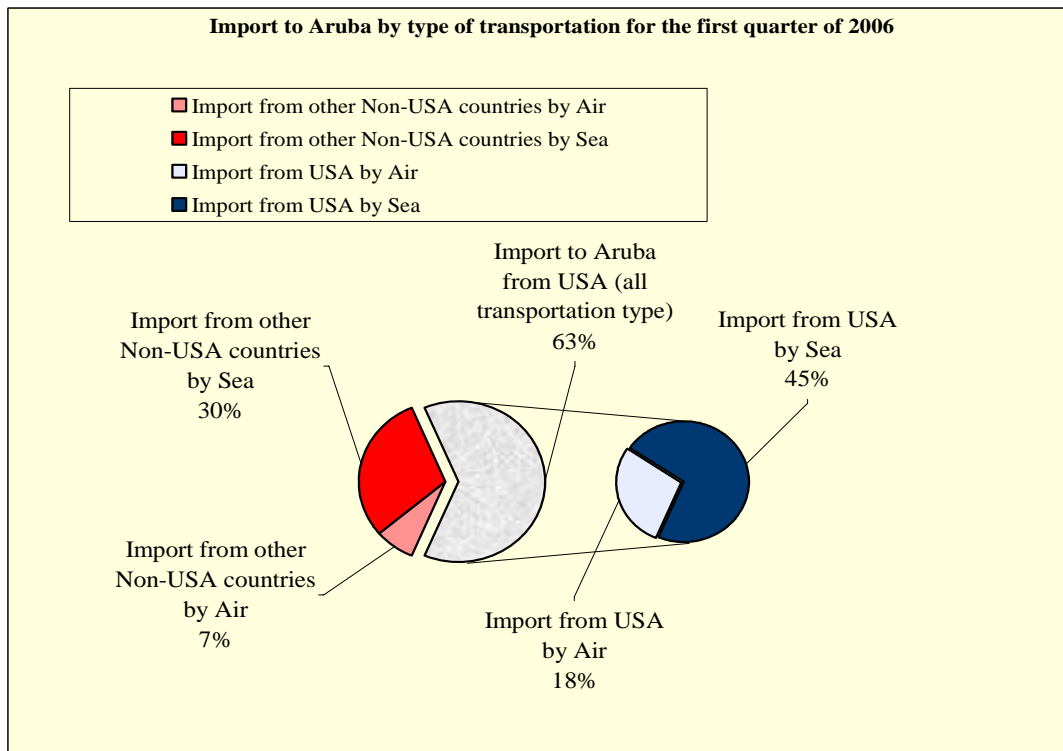
Import in the free circulation area of Aruba from USA and Non-USA countries by type of transportation

An analysis of the transportation type used to import goods in Aruba indicated that for the first quarter of 2006, 75% of imports were by sea and 25% by air¹⁾.

The USA had a share of 63% in imports to Aruba. From this share 45% was by sea, while 18% was by air¹⁾. (Graph 4)

Other customs information for the first quarter of 2006 indicated that the total number of containers²⁾ entering the free circulation area increased with 8%, from 3315 containers during the first quarter of 2005 to 3565 containers in the first quarter of 2006.

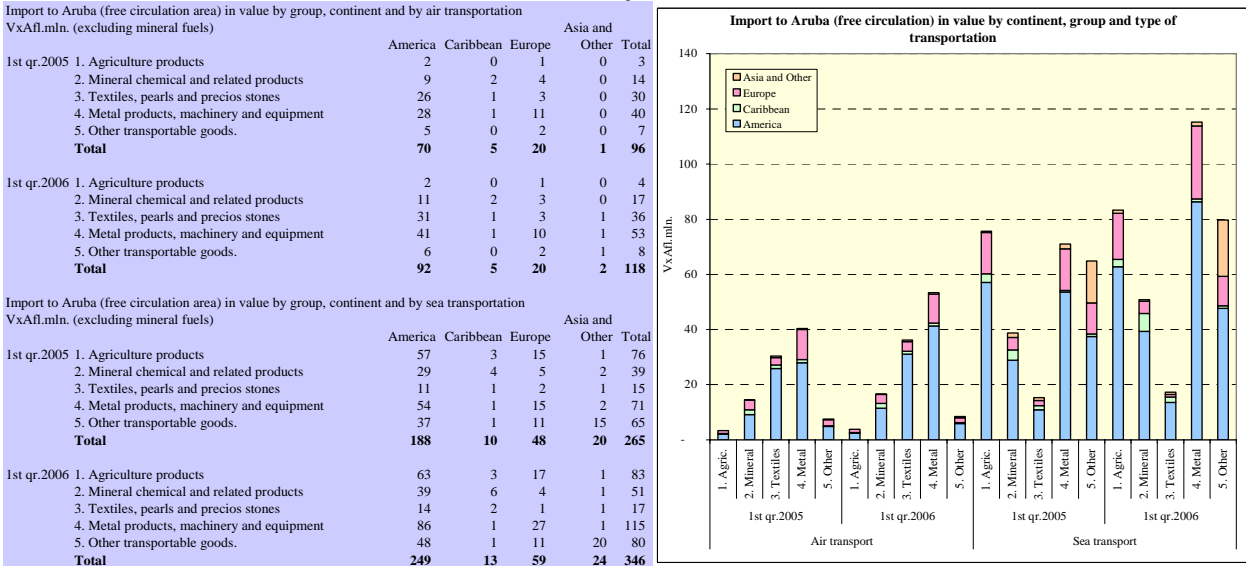
Graph 4



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

In the first quarter of 2006 the value of import in the free circulation area of Aruba for air transport¹⁾ was Afl.118 million. This represent an increase of 23.5 % compared to the same quarter of the previous year. In both type of transportation the growth is mainly caused by an increase in the demand for "Metal products, machinery and equipment" from the continent of America which represent a value of Afl. 41 million for air transport¹⁾ and 86 million for sea transport for the first quarter of 2006. Compared to the first quarter of 2005 in both type of transportation for the American continent the growth for import increased with 23%. The continent of America remains the main import trade partner as well as for air¹⁾ as well as for sea transport to Aruba. (Graph 5)

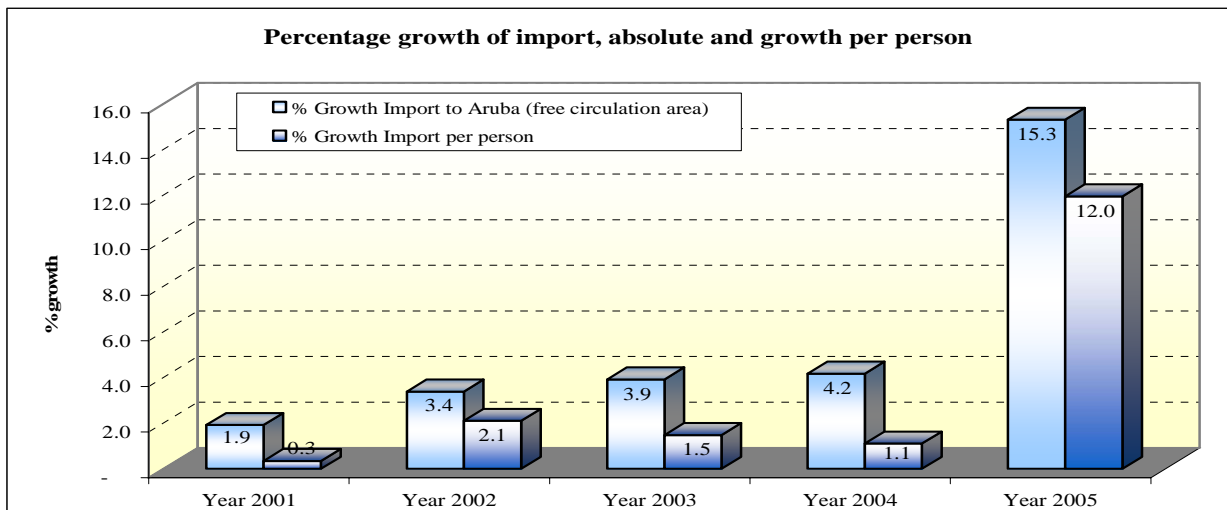
Graph 5



Trade and population development

During the last 5 years the population of Aruba has grown from 91.064 to 102.130 in 2005. Population growth will carry new demands on different aspects like infrastructure, water, electricity, communication, trade etc.. Aruba has benefited greatly the last decade from the increased number of tourist, which resulted in economic growth and increased imports. However, adjusting for rapid population growth, Aruba has much lower imports. The following graph represents growth of import for the last five years, with their respective percentage change, absolute and import growth per person. Notable is that 2005 total trade experienced considerable growth, even when adjusted for population growth (Graph 6).

Graph 6



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

²⁾Total containers reflect all container sizes including empty containers.



Preface

The 2006 First Quarter Foreign Trade Publication of Aruba contains information on Import to Aruba, Import to Free Zone Aruba, Export from Aruba and Export from Free Zone Aruba. It includes comparisons between the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006. The figures pertaining to 2004 to 2006 should still be considered as provisional, while the trade statistics series for 2001 till 2003 are final. The CBS developed a system in which it became possible to process the Foreign Trade data according to General Trade System.

For further inquiry on definitions and methodology we refer to the Aruba Foreign Trade Statistics Procedure and Definitions, which is available upon request at the Central Bureau of Statistics.

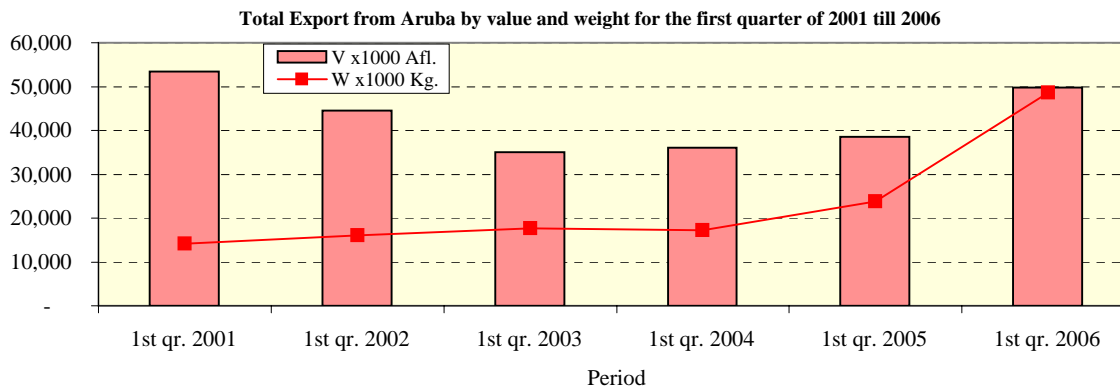
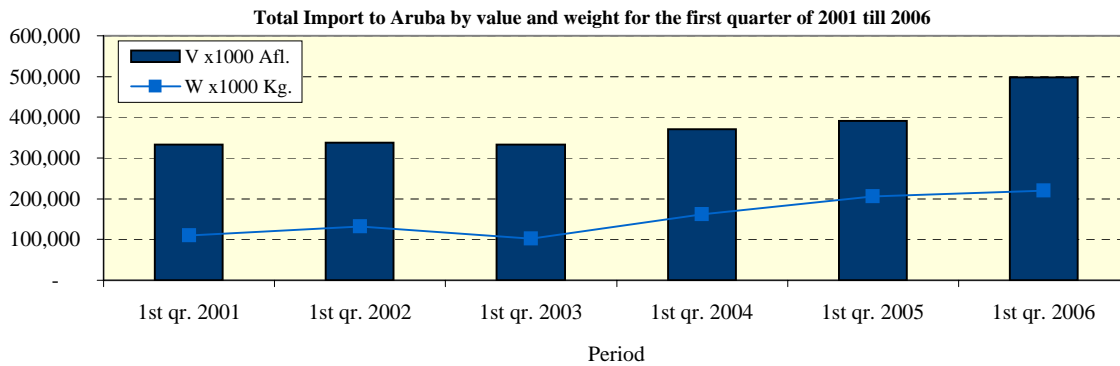
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I.a.1 Total Import and Export of goods to Aruba over the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006 (in value and weight)

Transactions over the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	1,318,304	178,553	1,496,857	440,942	72,825	513,766
Year 2002	1,364,439	144,307	1,508,745	505,783	69,816	575,599
Year 2003	1,417,860	97,315	1,515,175	571,974	63,965	635,939
Year 2004	1,476,788	89,302	1,566,090	641,264	53,269	694,533
1st qr. 2005	361,251	29,232	390,483	186,205	18,900	205,106
2nd qr. 2005	387,687	34,400	422,087	115,974	22,371	138,344
3rd qr. 2005	417,671	31,450	449,121	294,411	24,201	318,612
4th qr. 2005	537,079	45,006	582,085	222,691	23,343	246,033
1st qr. 2006	464,577	33,566	498,143	189,898	30,228	220,126

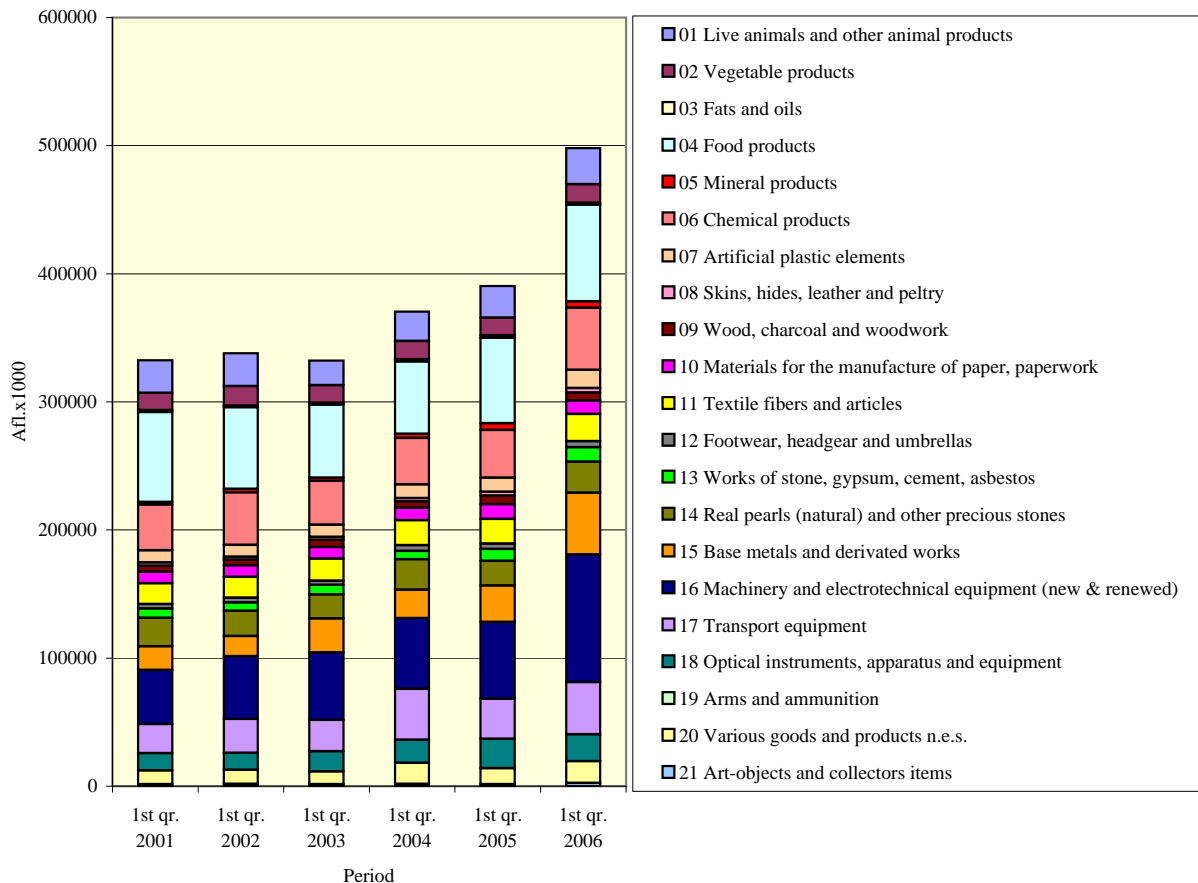
Transactions over the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	51,708	214,743	266,452	10,207	74,687	84,894
Year 2002	62,111	167,472	229,582	12,928	68,159	81,087
Year 2003	35,943	111,020	146,963	7,694	64,063	71,757
Year 2004	40,248	102,092	142,340	9,894	52,211	62,105
1st qr. 2005	7,932	30,626	38,558	3,390	20,470	23,860
2nd qr. 2005	12,833	32,785	45,617	1,886	21,487	23,373
3rd qr. 2005	10,513	38,726	49,239	2,879	21,652	24,530
4th qr. 2005	12,213	44,455	56,668	2,058	23,274	25,331
1st qr. 2006	8,844	40,923	49,767	17,690	30,954	48,644



I.a.2 Import of goods to Aruba by sections over the first quarter of 2005 and 2006 (in value and weight)

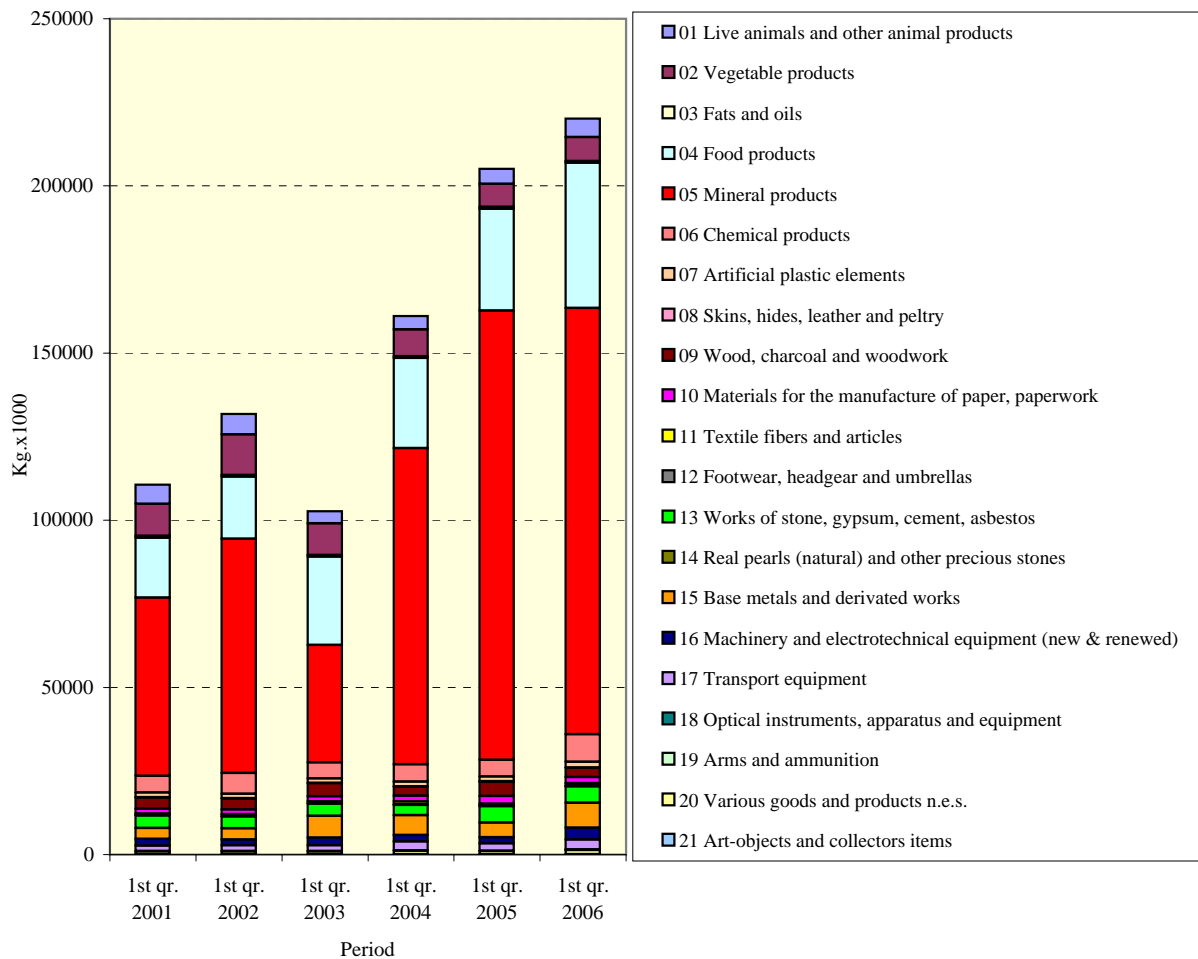
Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2005-2006	V x1000 Afl.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
01 Live animals and other animal products	24,770		24,770	28,258		28,258
02 Vegetable products	13,477	170	13,647	13,881	523	14,404
03 Fats and oils	2,183		2,183	1,630		1,630
04 Food products	38,523	28,173	66,696	43,226	32,194	75,420
05 Mineral products	5,128		5,128	5,011		5,011
06 Chemical products	36,957	277	37,233	48,228	312	48,539
07 Artificial plastic elements	11,049	34	11,084	14,089	40	14,129
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	2,931	9	2,940	3,489	7	3,496
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	6,656	0	6,656	6,270	1	6,272
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	11,428	20	11,448	10,397	31	10,429
11 Textile fibers and articles	19,250	77	19,328	21,208	49	21,258
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	4,127	149	4,276	4,628	183	4,811
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	9,202	54	9,256	11,232	74	11,307
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	19,266		19,266	24,158		24,158
15 Base metals and derivated works	28,463	28	28,491	48,197	8	48,205
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	59,768	44	59,812	99,493	17	99,509
17 Transport equipment	31,120	168	31,288	40,787	84	40,871
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	23,030	14	23,044	20,874		20,874
19 Arms and ammunition	13		13	17	28	45
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	12,506	14	12,520	16,999	14	17,013
21 Art-objects and collectors items	1,402		1,402	2,504		2,504

Total Import of goods to Aruba by sections for the first quarter of 2001 till 2006



Section (0..21) by weight for the first quarter of 2005-2006	W x1000 Kg.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
01 Live animals and other animal products	4,468		4,468	5,543		5,543
02 Vegetable products	6,857	21	6,877	7,082	75	7,157
03 Fats and oils	641		641	526		526
04 Food products	11,679	18,741	30,419	13,504	29,943	43,448
05 Mineral products	134,390		134,390	127,476		127,476
06 Chemical products	4,916	63	4,979	8,048	163	8,211
07 Artificial plastic elements	1,447	8	1,455	1,714	11	1,725
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	107	0	107	106	0	106
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	4,269	0	4,270	2,759	0	2,759
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	2,244	15	2,259	1,861	1	1,861
11 Textile fibers and articles	602	1	603	778	1	779
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	148	3	151	157	8	165
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	4,846	34	4,881	4,849	14	4,863
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	7		7	12		12
15 Base metals and derivated works	4,424	4	4,428	7,475	1	7,477
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1,865	1	1,865	3,540	0	3,540
17 Transport equipment	2,124	9	2,133	2,923	8	2,931
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	137	0	137	162		162
19 Arms and ammunition	0		0	0	1	1
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	954	0	954	1,252	0	1,253
21 Art-objects and collectors items	80		80	131		131

Total Import of goods to Aruba by sections for the first quarter of 2001 till 2006



I.b.1. Import of goods to Aruba by sections over the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006

Section 01 Live animals and other animal products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	100,752	12,904	113,656	23,075	3,557	26,632
Year 2002	90,807	472	91,279	20,930	138	21,069
Year 2003	86,305	369	86,675	17,437	168	17,605
Year 2004	94,721	148	94,869	16,895	52	16,947
1st qr. 2005	24,770		24,770	4,468		4,468
2nd qr. 2005	24,960		24,960	4,422		4,422
3rd qr. 2005	22,873		22,873	4,120		4,120
4th qr. 2005	25,880		25,880	4,686		4,686
1st qr. 2006	28,258		28,258	5,543		5,543

Section 02 Vegetable products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	48,455	13,217	61,672	27,743	29,337	57,080
Year 2002	49,047	12,508	61,556	28,554	28,701	57,255
Year 2003	50,212	6,216	56,429	27,507	13,122	40,630
Year 2004	54,879	3,788	58,667	27,549	7,191	34,740
1st qr. 2005	13,477	170	13,647	6,857	21	6,877
2nd qr. 2005	13,702	972	14,675	6,512	1,704	8,217
3rd qr. 2005	13,577	1,208	14,785	6,777	1,523	8,300
4th qr. 2005	13,951	307	14,258	6,680	69	6,749
1st qr. 2006	13,881	523	14,404	7,082	75	7,157

Section 03 Fats and oils						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	5,451		5,451	1,985		1,985
Year 2002	5,087	4	5,091	1,779	2	1,780
Year 2003	6,074		6,074	1,833		1,833
Year 2004	6,513		6,513	1,930		1,930
1st qr. 2005	2,183		2,183	641		641
2nd qr. 2005	1,658		1,658	454		454
3rd qr. 2005	1,675		1,675	439		439
4th qr. 2005	1,776		1,776	509		509
1st qr. 2006	1,630		1,630	526		526

Section 04 Food products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	144,754	145,672	290,426	49,744	38,923	88,667
Year 2002	146,639	126,980	273,618	50,311	40,676	90,987
Year 2003	155,821	88,492	244,313	51,669	50,382	102,051
Year 2004	168,940	82,765	251,705	54,991	45,552	100,543
1st qr. 2005	38,523	28,173	66,696	11,679	18,741	30,419
2nd qr. 2005	45,488	32,619	78,107	13,959	20,530	34,489
3rd qr. 2005	42,865	29,427	72,293	14,146	22,562	36,709
4th qr. 2005	49,412	44,143	93,555	15,127	23,192	38,319
1st qr. 2006	43,226	32,194	75,420	13,504	29,943	43,448

Section 05 Mineral products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	12,670		12,670	229,681		229,681
Year 2002	12,420	1	12,421	290,809	0	290,809
Year 2003	17,624		17,624	355,097		355,097
Year 2004	17,375		17,375	425,939		425,939
1st qr. 2005	5,128		5,128	134,390		134,390
2nd qr. 2005	3,747		3,747	59,793		59,793
3rd qr. 2005	9,046		9,046	234,966		234,966
4th qr. 2005	6,067		6,067	157,841		157,841
1st qr. 2006	5,011		5,011	127,476		127,476

Section 06 Chemical products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	158,194	1,205	159,399	25,127	234	25,361
Year 2002	164,577	740	165,317	24,017	187	24,204
Year 2003	146,486	798	147,284	24,161	229	24,390
Year 2004	158,649	823	159,471	22,096	190	22,286
1st qr. 2005	36,957	277	37,233	4,916	63	4,979
2nd qr. 2005	40,581	262	40,843	6,368	75	6,443
3rd qr. 2005	39,809	223	40,032	5,787	88	5,875
4th qr. 2005	45,777	166	45,943	6,621	51	6,672
1st qr. 2006	48,228	312	48,539	8,048	163	8,211

Section 07 Artificial plastic elements						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	40,891	543	41,433	5,470	226	5,696
Year 2002	41,592	55	41,647	5,713	10	5,724
Year 2003	45,341	67	45,408	6,064	19	6,083
Year 2004	47,722	93	47,815	6,393	15	6,408
1st qr. 2005	11,049	34	11,084	1,447	8	1,455
2nd qr. 2005	12,481	13	12,495	1,400	3	1,403
3rd qr. 2005	15,228	17	15,246	1,948	4	1,951
4th qr. 2005	14,421	16	14,437	1,727	1	1,728
1st qr. 2006	14,089	40	14,129	1,714	11	1,725

Section 08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	9,386	143	9,529	313	4	317
Year 2002	9,993	87	10,081	327	2	329
Year 2003	9,763	50	9,813	328	3	330
Year 2004	10,765	28	10,793	424	1	425
1st qr. 2005	2,931	9	2,940	107	0	107
2nd qr. 2005	2,903	2	2,904	93	0	93
3rd qr. 2005	3,113	6	3,119	108	0	108
4th qr. 2005	3,582	8	3,590	121	0	121
1st qr. 2006	3,489	7	3,496	106	0	106

Section 09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	19,608	175	19,784	13,450	101	13,551
Year 2002	19,275	1	19,276	14,757	1	14,757
Year 2003	21,091	6	21,097	13,564	4	13,568
Year 2004	24,009	62	24,071	12,833	39	12,872
1st qr. 2005	6,656	0	6,656	4,269	0	4,270
2nd qr. 2005	6,987		6,987	3,791		3,791
3rd qr. 2005	6,482	2	6,484	3,649	0	3,649
4th qr. 2005	6,302	1	6,303	2,991	1	2,992
1st qr. 2006	6,270	1	6,272	2,759	0	2,759

Section 10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	40,621	279	40,900	6,271	61	6,332
Year 2002	40,388	85	40,473	6,885	16	6,901
Year 2003	42,497	60	42,557	7,253	6	7,259
Year 2004	43,704	166	43,871	7,238	8	7,246
1st qr. 2005	11,428	20	11,448	2,244	15	2,259
2nd qr. 2005	12,181	87	12,268	2,050	3	2,052
3rd qr. 2005	13,656	87	13,743	1,987	6	1,993
4th qr. 2005	12,742	9	12,751	1,794	1	1,795
1st qr. 2006	10,397	31	10,429	1,861	1	1,861

Section 11 Textile fibers and articles						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	79,483	401	79,884	2,537	18	2,554
Year 2002	74,352	285	74,636	2,433	6	2,439
Year 2003	79,309	157	79,466	2,904	3	2,906
Year 2004	87,070	199	87,269	3,357	102	3,460
1st qr. 2005	19,250	77	19,328	602	1	603
2nd qr. 2005	19,676	44	19,719	768	0	768
3rd qr. 2005	19,739	12	19,752	783	1	783
4th qr. 2005	28,244	36	28,280	1,135	1	1,136
1st qr. 2006	21,208	49	21,258	778	1	779

Section 12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	14,932	1,553	16,485	513	32	545
Year 2002	14,529	1,574	16,103	506	29	535
Year 2003	15,066	688	15,754	542	16	558
Year 2004	19,286	544	19,830	728	12	739
1st qr. 2005	4,127	149	4,276	148	3	151
2nd qr. 2005	4,747	111	4,858	174	3	177
3rd qr. 2005	4,722	165	4,886	158	3	161
4th qr. 2005	6,765	54	6,819	230	2	231
1st qr. 2006	4,628	183	4,811	157	8	165

Section 13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	29,177	141	29,317	16,742	254	16,996
Year 2002	29,028	36	29,064	17,866	21	17,886
Year 2003	32,593	1	32,593	17,835	0	17,835
Year 2004	34,169	104	34,273	17,022	59	17,081
1st qr. 2005	9,202	54	9,256	4,846	34	4,881
2nd qr. 2005	22,021	37	22,058	5,708	29	5,736
3rd qr. 2005	10,163		10,163	5,907		5,907
4th qr. 2005	10,847	139	10,986	5,271	18	5,289
1st qr. 2006	11,232	74	11,307	4,849	14	4,863

Section 14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	60,294	1,350	61,644	35	0	35
Year 2002	74,431	802	75,233	40	0	40
Year 2003	69,621		69,621	38		38
Year 2004	80,071		80,071	42		42
1st qr. 2005	19,266		19,266	7		7
2nd qr. 2005	10,390		10,390	7		7
3rd qr. 2005	8,097		8,097	4		4
4th qr. 2005	35,565		35,565	18		18
1st qr. 2006	24,158		24,158	12		12

Section 15 Base metals and derivated works						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	107,784	281	108,065	16,365	26	16,392
Year 2002	103,726	321	104,047	18,740	10	18,750
Year 2003	122,033	35	122,068	21,723	2	21,726
Year 2004	104,593	62	104,655	19,394	5	19,399
1st qr. 2005	28,463	28	28,491	4,424	4	4,428
2nd qr. 2005	26,782	6	26,788	3,870	0	3,870
3rd qr. 2005	40,603	10	40,613	5,506	0	5,507
4th qr. 2005	73,947	53	74,000	8,914	3	8,917
1st qr. 2006	48,197	8	48,205	7,475	1	7,477

Section 16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	233,252	183	233,435	9,582	30	9,612
Year 2002	250,065	215	250,281	8,781	11	8,792
Year 2003	266,611	74	266,685	9,377	1	9,378
Year 2004	234,139	334	234,473	8,452	30	8,482
1st qr. 2005	59,768	44	59,812	1,865	1	1,865
2nd qr. 2005	68,453	55	68,508	2,828	7	2,835
3rd qr. 2005	82,410	216	82,627	3,421	12	3,433
4th qr. 2005	105,100	53	105,153	3,217	1	3,218
1st qr. 2006	99,493	17	99,509	3,540	0	3,540

Section 17 Transport equipment						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	102,862	65	102,928	6,866	6	6,872
Year 2002	119,157	3	119,160	8,328	0	8,328
Year 2003	119,954	84	120,037	8,695	4	8,699
Year 2004	134,180	106	134,286	9,652	11	9,663
1st qr. 2005	31,120	168	31,288	2,124	9	2,133
2nd qr. 2005	35,688	180	35,868	2,337	16	2,353
3rd qr. 2005	40,423	45	40,468	2,861	3	2,864
4th qr. 2005	39,112	15	39,127	2,860	1	2,861
1st qr. 2006	40,787	84	40,871	2,923	8	2,931

Section 18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	53,721	96	53,817	499	0	499
Year 2002	57,379	17	57,396	395	0	395
Year 2003	66,135	74	66,209	468	0	468
Year 2004	72,375	16	72,391	590	0	590
1st qr. 2005	23,030	14	23,044	137	0	137
2nd qr. 2005	17,364	4	17,368	168	0	168
3rd qr. 2005	18,803	24	18,827	187	0	187
4th qr. 2005	25,310		25,310	157		157
1st qr. 2006	20,874		20,874	162		162

Section 19 Arms and ammunition						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	149	56	205	5	2	7
Year 2002	238	30	268	7	2	9
Year 2003	104	74	178	4	1	5
Year 2004	233	10	244	7	0	7
1st qr. 2005	13		13	0		0
2nd qr. 2005	145	4	149	7	0	7
3rd qr. 2005	12		12	0		0
4th qr. 2005	32		32	0		0
1st qr. 2006	17	28	45	0	1	1

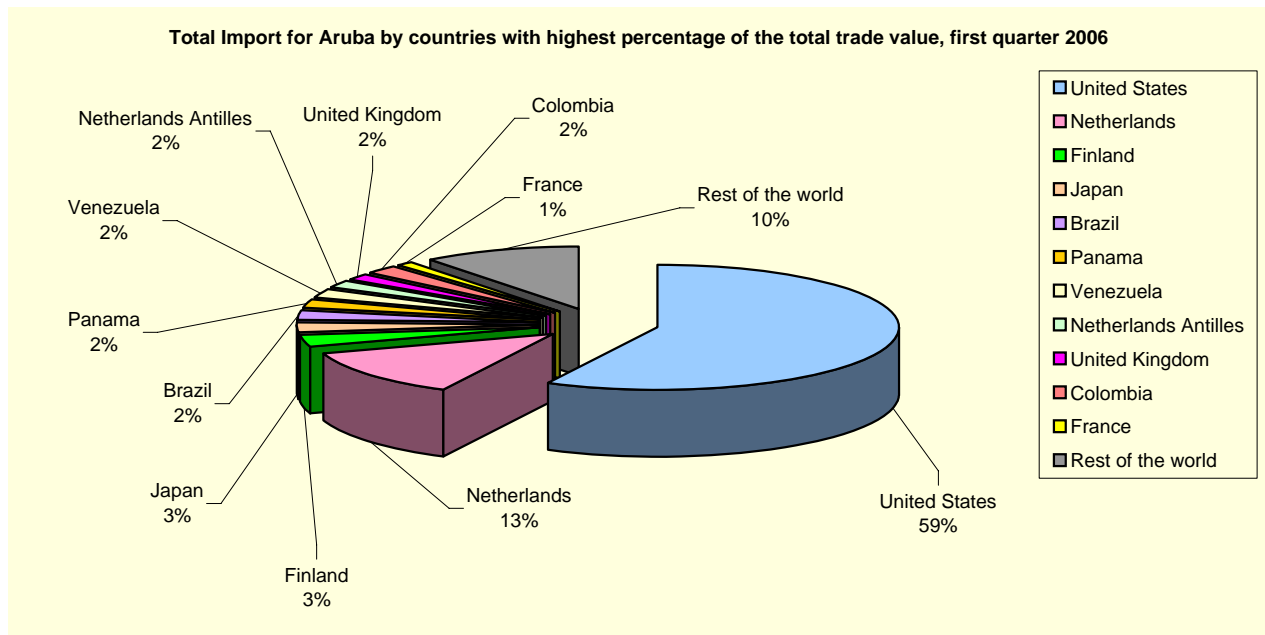
Section 20 Various goods and products n.e.s.						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	46,940	233	47,173	4,250	7	4,257
Year 2002	51,898	51	51,949	4,047	2	4,049
Year 2003	56,077	71	56,148	4,978	5	4,983
Year 2004	69,933	52	69,985	5,022	3	5,025
1st qr. 2005	12,506	14	12,520	954	0	954
2nd qr. 2005	15,110	3	15,113	1,126	0	1,126
3rd qr. 2005	18,129	6	18,136	1,410	0	1,410
4th qr. 2005	29,075	8	29,083	2,589	2	2,591
1st qr. 2006	16,999	14	17,013	1,252	0	1,253

Section 21 Art-objects and collectors items						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2001	8,929	57	8,986	688	6	694
Year 2002	9,809	42	9,851	558	1	559
Year 2003	9,142		9,142	497		497
Year 2004	13,464		13,464	709		709
1st qr. 2005	1,402		1,402	80		80
2nd qr. 2005	2,624		2,624	140		140
3rd qr. 2005	6,245		6,245	247		247
4th qr. 2005	3,170		3,170	202		202
1st qr. 2006	2,504		2,504	131		131

I.b.2 Import of goods by the 12 most important countries over the first quarter of 2005 and 2006 (in value and weight)

Import by country in value	V x1000 Afl.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
United States	213,654	171	213,824	286,224	249	286,474
Netherlands	47,780	8,729	56,508	46,685	15,659	62,344
Finland				14,562		14,562
Japan	6,432		6,432	12,465	31	12,496
Brazil	7,519	73	7,592	12,262		12,262
Panama	9,629	248	9,878	11,852	512	12,364
Venezuela	10,700	167	10,867	10,025	402	10,427
Netherlands Antilles	9,015		9,015	9,493	475	9,968
United Kingdom	1,443	10,361	11,805	2,988	5,569	8,557
Colombia	5,157	5,227	10,384	4,977	4,961	9,937
France	1,469	3,552	5,021	2,015	4,724	6,739
Rest of the world	48,454	704	49,157	51,029	984	52,012
Total Import	361,251	29,232	390,483	464,577	33,566	498,143

Import by country in weight	W x1000 Kg.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
United States	25,643	7	25,650	29,811	48	29,858
Netherlands	8,407	12,236	20,644	9,871	21,678	31,548
Finland				662		662
Japan	423		423	723	8	731
Brazil	3,068	14	3,081	3,780		3,780
Panama	311	5	316	1,779	120	1,899
Venezuela	11,051	18	11,069	12,595	37	12,632
Netherlands Antilles	1,561		1,561	1,460	50	1,510
United Kingdom	437	529	966	531	337	869
Colombia	25,774	525	26,299	19,441	386	19,827
France	90	5,435	5,525	173	7,464	7,637
Rest of the world	109,440	131	109,571	109,074	99	109,172
Total Import	186,205	18,900	205,106	189,898	30,228	220,126



**I.b.3. Import of goods to Aruba by the most important countries
by sections over the first quarter of 2006 (in value and weight)**

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	V x1000 Af.								
	Import to Aruba								
	United States	Netherlands	Finland	Japan	Brazil	Panama	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	11,022	6,042			5,606	51	1,565	77	3,895
02 Vegetable products	8,347	1,381			29	0	2,002	125	1,996
03 Fats and oils	1,257	43					44	44	243
04 Food products	26,168	7,210			449	34	1,746	901	6,720
05 Mineral products	187	287			1		1,042	153	3,340
06 Chemical products	29,586	4,249		1	89	5,477	875	2,805	5,147
07 Artificial plastic elements	9,699	1,860		247	218	132	269	252	1,411
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	2,346	303		0	1	219	4	135	480
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	2,664	430			1,321	55	47	20	1,734
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	6,600	1,415		13	475	17	556	201	1,121
11 Textile fibers and articles	11,138	1,167		1	57	3,104	228	2,107	3,406
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	2,638	255		0	49	912	32	253	489
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	6,351	1,145		14	370	83	304	36	2,930
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	22,841	43				8	1	66	1,200
15 Base metals and derivated works	38,543	6,202	89	24	38	253	408	405	2,235
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	69,199	7,424	14,287	419	146	1,074	261	827	5,856
17 Transport equipment	11,886	1,732	185	11,601	3,285	30	197	307	11,564
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	14,436	1,204		142	2	186	110	588	4,205
19 Arms and ammunition	17								
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	11,048	2,136		2	126	217	331	134	3,005
21 Art-objects and collectors items	252	2,158					4	59	31
Total	286,224	46,685	14,562	12,465	12,262	11,852	10,025	9,493	61,008

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	W x1000 Kg.								
	Import to Aruba								
	United States	Netherlands	Finland	Japan	Brazil	Panama	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	1,891	1,073			1,596	13	175	22	772
02 Vegetable products	3,520	957			26	0	1,281	66	1,231
03 Fats and oils	389	9					15	14	100
04 Food products	6,932	2,344			150	5	1,290	145	2,638
05 Mineral products	188	723			1		8,052	403	118,108
06 Chemical products	4,005	535		0	31	1,387	890	328	871
07 Artificial plastic elements	1,066	210		37	68	14	72	35	212
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	50	11		0	0	10	0	10	24
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	1,226	68			830	15	16	3	601
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	1,153	113		1	242	2	141	46	163
11 Textile fibers and articles	386	42		0	1	103	11	116	119
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	79	6		0	2	40	1	9	19
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	1,319	261		0	524	11	479	5	2,248
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	11	0				0	0	0	1
15 Base metals and derivated works	4,129	2,585	3	1	3	38	58	131	527
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	2,129	388	494	18	10	103	44	61	294
17 Transport equipment	663	210	165	665	261	2	39	43	876
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	126	12		1	0	10	1	6	7
19 Arms and ammunition	0								
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	537	209		0	34	25	29	12	406
21 Art-objects and collectors items	11	114					1	4	1
Total	29,811	9,871	662	723	3,780	1,779	12,595	1,460	129,218

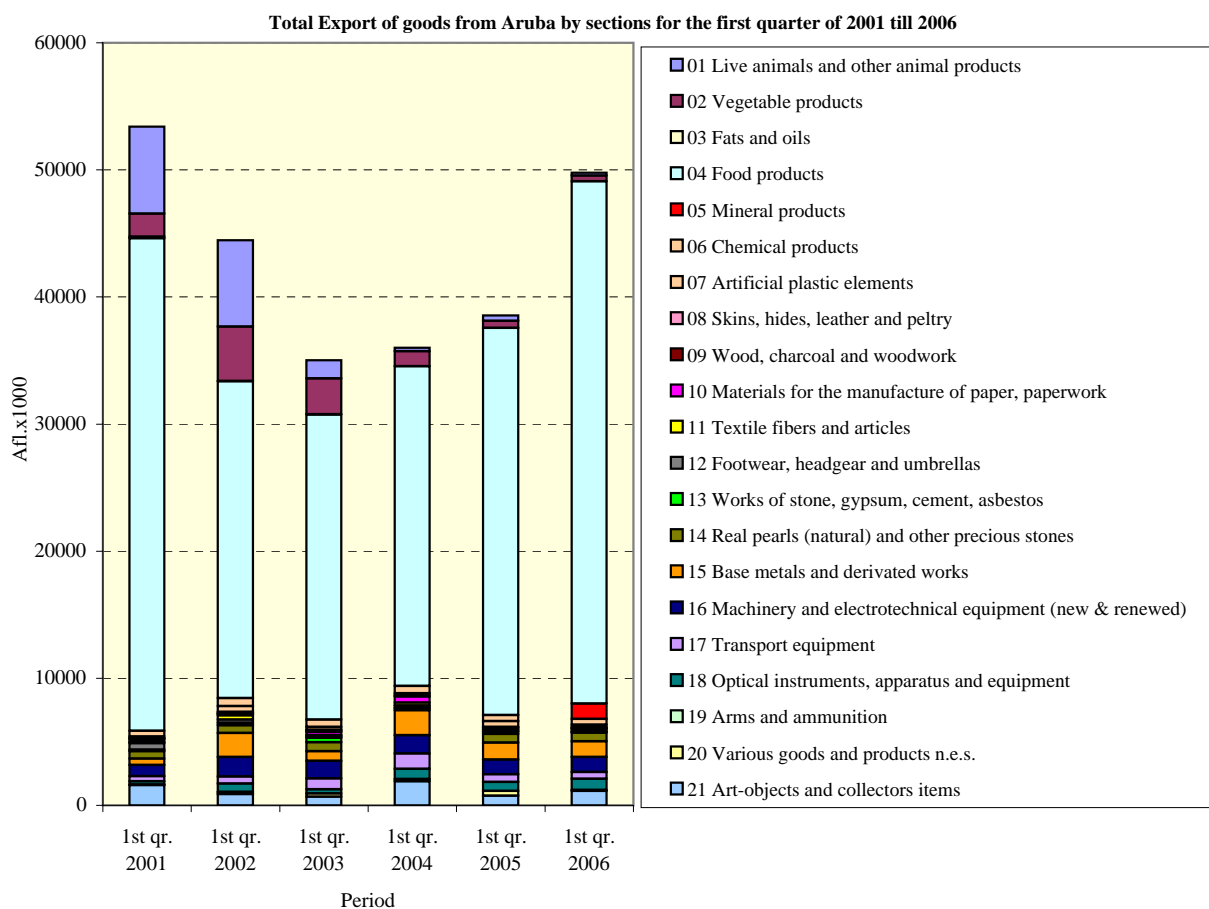
I.b.4. Import of goods to Free Zone Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the first quarter of 2006 (in value and weight)

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	V x1000 Afl.								
	Import to Free Zone Aruba								
	Netherlands	United Kingdom	Colombia	France	Panama	Netherlands Antilles	Venezuela	United States	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products						61	402		61
04 Food products	15,279	5,569	4,961	4,724	287	414		60	899
06 Chemical products	310							2	
07 Artificial plastic elements	8							1	31
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry					7				
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork								1	
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	7							1	23
11 Textile fibers and articles	20				30				
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	7				176				
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos								74	
15 Base metals and derivated works	1							8	
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	13							4	
17 Transport equipment	14							71	
19 Arms and ammunition								28	
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	2				12				
Total	15,659	5,569	4,961	4,724	512	475	402	249	1,015

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	W x1000 Kg.								
	Import to Free Zone Aruba								
	Netherlands	United Kingdom	Colombia	France	Panama	Netherlands Antilles	Venezuela	United States	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products						19	37		19
04 Food products	21,511	337	386	7,464	111	31		23	79
06 Chemical products	163							0	
07 Artificial plastic elements	2							0	8
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry					0				
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork								0	
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0							0	1
11 Textile fibers and articles	0				1				
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0				8				
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos								14	
15 Base metals and derivated works	0							1	
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	0							0	
17 Transport equipment	0							7	
19 Arms and ammunition								1	
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	0				0				
Total	21,678	337	386	7,464	120	50	37	48	107

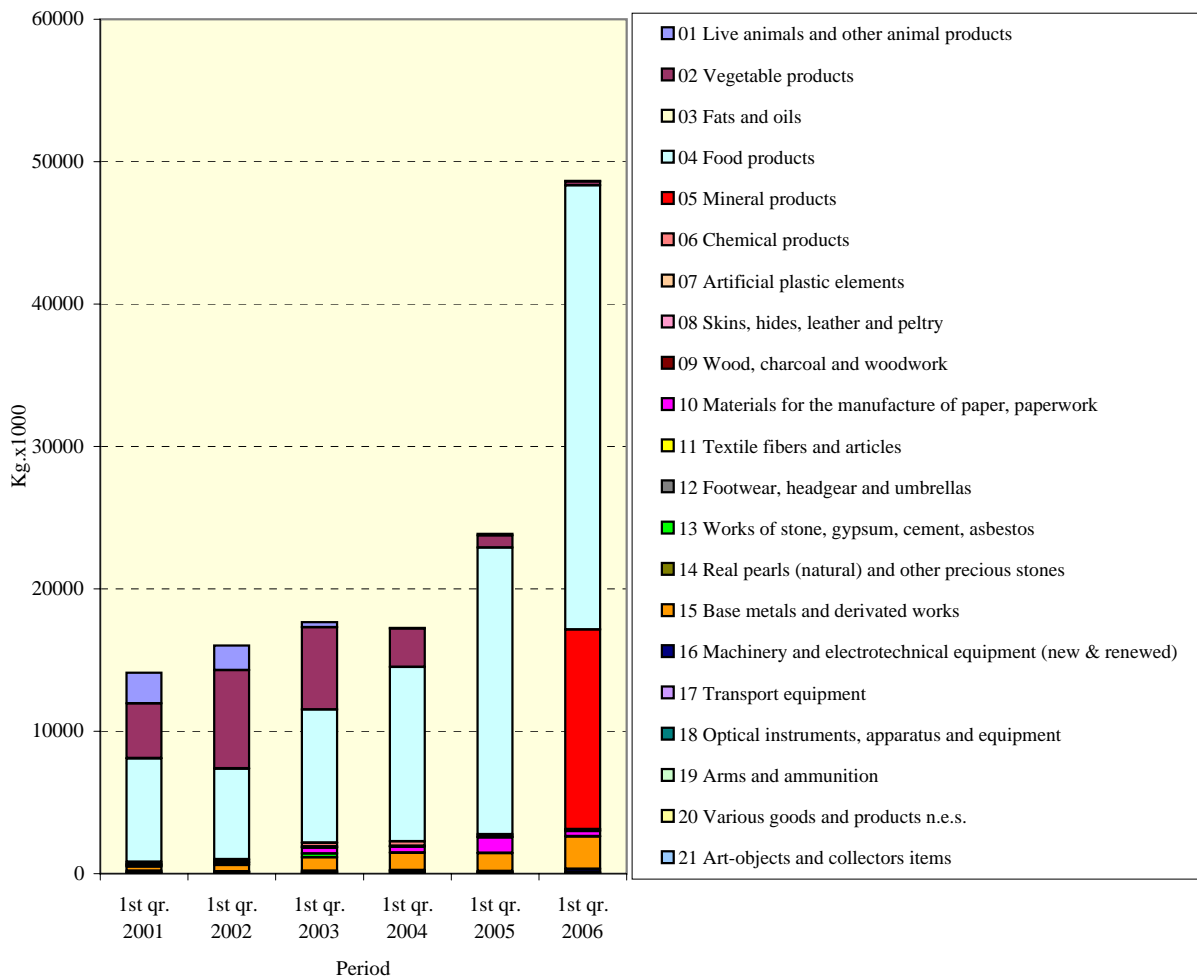
I.c.1 Export of goods from Aruba by sections over the first quarter of 2005 and 2006 (in value and weight)

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2005-2006	V x1000 Afl.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
01 Live animals and other animal products	441		441	225		225
02 Vegetable products	66	473	538	3	440	442
03 Fats and oils	0		0			
04 Food products	572	29,916	30,488	718	40,382	41,101
05 Mineral products	0		0	1,210		1,210
06 Chemical products	366	107	473	421	15	436
07 Artificial plastic elements	387	51	439	205	0	205
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	14	4	17	79	0	79
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	70		70	26		26
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	113	25	138	83	11	94
11 Textile fibers and articles	119	14	133	157	2	159
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	9	29	38	10	16	26
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	161		161	34	6	40
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	675		675	677		677
15 Base metals and derivated works	1,357		1,357	1,213	41	1,254
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1,135		1,135	1,177		1,177
17 Transport equipment	615		615	517		517
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	713		713	890		890
19 Arms and ammunition					2	2
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	352	8	361	56	7	63
21 Art-objects and collectors items	766		766	1,143		1,143



Section (0..21) by weight for the first quarter of 2005-2006	W x1000 Kg.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
01 Live animals and other animal products	98		98	27		27
02 Vegetable products	90	772	862	6	282	288
03 Fats and oils	0		0			
04 Food products	480	19,662	20,143	506	30,668	31,174
05 Mineral products	0		0	14,036		14,036
06 Chemical products	115	22	137	108	0	108
07 Artificial plastic elements	55	12	67	24	0	24
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	1	0	1	1	0	1
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	8		8	3		3
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	1,090	1	1,091	357	0	358
11 Textile fibers and articles	11	0	11	16	0	16
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0	1	1	0	0	1
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	7		7	3	2	4
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	1		1	0		0
15 Base metals and derivated works	1,248		1,248	2,275	1	2,276
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	79		79	184		184
17 Transport equipment	50		50	74		74
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	4		4	3		3
19 Arms and ammunition					0	0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	19	0	19	11	0	12
21 Art-objects and collectors items	34		34	55		55

Total Export of goods from Aruba by sections for the first quarter of 2001 till 2006



I.c.2. Export of goods from Aruba by sections for the years 2001 till 2004 and over the quarters of 2005 and 2006

Section 01 Live animals and other animal products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	17,800	10,713	28,513	4,813	3,191	8,004
Year 2002	17,629	4,009	21,639	4,782	1,294	6,076
Year 2003	2,443	1,544	3,987	475	973	1,448
Year 2004	2,596	148	2,744	288	52	340
1st qr. 2005	441		441	98		98
2nd qr. 2005	296		296	40		40
3rd qr. 2005	453		453	56		56
4th qr. 2005	406		406	39		39
1st qr. 2006	225		225	27		27

Section 02 Vegetable products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	316	15,519	15,835	95	29,687	29,781
Year 2002	203	13,167	13,370	66	25,957	26,024
Year 2003	125	6,958	7,083	44	14,478	14,522
Year 2004	163	4,309	4,472	59	8,506	8,564
1st qr. 2005	66	473	538	90	772	862
2nd qr. 2005	16	689	705	4	1,208	1,211
3rd qr. 2005	9	804	813	3	904	906
4th qr. 2005	26	754	780	40	936	976
1st qr. 2006	3	440	442	6	282	288

Section 03 Fats and oils						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	229		229	63		63
Year 2002	89		89	39		39
Year 2003	21		21	10		10
Year 2004	1		1	0		0
1st qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
2nd qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
3rd qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
4th qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
1st qr. 2006						

Section 04 Food products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	1,909	181,986	183,895	941	41,327	42,267
Year 2002	1,799	146,734	148,533	769	40,738	41,507
Year 2003	2,612	100,796	103,409	1,406	48,364	49,770
Year 2004	2,612	96,671	99,283	1,525	43,556	45,081
1st qr. 2005	572	29,916	30,488	480	19,662	20,143
2nd qr. 2005	746	31,760	32,506	436	20,240	20,677
3rd qr. 2005	1,093	37,764	38,856	542	20,743	21,285
4th qr. 2005	545	43,530	44,076	391	22,333	22,723
1st qr. 2006	718	40,382	41,101	506	30,668	31,174

Section 05 Mineral products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	5		5	4		4
Year 2002	25		25	39		39
Year 2003	15		15	23		23
Year 2004	33		33	19		19
1st qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
2nd qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
3rd qr. 2005						
4th qr. 2005	0		0	0		0
1st qr. 2006	1,210		1,210	14,036		14,036

Section 06 Chemical products						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	3,080	1,325	4,406	837	349	1,185
Year 2002	3,461	283	3,745	1,830	72	1,902
Year 2003	2,948	433	3,381	1,083	139	1,222
Year 2004	2,475	306	2,781	712	75	787
1st qr. 2005	366	107	473	115	22	137
2nd qr. 2005	750	106	857	387	17	405
3rd qr. 2005	792	18	809	567	0	567
4th qr. 2005	459		459	156		156
1st qr. 2006	421	15	436	108	0	108

Section 07 Artificial plastic elements						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	866	29	895	260	9	269
Year 2002	1,176	15	1,191	264	6	270
Year 2003	1,002	0	1,002	376	0	376
Year 2004	946	9	955	246	2	248
1st qr. 2005	387	51	439	55	12	67
2nd qr. 2005	466	1	467	72	0	72
3rd qr. 2005	72	6	78	29	2	31
4th qr. 2005	146	3	149	35	1	36
1st qr. 2006	205	0	205	24	0	24

Section 08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	70	115	185	1	3	4
Year 2002	219	73	293	4	1	6
Year 2003	177	35	212	2	1	3
Year 2004	108	27	134	2	1	3
1st qr. 2005	14	4	17	1	0	1
2nd qr. 2005	37	9	46	0	0	1
3rd qr. 2005	21	3	24	1	0	2
4th qr. 2005	135	2	138	1	0	1
1st qr. 2006	79	0	79	1	0	1

Section 09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	248	0	248	83	0	83
Year 2002	306	1	307	84	2	87
Year 2003	275		275	72		72
Year 2004	251		251	55		55
1st qr. 2005	70		70	8		8
2nd qr. 2005	40		40	5		5
3rd qr. 2005	32		32	4		4
4th qr. 2005	22		22	1		1
1st qr. 2006	26		26	3		3

Section 10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	657	52	709	716	4	720
Year 2002	537	23	560	598	1	599
Year 2003	548	43	590	1,226	13	1,239
Year 2004	879	94	972	905	3	908
1st qr. 2005	113	25	138	1,090	1	1,091
2nd qr. 2005	118	39	157	11	2	13
3rd qr. 2005	80	24	104	410	1	410
4th qr. 2005	243	24	267	529	1	530
1st qr. 2006	83	11	94	357	0	358

Section 11 Textile fibers and articles						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	657	52	709	716	4	720
Year 2002	537	23	560	598	1	599
Year 2003	548	43	590	1,226	13	1,239
Year 2004	879	94	972	905	3	908
1st qr. 2005	113	25	138	1,090	1	1,091
2nd qr. 2005	118	39	157	11	2	13
3rd qr. 2005	80	24	104	410	1	410
4th qr. 2005	243	24	267	529	1	530
1st qr. 2006	83	11	94	357	0	358

Section 12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	32	1,634	1,666	2	34	36
Year 2002	61	1,226	1,287	2	23	25
Year 2003	20	486	506	1	10	11
Year 2004	30	369	399	1	9	10
1st qr. 2005	9	29	38	0	1	1
2nd qr. 2005	5	68	73	0	2	2
3rd qr. 2005	55	82	137	1	2	2
4th qr. 2005	17	113	130	1	3	4
1st qr. 2006	10	16	26	0	0	1

Section 13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	567	22	589	130	10	140
Year 2002	531	72	603	102	23	126
Year 2003	653		653	294		294
Year 2004	798	0	798	86	0	86
1st qr. 2005	161		161	7		7
2nd qr. 2005	119		119	13		13
3rd qr. 2005	35		35	66		66
4th qr. 2005	88		88	24		24
1st qr. 2006	34	6	40	3	2	4

Section 14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	4,829	1,356	6,185	1	1	2
Year 2002	2,394	809	3,203	2	1	3
Year 2003	2,511		2,511	0		0
Year 2004	3,049		3,049	2		2
1st qr. 2005	675		675	1		1
2nd qr. 2005	1,423		1,423	0		0
3rd qr. 2005	376		376	0		0
4th qr. 2005	629		629	0		0
1st qr. 2006	677		677	0		0

Section 15 Base metals and derivated works						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	1,734	296	2,030	1,318	5	1,323
Year 2002	6,561	312	6,872	3,127	6	3,133
Year 2003	3,102	3	3,105	1,808	0	1,808
Year 2004	6,189	0	6,189	4,742	0	4,742
1st qr. 2005	1,357		1,357	1,248		1,248
2nd qr. 2005	929		929	494		494
3rd qr. 2005	958		958	567		567
4th qr. 2005	1,255		1,255	355		355
1st qr. 2006	1,213	41	1,254	2,275	1	2,276

Section 16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	3,956	347	4,303	199	37	236
Year 2002	11,120	18	11,138	459	1	461
Year 2003	6,668	371	7,040	193	75	268
Year 2004	5,399	8	5,407	409	1	410
1st qr. 2005	1,135		1,135	79		79
2nd qr. 2005	4,682	2	4,684	160	0	161
3rd qr. 2005	1,241		1,241	229		229
4th qr. 2005	5,134	0	5,134	193	0	193
1st qr. 2006	1,177		1,177	184		184

Section 17 Transport equipment						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	3,009	7	3,016	204	4	207
Year 2002	3,174		3,174	261		261
Year 2003	3,024		3,024	219		219
Year 2004	3,522	25	3,547	240	1	242
1st qr. 2005	615		615	50		50
2nd qr. 2005	735	81	816	100	17	116
3rd qr. 2005	1,156		1,156	182		182
4th qr. 2005	687		687	72		72
1st qr. 2006	517		517	74		74

Section 18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	1,926	204	2,129	5	1	6
Year 2002	2,819	52	2,871	6	0	7
Year 2003	1,007	93	1,101	4	0	4
Year 2004	2,387	28	2,415	9	0	9
1st qr. 2005	713		713	4		4
2nd qr. 2005	470		470	2		2
3rd qr. 2005	317		317	3		3
4th qr. 2005	145		145	4		4
1st qr. 2006	890		890	3		3

Section 19 Arms and ammunition						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	1	8	9	0	0	0
Year 2002	10	13	23	0	1	1
Year 2003	2	0	2	0	0	0
Year 2004		0	0		0	0
1st qr. 2005						
2nd qr. 2005	0	4	4	0	0	0
3rd qr. 2005	4		4	0		0
4th qr. 2005						
1st qr. 2006		2	2		0	0

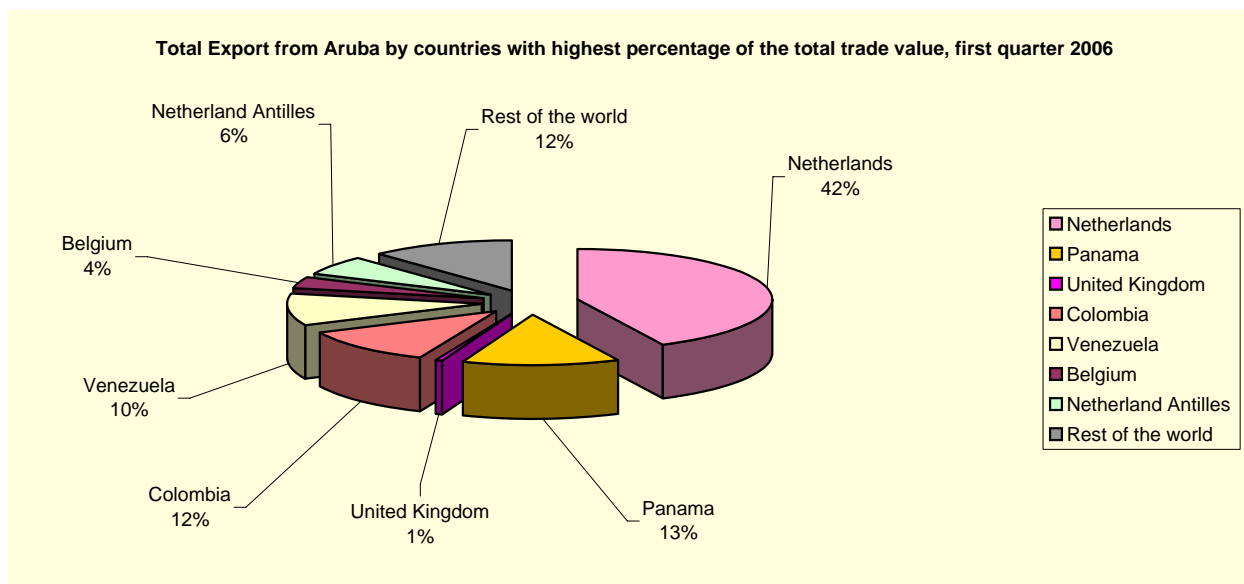
Section 20 Various goods and products n.e.s.						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	501	239	739	28	9	38
Year 2002	524	61	585	47	4	51
Year 2003	535	184	719	71	8	79
Year 2004	425	34	459	52	3	55
1st qr. 2005	352	8	361	19	0	19
2nd qr. 2005	350	4	354	54	0	55
3rd qr. 2005	74	9	84	14	0	14
4th qr. 2005	687	4	691	92	0	92
1st qr. 2006	56	7	63	11	0	12

Section 21 Art-objects and collectors items						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2001	9,515		9,515	474		474
Year 2002	8,427		8,427	394		394
Year 2003	7,849		7,849	352		352
Year 2004	7,470		7,470	468		468
1st qr. 2005	766		766	34		34
2nd qr. 2005	1,553		1,553	94		94
3rd qr. 2005	3,564		3,564	190		190
4th qr. 2005	1,173		1,173	88		88
1st qr. 2006	1,143		1,143	55		55

I.c.3 Export of goods by the 8 most important countries over the first quarter of 2005 and 2006 (in value and weight)

Export by country in value	V x1000 Afl.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Netherlands	1,111	16,981	18,091	813	20,461	21,275
Panama	87	4,585	4,672	73	6,378	6,450
United Kingdom		341	341		323	323
Colombia	804	3,266	4,070	559	5,295	5,854
Venezuela	484	3,830	4,314	475	4,547	5,021
Belgium		684	684		1,922	1,922
Netherland Antilles	2,362	567	2,929	1,708	1,254	2,962
Rest of the world	3,084	373	3,457	5,216	743	5,960
Total Export	7,932	30,626	38,558	8,844	40,923	49,767

Export by country in weight	W x1000 Kg.					
	1st qr. 2005			1st qr. 2006		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Netherlands	80	18,355	18,435	103	27,656	27,759
Panama	18	248	266	3	343	346
United Kingdom		372	372		30	30
Colombia	741	346	1,087	5,707	423	6,130
Venezuela	197	367	564	188	316	504
Belgium		689	689		2,061	2,061
Netherland Antilles	637	48	685	525	44	569
Rest of the world	1,718	45	1,762	11,163	81	11,244
Total Export	3,390	20,470	23,860	17,690	30,954	48,644



**I.c.4. Export of goods from Aruba by the most important countries
by sections over the first quarter of 2006 (in value and weight)**

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	V x1000 Afl.					
	Export from Aruba					
	Netherlands	Panama	Colombia	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	36		14	111	36	28
02 Vegetable products				3		
04 Food products	1	1	4	5	472	236
05 Mineral products			353			857
06 Chemical products	10	71	2	14	249	75
07 Artificial plastic elements	15		1	43	31	115
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				5	36	38
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	9			4	4	9
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	1		0	17	19	46
11 Textile fibers and articles	5		13	17	68	53
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	1		0	2	6	1
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos			1	1	2	29
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	4				8	665
15 Base metals and derived works	89		143	74	58	850
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	4		21	65	102	985
17 Transport equipment	94		2	98	206	117
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	282		4	1	151	452
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.			1	5	4	45
21 Art-objects and collectors items	262			11	256	614
Total	813	73	559	475	1,708	5,216

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	W x1000 Kg.					
	Export from Aruba					
	Netherlands	Panama	Colombia	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	3		2	15	5	2
02 Vegetable products				6		
04 Food products	0	0	0	0	344	161
05 Mineral products			3,599			10,436
06 Chemical products	0	3	0	0	96	8
07 Artificial plastic elements	4		0	7	3	10
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				0	1	1
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	1			0	0	1
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0		40	15	1	301
11 Textile fibers and articles	0		4	2	4	5
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0		0	0	0	0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos			0	1	1	1
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0				0	0
15 Base metals and derived works	76		2,052	15	26	106
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	0		7	84	9	83
17 Transport equipment	7		1	40	21	5
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0		0	0	1	1
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.			0	1	0	10
21 Art-objects and collectors items	12			1	12	31
Total	103	3	5,707	188	525	11,163

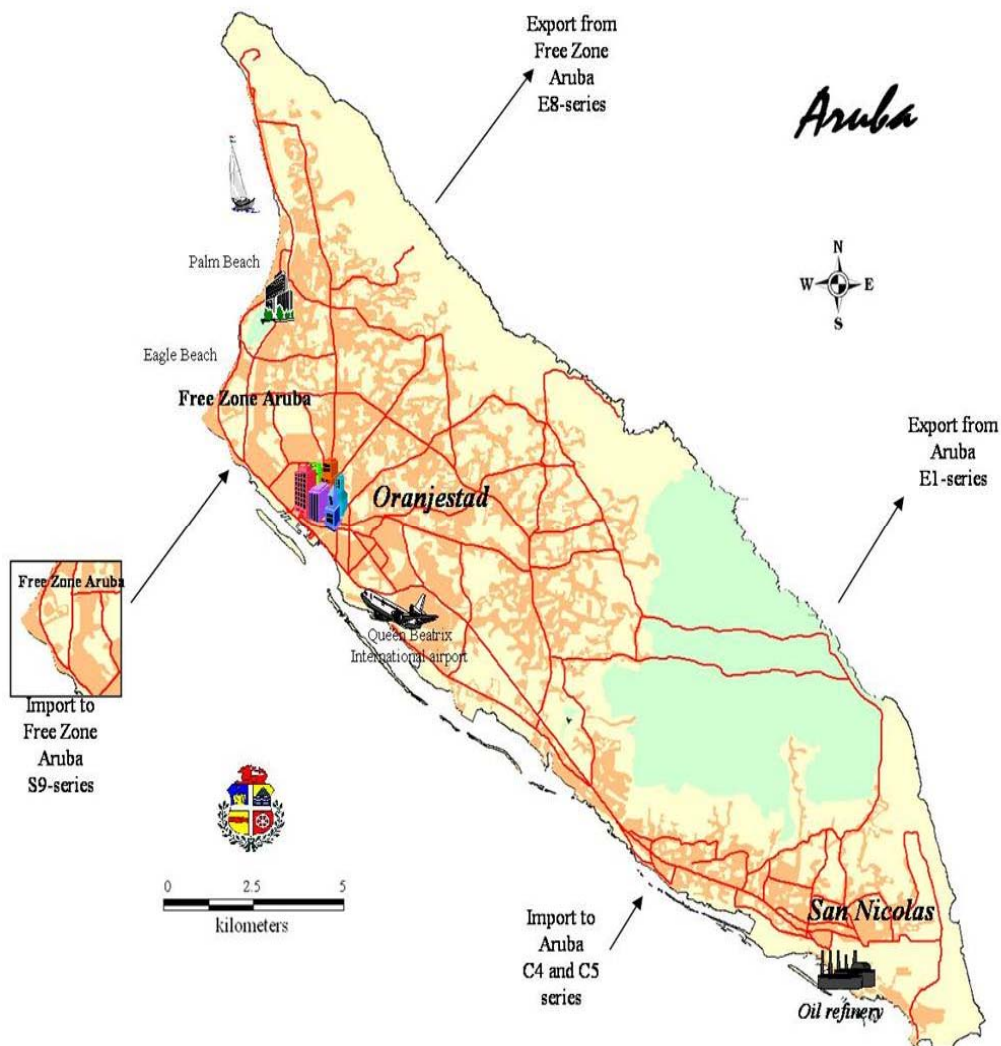
I.c.5. Export of goods from Free Zone Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the first quarter of 2006 (in value and weight)

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	V x1000 Afl.							
	Export from Free Zone Aruba							
	Netherlands	Panama	United Kingdom	Colombia	Venezuela	Belgium	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products	117		323					
04 Food products	20,344	6,377		5,243	4,543	1,922	1,219	733
06 Chemical products							15	
07 Artificial plastic elements					0			
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				0	0			
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork				11				
11 Textile fibers and articles				0	0		2	
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas				1	2		8	6
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos							6	
15 Base metals and derivated works				41				
19 Arms and ammunition							2	
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.		0		0	1		2	5
Total	20,461	6,378	323	5,295	4,547	1,922	1,254	743

Section (0..21) in value for the first quarter of 2006	W x1000 Kg.							
	Export from Free Zone Aruba							
	Netherlands	Panama	United Kingdom	Colombia	Venezuela	Belgium	Netherlands Antilles	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products	252		30					
04 Food products	27,404	343		421	316	2,061	42	81
06 Chemical products							0	
07 Artificial plastic elements					0			
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				0	0			
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork				0				
11 Textile fibers and articles				0	0		0	
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas				0	0		0	0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos							2	
15 Base metals and derivated works				1				
19 Arms and ammunition							0	
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.		0		0	0		0	0
Total	27,656	343	30	423	316	2,061	44	81

Import to Aruba, Free Zone Aruba and Export from Aruba, Free Zone Aruba Tables and Graphs By Section and Country

Excluding mineral fuels



II. Explanatory Notes

1. Trade Data

The collection of data through Customs administration conform the automated Asycuda system of Aruba register all the documents "Enig Document". The customs department registers approximately 8000 documents per month. While we assumed that all existing documents are incorporated in the Asycuda system, CBS analysis shows that there are a good number of documents, which are lost only a part of which are recovered and with much delay. In order to report findings on a timely basis, it was decided to publish preliminary quarterly data. Possible corrections will be made in the annual FTS publication.

2. Trade Flows

CBS is utilizing the International General Trade System for the processing and publication of all import and export data by commodities and by country for the island of Aruba.*

Definitions:

The Customs Department also registers trade in and out of the bonded warehouses and freezones. Because of the importance of this type of trade for Aruba, we include these trade flow separately in the table wick we called them Import to Aruba, Import to Free Zone Aruba added two additional tables, which we called Storage and Transit. All freezone transactions consisting of storage (Import to Free Zone Aruba) and transit (Export from Free Zone Aruba) are recorded using an S9 for storage of the goods into the warehouses and an E8 for the release of the goods out of the warehouses.

There are two types of movement at the free zone: S9 for goods that arrive from abroad and are stored and E4 for goods exported from Aruba into the freezone. These goods leave the freezone either as a transit good (E8) or an import into Aruba (C48.). By definition, these transactions belong to the Special Trade as well as the General Trade. For many reasons, certain goods are excluded, such as monetary gold, securities, bank notes, coins in circulation and postal items; and goods consigned by a government to its armed forces and diplomatic representatives abroad including Embassies, Consulates, Kabinet van Nederlandse-Antilliaanse en Arubaans Zaken (KABNA), Kabinet of the Governer and Marinierskazerne. These goods are excluded from the foreign trade statistics according to United Nations recommendations. Certain commodities are also excluded from this publication because of specific statistical thresholds or lack of data, for example in the case of mineral fuels. Mineral products (section 5) consist of three categories of wick mineral fuels (categorie 27) is excluded. However, this product will be included in the near future.

3. Partner Countries

In the case of import, the partner country is the country of consignment or provenance from which goods are dispatched to Aruba without any commercial transaction in intermediate countries.

In case of export, the partner country is the country of destination known at the time of dispatchment as the final country to which goods are delivered.

The tables by country show the 10 most important countries of the trade value by section for each transaction type. These top countries represent the total transactions by Section

* Total Imports respectively Total Export include all goods entering respectively leaving the economic territory of Aruba. The economic territory of Aruba comprises Aruba (the free circulation area) and the Freezone Aruba. This is consistent with the General Trade System.

4. Commodity and Country classification

Asycuda covers 591 eight digit commodity codes. The first two digits of the code are universally recognize product codes. The remaining six digits further divide the categories into the specific commodities. For publication purposes, Aruba uses 21 sections to clearly organize these product groups. In the near future, the customs department of Aruba will adopt the Harmonized Trade system consisting of 6420 different commodity codes, leading to a much more detailed publication.

5. Values and Quantities

The value of the goods equals the value of the commodity at the place and time it crosses the border. The basis for valuation is cost, insurance & freight (c.i.f.) for import and free on board (f.o.b.) for export. All values are in thousands of Aruban Florins (\$1=Afl. 1.79) (V in Afl). Quantities are expressed as net weight in thousand of kilos W in kg). Blanks on values or quantities indicate that there was no transaction for that commodity code.

6. Publications

The quarterly Foreign Trade report contains global information on imports and exports of Aruba. This publication consists of:

- Quarterly imports and exports by Asycuda Sections
- Quarterly imports and exports by country and by Asycuda Sections

7. Tables and graphs

Definitions of tables are shown in the upper left-hand corner of each table. Definitions of graphs are shown above each graph.

Annex 1:

**Asycuda Commodity Group Codes
Classification by Sections and Categories**

01. Live animals and other animal products

- 01.01 Live animals
- 01.02 Meat
- 01.03 Fish
- 01.04 Dairy
- 01.05 Animals other

02. Vegetable products

- 02.06 Live plants
- 02.07 Vegetables
- 02.08 Fruit
- 02.09 Coffee, Tea
- 02.10 Grains
- 02.11 Flour
- 02.12 Seeds and fruits
- 02.13 Vegetable raw material
- 02.14 Other vegetable

03. Fats and oils

- 03.15 Fats and oils

04. Food products

- 04.16 Meat and fish preparations
- 04.17 Sugar
- 04.18 Cocoa
- 04.19 Cereal preparations
- 04.20 Vegetable preparations
- 04.21 Other food products
- 04.22 Beverages
- 04.23 Feeding stuff for animals
- 04.24 Tobacco

05. Mineral products

- 05.25 Salt, sand stone and cement
- 05.26 Metal-ore
- 05.27 Mineral fuels

06. Chemical products

- 06.28 Inorganic chemical products
- 06.29 Organic chemical products
- 06.30 Pharmaceutical products
- 06.31 Fertilizers
- 06.32 Paint, Varnish and Ink
- 06.33 Perfumery and cosmetic preparations
- 06.34 Soap
- 06.35 Albumen and glue
- 06.36 Gunpowder and explosives
- 06.37 Photographic equipment and supplies
- 06.38 Various chemistry

07. Artificial plastic elements

- 07.39 Plastic materials and (synthetic) resin
- 07.40 Rubber

08. Skins, hides, leather and peltry

- 08.41 Hides, skins and leather
- 08.42 Leather goods and traveling articles

08.43 Fur and imitation-fur

09. Wood, charcoal and woodware

- 09.44 Wood
- 09.45 Cork
- 09.46 Wattlework

10. Materials for the manufacture of paper

- 10.47 Raw material for paper
- 10.48 Paper and cardboard
- 10.49 Bookstore and graphic art

11. Textile fibres and articles

- 11.50 Silk
- 11.51 Synthetic yarn
- 11.52 Metal fibres
- 11.53 Wool
- 11.54 Flax
- 11.55 Cotton
- 11.56 Synthetic textile
- 11.57 Other vegetable textile fibres
- 11.58 Carpets
- 11.59 Wadding and felt
- 11.60 Knitted and crocheted fabrics
- 11.61 Clothing
- 11.62 Other clothing
- 11.63 Rags

12. Footwear, headgear and umbrellas

- 12.64 Footwear
- 12.65 Headgear
- 12.66 Umbrellas's and walking-stick
- 12.67 Feather, fluff and artificial flowers

13. Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos

- 13.68 Works of stone, gypsum, cement
- 13.69 Ceramic products
- 13.70 Glass and glassware

14. Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones

- 14.71 Pearls and precious stones
- 14.72 Coins

15. Base metals and derivated works

- 15.73 Cast iron, iron and steel
- 15.74 Copper
- 15.75 Nickel
- 15.76 Aluminum
- 15.77 Magnesium, beryllium
- 15.78 Lead
- 15.79 Zinc
- 15.80 Tin
- 15.81 Other base metals
- 15.82 Tools
- 15.83 Works of base metals



**Asycuda Commodity Group Codes
Classification by Sections and Categories**

**16. Machinery and (electrotechnical) equipment
(new & renewed)**

- 16.84 Machinery, mechanical appliances
- 16.85 Machines, electrical appliances

17. Transport equipment

- 17.86 Traffic-lights
- 17.87 Cars, motorcycles and cycles
- 17.88 Aviation
- 17.89 Navigation (shipping)

18. Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment

- 18.90 Instruments
- 18.91 Clockwork
- 18.92 Musical instruments, sound and television

19. Arms and ammunition

- 19.93 Arms and ammunition

20. Various goods and products n.e.s.

- 20.94 Furniture
- 20.95 Elements of ivory, wax or coral
- 20.96 Brushware
- 20.97 Toys
- 20.98 Various works

21. Art-objects and collectors items

- 21.99 Art-objects