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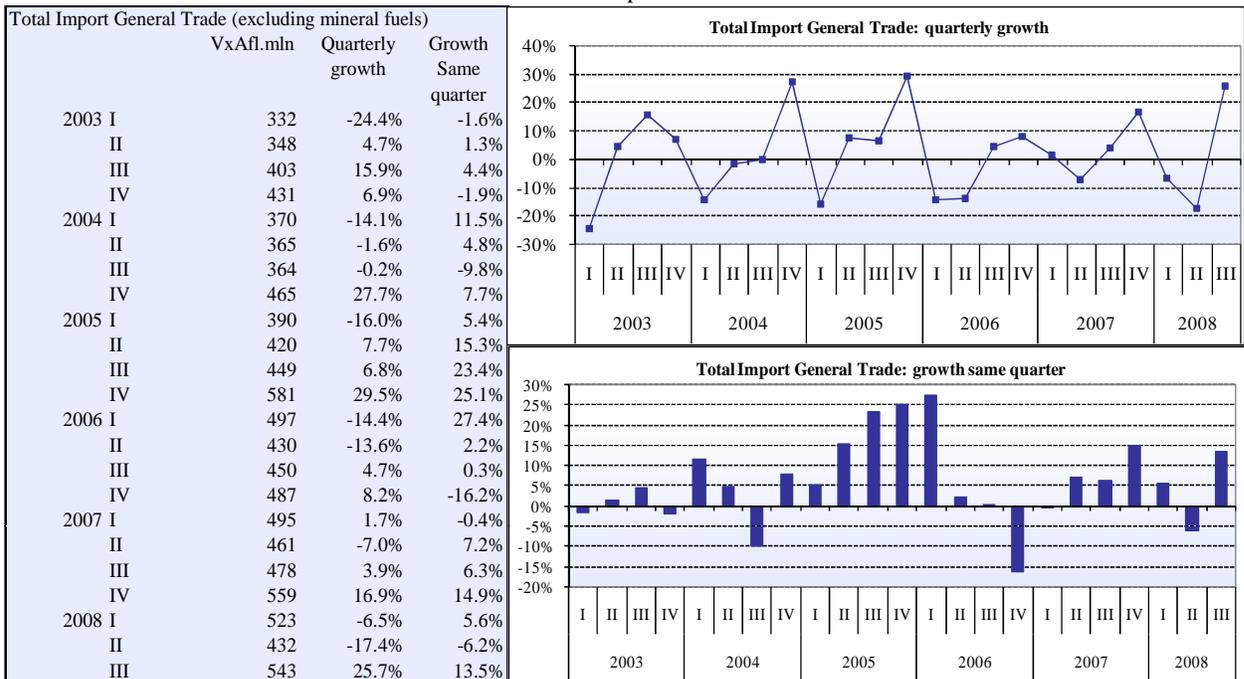
### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR ARUBA: THIRD QUARTER 2008

In the third quarter of 2008 the following developments have been registered in the international merchandise flows of Aruba.

#### Trends in total Import and Export

During the third quarter of 2008 Aruba imported a total value of Afl. 543 million from the rest of the world. This represent an increase of 13.5% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. (Graph 1)

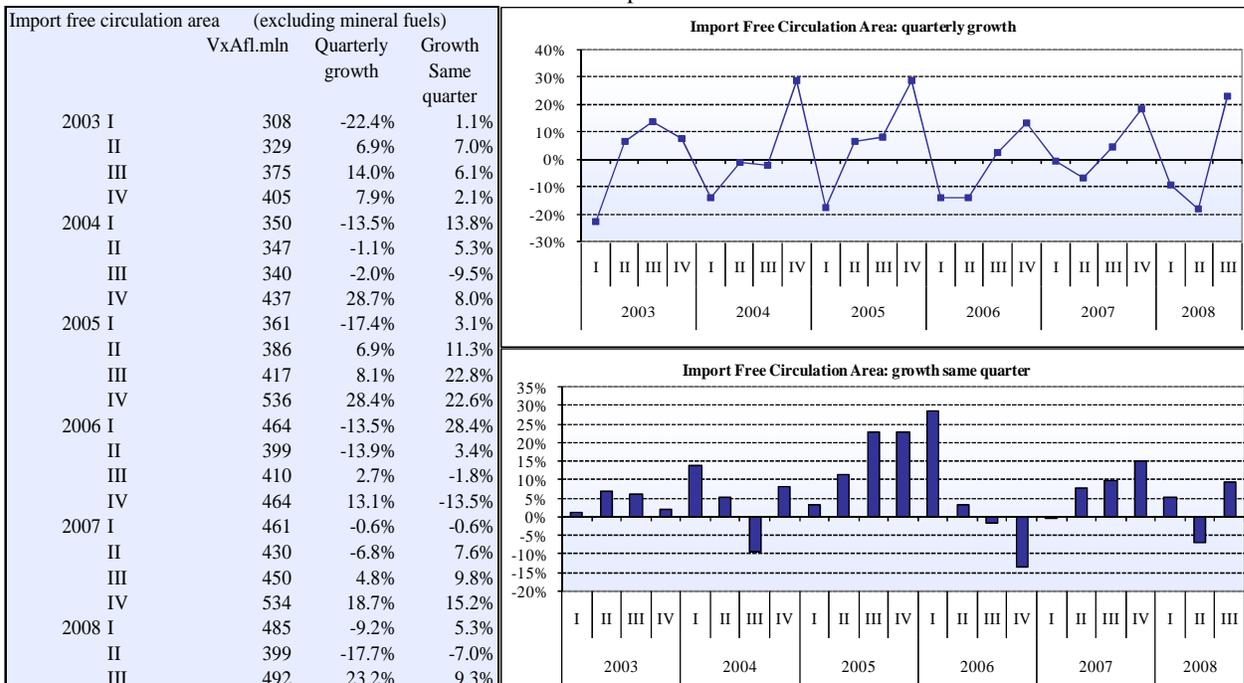
Graph 1



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

In the third quarter of 2008 import to the free circulation area of Aruba increased with 9.3% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The value of import to this area was Afl. 498 million in the third quarter of 2008. (Graph2)

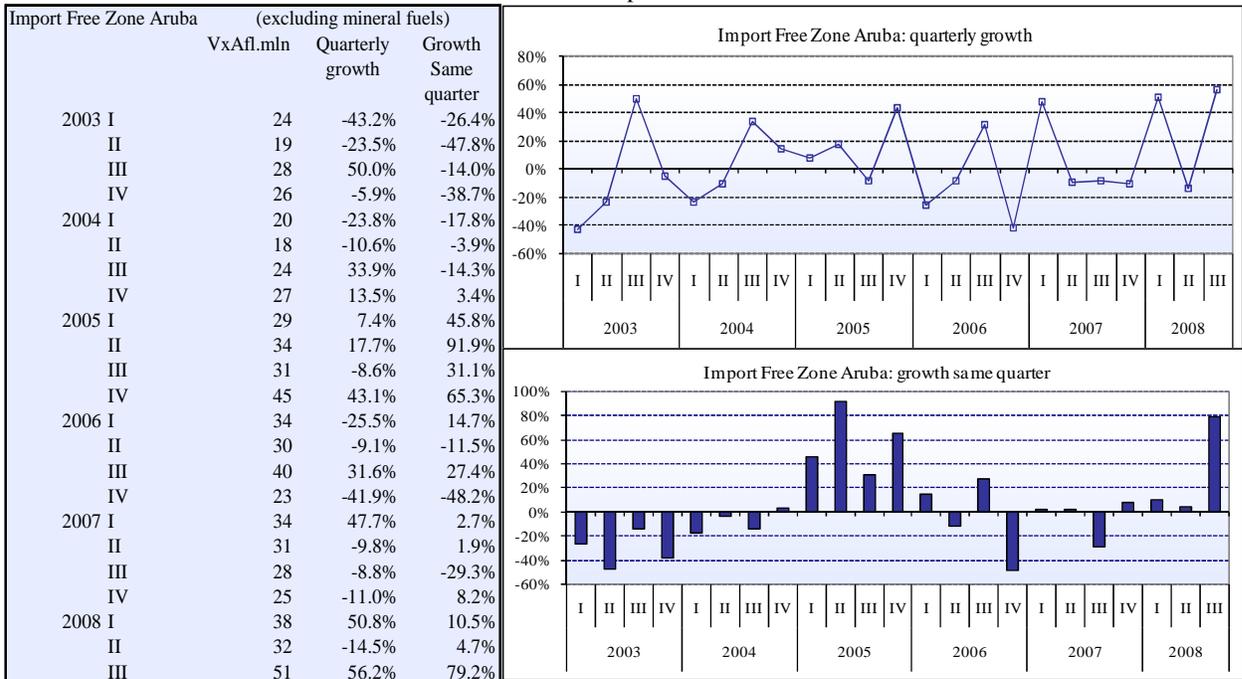
Graph 2



### Import and Export to the Free Zone of Aruba

The value of import to the Free Zone of Aruba was Afl. 51 million. This represent an increase of 79.2% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. (Graph 3)

Graph 3

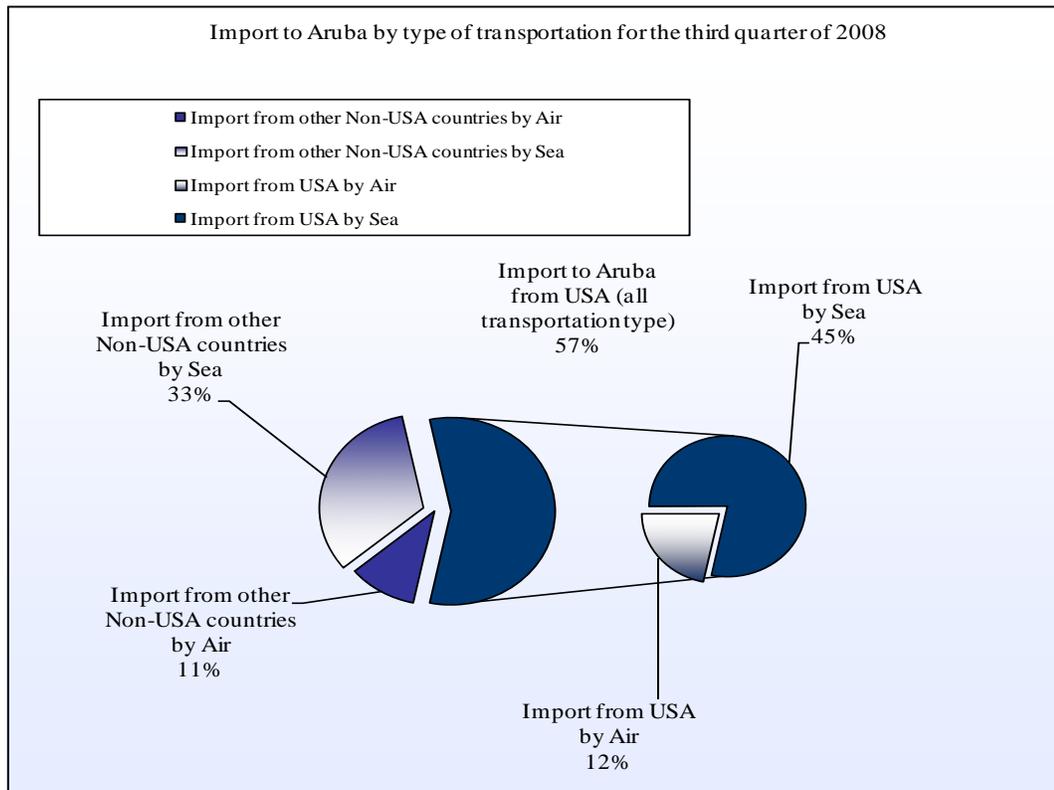


### Import to the free circulation area of Aruba from USA and Non-USA countries by type of transportation

An analysis of the transportation type used to import goods in Aruba indicated that for the third quarter of 2008, 70% of imports were by sea and 30% by air<sup>1)</sup>.

The USA had a share of 57% in imports to Aruba. From this share 38% was by sea, while 19% was by air<sup>1)</sup>. (Graph 4)  
Other customs information for the third quarter of 2008 indicated that the total number of containers<sup>2)</sup> entering the free circulation area decreased with 4%, from 3752 containers during the third quarter of 2008 to 3895 containers in the third quarter of 2007.

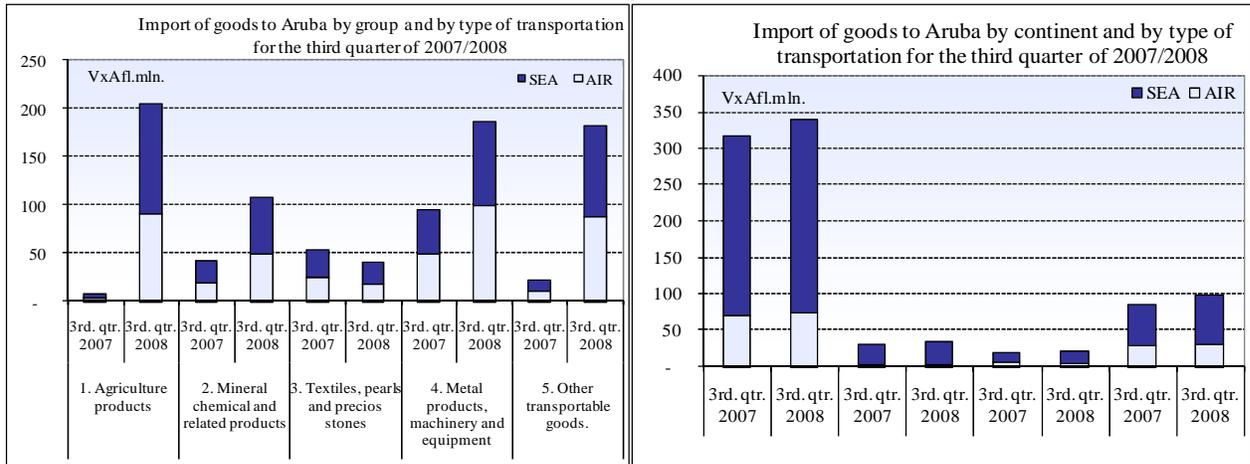
Graph 4



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

In the third quarter of 2008 the value of import to the free circulation area of Aruba for air transport<sup>1)</sup> was Afl.123 million. For sea transportation the value of import to the free circulation area of Aruba was Afl.277 million which represent a decrease of 16.1%. The continent of America remains the main import trade partner for transport of goods by air<sup>1)</sup> as well as by sea. (Graph 5)

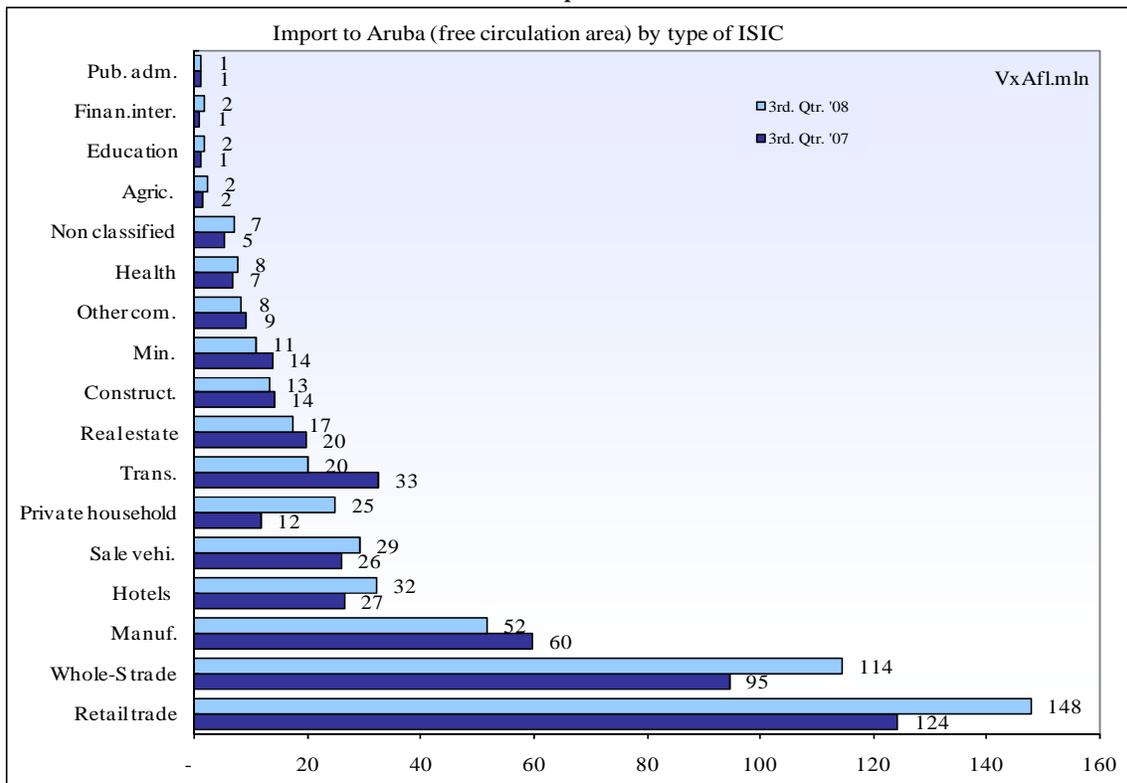
Graph 5



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

Graph 6 represent import to the free circulation area of Aruba by Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC). The industrial branch of which the import decreased the most for the third quarter of 2008 in percentage was "Transport, storage and communications" which for the third quarter of 2008 the import is 20 million in value. (Graph 6)

Graph 6



<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.

## Preface

The 2008 Third 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 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008. The figures pertaining to 2006 to 2008 should still be considered as provisional, while the trade statistics series for 2003 till 2005 are final. The CBS developed a system in which it became possible to process the Foreign Trade data according to General Trade System.

A special thanks goes to our data-supplier and supporter, namely the department of Duty and Taxes.

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.

The Central Bureau of Statistics hopes that this publication will provide all the users with the necessary information. For comments and further information, feel free to contact us.

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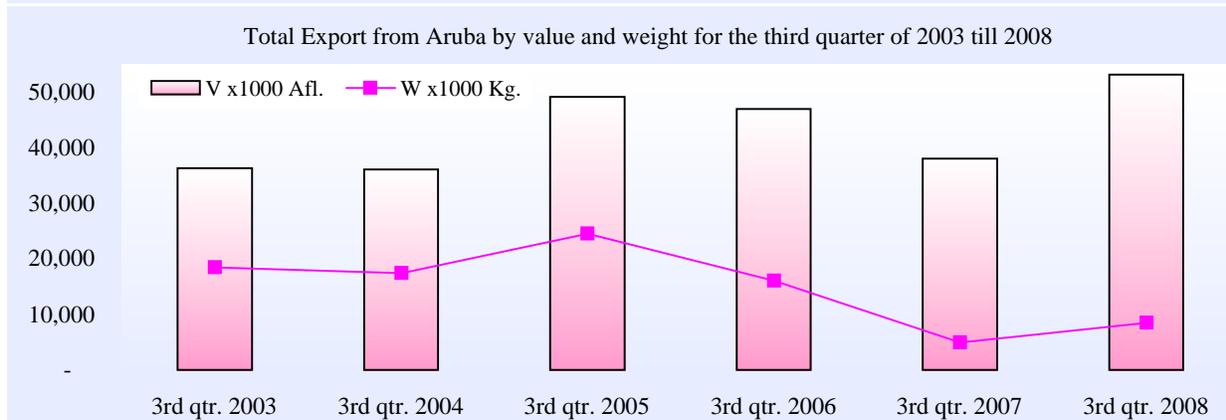
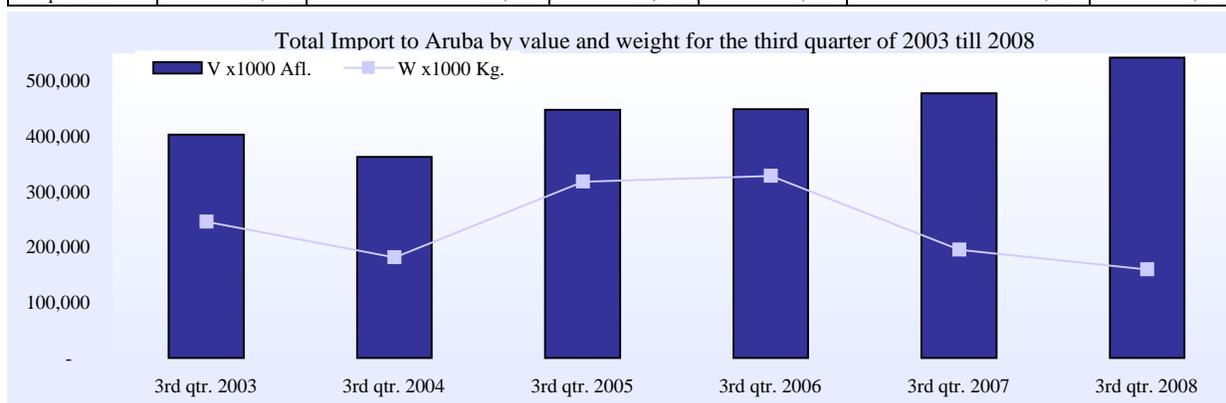
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### I.a.1 Total Import and Export of goods to Aruba over the years 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008 (in value and weight)

Transactions over the years 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008						
	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 2003	1,417,860	97,315	1,515,175	571,974	63,965	635,939
Year 2004	1,474,406	89,181	1,563,587	641,222	53,257	694,480
Year 2005	1,700,791	140,087	1,840,877	819,171	88,815	907,986
Year 2006	1,736,659	127,329	1,863,988	946,930	64,850	1,011,779
1st qtr. 2007	460,857	34,410	495,267	183,192	4,816	188,008
2nd qtr. 2007	429,664	31,041	460,705	161,234	4,435	165,670
3rd qtr. 2007	450,173	28,314	478,487	193,575	2,601	196,175
4th qtr. 2007	534,176	25,205	559,381	202,853	2,440	205,293
1st qtr. 2008	485,186	38,009	523,196	158,051	2,876	160,928
2nd qtr. 2008	399,500	32,499	431,998	142,876	3,214	146,090
3rd qtr. 2008	492,227	50,750	542,977	155,047	4,365	159,412

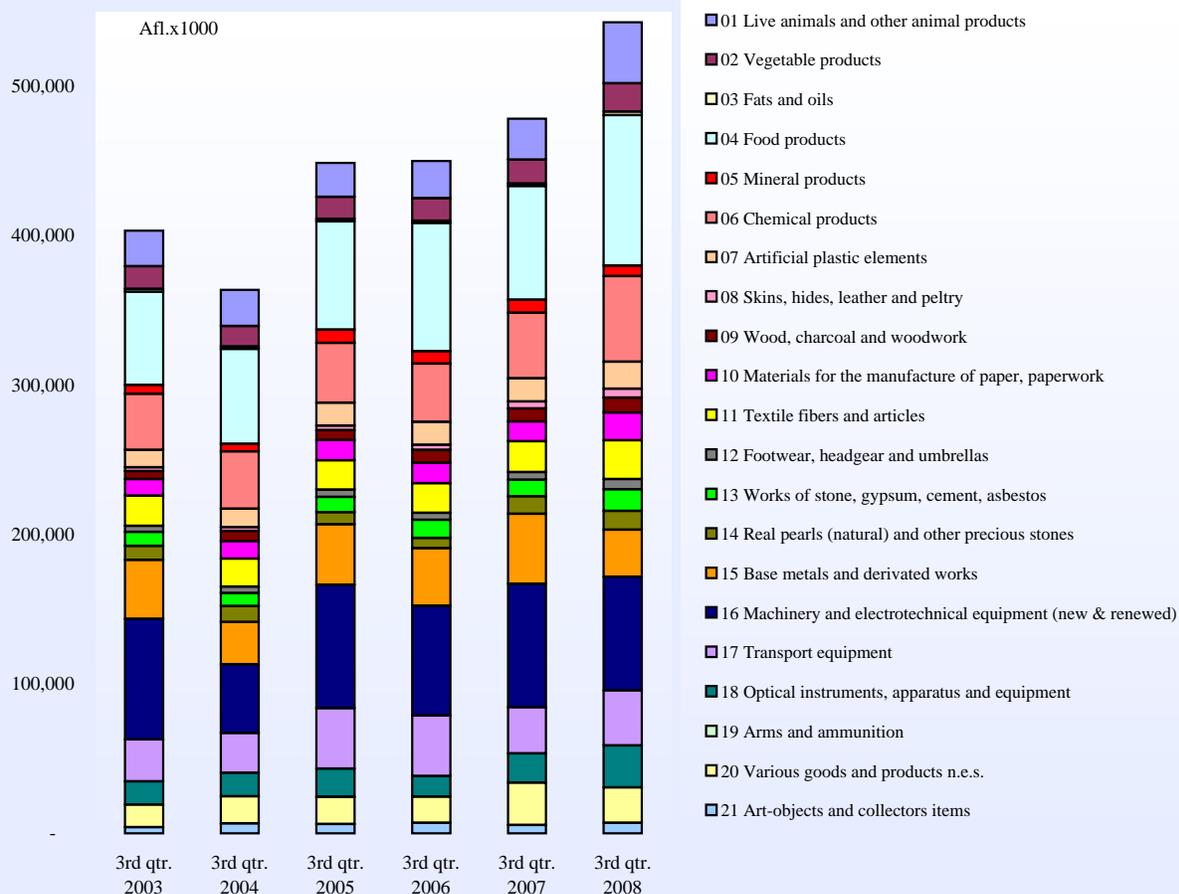
Transactions over the years 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2003	35,943	111,020	146,963	7,694	64,063	71,757
Year 2004	40,248	102,000	142,248	9,894	52,197	62,091
Year 2005	36,062	146,138	182,200	10,160	86,849	97,009
Year 2006	46,373	148,674	195,047	11,336	71,349	82,685
1st qtr. 2007	8,638	23,142	31,781	1,982	5,160	7,142
2nd qtr. 2007	15,513	22,671	38,184	5,132	4,463	9,596
3rd qtr. 2007	13,039	24,948	37,986	2,861	2,069	4,929
4th qtr. 2007	18,480	48,798	67,278	2,650	4,327	6,977
1st qtr. 2008	9,756	23,098	32,855	2,190	1,383	3,573
2nd qtr. 2008	21,311	28,464	49,775	3,922	3,232	7,154
3rd qtr. 2008	16,496	36,645	53,141	4,058	4,417	8,475



### I.a.2 Import of goods to Aruba by sections over the third quarter of 2007 and 2008 (in value and weight)

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2007-2008	V x1000 Afl.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	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	27,582		27,582	40,836		40,836
02 Vegetable products	15,157	721	15,878	18,008	940	18,948
03 Fats and oils	1,826		1,826	2,492		2,492
04 Food products	48,920	27,077	75,997	57,747	43,002	100,749
05 Mineral products	8,671		8,671	6,931		6,931
06 Chemical products	43,847		43,847	57,386	54	57,441
07 Artificial plastic elements	15,458	66	15,524	17,426	622	18,048
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	4,760	0	4,760	5,939	5	5,944
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	8,835		8,835	10,080	8	10,088
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	13,205	23	13,228	18,369	34	18,403
11 Textile fibers and articles	20,474	7	20,481	25,890	35	25,925
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	5,030	87	5,117	6,837	160	6,997
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	11,061		11,061	14,191	224	14,415
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	11,747		11,747	12,466		12,466
15 Base metals and derivated works	46,928		46,928	31,363	257	31,620
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	82,578	16	82,594	72,830	3,115	75,944
17 Transport equipment	30,780	200	30,980	36,391	590	36,982
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	19,591		19,591	28,110		28,110
19 Arms and ammunition	5		5	39		39
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	28,146	117	28,263	21,837	1,703	23,540
21 Art-objects and collectors items	5,572		5,572	7,061		7,061

Total Import of goods to Aruba by sections for the third quarter of 2003 till 2008





**I.b.1. Import of goods to Aruba by sections over the years 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008**

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 2003	86,305	369	86,675	17,437	168	17,605
Year 2004	94,721	148	94,869	16,895	52	16,947
Year 2005	98,481		98,481	17,696		17,696
Year 2006	102,383		102,383	18,208		18,208
1st qtr. 2007	25,922		25,922	4,133		4,133
2nd qtr. 2007	27,107		27,107	4,669		4,669
3rd qtr. 2007	27,582		27,582	4,425		4,425
4th qtr. 2007	29,086		29,086	4,075		4,075
1st qtr. 2008	35,332		35,332	4,677		4,677
2nd qtr. 2008	24,469		24,469	3,313		3,313
3rd qtr. 2008	40,836		40,836	5,122		5,122

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 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
Year 2005	54,707	2,657	57,364	26,831	3,316	30,148
Year 2006	56,817	3,962	60,779	28,484	5,749	34,232
1st qtr. 2007	14,997	1,946	16,943	6,868	2,645	9,513
2nd qtr. 2007	15,026	1,686	16,712	7,646	2,835	10,480
3rd qtr. 2007	15,157	721	15,878	7,200	1,098	8,298
4th qtr. 2007	16,294	487	16,781	7,213	825	8,037
1st qtr. 2008	16,664	568	17,232	7,347	883	8,231
2nd qtr. 2008	14,023	853	14,876	6,252	1,422	7,674
3rd qtr. 2008	18,008	940	18,948	7,182	1,705	8,887

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 2003	6,074		6,074	1,833		1,833
Year 2004	6,513		6,513	1,930		1,930
Year 2005	7,292		7,292	2,044		2,044
Year 2006	6,423		6,423	2,001		2,001
1st qtr. 2007	1,835		1,835	579		579
2nd qtr. 2007	2,086		2,086	640		640
3rd qtr. 2007	1,826		1,826	529		529
4th qtr. 2007	2,084		2,084	549		549
1st qtr. 2008	2,280		2,280	537		537
2nd qtr. 2008	2,342		2,342	505		505
3rd qtr. 2008	2,492		2,492	502		502

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 2003	155,821	88,492	244,313	51,669	50,382	102,051
Year 2004	168,874	82,644	251,518	54,987	45,541	100,527
Year 2005	176,242	134,362	310,603	54,903	85,025	139,927
Year 2006	190,988	121,799	312,787	58,263	58,864	117,127
1st qtr. 2007	46,049	32,175	78,224	13,870	2,164	16,033
2nd qtr. 2007	47,661	29,014	76,675	13,261	1,581	14,842
3rd qtr. 2007	48,920	27,077	75,997	13,948	1,439	15,387
4th qtr. 2007	59,402	24,419	83,821	15,853	1,598	17,451
1st qtr. 2008	53,984	37,007	90,991	15,021	1,984	17,004
2nd qtr. 2008	43,619	31,153	74,771	12,065	1,752	13,817
3rd qtr. 2008	57,747	43,002	100,749	15,718	2,439	18,158

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 2003	17,624		17,624	355,097		355,097
Year 2004	17,375		17,375	425,939		425,939
Year 2005	23,989		23,989	586,990		586,990
Year 2006	26,831		26,831	699,375		699,375
1st qtr. 2007	8,129		8,129	124,522		124,522
2nd qtr. 2007	5,866		5,866	103,151		103,151
3rd qtr. 2007	8,671		8,671	135,320		135,320
4th qtr. 2007	7,393		7,393	141,773		141,773
1st qtr. 2008	7,155		7,155	100,136		100,136
2nd qtr. 2008	9,103		9,103	97,865		97,865
3rd qtr. 2008	6,931		6,931	93,059		93,059

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 2003	146,486	798	147,284	24,161	229	24,390
Year 2004	158,649	823	159,471	22,096	190	22,286
Year 2005	163,121	928	164,048	23,689	277	23,966
Year 2006	177,055	345	177,399	29,407	171	29,578
1st qtr. 2007	42,783		42,783	6,598		6,598
2nd qtr. 2007	49,036		49,036	7,168		7,168
3rd qtr. 2007	43,847		43,847	5,738		5,738
4th qtr. 2007	48,609		48,609	6,632		6,632
1st qtr. 2008	44,279	11	44,290	5,898	0	5,898
2nd qtr. 2008	45,036	9	45,044	5,012	0	5,012
3rd qtr. 2008	57,386	54	57,441	7,577	5	7,582

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 2003	45,341	67	45,408	6,064	19	6,083
Year 2004	47,673	93	47,767	6,380	15	6,395
Year 2005	53,180	81	53,261	6,522	16	6,538
Year 2006	58,485	43	58,527	6,482	7	6,489
1st qtr. 2007	17,184	0	17,184	2,101	0	2,101
2nd qtr. 2007	16,507	0	16,507	1,686	0	1,686
3rd qtr. 2007	15,458	66	15,524	1,638	20	1,658
4th qtr. 2007	16,514	1	16,515	1,738	0	1,738
1st qtr. 2008	14,105	1	14,105	1,422	0	1,422
2nd qtr. 2008	13,570	7	13,576	1,325	0	1,325
3rd qtr. 2008	17,426	622	18,048	1,756	41	1,796

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 2003	9,763	50	9,813	328	3	330
Year 2004	10,765	28	10,793	424	1	425
Year 2005	12,530	24	12,554	429	1	430
Year 2006	14,692	20	14,711	429	1	430
1st qtr. 2007	5,338		5,338	108		108
2nd qtr. 2007	4,571	3	4,574	106	0	106
3rd qtr. 2007	4,760	0	4,760	114	0	114
4th qtr. 2007	6,471	1	6,471	131	0	131
1st qtr. 2008	5,775	0	5,775	110	0	110
2nd qtr. 2008	4,727	4	4,732	93	0	93
3rd qtr. 2008	5,939	5	5,944	117	0	117

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 2003	21,091	6	21,097	13,564	4	13,568
Year 2004	24,009	62	24,071	12,833	39	12,872
Year 2005	26,427	3	26,430	14,700	1	14,702
Year 2006	30,431	15	30,446	15,823	7	15,830
1st qtr. 2007	7,310		7,310	3,452		3,452
2nd qtr. 2007	6,817		6,817	2,953		2,953
3rd qtr. 2007	8,835		8,835	5,190		5,190
4th qtr. 2007	6,874		6,874	2,987		2,987
1st qtr. 2008	7,380		7,380	4,516		4,516
2nd qtr. 2008	5,008		5,008	2,275		2,275
3rd qtr. 2008	10,080	8	10,088	4,858	1	4,859

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 2003	42,497	60	42,557	7,253	6	7,259
Year 2004	43,704	166	43,871	7,238	8	7,246
Year 2005	50,005	204	50,209	8,074	25	8,099
Year 2006	49,014	89	49,103	7,888	3	7,891
1st qtr. 2007	13,460	42	13,502	2,124	1	2,125
2nd qtr. 2007	12,655		12,655	1,992		1,992
3rd qtr. 2007	13,205	23	13,228	1,926	1	1,926
4th qtr. 2007	15,855		15,855	2,349		2,349
1st qtr. 2008	12,645	33	12,678	2,032	1	2,033
2nd qtr. 2008	10,881	10	10,891	1,668	0	1,668
3rd qtr. 2008	18,369	34	18,403	2,457	1	2,458

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 2003	79,309	157	79,466	2,904	3	2,906
Year 2004	87,070	199	87,269	3,357	102	3,460
Year 2005	86,666	169	86,835	3,278	3	3,281
Year 2006	89,759	132	89,891	3,141	3	3,144
1st qtr. 2007	21,619	44	21,662	664	1	666
2nd qtr. 2007	20,584	31	20,615	703	1	703
3rd qtr. 2007	20,474	7	20,481	591	0	591
4th qtr. 2007	33,413	56	33,469	1,000	1	1,001
1st qtr. 2008	24,869	13	24,882	633	0	634
2nd qtr. 2008	19,495	36	19,531	479	0	480
3rd qtr. 2008	25,890	35	25,925	746	1	746

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 2003	15,066	688	15,754	542	16	558
Year 2004	19,286	544	19,830	728	12	739
Year 2005	20,360	479	20,839	703	11	714
Year 2006	19,724	644	20,368	624	19	643
1st qtr. 2007	4,764	100	4,864	140	2	142
2nd qtr. 2007	5,247	143	5,390	146	3	149
3rd qtr. 2007	5,030	87	5,117	148	2	150
4th qtr. 2007	7,709	96	7,804	202	2	204
1st qtr. 2008	5,983	224	6,207	154	4	158
2nd qtr. 2008	5,605	99	5,704	131	2	133
3rd qtr. 2008	6,837	160	6,997	183	3	186

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 2003	32,593	1	32,593	17,835	0	17,835
Year 2004	34,169	104	34,273	17,022	59	17,081
Year 2005	52,229	230	52,459	21,731	81	21,812
Year 2006	48,138	81	48,219	25,118	15	25,133
1st qtr. 2007	12,763		12,763	7,225		7,225
2nd qtr. 2007	12,242		12,242	5,989		5,989
3rd qtr. 2007	11,061		11,061	4,954		4,954
4th qtr. 2007	13,993		13,993	6,288		6,288
1st qtr. 2008	10,486		10,486	4,380		4,380
2nd qtr. 2008	8,938		8,938	3,821		3,821
3rd qtr. 2008	14,191	224	14,415	6,062	21	6,082

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 2003	69,621		69,621	38		38
Year 2004	80,071		80,071	42		42
Year 2005	73,319		73,319	36		36
Year 2006	70,138		70,138	47		47
1st qtr. 2007	43,999		43,999	15		15
2nd qtr. 2007	16,334		16,334	9		9
3rd qtr. 2007	11,747		11,747	8		8
4th qtr. 2007	57,232		57,232	15		15
1st qtr. 2008	29,275		29,275	12		12
2nd qtr. 2008	15,439		15,439	9		9
3rd qtr. 2008	12,466		12,466	14		14

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 2003	122,033	35	122,068	21,723	2	21,726
Year 2004	104,593	62	104,655	19,394	5	19,399
Year 2005	169,794	97	169,891	22,700	7	22,707
Year 2006	160,827	14	160,841	22,645	2	22,647
1st qtr. 2007	32,570		32,570	4,273		4,273
2nd qtr. 2007	38,046		38,046	5,652		5,652
3rd qtr. 2007	46,928		46,928	5,354		5,354
4th qtr. 2007	38,607	2	38,609	5,581	0	5,581
1st qtr. 2008	40,336	2	40,338	4,691	0	4,692
2nd qtr. 2008	34,801	13	34,814	3,447	5	3,452
3rd qtr. 2008	31,363	257	31,620	3,492	9	3,501

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 2003	266,611	74	266,685	9,377	1	9,378
Year 2004	232,092	334	232,426	8,441	30	8,471
Year 2005	313,662	368	314,030	11,296	21	11,317
Year 2006	318,869	25	318,894	11,584	1	11,585
1st qtr. 2007	85,506	90	85,596	2,974	3	2,977
2nd qtr. 2007	77,703	0	77,703	2,185	0	2,185
3rd qtr. 2007	82,578	16	82,594	2,504	0	2,505
4th qtr. 2007	74,930	1	74,931	2,287	0	2,287
1st qtr. 2008	93,497	65	93,562	3,178	2	3,180
2nd qtr. 2008	72,310	2	72,312	1,701	0	1,701
3rd qtr. 2008	72,830	3,115	75,944	2,195	87	2,282

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 2003	119,954	84	120,037	8,695	4	8,699
Year 2004	134,131	106	134,237	9,649	11	9,660
Year 2005	146,133	407	146,541	10,177	29	10,206
Year 2006	150,367	87	150,454	9,867	8	9,875
1st qtr. 2007	30,789		30,789	1,916		1,916
2nd qtr. 2007	28,381	135	28,516	1,673	15	1,688
3rd qtr. 2007	30,780	200	30,980	1,855	20	1,874
4th qtr. 2007	35,918	135	36,054	2,140	14	2,154
1st qtr. 2008	32,370	67	32,436	2,099	2	2,101
2nd qtr. 2008	28,201	303	28,504	1,757	31	1,788
3rd qtr. 2008	36,391	590	36,982	2,177	42	2,219

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 2003	66,135	74	66,209	468	0	468
Year 2004	72,375	16	72,391	590	0	590
Year 2005	84,479	42	84,521	649	0	649
Year 2006	69,289		69,289	591		591
1st qtr. 2007	23,541		23,541	150		150
2nd qtr. 2007	18,984		18,984	100		100
3rd qtr. 2007	19,591		19,591	133		133
4th qtr. 2007	33,962		33,962	132		132
1st qtr. 2008	29,484		29,484	102		102
2nd qtr. 2008	23,435		23,435	135		135
3rd qtr. 2008	28,110		28,110	259		259

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 2003	104	74	178	4	1	5
Year 2004	233	10	244	7	0	7
Year 2005	203	4	207	7	0	7
Year 2006	224	32	256	4	1	6
1st qtr. 2007	23		23	0		0
2nd qtr. 2007	44	18	62	0	0	1
3rd qtr. 2007	5		5	0		0
4th qtr. 2007	124		124	6		6
1st qtr. 2008	2		2	0		0
2nd qtr. 2008	3		3	0		0
3rd qtr. 2008	39		39	1		1

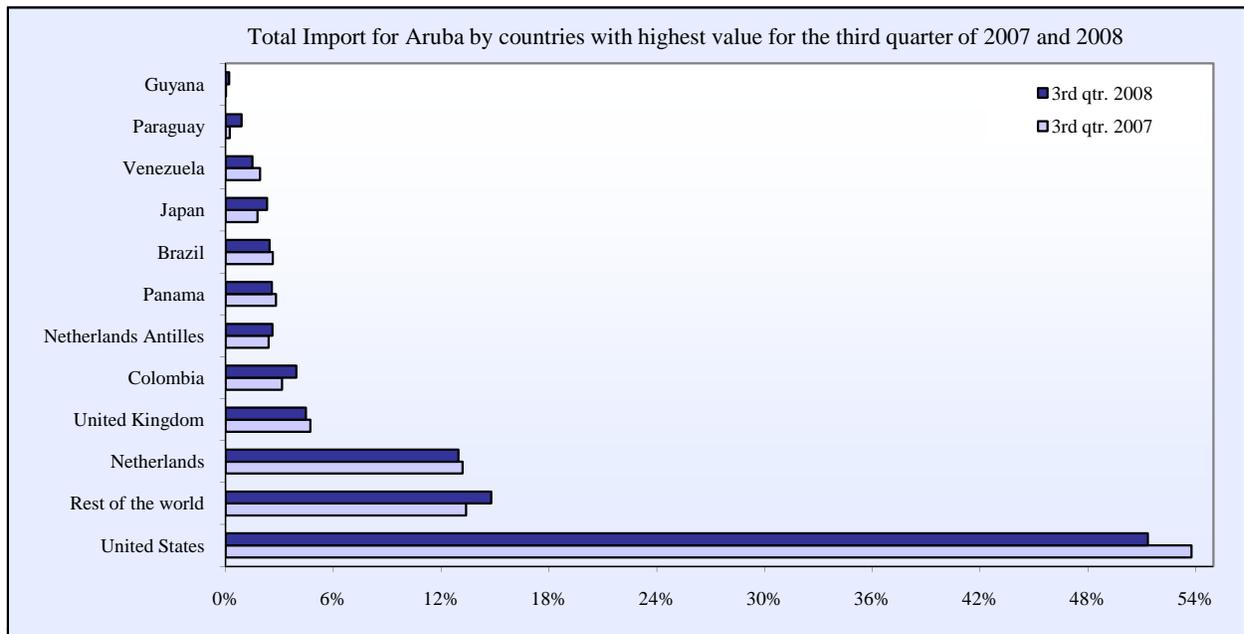
Section 20 Various goods and products n.e.s.						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
Year 2003	56,077	71	56,148	4,978	5	4,983
Year 2004	69,762	52	69,815	5,011	3	5,013
Year 2005	74,759	32	74,791	6,066	3	6,069
Year 2006	80,374	42	80,416	6,225	1	6,226
1st qtr. 2007	19,237	13	19,250	1,351	0	1,351
2nd qtr. 2007	22,135	10	22,145	1,381	1	1,381
3rd qtr. 2007	28,146	117	28,263	1,783	21	1,803
4th qtr. 2007	27,035	7	27,042	1,775	0	1,775
1st qtr. 2008	16,423	19	16,442	995	1	995
2nd qtr. 2008	15,881	10	15,891	916	0	916
3rd qtr. 2008	21,837	1,703	23,540	1,356	11	1,368

Section 21 Art-objects and collectors items						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	<b>Total Import</b>	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	<b>Total Import</b>
Year 2003	9,142		9,142	497		497
Year 2004	13,464		13,464	709		709
Year 2005	13,213		13,213	649		649
Year 2006	15,832		15,832	723		723
1st qtr. 2007	3,039		3,039	129		129
2nd qtr. 2007	2,631		2,631	124		124
3rd qtr. 2007	5,572		5,572	215		215
4th qtr. 2007	2,672		2,672	128		128
1st qtr. 2008	2,863		2,863	111		111
2nd qtr. 2008	2,615		2,615	108		108
3rd qtr. 2008	7,061		7,061	214		214

**I.b.2 Import of goods by the 11 most important countries over the third quarter of 2007 and 2008 (in value and weight)**

Import by country in value	V x1000 Afl.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
United States	257,253	102	257,356	278,582	224	278,807
Netherlands	63,052	49	63,101	70,344		70,344
United Kingdom	2,060	20,516	22,575	2,305	21,945	24,249
Guyana	121		121	146	940	1,086
Netherlands Antilles	11,485		11,485	11,768	2,367	14,136
Panama	13,265	116	13,381	13,724	225	13,949
Japan	8,477		8,477	12,548		12,548
Venezuela	9,086	91	9,177	8,078		8,078
Brazil	12,385	181	12,566	12,888	372	13,260
Colombia	10,345	4,691	15,036	9,850	11,551	21,401
Paraguay		1,130	1,130	0	4,813	4,813
Rest of the world	62,645	1,436	64,081	71,993	8,314	80,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,173</b>	<b>28,314</b>	<b>478,487</b>	<b>492,227</b>	<b>50,750</b>	<b>542,977</b>

Import by country in weight	W x1000 Kg.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import	Import to Aruba	Import to Free Zone Aruba	Total Import
United States	29,100	16	29,116	31,034	23	31,056
Netherlands	8,273	21	8,294	8,210		8,210
United Kingdom	325	965	1,290	389	1,182	1,571
Guyana	2,480		2,480	2,100	1,705	3,805
Netherlands Antilles	3,311		3,311	1,336	88	1,425
Panama	418	3	421	528	4	532
Japan	543		543	658		658
Venezuela	4,974	8	4,982	4,225		4,225
Brazil	3,219	22	3,241	3,415	62	3,477
Colombia	20,487	300	20,787	12,282	664	12,946
Paraguay		82	82	0	305	305
Rest of the world	120,444	1,184	121,628	90,870	333	91,203
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,575</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>196,175</b>	<b>155,047</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>159,412</b>



**I.b.3. Import of goods to Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the third quarter of 2008 (in value and weight)**

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2008	V x1000 Afl.										
	Import to Aruba										
	United States	Netherlands	Finland	Netherlands Antilles	Panama	Japan	Venezuela	Brazil	Colombia	Korea Republic (South)	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	17,823	8,705		328	251		708	8,123	289		4,609
02 Vegetable products	11,578	1,421		91	24		1,872	102	1,060		1,860
03 Fats and oils	1,889	63		0			5		5		530
04 Food products	34,092	10,013	4	2,358	571		1,346	290	1,444		7,630
05 Mineral products	453	138		5			28	3	1,970		4,333
06 Chemical products	34,586	7,038	2	3,877	5,364	14	539	0	195		5,771
07 Artificial plastic elements	10,472	2,743	0	436	72	453	261	59	520	302	2,108
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	2,918	430		128	320	1	8	18	46		2,071
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	4,923	988		20	1		66	1,470	450		2,163
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	8,329	6,939		308	13	50	219	336	626	1	1,548
11 Textile fibers and articles	15,138	1,709		1,284	3,291	5	109	229	698	0	3,427
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	3,413	266		269	1,626	1	125	51	191		893
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	6,526	1,727	0	51	182	11	295	1,100	686	4	3,609
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	10,331	87		284	3	6	7	16	6		1,728
15 Base metals and derived works	20,164	5,676	1	521	96	19	1,647	64	997	2	2,177
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	49,624	9,234	2,104	618	954	429	546	124	396	86	8,715
17 Transport equipment	12,374	1,955		523	52	11,550	58	465	4	6,334	3,077
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	18,906	1,541	1	279	564	8	94	11	33	1	6,672
19 Arms and ammunition	37	1		1							
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	14,511	3,453		138	340	2	148	426	173		2,646
21 Art-objects and collectors items	497	6,216		249			0		61		38
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,582</b>	<b>70,344</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>11,768</b>	<b>13,724</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>8,078</b>	<b>12,888</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>6,729</b>	<b>65,603</b>

Section (0..21) by weight for the third quarter of 2008	W x1000 Kg.										
	Import to Aruba										
	United States	Netherlands	Finland	Netherlands Antilles	Panama	Japan	Venezuela	Brazil	Colombia	Korea Republic (South)	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products	2,087	930		45	16		67	1,307	52		617
02 Vegetable products	3,609	745		43	2		1,209	43	325		1,205
03 Fats and oils	385	10		0			1		2		105
04 Food products	7,704	2,977	1	479	115		1,202	151	368		2,721
05 Mineral products	377	85		0			116	3	10,565		81,912
06 Chemical products	5,044	641	0	457	45	0	910	0	28		452
07 Artificial plastic elements	902	302	0	35	5	45	47	1	87	32	300
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	46	9		7	9	0	0	0	1		45
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	2,254	110		5	0		9	816	206		1,459
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	1,470	267		64	1	1	28	145	100	0	381
11 Textile fibers and articles	452	47		65	76	0	2	1	12	0	90
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	85	6		7	48	0	2	0	3		32
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	1,519	426	0	9	64	0	304	911	422	0	2,406
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	10	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		2
15 Base metals and derived works	2,209	596	0	30	7	1	274	3	69	0	304
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1,386	360	27	15	63	8	39	2	25	3	267
17 Transport equipment	634	277		37	4	602	7	20	0	421	174
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	204	19	0	2	10	0	2	0	0	0	23
19 Arms and ammunition	1	0		0							
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	628	242		16	63	0	6	10	13		379
21 Art-objects and collectors items	28	162		20			0		3		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,034</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>3,415</b>	<b>12,282</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>92,875</b>

**I.b.4. Import of goods to Free Zone Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the third quarter of 2008 (in value and weight)**

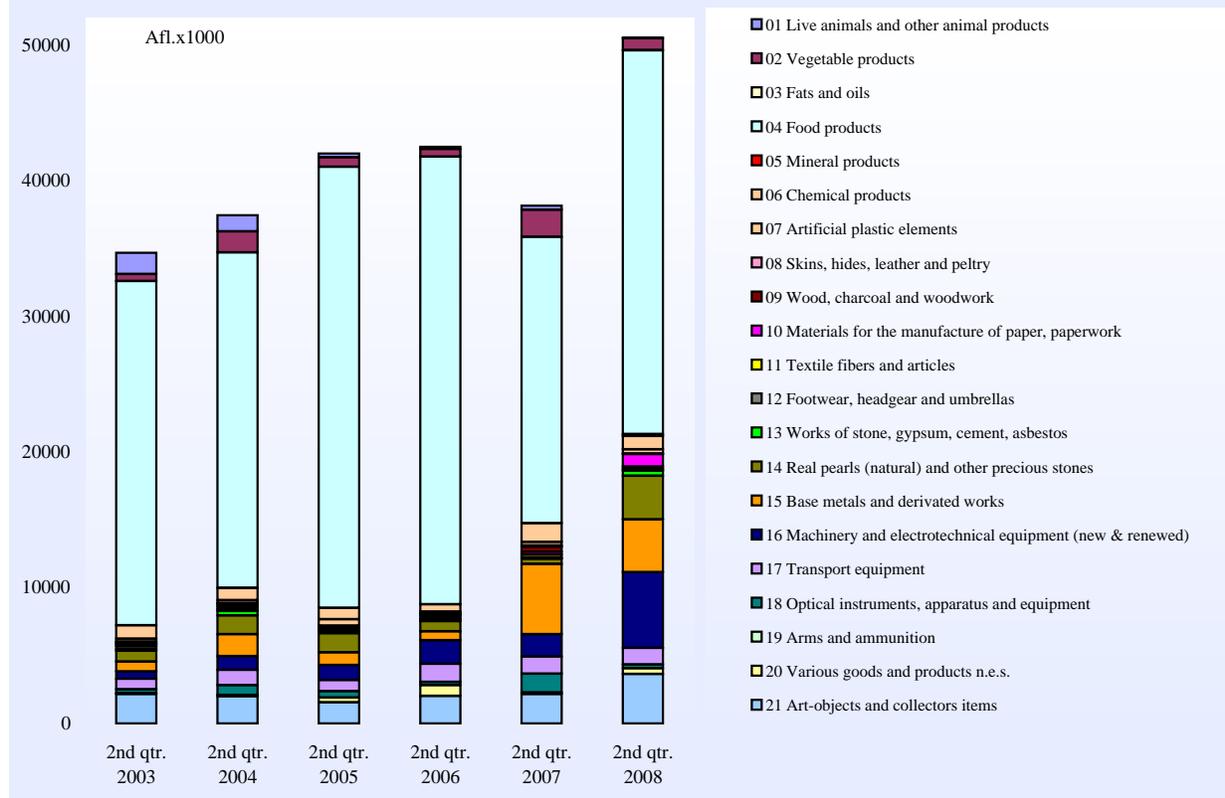
Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2008	V x1000 Afl.							
	Import to Free Zone Aruba							
	United Kingdom	Colombia	Paraguay	Uruguay	Mexico	Guyana	Brazil	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products						940		
04 Food products	21,945	11,551	4,813	930	325		42	3,397
06 Chemical products								54
07 Artificial plastic elements							167	455
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry								5
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork								8
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork								34
11 Textile fibers and articles								35
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas								160
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos								224
15 Base metals and derivated works								257
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)								3,115
17 Transport equipment							162	428
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.								1,703
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,945</b>	<b>11,551</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>9,875</b>

Section (0..21) by weight for the third quarter of 2008	W x1000 Kg.							
	Import to Free Zone Aruba							
	United Kingdom	Colombia	Paraguay	Uruguay	Mexico	Guyana	Brazil	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products						1,705		
04 Food products	1,182	664	305	69	45		25	150
06 Chemical products								5
07 Artificial plastic elements							19	21
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry								0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork								1
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork								1
11 Textile fibers and articles								1
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas								3
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos								21
15 Base metals and derivated works								9
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)								87
17 Transport equipment							17	25
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.								11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>334</b>

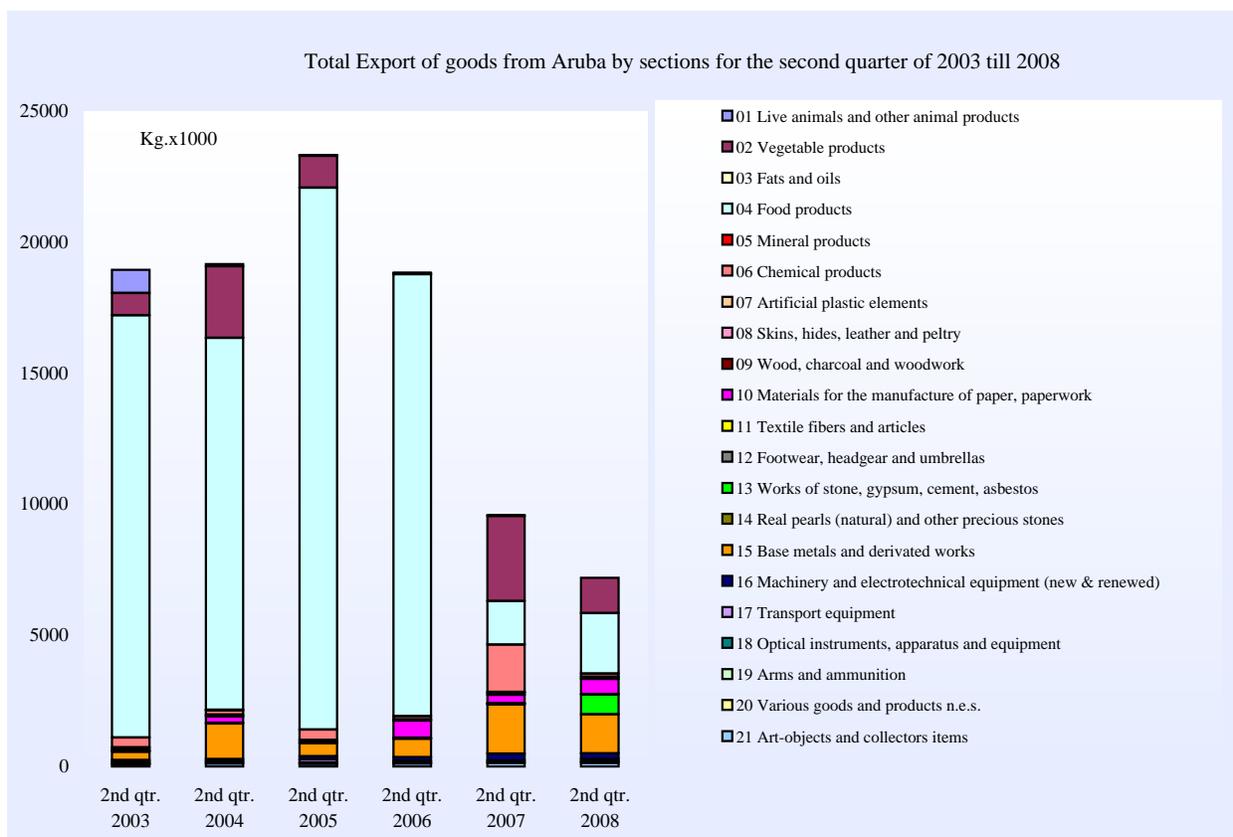
### I.c.1 Export of goods from Aruba by sections over the third quarter of 2007 and 2008 (in value and weight)

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2007-2008	V x1000 Afl.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	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	280		280	157		157
02 Vegetable products	68	196	264	21	1,313	1,334
03 Fats and oils	0		0	19		19
04 Food products	564	24,243	24,807	603	34,599	35,202
05 Mineral products	2		2	3		3
06 Chemical products	1,146	0	1,147	570		570
07 Artificial plastic elements	159		159	117	5	122
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	133	0	133	43	5	48
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	27		27	11	0	12
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	150	9	159	149	19	167
11 Textile fibers and articles	229	1	230	129	14	143
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	14	72	86	6	76	82
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	166	46	212	14	389	403
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	67		67	957		957
15 Base metals and derivated works	2,771		2,771	3,783	7	3,790
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1,210		1,210	3,453	4	3,457
17 Transport equipment	1,219	310	1,529	1,588	205	1,793
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	789		789	156		156
19 Arms and ammunition	2	2	4			
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	340	68	408	148	9	158
21 Art-objects and collectors items	3,703		3,703	4,567		4,567

Total Export of goods from Aruba by sections for the second quarter of 2003 till 2008



Section (0..21) by weight for the second quarter of 2007-2008	W x1000 Kg.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	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	28		28	18		18
02 Vegetable products	10	396	406	2	2,085	2,087
03 Fats and oils	0		0	2		2
04 Food products	362	1,625	1,987	179	2,203	2,382
05 Mineral products	0		0	1		1
06 Chemical products	69	0	69	16		16
07 Artificial plastic elements	16		16	30	1	30
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	1	0	1	1	0	1
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	2		2	4	0	4
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	292	0	292	1,080	1	1,080
11 Textile fibers and articles	21	0	21	12	0	12
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0	1	2	0	1	1
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	108	2	110	4	71	75
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0		0	0		0
15 Base metals and derivated works	1,464		1,464	1,817	1	1,818
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	213		213	469	2	470
17 Transport equipment	102	30	132	149	51	200
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	3		3	3		3
19 Arms and ammunition	0	0	0			
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	29	14	43	22	0	23
21 Art-objects and collectors items	141		141	249		249



**I.c.2. Export of goods from Aruba by sections for the years 2003 till 2006 and over the quarters of 2007 and 2008**

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 2003	2,443	1,544	3,987	475	973	1,448
Year 2004	2,596	148	2,744	288	52	340
Year 2005	1,596		1,596	234		234
Year 2006	1,227		1,227	153		153
1st qtr. 2007	344		344	52		52
2nd qtr. 2007	310		310	35		35
3rd qtr. 2007	280		280	28		28
4th qtr. 2007	169		169	19		19
1st qtr. 2008	52		52	5		5
2nd qtr. 2008	55		55	4		4
3rd qtr. 2008	157		157	18		18

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 2003	125	6,958	7,083	44	14,478	14,522
Year 2004	163	4,309	4,472	59	8,506	8,564
Year 2005	117	2,720	2,837	136	3,819	3,955
Year 2006	46	3,190	3,236	28	4,082	4,110
1st qtr. 2007	42	1,547	1,589	7	3,663	3,671
2nd qtr. 2007	89	1,903	1,992	16	3,226	3,242
3rd qtr. 2007	68	196	264	10	396	406
4th qtr. 2007	82	748	830	18	1,620	1,638
1st qtr. 2008	33	54	88	7	74	81
2nd qtr. 2008	31	835	866	7	1,346	1,353
3rd qtr. 2008	21	1,313	1,334	2	2,085	2,087

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 2003	21		21	10		10
Year 2004	1		1	0		0
Year 2005	1		1	0		0
Year 2006	0		0	0		0
1st qtr. 2007	1		1	0		0
2nd qtr. 2007	3		3	1		1
3rd qtr. 2007	0		0	0		0
4th qtr. 2007	1		1	0		0
1st qtr. 2008	1		1	0		0
2nd qtr. 2008	19		19	1		1
3rd qtr. 2008	19		19	2		2

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 2003	2,612	100,796	103,409	1,406	48,364	49,770
Year 2004	2,612	96,619	99,231	1,525	43,550	45,075
Year 2005	2,955	142,517	145,473	1,847	82,945	84,793
Year 2006	2,781	144,880	147,661	2,097	67,210	69,307
1st qtr. 2007	613	21,504	22,116	408	1,494	1,902
2nd qtr. 2007	526	20,600	21,126	458	1,208	1,666
3rd qtr. 2007	564	24,243	24,807	362	1,625	1,987
4th qtr. 2007	779	47,862	48,641	384	2,700	3,084
1st qtr. 2008	473	22,469	22,941	322	1,269	1,591
2nd qtr. 2008	998	27,311	28,309	432	1,867	2,299
3rd qtr. 2008	603	34,599	35,202	179	2,203	2,382

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 2003	15		15	23		23
Year 2004	33		33	19		19
Year 2005	0		0	0		0
Year 2006	0		0	0		0
1st qtr. 2007	3		3	6		6
2nd qtr. 2007	0		0	0		0
3rd qtr. 2007	2		2	0		0
4th qtr. 2007	0		0	1		1
1st qtr. 2008	4		4	0		0
2nd qtr. 2008	146		146	3		3
3rd qtr. 2008	3		3	1		1

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 2003	2,948	433	3,381	1,083	139	1,222
Year 2004	2,475	266	2,741	712	67	779
Year 2005	2,367	231	2,598	1,225	39	1,265
Year 2006	2,460	43	2,503	666	18	683
1st qtr. 2007	1,238		1,238	326		326
2nd qtr. 2007	1,376	2	1,378	1,810	1	1,810
3rd qtr. 2007	1,146	0	1,147	69	0	69
4th qtr. 2007	4,492		4,492	234		234
1st qtr. 2008	886	11	897	103	0	103
2nd qtr. 2008	976		976	118		118
3rd qtr. 2008	570		570	16		16

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 2003	1,002	0	1,002	376	0	376
Year 2004	946	9	955	246	2	248
Year 2005	1,071	62	1,133	191	14	205
Year 2006	453	0	453	133	0	133
1st qtr. 2007	88		88	9		9
2nd qtr. 2007	252		252	28		28
3rd qtr. 2007	159		159	16		16
4th qtr. 2007	69	12	82	7	1	8
1st qtr. 2008	52	11	63	4	0	5
2nd qtr. 2008	197	107	305	76	2	78
3rd qtr. 2008	117	5	122	30	1	30

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 2003	177	35	212	2	1	3
Year 2004	108	27	134	2	1	3
Year 2005	207	18	225	4	1	5
Year 2006	136	9	146	4	0	4
1st qtr. 2007	21	0	21	1	0	1
2nd qtr. 2007	98	0	98	3	0	3
3rd qtr. 2007	133	0	133	1	0	1
4th qtr. 2007	97	0	98	2	0	2
1st qtr. 2008	15	1	16	0	0	0
2nd qtr. 2008	16	0	16	1	0	1
3rd qtr. 2008	43	5	48	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 2003	275		275	72		72
Year 2004	251		251	55		55
Year 2005	163		163	19		19
Year 2006	291		291	41		41
1st qtr. 2007	42		42	3		3
2nd qtr. 2007	366		366	83		83
3rd qtr. 2007	27		27	2		2
4th qtr. 2007	151		151	62		62
1st qtr. 2008	72		72	18		18
2nd qtr. 2008	37		37	10		10
3rd qtr. 2008	11	0	12	4	0	4

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 2003	548	43	590	1,226	13	1,239
Year 2004	879	94	972	905	3	908
Year 2005	554	111	666	2,040	4	2,044
Year 2006	527	87	614	1,779	4	1,783
1st qtr. 2007	171	28	199	263	1	263
2nd qtr. 2007	207	15	222	307	0	308
3rd qtr. 2007	150	9	159	292	0	292
4th qtr. 2007	167	7	174	421	0	421
1st qtr. 2008	199	7	206	571	0	571
2nd qtr. 2008	87	32	118	579	1	579
3rd qtr. 2008	149	19	167	1,080	1	1,080

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 2003	404	73	477	35	1	36
Year 2004	915	64	980	75	1	76
Year 2005	814	75	888	72	1	73
Year 2006	703	65	768	85	1	87
1st qtr. 2007	153	2	156	21	0	22
2nd qtr. 2007	204	2	206	21	0	22
3rd qtr. 2007	229	1	230	21	0	21
4th qtr. 2007	205	10	215	29	0	29
1st qtr. 2008	98	17	115	12	0	12
2nd qtr. 2008	166	7	173	18	0	18
3rd qtr. 2008	129	14	143	12	0	12

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 2003	20	486	506	1	10	11
Year 2004	30	369	399	1	9	10
Year 2005	86	292	378	2	7	9
Year 2006	58	227	285	1	5	6
1st qtr. 2007	10	57	67	0	1	2
2nd qtr. 2007	10	62	71	0	1	2
3rd qtr. 2007	14	72	86	0	1	2
4th qtr. 2007	12	112	125	0	2	2
1st qtr. 2008	0	94	95	0	2	2
2nd qtr. 2008	20	99	119	1	2	2
3rd qtr. 2008	6	76	82	0	1	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 2003	653		653	294		294
Year 2004	798	0	798	86	0	86
Year 2005	403		403	110		110
Year 2006	373	102	476	58	26	84
1st qtr. 2007	73		73	168		168
2nd qtr. 2007	30	1	31	26	0	26
3rd qtr. 2007	166	46	212	108	2	110
4th qtr. 2007	86	1	86	43	0	43
1st qtr. 2008	36		36	2		2
2nd qtr. 2008	380		380	744		744
3rd qtr. 2008	14	389	403	4	71	75

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 2003	2,511		2,511	0		0
Year 2004	3,049		3,049	2		2
Year 2005	3,104		3,104	1		1
Year 2006	1,781		1,781	1		1
1st qtr. 2007	455		455	1		1
2nd qtr. 2007	367		367	0		0
3rd qtr. 2007	67		67	0		0
4th qtr. 2007	1,474		1,474	1		1
1st qtr. 2008	319		319	0		0
2nd qtr. 2008	3,220		3,220	0		0
3rd qtr. 2008	957		957	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 2003	3,102	3	3,105	1,808	0	1,808
Year 2004	6,189	0	6,189	4,742	0	4,742
Year 2005	4,499		4,499	2,664		2,664
Year 2006	7,051	41	7,092	4,700	1	4,701
1st qtr. 2007	888		888	482		482
2nd qtr. 2007	5,180		5,180	1,881		1,881
3rd qtr. 2007	2,771		2,771	1,464		1,464
4th qtr. 2007	2,788		2,788	942		942
1st qtr. 2008	2,362		2,362	736		736
2nd qtr. 2008	3,887		3,887	1,482		1,482
3rd qtr. 2008	3,783	7	3,790	1,817	1	1,818

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 2003	6,668	371	7,040	193	75	268
Year 2004	5,399	8	5,407	409	1	410
Year 2005	4,786	2	4,788	613	0	613
Year 2006	11,076	0	11,077	663	0	663
1st qtr. 2007	2,137		2,137	125		125
2nd qtr. 2007	1,632	29	1,661	234	20	254
3rd qtr. 2007	1,210		1,210	213		213
4th qtr. 2007	2,945		2,945	186		186
1st qtr. 2008	1,770	155	1,926	155	11	166
2nd qtr. 2008	5,583		5,583	199		199
3rd qtr. 2008	3,453	4	3,457	469	2	470

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 2003	3,024		3,024	219		219
Year 2004	3,522	25	3,547	240	1	242
Year 2005	3,169	81	3,250	402	17	419
Year 2006	4,466		4,466	391		391
1st qtr. 2007	980		980	56		56
2nd qtr. 2007	1,205	52	1,258	68	6	74
3rd qtr. 2007	1,219	310	1,529	102	30	132
4th qtr. 2007	1,744	39	1,783	141	3	144
1st qtr. 2008	1,699	269	1,968	167	26	193
2nd qtr. 2008	1,147	67	1,214	81	14	95
3rd qtr. 2008	1,588	205	1,793	149	51	200

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 2003	1,007	93	1,101	4	0	4
Year 2004	2,387	28	2,415	9	0	9
Year 2005	1,645		1,645	13		13
Year 2006	1,559		1,559	19		19
1st qtr. 2007	264		264	2		2
2nd qtr. 2007	1,375		1,375	11		11
3rd qtr. 2007	789		789	3		3
4th qtr. 2007	512		512	2		2
1st qtr. 2008	45		45	1		1
2nd qtr. 2008	292		292	4		4
3rd qtr. 2008	156		156	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 2003	2	0	2	0	0	0
Year 2004		0	0		0	0
Year 2005	4	4	8	0	0	0
Year 2006		5	5		1	1
1st qtr. 2007	1		1	0		0
3rd qtr. 2007	2	2	4	0	0	0
1st qtr. 2008	6		6	0		0
2nd qtr. 2008	3		3	0		0

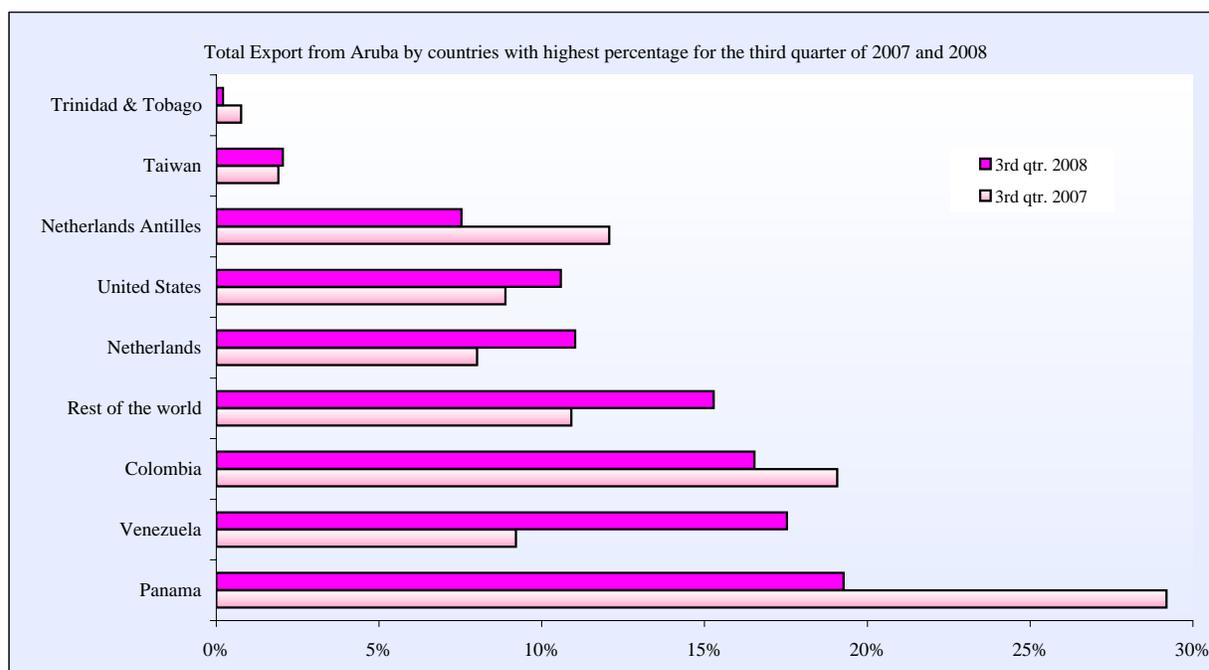
Section 20 Various goods and products n.e.s.						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Year 2003	535	184	719	71	8	79
Year 2004	425	34	459	52	3	55
Year 2005	1,463	26	1,489	179	1	180
Year 2006	1,199	23	1,222	79	1	80
1st qtr. 2007	191	4	195	7	0	7
2nd qtr. 2007	115	4	119	13	0	13
3rd qtr. 2007	340	68	408	29	14	43
4th qtr. 2007	103	6	109	24	0	24
1st qtr. 2008	133	11	144	13	0	13
2nd qtr. 2008	419	5	424	51	0	51
3rd qtr. 2008	148	9	158	22	0	23

Section 21 Art-objects and collectors items						
	V x1000 Afl.			W x1000 Kg.		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	<b>Total Export</b>	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	<b>Total Export</b>
Year 2003	7,849		7,849	352		352
Year 2004	7,470		7,470	468		468
Year 2005	7,056		7,056	407		407
Year 2006	10,186		10,186	438		438
1st qtr. 2007	925		925	44		44
2nd qtr. 2007	2,166		2,166	136		136
3rd qtr. 2007	3,703		3,703	141		141
4th qtr. 2007	2,604		2,604	135		135
1st qtr. 2008	1,502		1,502	73		73
2nd qtr. 2008	3,632		3,632	108		108
3rd qtr. 2008	4,567		4,567	249		249

### I.c.3 Export of goods by the 8 most important countries over the third quarter of 2007 and 2008 (in value and weight)

Export by country in value	V x1000 Afl.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Panama	118	10,968	11,086	86	10,155	10,241
Colombia	440	6,804	7,245	198	8,589	8,787
United States	3,287	88	3,375	5,215	408	5,623
Venezuela	306	3,190	3,496	1,536	7,780	9,316
Netherlands Antilles	1,742	2,843	4,585	2,537	1,464	4,001
Trinidad & Tobago	288		288	111		111
Netherlands	3,018	26	3,044	4,297	1,561	5,858
Taiwan	725		725	1,085		1,085
Rest of the world	3,114	1,029	4,143	1,430	6,687	8,117
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,039</b>	<b>24,948</b>	<b>37,986</b>	<b>16,496</b>	<b>36,645</b>	<b>53,141</b>

Export by country in weight	W x1000 Kg.					
	3rd qtr. 2007			3rd qtr. 2008		
	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export	Export from Aruba	Export from Free Zone Aruba	Total Export
Panama	7	621	628	16	435	451
Colombia	370	617	987	187	620	807
United States	293	9	302	422	16	439
Venezuela	57	203	260	178	423	601
Netherlands Antilles	379	142	521	313	60	372
Trinidad & Tobago	72		72	65		65
Netherlands	162	125	287	501	1,872	2,373
Taiwan	915		915	1,917		1,917
Rest of the world	606	352	958	458	991	1,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>8,475</b>



**I.c.4. Export of goods from Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the third quarter of 2008 (in value and weight)**

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2008	V x1000 Afl.								
	Export from Aruba								
	Panama	Colombia	United States	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Trinidad & Tobago	Netherlands	Taiwan	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products		14	9	99	3		3		28
02 Vegetable products			1	3	2		5		9
03 Fats and oils			0		18				1
04 Food products	0		78	26	363	2	90		44
05 Mineral products					1				2
06 Chemical products	25	0	243	20	203	0	53		26
07 Artificial plastic elements		0	83	3	15	0			15
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry			32	10					1
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork			5	1	6				
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork		15	7	6	38	0	9	71	3
11 Textile fibers and articles		17	26	16	32	4	1		31
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas		0	1	0	0	0			4
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos		0	6	1	7				0
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones			897	20	0				41
15 Base metals and derived works		13	1,770	47	334	9	281	1,014	314
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)		53	1,086	972	513	67	222		541
17 Transport equipment		8	259	107	547	28	588		51
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment		3	83	51	16		3		1
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.		2	4	3	40		69		31
21 Art-objects and collectors items	61	73	625	152	399		2,974		284
Total	86	198	5,215	1,536	2,537	111	4,297	1,085	1,430

Section (0..21) by weight for the third quarter of 2008	W x1000 Kg.								
	Export from Aruba								
	Panama	Colombia	United States	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Trinidad & Tobago	Netherlands	Taiwan	Rest of the world
01 Live animals and other animal products		3	1	9	0		0		4
02 Vegetable products			0	1	0		0		1
03 Fats and oils			0		2				0
04 Food products	0		5	4	131	0	34		4
05 Mineral products					0				0
06 Chemical products	0	0	6	1	8	0	1		0
07 Artificial plastic elements		0	27	1	2	0			0
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry			1	0					0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork			3	0	1				
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork		90	31	1	3	0	0	924	30
11 Textile fibers and articles		7	1	2	1	0	0		1
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas		0	0	0	0	0			0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos		0	0	1	3				0
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones			0	0	0				0
15 Base metals and derived works		14	215	7	62	2	254	993	271
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)		48	74	115	40	43	69		79
17 Transport equipment		17	17	24	34	20	20		19
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment		1	0	1	0		1		0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.		1	0	2	7		5		7
21 Art-objects and collectors items	16	6	42	10	19		116		41
Total	16	187	422	178	313	65	501	1,917	458

**I.c.5. Export of goods from Free Zone Aruba by the most important countries by sections over the second quarter of 2008 (in value and weight)**

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2008	V x1000 Afl.						
	Export from Free Zone Aruba						
	Panama	Colombia	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Netherlands	United States	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products							1,313
04 Food products	10,155	8,569	7,455	1,404	742	408	5,866
07 Artificial plastic elements							5
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				3			2
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork							0
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork		19					
11 Textile fibers and articles				3			11
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas				52			23
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0		192	0			197
15 Base metals and derivated works		1					6
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)							4
17 Transport equipment			134				71
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.				2			7
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>8,589</b>	<b>7,780</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>7,506</b>

Section (0..21) in value for the third quarter of 2008	W x1000 Kg.						
	Export from Free Zone Aruba						
	Panama	Colombia	Venezuela	Netherlands Antilles	Netherlands	United States	Rest of the world
02 Vegetable products							2,085
04 Food products	435	619	380	58	50	16	645
07 Artificial plastic elements							1
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry				0			0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork							0
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork		1					
11 Textile fibers and articles				0			0
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas				1			0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0		9	0			62
15 Base metals and derivated works		0					1
16 Machinery and electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)							2
17 Transport equipment			34				17
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.				0			0
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,813</b>

# Import to Aruba, Free Zone Aruba

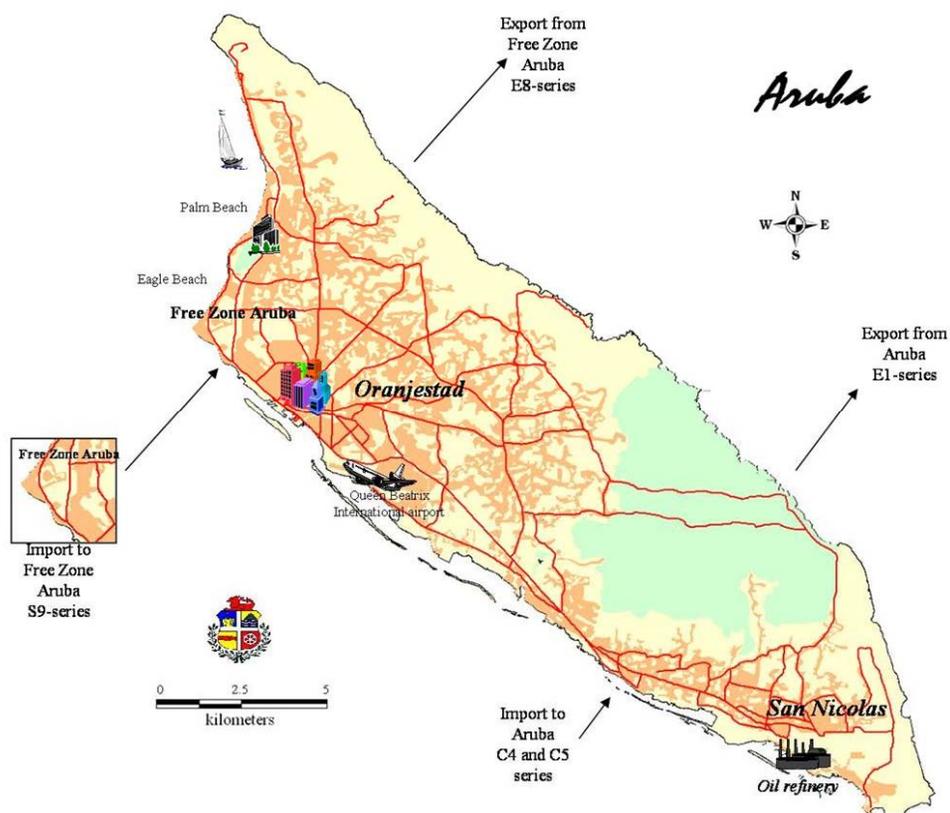
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# Export from Aruba, Free Zone Aruba

## 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 which 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 Governor 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 which mineral fuels (category 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**

<b>01. Live animals and other animal products</b>	08.43 Fur and imitation-fur
01.01 Live animals	
01.02 Meat	<b>09. Wood, charcoal and woodware</b>
01.03 Fish	09.44 Wood
01.04 Dairy	09.45 Cork
01.05 Animals other	09.46 Wattlework
<b>02. Vegetable products</b>	<b>10. Materials for the manufacture of paper</b>
02.06 Live plants	10.47 Raw material for paper
02.07 Vegetables	10.48 Paper and cardboard
02.08 Fruit	10.49 Bookstore and graphic art
02.09 Coffee, Tea	<b>11. Textile fibres and articles</b>
02.10 Grains	11.50 Silk
02.11 Flour	11.51 Synthetic yarn
02.12 Seeds and fruits	11.52 Metal fibres
02.13 Vegetable raw material	11.53 Wool
02.14 Other vegetable	11.54 Flax
<b>03. Fats and oils</b>	11.55 Cotton
03.15 Fats and oils	11.56 Synthetic textile
<b>04. Food products</b>	11.57 Other vegetable textile fibres
04.16 Meat and fish preparations	11.58 Carpets
04.17 Sugar	11.59 Wadding and felt
04.18 Cocoa	11.60 Knitted and crocheted fabrics
04.19 Cereal preparations	11.61 Clothing
04.20 Vegetable preparations	11.62 Other clothing
04.21 Other food products	11.63 Rags
04.22 Beverages	<b>12. Footwear, headgear and umbrellas</b>
04.23 Feeding stuff for animals	12.64 Footwear
04.24 Tobacco	12.65 Headgear
<b>05. Mineral products</b>	12.66 Umbrellas's and walking-stick
05.25 Salt, sand stone and cement	12.67 Feather, fluff and artificial flowers
05.26 Metal-ore	<b>13. Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos</b>
05.27 Mineral fuels	13.68 Works of stone, gypsum, cement
<b>06. Chemical products</b>	13.69 Ceramic products
06.28 Inorganic chemical products	13.70 Glass and glassware
06.29 Organic chemical products	<b>14. Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones</b>
06.30 Pharmaceutical products	14.71 Pearls and precious stones
06.31 Fertilizers	14.72 Coins
06.32 Paint, Varnish and Ink	<b>15. Base metals and derivated works</b>
06.33 Perfumery and cosmetic preparations	15.73 Cast iron, iron and steel
06.34 Soap	15.74 Copper
06.35 Albumen and glue	15.75 Nickel
06.36 Gunpowder and explosives	15.76 Aluminum
06.37 Photographic equipment and supplies	15.77 Magnesium, beryllium
06.38 Various chemistry	15.78 Lead
<b>07. Artificial plastic elements</b>	15.79 Zinc
07.39 Plastic materials and (synthetic) resin	15.80 Tin
07.40 Rubber	15.81 Other base metals
<b>08. Skins,hides, leather and peltry</b>	15.82 Tools
08.41 Hides, skins and leather	15.83 Works of base metals
08.42 Leather goods and traveling articles	

**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