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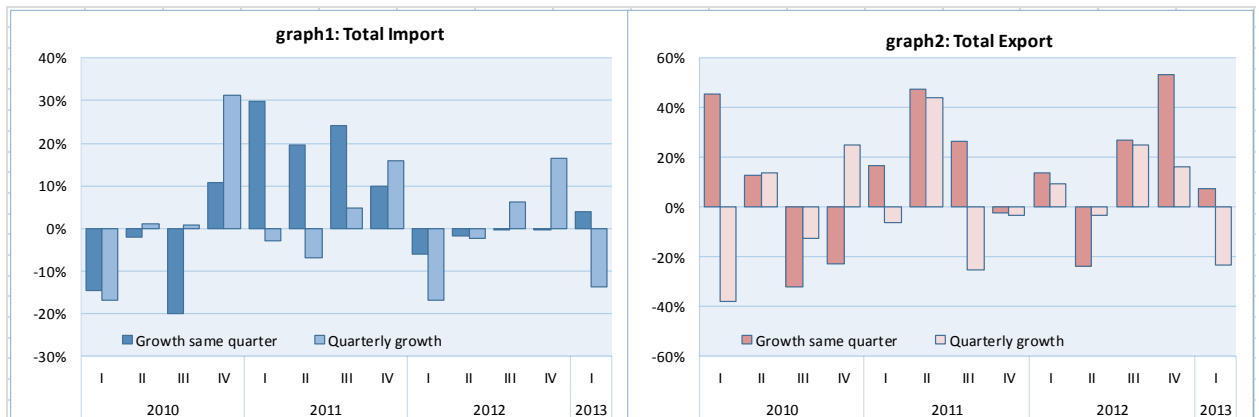
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**INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR ARUBA: FIRST QUARTER 2013**

In the first quarter of 2013 the following developments have been registered in the international merchandise flows of Aruba.

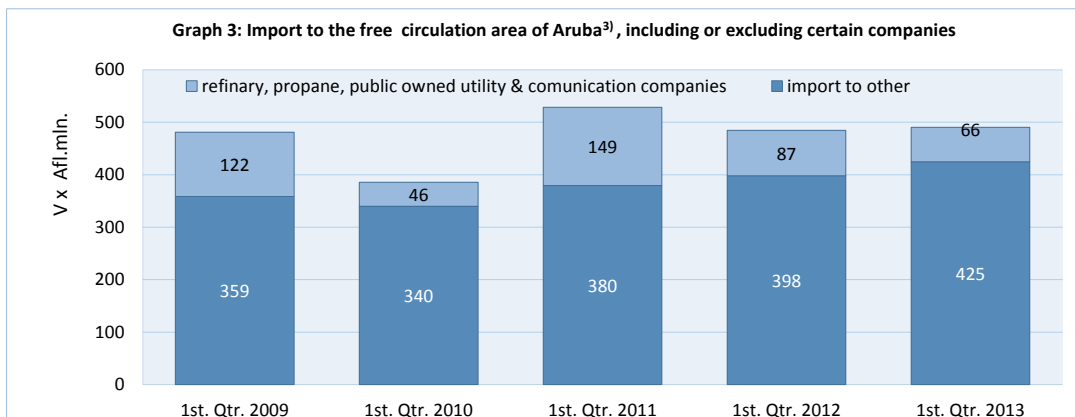
**Trends in total Import and Export<sup>3)</sup>**

During the first quarter of 2013 Aruba imported a total value of Afl. 556 million from the rest of the world. This represent an increase of 3.9% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. (graph 1). Total exports from Aruba increased by 7.2% during the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The total value of export during this quarter was Afl.72 million (graph 2).



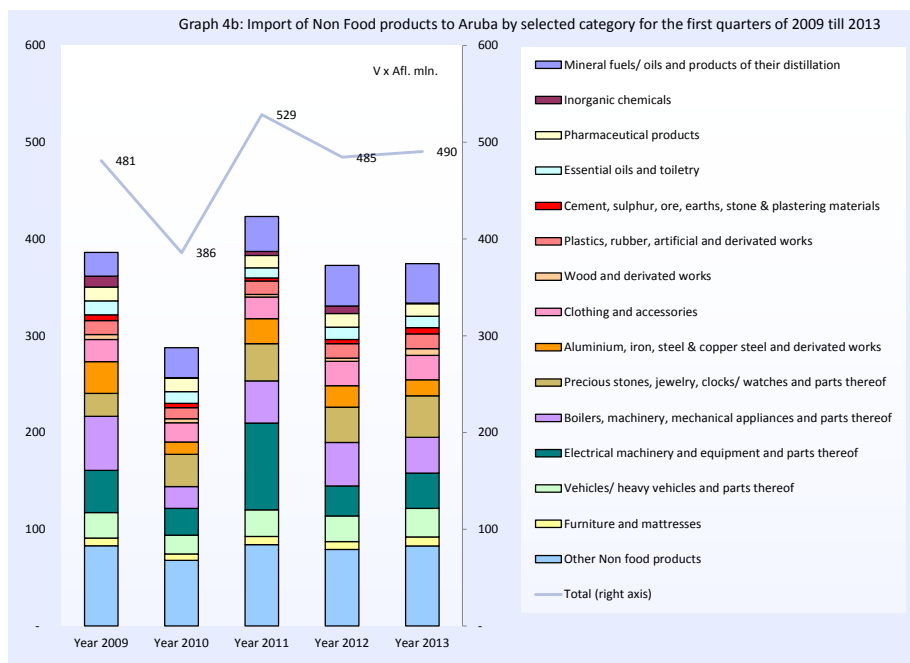
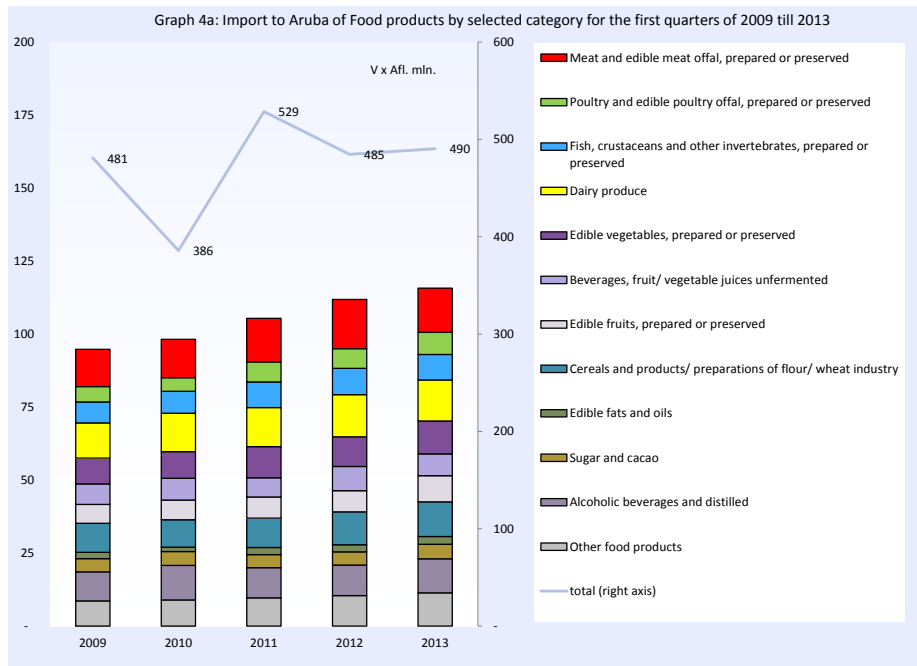
**Merchandise trade in the free circulation area of Aruba<sup>3)</sup>**

In the following graph (graph 3), the import to the free circulation area of Aruba during the first quarters from 2009 till 2013 is illustrated. The import to some big companies<sup>4)</sup> in Aruba fluctuates a lot. Therefore the import to those companies is combined and separated from the "import to other" to illustrate this fluctuation. The import classified as "import to other" increased with 6.7% for the 1st quarter of 2013 (to a value of 425 million) and is directly related to the import of "jewelry & clockwork"



**Import segmented in "Food" and "Non-food Products"**

Food products are classified according to a very detailed code system. All edible food products and preparations thereof belong to the segment "Food Product" (graph 4a). The "Non-food Products" segment covers all of the not edible products. For the first quarter of 2013 an 3.5% increase is observed in the segment "Edible fruits, prepared or preserved" with a total value of 9 million (graph 6a) compared to the previous year. The "Non-food Products" increased with 0.5%. Especially the category "Precious stones, Jewelry..." shows an increase compared to the first quarter of 2012. (graph 4b).



<sup>3)</sup> Import for years 2009-2013 excluding crude oil & butane, Export for years 2009-2013 excluding "crude oil, kerosene, gasoline, gas, propane & butane"

<sup>4)</sup> refinery (VALERO), propane (ARUGAS), public owned utility (WEB & ELMAR) & communication companies (SETAR)" refers to the companies established on Aruba

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