

Foreign Trade, 4th quarter 2015

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade for the fourth quarter of 2015.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba registered a decrease of 12.2% in the fourth quarter of 2015 (Afl. 540.7 mln) compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Afl. 615.6 mln). Import to the Free Zone shows a decrease of 41.6% in the fourth quarter of 2015 (Afl. 16.9 mln) compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Afl. 28.9 mln) (see infographic frame number 1).

Seventeen of the twenty-one sections registered decreases in import. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (Afl. -17.4 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. -9.6 mln.) and "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -9.2 mln). The largest increase is seen for the section "Transport equipment" (Afl. 6.2 mln). Furthermore, increases of Afl. 0.13 mln and Afl. 0.05 mln were registered for the "Vegetable products" and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" sections, respectively.

Import by sea to the free circulation area of Aruba registered a decrease of 10.4% from Afl. 464.3 mln in 2014 to Afl. 415.9 mln in 2015, while Import by air to the free circulation area of Aruba also registered a decrease (17.5%) in the fourth quarter of 2015 (Afl. 124.8 mln) compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Afl. 151.3 mln).

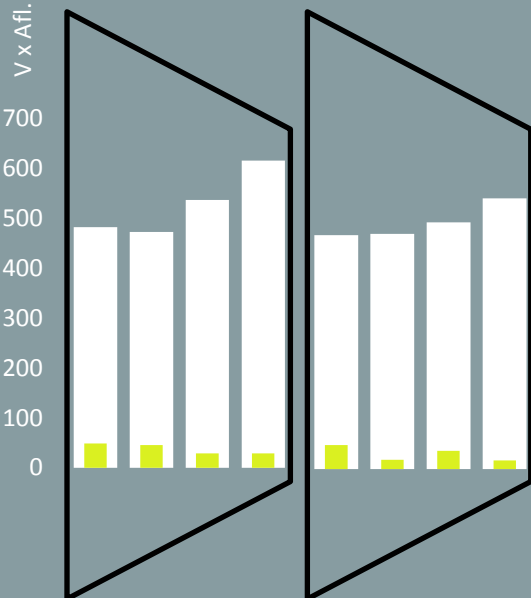
Import to "Large companies" decreased by 37.7% from Afl. 72.3 mln in the fourth quarter of 2014 to Afl. 45.0 mln in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Import to "Other companies" shows a decrease of 8.8%, from Afl. 543.3 mln in the fourth quarter of 2014 to Afl. 495.7 mln in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The infographic frame number 4 presents type of product and transportation.

1. Trend in import 2014-Q4 2015 (exclude crude & butane)

2014 I II III IV 2015 I II III IV



■ Import to the free circulation area
■ Import to the Free Zone

Q4 2015
Total value of import
Afl. 541 mln.

Q4 2015 vs Q4 2014

The total value of import decreased with
13.5% ↓

The value of the import to the free circulation area decreased with
12.2% ↓

The value of the import to the Free Zone decreased with
41.6% ↓

2. Import of goods by section, Q4 2015



Vegetable products • 24.9 mln



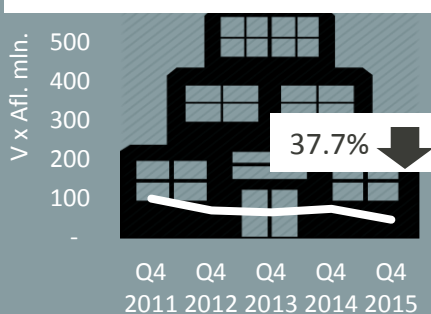
Mineral products • 29.4 mln

Chemical products • 46.5 mln

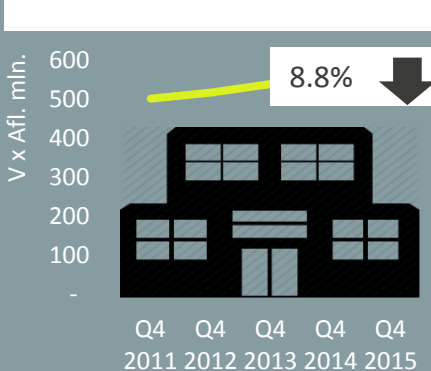
Optical instruments, app. & equip. • 26.4 mln

3. Import by type of company Q4 2011 – Q4 2015

Large companies:
Public owned utility & communication companies, refinery, propane



Other companies



4. Import by country/region, type of transportation and type of product, Q4 2015

68% of imports was from the USA
52% by sea, **16%** by air

