

Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2019

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1st quarter 2019.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 9.5% in the first quarter of 2019 (131.3 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (145.1 mln kg), **while**, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 0.2%, from Afl. 540.7 mln to Afl. 541.6 mln.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 10.1% in the first quarter of 2019 (130.1 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2018 (144.6 mln kg). During this period seven (7) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered decreases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (-16.6 mln. kg), "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (-1.1 mln. kg) and "Transport equipment" (-0.6 mln. kg).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Base metals and derivated works" (0.9 mln. kg). Furthermore, increases were registered for the "Vegetable products" (0.6 mln kg) and "Chemical products" (0.6 mln kg) sections.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered a decrease of 1.3% in the first quarter of 2019 (Afl. 524.9 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 531.7 mln). Eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" (Afl. -9.4 mln), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -1.4 mln.), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -1.1 mln) and "Artificial plastic elements" (Afl. -1.0 mln).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 2.1 mln). Furthermore, increases were registered for the "Food products" (Afl. 1.7 mln) and "Vegetable products" (Afl. 1.6 mln) sections.

The abovementioned Import (to the free calculation area of Aruba) is the result of Import by Sea and Import by Air, which had the following effects:

1. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Sea

Import by Sea to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 10.2% in the first quarter of 2019 (128.9 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (143.6 mln kg), **while**, in terms of value, the import by Sea decreased by 2.1% from Afl. 430.3 mln to Afl. 421.3 mln.

2. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Air

Import by Air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, increased by 13.3% from 1.02 mln kg in the first quarter of 2018 to 1.16 mln kg in the first quarter of 2019, while, in terms of value, the import by Air increased by 2.1% from Afl. 101.5 mln to Afl. 103.6 mln.


Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Large companies**

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 9.9% from 23.1 mln kg in the first quarter of 2018 to 20.8 mln kg in the first quarter of 2019, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 20.4% from Afl. 60.0 mln to Afl. 47.8 mln.

* Free circulation area of Aruba: all goods entering or leaving the economic territory of Aruba, excluding the Free Zone

** Large companies refers to the following companies: Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

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IMPORT			mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓	128.9	-10.2	
To Aruba by Air	↑	1.2	13.3	
To Aruba	↓	130.1	-10.1	
To the Free Zone	↑	1.2	169.1	
Total Import	↓	131.3	-9.5	
By Large companies*	↓	20.8	-9.9	

IMPORT			mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓	421.3	-2.1	
To Aruba by Air	↓	103.6	2.1	
To Aruba	↓	524.9	-1.3	
To the Free Zone	↑	16.7	86.3	
Total Import	↑	541.6	0.2	
By Large companies*	↓	47.8	-20.4	

EXPORT			mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	3.9	3.6	
From Aruba by Air	↓	0.1	-37.6	
From Aruba	↑	3.9	2.7	
From the Free Zone	↑	1.0	56.9	
Total Export	↑	5.0	10.5	
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	18,300.0	

EXPORT			mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	14.5	33.5	
From Aruba by Air	↓	8.2	-19.9	
From Aruba	↑	22.7	7.5	
From the Free Zone	↑	13.7	37.8	
Total Export	↑	36.3	17.2	
By Large companies*	↓	0.0	-96.2	

The % change is determined by comparing the 1st quarter of 2019 with the 1st quarter of 2018.

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Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 10.5% in the first quarter of 2019 (5.0 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2018 (4.5 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 17.2% from Afl. 31.0 mln to Afl. 36.3 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 2.7% in the first quarter of 2019 (3.9 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (3.8 mln kg). Eight (8) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (0.3 mln. kg), "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (0.1 mln. kg) and "Transport equipment)" (0.1 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-0.3 mln kg) and "Fats and oils" (-0.1 mln kg).

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of 7.5% in the first quarter of 2019 (Afl. 22.7) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 21.1). Six (6) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (Afl. 4.5 mln), "Transport equipment" (Afl. 3.5 mln) and "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. 1.5 mln).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. -3.3 mln), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -1.5 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -1.2 mln).

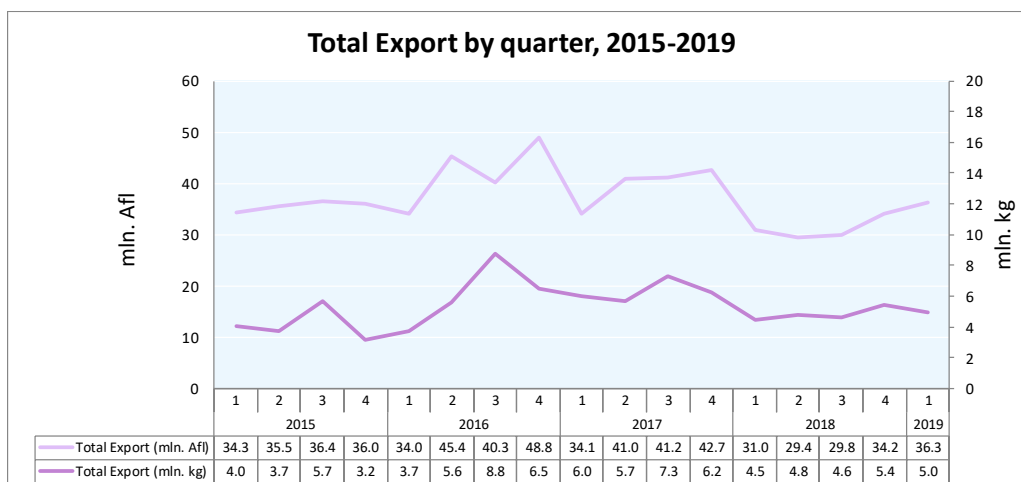
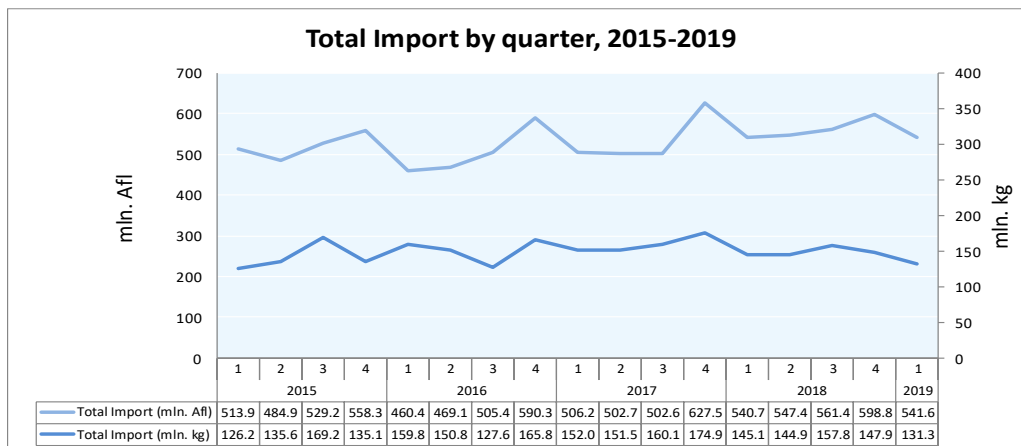


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018				2018	Qtr. 2019				2019	1st Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	143.6	143.2	156.7	145.7	589.2	128.9				128.9	-10.2	-14.7
To Aruba by Air	1.02	1.04	0.73	1.01	3.8	1.16				1.2	13.28	0.14
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	593.0	130.1				130.1	-10.1	-14.5
To the Free Zone	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.2	2.6	1.2				1.2	169.1	0.8
Total Import	145.1	144.9	157.8	147.9	595.7	131.3				131.3	-9.5	-13.8
By Large companies	23.1	25.2	23.4	24.5	96.2	20.8				20.8	-9.9	-2.3
By Other companies	121.5	119.1	134.1	122.2	496.9	109.3				109.3	-10.1	-12.3
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	593.0	130.1				130.1	-10.1	-14.5
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	430.3	439.7	464.8	463.4	1,798.2	421.3				421.3	-2.1	-8.9
To Aruba by Air	101.5	93.9	89.2	119.0	403.6	103.6				103.6	2.1	2.1
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	554.0	582.5	2,201.8	524.9				524.9	-1.3	-6.8
To the Free Zone	9.0	13.7	7.5	16.3	46.5	16.7				16.7	86.3	7.7
Total Import	540.7	547.4	561.4	598.8	2,248.3	541.6				541.6	0.2	0.9
By Large companies	60.0	67.5	60.9	52.8	241.3	47.8				47.8	-20.4	-12.2
By Other companies	471.7	466.1	493.0	529.6	1,960.4	477.1				477.1	1.1	5.4
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	554.0	582.5	2,201.8	524.9				524.9	-1.3	-6.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018				2018	Qtr. 2019				2019	1st Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.5	16.3	3.9				3.9	3.6	0.1
From Aruba by Air	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.3	0.05				0.1	-37.6	0.0
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	3.9				3.9	2.7	0.1
From the Free Zone	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	2.8	1.0				1.0	56.9	0.4
Total Export	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.4	19.4	5.0				5.0	10.5	0.5
By Large companies	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02				0.02	18,300.0	0.02
By Other companies	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	3.9				3.9	2.2	0.1
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	3.9				3.9	2.7	0.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.8	8.2	10.6	8.1	37.7	14.5				14.5	33.5	3.6
From Aruba by Air	10.3	8.4	9.6	9.1	37.4	8.2				8.2	-19.9	-2.0
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	75.1	22.7				22.7	7.5	1.6
From the Free Zone	9.9	12.8	9.5	17.1	49.3	13.7				13.7	37.8	3.7
Total Export	31.0	29.4	29.8	34.2	124.4	36.3				36.3	17.2	5.3
By Large companies	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.0				0.0	-96.2	-0.2
By Other companies	20.8	16.1	19.9	16.9	73.8	22.7				22.7	8.8	1.8
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	75.1	22.7				22.7	7.5	1.6

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