

## Foreign Trade, Third Quarter 2019

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 3rd quarter 2019.

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.3% in the third quarter of 2019 (159.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (157.7 mln kg), **while** in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 4.2%, from Afl. 561.4 mln to Afl. 584.8 mln.

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

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 0.6% in the third quarter of 2019 (158.4 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2018 (157.4 mln kg). During this period eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered increases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" (1.2 mln. kg), "Base metals and derivated works" (0.7 mln. kg) and "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (0.7 mln. kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (-0.7 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases were registered for the "Live animals and other animal products" (-0.6 mln. kg), "Mineral products" (-0.4 mln kg), "Vegetable products" (-0.3 mln kg), "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (-0.3 mln kg), "Food products" (-0.3 mln kg) and "Fats and oils" (-0.3 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 increase of 2.2% in the third quarter of 2019 (Afl. 565.9 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 553.9 mln). Ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" (Afl. 8.4 mln), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 7.9 mln.), "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. 3.8 mln) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 2.4 mln).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Mineral products" (Afl. -4.1 mln). Furthermore, decreases were registered for the "Food products" (Afl. -3.3 mln) and "Chemical products" (Afl. -3.0 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 an increase of 0.5% in the third quarter of 2019 (157.4 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (156.7 mln kg), **while** in terms of value, the import by Sea increased by 1.9% from Afl. 464.8 mln to Afl. 473.5 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 32.6% from 0.7 mln kg in the third quarter of 2018 to 1.0 mln kg in the third quarter of 2019, while in terms of value, the import by Air increased by 3.6% from Afl. 89.1 mln to Afl. 92.3 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 12.4% from 23.4 mln kg in the third quarter of 2018 to 26.2 mln kg in the third quarter of 2019, while, in terms of value, it increased by 5.7% from Afl. 60.9 mln to Afl. 64.4 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	↑ 157.4	0.5
To Aruba by Air	↑ 1.0	32.6
To Aruba	↑ 158.4	0.6
To the Free Zone	↑ 1.4	323.1
Total Import	↑ 159.8	1.3
By Large companies*	↑ 26.2	12.4

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 473.5	1.9
To Aruba by Air	↑ 92.3	3.6
To Aruba	↑ 565.9	2.2
To the Free Zone	↑ 18.9	152.8
Total Import	↑ 584.8	4.2
By Large companies*	↑ 64.4	5.7

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓ 3.8	-5.6
From Aruba by Air	↓ 0.1	-18.8
From Aruba	↓ 3.9	-5.8
From the Free Zone	↑ 0.8	57.2
Total Export	↑ 4.7	1.1
By Large companies*	↓ 0.00	-90.0

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓ 10.4	-2.1
From Aruba by Air	↑ 11.3	17.5
From Aruba	↑ 21.7	7.2
From the Free Zone	↑ 13.7	43.6
Total Export	↑ 35.4	18.9
By Large companies*	↓ 0.0	-91.9

The % change is determined by comparing the 3rd quarter of 2019 with the 3rd quarter of 2018.

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

## Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.1% in the third quarter of 2019 (4.7 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2018 (4.6 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 18.9% from Afl. 29.8 mln to Afl. 35.4 mln.

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

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 5.8% in the third quarter of 2019 (3.9 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (4.1 mln kg). Fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (-0.5 mln. kg), "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (-0.2 mln. kg), "Food products" (-0.1 mln. kg).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (0.5 mln kg) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (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 7.2% in the third quarter of 2019 (Afl. 21.7 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 20.3 mln). Seven (7) 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 "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 2.9 mln), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 1.1 mln), "Transport equipment" (Afl. 0.6 mln) and "Skins, hides, leather and peltry" (Afl. 0.5 mln).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -2.1 mln), "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (Afl. -0.7 mln) and "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. -0.4 mln).

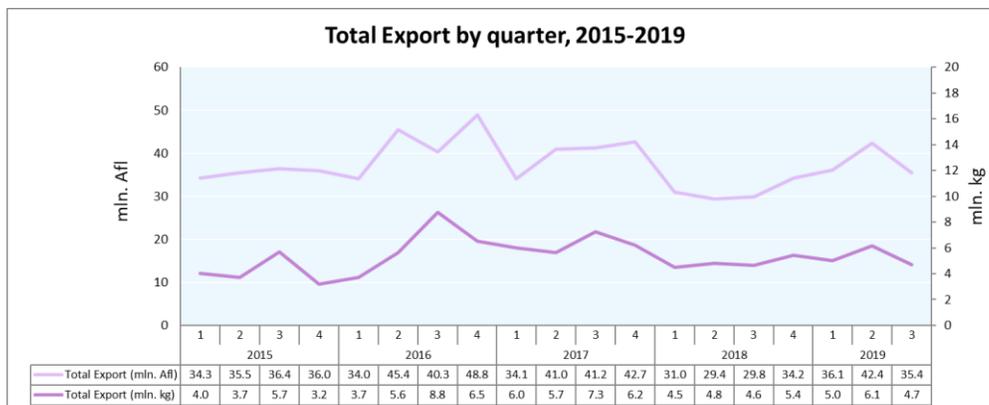
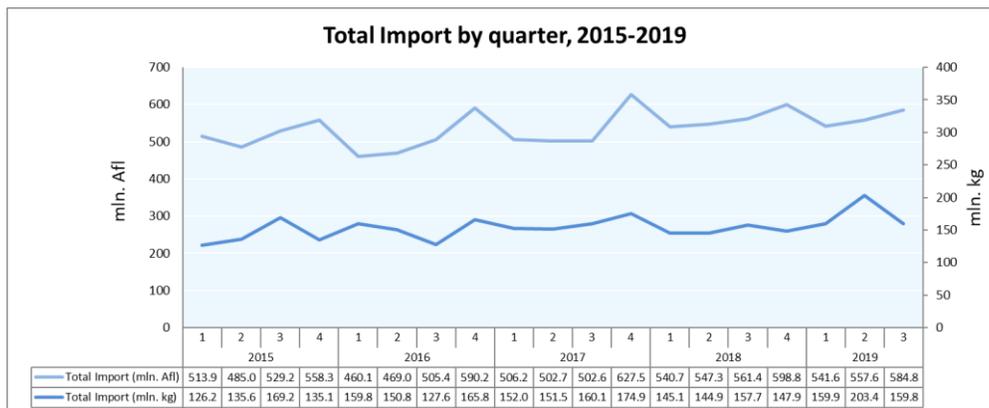


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018					Qtr. 2019					3rd Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2018	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	143.6	143.2	156.7	145.7	<b>589.2</b>	157.5	200.6	157.4		<b>515.6</b>	0.5	0.8
To Aruba by Air	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	<b>3.8</b>	1.2	0.9	1.0		<b>3.0</b>	32.6	0.2
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	<b>593.0</b>	158.7	201.5	158.4		<b>518.6</b>	0.6	1.0
To the Free Zone	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.2	<b>2.6</b>	1.2	1.9	1.4		<b>4.6</b>	323.1	1.1
Total Import	145.1	144.9	157.7	147.9	<b>595.7</b>	159.9	203.4	159.8		<b>523.2</b>	1.3	2.1
By Large companies	23.1	25.2	23.4	24.5	<b>96.2</b>	20.8	22.8	26.2		<b>69.9</b>	12.4	2.9
By Other companies	121.5	119.1	134.1	122.2	<b>496.9</b>	137.9	178.7	132.2		<b>448.7</b>	-1.4	-1.9
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	<b>593.0</b>	158.7	201.5	158.4		<b>518.6</b>	0.6	1.0
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	430.3	439.7	464.8	463.4	<b>1,798.2</b>	421.3	440.3	473.5		<b>1,335.1</b>	1.9	8.7
To Aruba by Air	101.5	93.9	89.1	119.0	<b>403.5</b>	103.6	89.5	92.3		<b>285.5</b>	3.6	3.2
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	553.9	582.5	<b>2,201.7</b>	524.9	529.8	565.9		<b>1,620.6</b>	2.2	12.0
To the Free Zone	9.0	13.7	7.5	16.3	<b>46.5</b>	16.7	27.8	18.9		<b>63.4</b>	152.8	11.4
Total Import	540.7	547.3	561.4	598.8	<b>2,248.2</b>	541.6	557.6	584.8		<b>1,684.0</b>	4.2	23.4
By Large companies	60.0	67.5	60.9	52.8	<b>241.3</b>	47.8	48.8	64.4		<b>161.0</b>	5.7	3.5
By Other companies	471.7	466.1	493.0	529.6	<b>1,960.4</b>	477.1	481.0	501.5		<b>1,459.6</b>	1.7	8.5
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	553.9	582.5	<b>2,201.7</b>	524.9	529.8	565.9		<b>1,620.6</b>	2.2	12.0

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018					Qtr. 2019					3rd Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2018	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.5	<b>16.3</b>	4.0	5.0	3.8		<b>12.9</b>	-5.6	-0.2
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.0	0.1		<b>0.2</b>	-18.8	0.0
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1	3.9		<b>13.0</b>	-5.8	-0.2
From the Free Zone	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	<b>2.8</b>	1.0	1.1	0.8		<b>2.8</b>	57.2	0.3
Total Export	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.4	<b>19.4</b>	5.0	6.1	4.7		<b>15.8</b>	1.1	0.1
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0		<b>0.0</b>	-90.0	0.0
By Other companies	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1	3.9		<b>13.0</b>	-5.7	-0.2
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1	3.9		<b>13.0</b>	-5.8	-0.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.8	8.2	10.6	8.1	<b>37.7</b>	14.5	14.1	10.4		<b>39.0</b>	-2.1	-0.2
From Aruba by Air	10.3	8.4	9.6	9.1	<b>37.4</b>	8.0	13.6	11.3		<b>33.0</b>	17.5	1.7
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	<b>75.1</b>	22.5	27.7	21.7		<b>72.0</b>	7.2	1.5
From the Free Zone	9.9	12.8	9.5	17.1	<b>49.3</b>	13.7	14.7	13.7		<b>42.0</b>	43.6	4.2
Total Export	31.0	29.4	29.8	34.2	<b>124.4</b>	36.1	42.4	35.4		<b>114.0</b>	18.9	5.6
By Large companies	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	<b>1.3</b>	0.0	0.8	0.0		<b>0.8</b>	-91.9	-0.4
By Other companies	20.8	16.1	19.9	16.9	<b>73.8</b>	22.5	27.0	21.7		<b>71.2</b>	9.2	1.8
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	<b>75.1</b>	22.5	27.7	21.7		<b>72.0</b>	7.2	1.5

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