

Foreign Trade, Fourth Quarter 2019

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 4th quarter 2019.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 23.4% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (182.5 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (147.9 mln kg), **while** in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 13.0%, from Afl. 598.8 mln to Afl. 676.7 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 23.9% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (181.7 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2018 (146.7 mln kg). During this period fourteen (14) 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 "Mineral products" (31.3 mln. kg), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (3.5 mln. kg) and "Live animals and other animal products" (0.6 mln. kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (-1.3 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases were registered for the "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (-0.7 mln kg) and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (-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 an increase of 14.2% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (Afl. 665.2 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 582.5 mln). Thirteen (13) 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 67.6 mln), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. 5.4 mln.), "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. 4.7 mln) and "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. 4.5 mln). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Transport equipment" (Afl. -3.7 mln). Furthermore, decreases were registered for the "Mineral products" (Afl. -3.4 mln) and "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (Afl. -1.1 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 23.9% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (180.5 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (145.7 mln kg), **while** in terms of value, the import by Sea increased by 15.4% from Afl. 463.4 mln to Afl. 534.8 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 21.2% from 1.0 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2018 to 1.2 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2019, while in terms of value, the import by Air increased by 9.6% from Afl. 119.0 mln to Afl. 130.4 mln.


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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 18.1% from 24.5 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2018 to 29.0 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2019, while, in terms of value, it increased by 125.7% from Afl. 52.8 mln to Afl. 119.2 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	↑	180.5	23.9
To Aruba by Air	↑	1.2	21.2
To Aruba	↑	181.7	23.9
To the Free Zone	↓	0.8	-35.0
Total Import	↑	182.5	23.4
By Large companies*	↑	29.0	18.1

IMPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	534.8	15.4
To Aruba by Air	↑	130.4	9.6
To Aruba	↑	665.2	14.2
To the Free Zone	↓	11.5	-29.5
Total Import	↑	676.7	13.0
By Large companies*	↑	119.2	125.7

EXPORT		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	3.9	-13.4
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	21.5
From Aruba	↓	3.9	-13.0
From the Free Zone	↑	1.4	55.7
Total Export	↓	5.3	-1.9
By Large companies*	↑	0.01	113.2

EXPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	6.4	-20.1
From Aruba by Air	↓	8.3	-8.1
From Aruba	↓	14.8	-13.8
From the Free Zone	↑	20.8	21.8
Total Export	↑	35.5	4.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.5	169.5

The % change is determined by comparing the 4th quarter of 2019 with the 4th 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 a decrease of 1.9% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (5.3 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2018 (5.4 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 4.0% from Afl. 34.2 mln to Afl. 35.5 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 13.0% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (3.9 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (4.5 mln kg). Thirteen (13) 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 "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (-0.4 mln. kg), "Base metals and derivated works" (-0.3 mln. kg), "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (-0.1 mln. kg) and "Transport equipment" (-0.1 mln. kg). The largest increase is observed for the section "Chemical products" (0.3 mln kg).

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

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered a decrease of 13.8% in the fourth quarter of 2019 (Afl. 14.8 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 17.1 mln). Sixteen (16) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -2.4 mln), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -0.8 mln) and "Transport equipment" (Afl. -0.6 mln).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. 0.9 mln), "Textile fibers and articles" (Afl. 0.9 mln) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 0.7 mln).

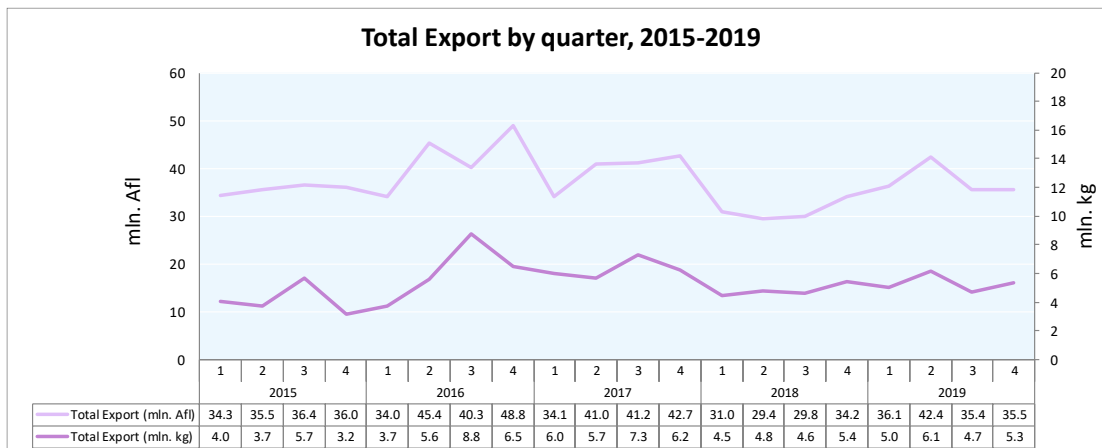
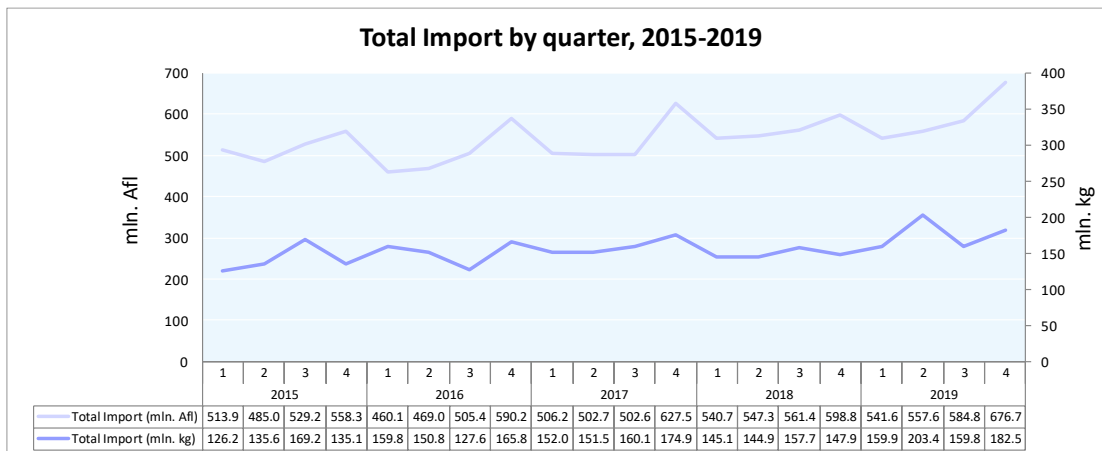


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018					Qtr. 2019					4th 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	589.2	157.5	200.6	157.4	180.5	696.1	23.9	34.8
To Aruba by Air	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	3.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	4.2	21.2	0.2
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	593.0	158.7	201.5	158.4	181.7	700.3	23.9	35.0
To the Free Zone	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.2	2.6	1.2	1.9	1.4	0.8	5.3	-35.0	-0.4
Total Import	145.1	144.9	157.7	147.9	595.7	159.9	203.4	159.8	182.5	705.7	23.4	34.6
By Large companies	23.1	25.2	23.4	24.5	96.2	20.8	22.8	26.2	29.0	98.8	18.1	4.5
By Other companies	121.5	119.1	134.1	122.2	496.9	137.9	178.7	132.2	152.7	601.5	25.0	30.6
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	593.0	158.7	201.5	158.4	181.7	700.3	23.9	35.0
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	430.3	439.7	464.8	463.4	1,798.2	421.3	440.3	473.5	534.8	1,869.9	15.4	71.3
To Aruba by Air	101.5	93.9	89.1	119.0	403.5	103.6	89.5	92.3	130.4	415.9	9.6	11.4
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	553.9	582.5	2,201.7	524.9	529.8	565.9	665.2	2,285.8	14.2	82.7
To the Free Zone	9.0	13.7	7.5	16.3	46.5	16.7	27.8	18.9	11.5	74.9	-29.5	-4.8
Total Import	540.7	547.3	561.4	598.8	2,248.2	541.6	557.6	584.8	676.7	2,360.7	13.0	77.9
By Large companies	60.0	67.5	60.9	52.8	241.3	47.8	48.8	64.4	119.2	280.3	125.7	66.4
By Other companies	471.7	466.1	493.0	529.6	1,960.4	477.1	481.0	501.5	545.9	2,005.5	3.1	16.3
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	553.9	582.5	2,201.7	524.9	529.8	565.9	665.2	2,285.8	14.2	82.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018					Qtr. 2019					4th 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	16.3	4.0	5.0	3.8	3.9	16.7	-13.4	-0.6
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	21.5	0.0
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	17.0	-13.0	-0.6
From the Free Zone	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	2.8	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.4	4.2	55.7	0.5
Total Export	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.4	19.4	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.3	21.1	-1.9	-0.1
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	113.2	0.0
By Other companies	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	-13.2	-0.6
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	16.6	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	17.0	-13.0	-0.6
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.8	8.2	10.6	8.1	37.7	14.5	14.1	10.4	6.4	45.4	-20.1	-1.6
From Aruba by Air	10.3	8.4	9.6	9.1	37.4	8.0	13.6	11.3	8.3	41.3	-8.1	-0.7
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	75.1	22.5	27.7	21.7	14.8	86.7	-13.8	-2.4
From the Free Zone	9.9	12.8	9.5	17.1	49.3	13.7	14.7	13.7	20.8	62.8	21.8	3.7
Total Export	31.0	29.4	29.8	34.2	124.4	36.1	42.4	35.4	35.5	149.5	4.0	1.4
By Large companies	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	1.3	169.5	0.3
By Other companies	20.8	16.1	19.9	16.9	73.8	22.5	27.0	21.7	14.2	85.4	-15.8	-2.7
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	75.1	22.5	27.7	21.7	14.8	86.7	-13.8	-2.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba