

## Foreign Trade, 2019

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

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 18.5% in 2019 (705.7 mln kg) compared to 2018 (595.7 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of 5.0%, from Afl. 2,248.2 mln to Afl. 2,360.7 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 18.1% in 2019 (700.3 mln kg), compared to 2018 (593.0 mln kg). During 2019, eighteen (18) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (97.4 mln. kg), "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (3.8 mln. kg), "Base metals and derived works" (2.3 mln. kg) and "Chemical products" (1.5 mln. kg). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (-1.5 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases of -0.1 mln. kg were registered for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" and "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques".

### 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 3.8% in 2019 (Afl. 2,285.8 mln) compared to 2018 (Afl. 2,201.7 mln). During 2019, ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 60.1 mln), "Base metals and derived works" (Afl. 13.4 mln), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 10.0 mln.) and "Vegetable products" (Afl. 6.3 mln). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Mineral products" (Afl. -11.5 mln). Furthermore, decreases of Afl. -5.2 mln, Afl. -3.6 mln and Afl. -1.2 mln were registered for the "Transport equipment", "Chemical products" and "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques" sections, respectively.

The abovementioned import (to the free circulation 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 18.1% in 2019 (696.1 mln kg) compared to 2018 (589.2 mln kg), and in terms of **value**, the import by Sea registered an increase of 4.0%, from Afl. 1,798.2 mln to Afl. 1,869.9 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**, registered an increase of 11.3% in 2019 (4.2 mln kg) compared to 2018 (3.8 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by 3.1%, from Afl. 403.5 mln to Afl. 415.9 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 2.8%, from 96.2 mln kg in 2018 to 98.8 mln kg in 2019, while, in terms of **value**, it increased by 16.1%, from Afl. 241.3 mln to Afl. 280.3 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	↑	696.1	18.1
To Aruba by Air	↑	4.2	11.3
To Aruba	↑	700.3	18.1
To the Free Zone	↑	5.3	103.2
Total Import	↑	705.7	18.5
By Large companies*	↑	98.8	2.8
IMPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	1,869.9	4.0
To Aruba by Air	↑	415.9	3.1
To Aruba	↑	2,285.8	3.8
To the Free Zone	↑	74.9	61.0
Total Import	↑	2,360.7	5.0
By Large companies*	↑	280.3	16.1
EXPORT		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	16.7	2.8
From Aruba by Air	↓	0.2	-31.3
From Aruba	↑	17.0	2.2
From the Free Zone	↑	4.2	51.2
Total Export	↑	21.1	9.2
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	177.5
EXPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	45.4	20.4
From Aruba by Air	↑	41.3	10.6
From Aruba	↑	86.7	15.5
From the Free Zone	↑	62.8	27.4
Total Export	↑	149.5	20.2
By Large companies*	↑	1.3	1.1

The % change is determined by comparing the current year with the previous year.

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

## Total Export

Total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 9.2% in 2019 (21.1 mln kg) compared to 2018 (19.4 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it increased by 20.2% from Afl. 124.4 mln to Afl. 149.5 mln.

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

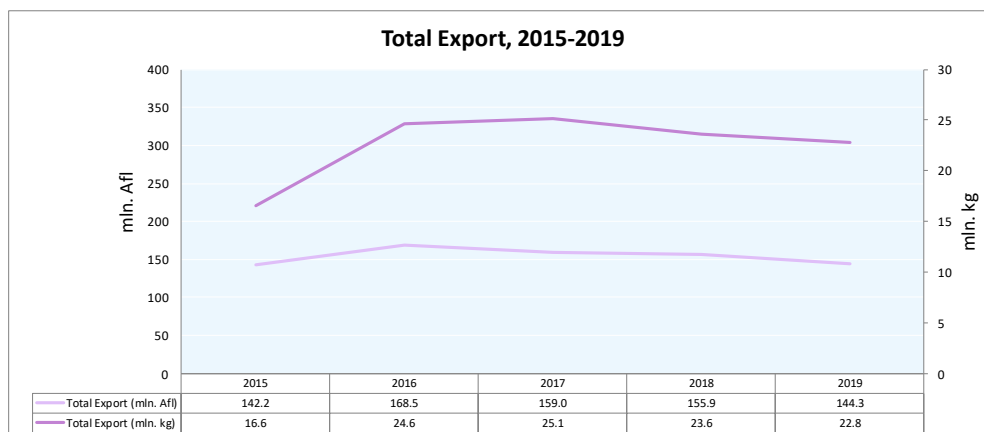
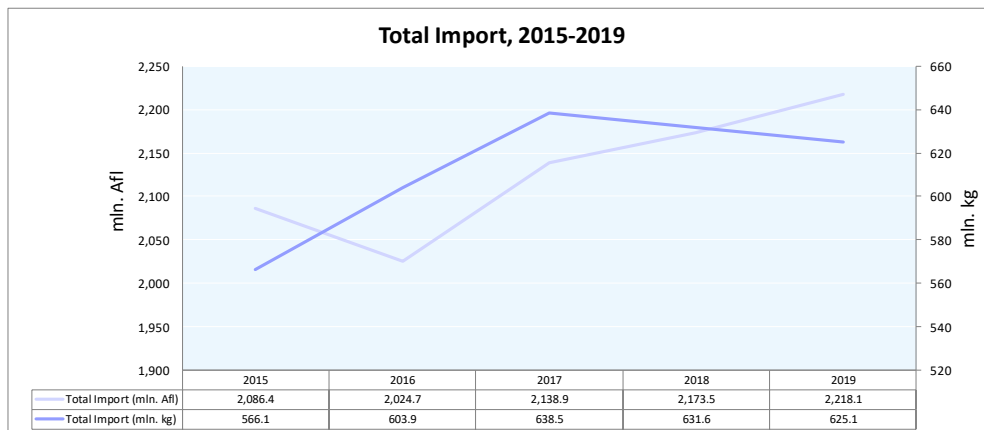
Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 2.2% in 2019 (17.0 mln kg) compared to 2018 (16.6 mln kg). During 2019, seven (7) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (0.7 mln kg), "Chemical products" (0.6 mln kg) and "Food products" (0.1 mln kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Base metals and derivated works" (-0.4 mln kg). Furthermore, decreases of 0.3 mln kg, 0.1 mln kg and 0.1 mln kg were registered for the sections "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques", "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles", respectively.

## 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 15.5% in 2019 (Afl. 86.7) compared to 2018 (Afl. 75.1). During 2019, ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered increases 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. 3.3 mln.), "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. 3.1 mln) and "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 2.6 mln), respectively.

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. -3.8 mln). Furthermore, decreases of Afl. -2.1 mln, Afl. -0.4 mln and Afl. -0.2 mln were registered for the sections "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques", "Food products" and "Artificial plastic elements" respectively.



**Table 1 Import, 2015-2019**

in mln. kg	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2018 - 2019	
						% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	557.7	593.4	628.8	589.2	696.1	18.1	106.9
To Aruba by Air	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.8	4.2	11.3	0.4
To Aruba	560.6	596.5	631.6	593.0	700.3	18.1	107.3
To the Free Zone	5.5	7.4	6.9	2.6	5.3	103.2	2.7
<b>Total Import</b>	<b>566.1</b>	<b>603.9</b>	<b>638.5</b>	<b>595.7</b>	<b>705.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>110.0</b>
By Large companies	96.4	97.4	97.0	96.2	98.8	2.8	2.7
By Other companies	464.2	499.1	534.6	496.9	601.5	21.1	104.6
To Aruba	560.6	596.5	631.6	593.0	700.3	18.1	107.3
<b>in mln. Afl.</b>							
To Aruba by Sea	1,570.1	1,577.6	1,681.1	1,798.2	1,869.9	4.0	71.7
To Aruba by Air	397.3	366.9	376.0	403.5	415.9	3.1	12.4
To Aruba	1,967.4	1,944.5	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,285.8	3.8	84.1
To the Free Zone	119.0	80.2	81.8	46.5	74.9	61.0	28.4
<b>Total Import</b>	<b>2,086.4</b>	<b>2,024.7</b>	<b>2,138.9</b>	<b>2,248.2</b>	<b>2,360.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>112.5</b>
By Large companies	195.5	167.3	200.4	241.3	280.3	16.1	38.9
By Other companies	1,772.0	1,777.3	1,856.7	1,960.4	2,005.5	2.3	45.1
To Aruba	1,967.4	1,944.5	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,285.8	3.8	84.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

**Table 2 Export, 2015-2019**

in mln. kg	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2018 - 2019	
						% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	11.6	16.9	17.8	16.3	16.7	2.8	0.5
From Aruba by Air	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	-31.3	-0.1
From Aruba	11.7	17.1	18.2	16.6	17.0	2.2	0.4
From the Free Zone	4.8	7.5	6.9	2.8	4.2	51.2	1.4
<b>Total Export</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>
By Large companies	0.2	4.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	177.5	0.0
By Other companies	11.5	12.6	18.1	16.6	16.9	2.0	0.3
From Aruba	11.7	17.1	18.2	16.6	17.0	2.2	0.4
<b>in mln. Afl.</b>							
From Aruba by Sea	35.7	43.7	39.0	37.7	45.4	20.4	7.7
From Aruba by Air	21.6	38.7	45.8	37.4	41.3	10.6	3.9
From Aruba	57.3	82.4	84.8	75.1	86.7	15.5	11.7
From the Free Zone	84.9	86.1	74.2	49.3	62.8	27.4	13.5
<b>Total Export</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>149.5</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>25.1</b>
By Large companies	1.2	2.8	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.0
By Other companies	56.2	79.6	83.8	73.8	85.4	15.8	11.6
From Aruba	57.3	82.4	84.8	75.1	86.7	15.5	11.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba