

Foreign Trade, Fourth Quarter 2020

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 4th quarter 2020.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 30.0% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (127.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (182.5 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import decreased by 35.1%, from Afl. 676.7 mln to Afl. 439.0 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 30.8% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (125.8 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2019 (181.7 mln kg). During this period twenty (20) 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" (-40.5 mln. kg), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-3.6 mln. kg) and "Food products" (-2.9 mln. kg). The only increase is observed for the section "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (0.04 mln kg).

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 37.5% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (Afl. 415.9 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 665.2 mln). Twenty (20) 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -79.4 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -30.6 mln.) and "Transport equipment" (Afl. -19.5 mln).

The only increase is observed for the section "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (0.5 mln kg).

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 30.6% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (125.2 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (180.5 mln kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea decreased by 35.6% from Afl. 534.8 mln to Afl. 344.3 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, decreased by 48.1%, from 1.2 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2019 to 0.6 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, the import by Air decreased by 45.1%, from Afl. 130.4 mln to Afl. 71.6 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 29.5%, from 29.0 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2019 to 20.4 mln kg in the fourth quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 70.9%, from Afl. 119.2 mln to Afl. 34.7 mln.

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IMPORT	mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓ 125.2	-30.6
To Aruba by Air	↓ 0.6	-48.1
To Aruba	↓ 125.8	-30.8
To the Free Zone	↑ 2.0	160.7
Total Import	↓ 127.8	-30.0
By Large companies*	↓ 20.4	-29.5

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓ 344.3	-35.6
To Aruba by Air	↓ 71.6	-45.1
To Aruba	↓ 415.9	-37.5
To the Free Zone	↑ 23.1	100.9
Total Import	↓ 439.0	-35.1
By Large companies*	↓ 34.7	-70.9

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 4.2	8.3
From Aruba by Air	↑ 0.1	15.7
From Aruba	↑ 4.3	8.4
From the Free Zone	↓ 1.2	-11.2
Total Export	↑ 5.5	3.4
By Large companies*	↓ 0.01	-8.8

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 8.0	24.8
From Aruba by Air	↑ 8.5	1.8
From Aruba	↑ 16.5	11.8
From the Free Zone	↓ 18.2	-10.5
Total Export	↓ 34.7	-1.1
By Large companies*	↓ 0.04	-91.9

The % change is determined by comparing the 4th quarter of 2020 with the 4th quarter of 2019.

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

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

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Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 3.4% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (5.5 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2019 (5.3 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export decreased by 1.1% from Afl. 35.1 mln to Afl. 34.7 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 8.4% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (4.3 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (3.9 mln kg). Twelve (12) 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 "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (0.8 mln. kg), "Transport equipment" (0.1 mln. kg) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (0.1 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (-0.4 mln kg) and "Chemical products" (-0.2 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 11.8% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (Afl. 16.5 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 14.8 mln). Fourteen (14) 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 "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. 1.7 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. 1.1 mln) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 0.6 mln).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. -1.1 mln) and "Textile fibers and articles" (Afl. -0.9 mln).

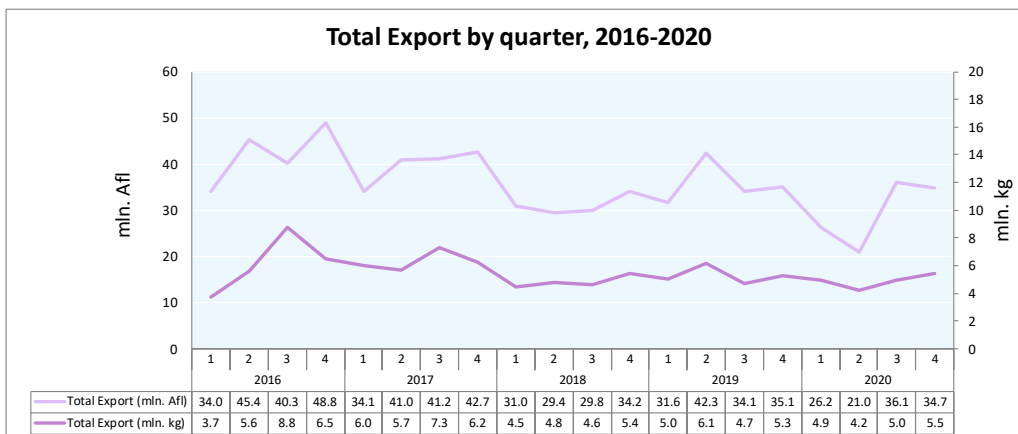
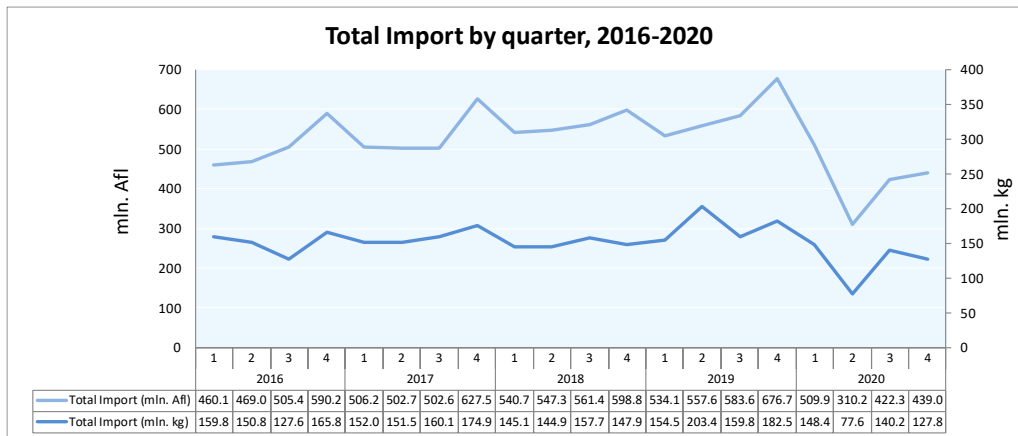


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019					Qtr. 2020					4th Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	152.1	200.6	157.4	180.5	690.7	146.4	76.2	138.8	125.2	486.5	-30.6	-55.3
To Aruba by Air	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	4.3	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	2.5	-48.1	-0.6
To Aruba	153.3	201.5	158.4	181.7	695.0	147.4	76.5	139.3	125.8	489.1	-30.8	-55.9
To the Free Zone	1.2	1.9	1.4	0.8	5.3	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.0	5.0	160.7	1.2
Total Import	154.5	203.4	159.8	182.5	700.3	148.4	77.6	140.2	127.8	494.0	-30.0	-54.7
By Large companies	15.4	22.8	26.3	29.0	93.5	24.4	16.8	21.7	20.4	83.4	-29.5	-8.6
By Other companies	137.9	178.7	132.2	152.7	601.5	123.0	59.7	117.6	105.4	405.7	-31.0	-47.4
To Aruba	153.3	201.5	158.4	181.7	695.0	147.4	76.5	139.3	125.8	489.1	-30.8	-55.9
in mln. Afl.												
To Aruba by Sea	413.9	440.3	473.3	534.8	1,862.2	402.3	261.5	350.5	344.3	1,358.6	-35.6	-190.5
To Aruba by Air	103.5	89.5	91.5	130.4	414.9	95.6	41.2	59.0	71.6	267.4	-45.1	-58.8
To Aruba	517.4	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,277.1	497.9	302.7	409.5	415.9	1,625.9	-37.5	-249.3
To the Free Zone	16.7	27.8	18.9	11.5	74.9	12.0	7.5	12.9	23.1	55.4	100.9	11.6
Total Import	534.1	557.6	583.6	676.7	2,352.0	509.9	310.2	422.3	439.0	1,681.4	-35.1	-237.7
By Large companies	40.4	48.8	64.4	119.2	272.9	54.3	47.4	52.2	34.7	188.5	-70.9	-84.6
By Other companies	476.9	481.0	500.3	545.9	2,004.2	443.6	255.4	357.3	381.2	1,437.5	-30.2	-164.7
To Aruba	517.4	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,277.1	497.9	302.7	409.5	415.9	1,625.9	-37.5	-249.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019					Qtr. 2020					4th Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	4.0	5.0	3.8	3.9	16.7	4.1	3.3	3.6	4.2	15.2	8.3	0.3
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	15.7	0.0
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	15.4	8.4	0.3
From the Free Zone	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	4.1	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.2	4.1	-11.2	-0.1
Total Export	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.3	21.1	4.9	4.2	5.0	5.5	19.5	3.4	0.2
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-8.8	0.0
By Other companies	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	15.4	8.4	0.3
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	15.4	8.4	0.3
in mln. Afl.												
From Aruba by Sea	10.0	14.0	10.4	6.4	40.8	6.8	7.1	8.4	8.0	30.3	24.8	1.6
From Aruba by Air	8.0	13.6	10.4	8.3	40.4	8.6	3.3	10.7	8.5	31.0	1.8	0.1
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	61.4	11.8	1.7
From the Free Zone	13.6	14.7	13.3	20.3	61.9	10.8	10.6	17.0	18.2	56.6	-10.5	-2.1
Total Export	31.6	42.3	34.1	35.1	143.1	26.2	21.0	36.1	34.7	118.0	-1.1	-0.4
By Large companies	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	-91.9	-0.5
By Other companies	18.0	26.8	20.8	14.2	79.9	15.3	10.4	19.1	16.5	61.2	15.6	2.2
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	61.4	11.8	1.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba