

## Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2021

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021.

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 33.7% in the first quarter of 2021 (98.5 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (148.4 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import decreased by 22.2%, from Afl. 509.9 mln to Afl. 396.8 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 34.3% in the first quarter of 2021 (96.9 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2020 (147.4 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" (-36.6 mln. kg), "Food products" (-4.1 mln. kg) and "Vegetable products" (-1.6 mln. kg).

The only increase is seen for the section "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (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 23.6% in the first quarter of 2021 (Afl. 380.4 mln) compared to the same period in 2020 (Afl. 497.9 mln). All 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. -15.1 mln), "Food products" (Afl. -13.2 mln.) and "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. -12.9 mln).

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 developments:

#### 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 34.3% in the first quarter of 2021 (96.2 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (146.4 mln kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea decreased by 22.5% from Afl. 402.3 mln to Afl. 311.7 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 38.6% from 1.0 mln kg in the first quarter of 2020 to 0.6 mln kg in the first quarter of 2021, while, in terms of value, the import by Air decreased by 28.2% from Afl. 95.6 mln to Afl. 68.7 mln.


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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 17.6% from 24.4 mln kg in the first quarter of 2020 to 20.1 mln kg in the first quarter of 2021, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 26.8% from Afl. 54.3 mln to Afl. 39.7 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	↓ -50.1	-34.3
To Aruba by Air	↓ -0.4	-38.6
To Aruba	↓ -50.5	-34.3
To the Free Zone	↑ 0.6	53.1
Total Import	↓ -50.0	-33.7
By Large companies*	↓ -4.3	-17.6

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓ -90.6	-22.5
To Aruba by Air	↓ -26.9	-28.2
To Aruba	↓ -117.5	-23.6
To the Free Zone	↑ 4.4	36.6
Total Import	↓ -113.1	-22.2
By Large companies*	↓ -14.6	-26.8

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓ -0.3	-6.5
From Aruba by Air	↓ 0.0	-51.5
From Aruba	↓ -0.3	-7.1
From the Free Zone	↑ 0.3	35.9
Total Export	↓ 0.0	-0.6
By Large companies*	↑ 0.00	114.0

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓ -0.2	-3.3
From Aruba by Air	↓ -2.7	-31.2
From Aruba	↓ -2.9	-18.9
From the Free Zone	↓ -0.7	-6.8
Total Export	↓ -3.6	-13.9
By Large companies*	↓ -0.08	-69.7

The % change is determined by comparing the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021

\*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 0.6% in the first quarter of 2021 (4.91 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2019 (4.94 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export decreased by 13.9% from Afl. 26.2 mln to Afl. 22.6 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 7.1% in the first quarter of 2021 (3.9 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (4.2 mln kg). Nine (9) 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" (-0.2 mln. kg), "Food products" (-0.2 mln. kg) and "Fats and oils" (-0.1 mln. kg).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (0.1 mln kg) and "Chemical products, collectors pieces and antiques" (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 a decrease of 18.9% in the first quarter of 2021 (Afl. 12.5 mln) compared to the same period in 2020 (Afl. 15.4 mln). Twelve (12) 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 "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -1.3 mln), "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. -1.0 mln) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -0.9 mln).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. 0.4 mln), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 0.4 mln) and "Chemical products" (Afl. 0.3 mln).

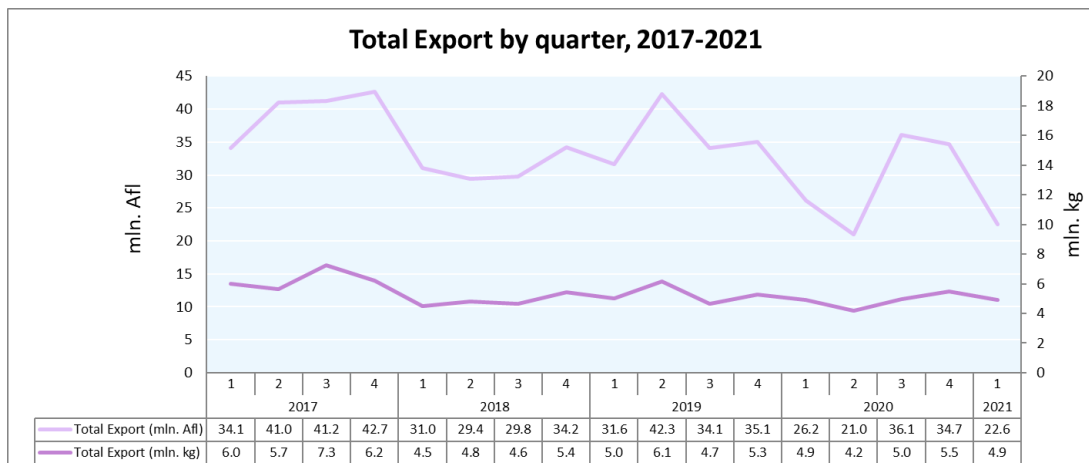
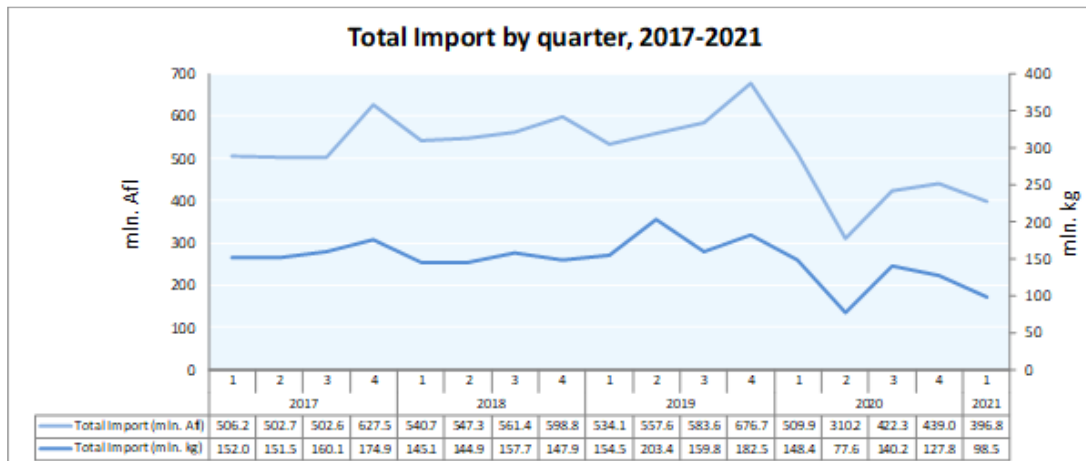


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2020-2021

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2020				2020	Qtr. 2021				2021	1st Quarter 2020 - 2021	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	146.4	76.2	138.8	125.2	<b>486.5</b>	96.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>96.2</b>	-34.3	-50.1
To Aruba by Air	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	<b>2.5</b>	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.6</b>	-38.6	-0.4
To Aruba	147.4	76.5	139.3	125.8	<b>489.1</b>	96.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>96.9</b>	-34.3	-50.5
To the Free Zone	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.0	<b>5.0</b>	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>1.6</b>	53.1	0.6
Total Import	148.4	77.6	140.2	127.8	<b>494.0</b>	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>98.5</b>	-33.7	-50.0
By Large companies	24.4	16.8	21.7	20.4	<b>83.4</b>	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>20.1</b>	-17.6	-4.3
By Other companies	123.0	59.7	117.6	105.4	<b>405.7</b>	76.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>76.7</b>	-37.6	-46.2
To Aruba	147.4	76.5	139.3	125.8	<b>489.1</b>	96.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>96.9</b>	-34.3	-50.5
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	402.3	261.5	350.5	344.3	<b>1,358.6</b>	311.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>311.7</b>	-22.5	-90.6
To Aruba by Air	95.6	41.2	59.0	71.6	<b>267.4</b>	68.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>68.7</b>	-28.2	-26.9
To Aruba	497.9	302.7	409.5	415.9	<b>1,625.9</b>	380.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>380.4</b>	-23.6	-117.5
To the Free Zone	12.0	7.5	12.9	23.1	<b>55.4</b>	16.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>16.4</b>	36.6	4.4
Total Import	509.9	310.2	422.3	439.0	<b>1,681.4</b>	396.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>396.8</b>	-22.2	-113.1
By Large companies	54.3	47.4	52.2	34.7	<b>188.5</b>	39.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>39.7</b>	-26.8	-14.6
By Other companies	443.6	255.4	357.3	381.2	<b>1,437.5</b>	340.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>340.7</b>	-23.2	-102.9
To Aruba	497.9	302.7	409.5	415.9	<b>1,625.9</b>	380.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>380.4</b>	-23.6	-117.5

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2020-2021

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2020				2020	Qtr. 2021				2021	1st Quarter 2020 - 2021	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	4.1	3.3	3.6	4.2	<b>15.2</b>	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>3.9</b>	-6.5	-0.3
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-51.5	0.0
From Aruba	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>3.9</b>	-7.1	-0.3
From the Free Zone	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.2	<b>4.1</b>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>1.0</b>	35.9	0.3
Total Export	4.9	4.2	5.0	5.5	<b>19.5</b>	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>4.9</b>	-0.6	0.0
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	114.0	0.0
By Other companies	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>3.9</b>	-7.3	-0.3
From Aruba	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>3.9</b>	-7.1	-0.3
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	6.8	7.1	8.4	8.0	<b>30.3</b>	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>6.6</b>	-3.3	-0.2
From Aruba by Air	8.6	3.3	10.7	8.5	<b>31.0</b>	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>5.9</b>	-31.2	-2.7
From Aruba	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.4</b>	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>12.5</b>	-18.9	-2.9
From the Free Zone	10.8	10.6	17.0	18.2	<b>56.6</b>	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>10.1</b>	-6.8	-0.7
Total Export	26.2	21.0	36.1	34.7	<b>118.0</b>	22.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>22.6</b>	-13.9	-3.6
By Large companies	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-69.7	-0.1
By Other companies	15.3	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.2</b>	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>12.5</b>	-18.5	-2.8
From Aruba	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.4</b>	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>12.5</b>	-18.9	-2.9

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