

Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2022

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1st quarter 2022.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 60.6% in the first quarter of 2022 (158.9 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (99.0 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 42.2%, from Afl. 397.7 mln. to Afl. 565.5 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 60.9% in the first quarter of 2022 (156.7 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2021 (97.4 mln. kg). During this period, eighteen (18) 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" (52.3 mln. kg), "Food products" (2.1 mln. kg), and "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (1.3 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Vegetable products" (-0.4 mln. kg) and "Fats and oils" (-0.1 mln. kg).

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 40.5% in the first quarter of 2022 (Afl. 535.8 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 381.3 mln.). During this period, all 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. 21.8 mln.), "Mineral products" (Afl. 18.4 mln.) and "Food products" (Afl. 14.6 mln.).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 43.8% in the first quarter of 2022 (2.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (1.6 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 81.5% from Afl. 16.4 mln. to Afl. 29.7 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 an increase of 61.2% in the first quarter of 2022 (156.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (96.8 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea increased by 39.6% from Afl. 312.6 mln. to Afl. 436.5 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 13.1% from 0.6 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2021 to 0.7 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2022, while, in terms of value, the import by Air increased by 44.5% from Afl. 68.7 mln. to Afl. 99.2 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 12.1% from 20.1 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2021 to 22.5 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2022, while, in terms of value, it increased by 48.5% from Afl. 39.7 mln. to Afl. 59.0 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	↑	59.2	61.2
To Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	13.1
To Aruba	↑	59.3	60.9
To the Free Zone	↑	0.7	43.8
Total Import	↑	60.0	60.6
By Large companies*	↑	2.4	12.1
IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	123.9	39.6
To Aruba by Air	↑	30.5	44.5
To Aruba	↑	154.4	40.5
To the Free Zone	↑	13.3	81.5
Total Import	↑	167.8	42.2
By Large companies*	↑	19.3	48.5
EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	1.3	34.2
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.0	24.5
From Aruba	↑	1.3	34.1
From the Free Zone	↑	1.0	102.2
Total Export	↑	2.3	47.9
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	153.4
EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	1.5	23.5
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	2.7
From Aruba	↑	1.7	14.3
From the Free Zone	↑	15.4	158.1
Total Export	↑	17.1	79.3
By Large companies*	↓	-0.02	-65.4
The % change is determined by comparing the 1st quarter of 2021 with the 1st quarter of 2022.			
*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 47.9% in the first quarter of 2022 (7.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2021 (4.9 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 79.3% from Afl. 21.6 mln. to Afl. 38.7 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 34.1% in the first quarter of 2022 (5.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (3.9 mln. kg). Nine (9) 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 "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (0.8 mln.kg), "Base metals and derivated works" (0.7 mln.kg), "Transport equipment" (0.1 kg) and "Food products" (0.1 kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-0.1 mln. kg), "Artificial plastic elements" (-0.1 mln. kg) and "Works of art, 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 an increase of 14.3% in the first quarter of 2022 (Afl. 13.5 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 11.8 mln.). Twelve (12) 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 "Transport equipment" (Afl. 1.6 mln.), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. 1.0 mln.) and "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. 0.7 mln.).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. -0.9 mln.), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -0.7 mln.) and "Chemical products" (Afl. -0.4 mln.).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 102.2% in the first quarter of 2022 (2.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (1.0 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 158.1% from Afl. 9.7 mln. to Afl. 25.2 mln.

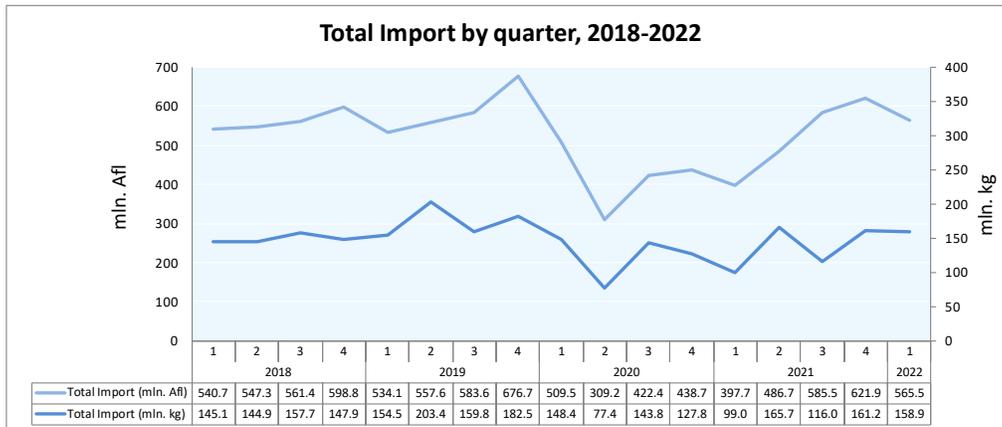


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021				2021	Qtr. 2022				2022	1st Quarter 2021 - 2022	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	96.8	163.1	112.4	158.2	530.5	156.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	156.0	61.2	59.2
To Aruba by Air	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	3.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	13.1	0.1
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.4	159.0	533.5	156.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	156.7	60.9	59.3
To the Free Zone	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.2	8.4	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	43.8	0.7
Total Import	99.0	165.7	116.0	161.2	541.9	158.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	158.9	60.6	60.0
By Large companies	20.1	21.2	25.6	23.8	90.6	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	12.1	2.4
By Other companies	77.3	142.6	87.8	135.2	442.9	134.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.1	73.5	56.8
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.4	159.0	533.5	156.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	156.7	60.9	59.3
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	312.6	369.2	457.5	477.6	1,617.0	436.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	436.5	39.6	123.9
To Aruba by Air	68.7	91.7	90.8	113.5	364.7	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2	44.5	30.5
To Aruba	381.3	460.9	548.3	591.1	1,981.7	535.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	535.8	40.5	154.4
To the Free Zone	16.4	25.8	37.2	30.7	110.1	29.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.7	81.5	13.3
Total Import	397.7	486.7	585.5	621.9	2,091.7	565.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	565.5	42.2	167.8
By Large companies	39.7	39.3	43.6	46.5	169.1	59.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.0	48.5	19.3
By Other companies	341.6	421.6	504.7	544.6	1,812.6	476.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	476.8	39.6	135.2
To Aruba	381.3	460.9	548.3	591.1	1,981.7	535.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	535.8	40.5	154.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021				2021	Qtr. 2022				2022	1st Quarter 2021 - 2022	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	3.9	4.7	8.0	4.8	21.4	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	34.2	1.3
From Aruba by Air	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.5	0.0
From Aruba	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	21.6	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	34.1	1.3
From the Free Zone	1.0	2.0	2.8	2.3	8.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	102.2	1.0
Total Export	4.9	6.7	10.9	7.2	29.7	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	47.9	2.3
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.4	0.0
By Other companies	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	21.5	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	33.8	1.3
From Aruba	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	21.6	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	34.1	1.3
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	6.6	9.0	8.3	6.8	30.6	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	23.5	1.5
From Aruba by Air	5.2	11.1	6.1	5.7	28.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.7	0.1
From Aruba	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	58.8	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	14.3	1.7
From the Free Zone	9.7	26.5	32.4	31.8	100.4	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.2	158.1	15.4
Total Export	21.6	46.6	46.8	44.3	159.2	38.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.7	79.3	17.1
By Large companies	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-65.4	0.0
By Other companies	11.8	19.8	14.4	12.5	58.4	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	14.5	1.7
From Aruba	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	58.8	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	14.3	1.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba