

Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2023

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1st quarter 2023.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 3.3 mln. Kg (2.0% in the first quarter of 2023 (163.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (160.2 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 94.3 mln (16.7%), from Afl. 565.1 mln. to Afl. 659.4 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 2.9 mln. Kg (1.9%) in the first quarter of 2023 (161.0 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2022 (158.0 mln. kg). During this period, eleven (11) 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 "Base metals and derived works" 1.2 mln. Kg (30.9%), "Mineral products" 1.2 mln. Kg (1.2%), and "Transport equipment" 1.0 mln. Kg (65.6%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Food products" -0.6 mln. Kg(-3.8%), "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" -0.6 mln. Kg (-21.2%) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" -0.5 mln. Kg (-25.8%).

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 Afl. 87.2 mln. (16.3%) in the first quarter of 2023 (Afl. 623.0 mln.) compared to the same period in 2022 (Afl. 535.8 mln.). During this period, nineteen (19) 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 "Transport equipment" Afl. 18.0 mln. (68.6%), "Food products" Afl. 12.6 mln. (18.2%) and "Mineral products" Afl. 9.6 mln.(23.2%).

The only two decreases are observed for the sections "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" -2.2 mln. Kg (-48.4%) "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" -1.8 mln. Kg(-26.3%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.3 mln. kg (14.1%) in the first quarter of 2023 (2.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (2.2 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.3 mln. kg (14.0%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 7.2 mln (24.4%) from Afl. 29.3 mln. to Afl. 36.5 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 6.9 mln. (24.0%) in the section "Food products".

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 2.9 mln. kg (1.9%) in the first quarter of 2023 (160.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (157.3 mln. kg) and was mainly due increases in the sections "Base metals and derived works" (1.2 mln. kg, 31.3%) and "Mineral products" (1.2 mln. kg, 1.2%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 75.5 mln. (17.3%) from Afl. 436.6 mln. to Afl. 512.1 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 18.0 mln. (71.6%) and Afl. 12.9 mln. (19.3%) in the sections "Transport equipment" and "Food products", respectively.

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 0.01 mln. kg (1.4%) from 0.74 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2022 to 0.75 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2023 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.02 mln. kg (26.2) in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 11.7 mln. (11.8%) from Afl. 99.2 mln. to Afl. 110.8 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 6.6 mln. (36.6%) in the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones".

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 2.6 mln. kg (11.7%) from 22.5 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2022 to 25.2 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2023 and was mainly due to an increase of 2.6 mln. kg (12.1%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" increased by Afl. 10.8 mln. (18.3%) from Afl. 59.0 mln. to Afl. 69.8 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 8.2 mln. (24.5%) in the section "Mineral products".



IMPORT	mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 2.9	1.9
To Aruba by Air	↑ 0.0	1.4
To Aruba	↑ 2.9	1.9
To the Free Zone	↑ 0.3	14.1
Total Import	↑ 3.3	2.0
By Large companies*	↑ 2.6	11.7

IMPORT	min. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 75.5	17.3
To Aruba by Air	↑ 11.7	11.8
To Aruba	↑ 87.2	16.3
To the Free Zone	↑ 7.2	24.4
Total Import	↑ 94.3	16.7
By Large companies*	↑ 10.8	18.3

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 0.3	4.9
From Aruba by Air	↑ 0.0	15.0
From Aruba	↑ 0.3	4.9
From the Free Zone	↑ 0.2	10.1
Total Export	↑ 0.5	6.4
By Large companies*	↑ 0.0	-45.0

EXPORT	min. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 0.5	6.7
From Aruba by Air	↑ 1.5	29.6
From Aruba	↑ 2.1	15.7
From the Free Zone	↑ 6.4	25.4
Total Export	↑ 8.5	22.1
By Large companies*	↑ 0.01	116.8

The % change is determined by comparing the 1st quarter of 2022 with the 1st quarter of 2023.

*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 0.5 mln. Kg (6.4%) in the first quarter of 2023 (7.7 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2022 (7.3 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 8.5 mln. (22.1%) from Afl. 38.5 mln. to Afl. 47.0 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 0.3 mln. Kg (4.9%) in the first quarter of 2023 (5.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (5.2 mln. kg). Thirteen (13) 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 "Food products" 0.6 mln. Kg. (196.5%), "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" 0.4 mln. Kg. (38.1%) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" 0.3 mln. kg. (690.7%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" -0.6 mln. kg.(-74.2%), "Base metals and derivated works" -0.3 mln. kg (-13.2%) and "Transport equipment" -0.1 mln. kg (-82.8%).

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

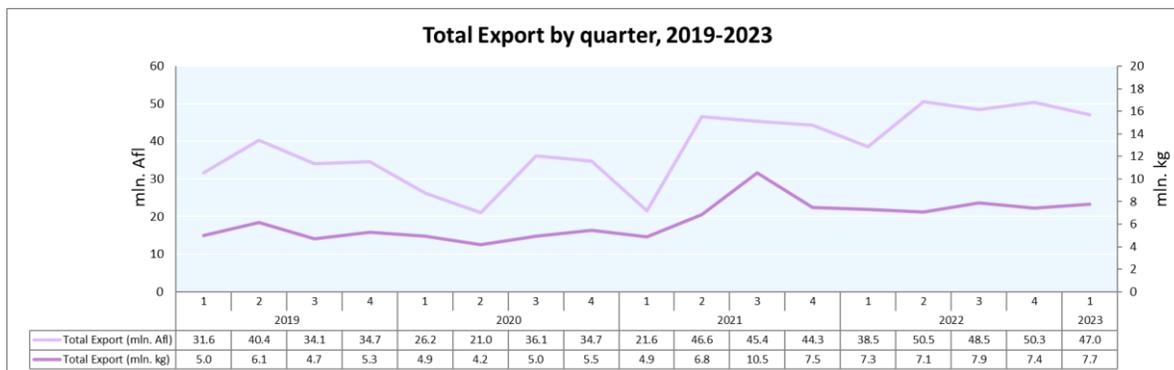
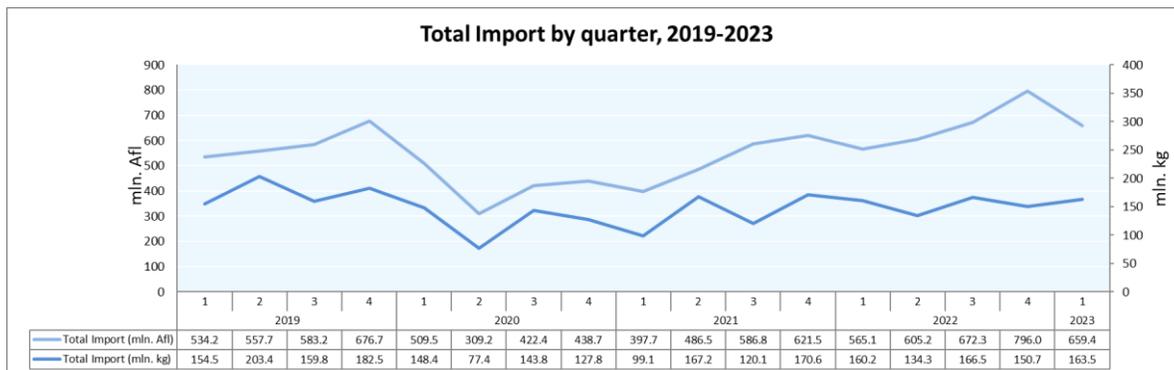
Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of Afl. 2.1 mln. (15.7%) in the first quarter of 2023 (Afl. 15.5 mln.) compared to the same period in 2022 (Afl. 13.4 mln.). Twelve (12) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. 1.0 mln. (39.1%), "Food products" Afl. 1.0 mln. (155.0%) and "Skins, hides, leather and peltry" Afl. 0.7 mln. (1,727.0%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" Afl. -1.7 mln. (-96.1%), "Chemical products" Afl. -0.5 mln. (-32.6%) and "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" Afl. -0.2 mln. (-72.6%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.2 mln. kg (10.1%) in the first quarter of 2023 (2.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (2.1 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.2 mln. kg (10.5%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 6.4 mln. (25.4%) from Afl. 25.2 mln. to Afl. 31.6 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 6.4 mln. (25.7%) in the section "Food products".



* 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

Table 1 Import by quarter, 2022-2023

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2022					Qtr. 2023					1st Quarter 2022 - 2023	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2022	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	% change	in mln
	<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	157.3	130.6	163.3	146.3	597.5	160.2				160.2	1.9
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	3.0	0.7				0.7	1.4	0.0
<i>To Aruba</i>	158.0	131.3	164.0	147.1	600.5	161.0				161.0	1.9	2.9
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	2.2	3.0	2.5	3.5	11.1	2.5				2.5	14.1	0.3
Total Import	160.2	134.3	166.5	150.7	611.7	163.5				163.5	2.0	3.3
<i>By Large companies</i>	22.5	24.8	23.4	24.7	95.5	25.2				25.2	11.7	2.6
<i>By Other companies</i>	135.5	106.5	140.6	122.4	505.0	135.8				135.8	0.2	0.3
<i>To Aruba</i>	158.0	131.3	164.0	147.1	600.5	161.0				161.0	1.9	2.9
in mln. Afl.												
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	436.6	462.8	537.0	622.9	2,059.3	512.1				512.1	17.3	75.5
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	99.2	107.3	101.8	121.8	430.1	110.8				110.8	11.8	11.7
<i>To Aruba</i>	535.8	570.1	638.8	744.7	2,489.4	623.0				623.0	16.3	87.2
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	29.3	35.1	33.5	51.4	149.3	36.5				36.5	24.4	7.2
Total Import	565.1	605.2	672.3	796.0	2,638.7	659.4				659.4	16.7	94.3
<i>By Large companies</i>	59.0	55.2	70.7	72.1	257.1	69.8				69.8	18.3	10.8
<i>By Other companies</i>	476.8	514.9	568.1	672.5	2,232.3	553.1				553.1	16.0	76.4
<i>To Aruba</i>	535.8	570.1	638.8	744.7	2,489.4	623.0				623.0	16.3	87.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2022-2023

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2022					Qtr. 2023					1st Quarter 2022 - 2023	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2022	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	% change	in mln
	<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	5.2	4.6	5.6	5.1	20.5	5.4				5.4	4.9
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	15.0	0.0
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.1	20.7	5.5				5.5	4.9	0.3
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	9.0	2.3				2.3	10.1	0.2
Total Export	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.4	29.7	7.7				7.7	6.4	0.5
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	-45.0	0.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.1	20.6	5.5				5.5	5.2	0.3
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.1	20.7	5.5				5.5	4.9	0.3
in mln. Afl.												
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	8.1	10.4	12.3	10.0	40.8	8.7				8.7	6.7	0.5
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	5.2	8.3	6.3	7.3	27.1	6.8				6.8	29.6	1.5
<i>From Aruba</i>	13.4	18.7	18.6	17.3	67.9	15.5				15.5	15.7	2.1
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	25.2	31.8	29.9	33.0	119.9	31.6				31.6	25.4	6.4
Total Export	38.5	50.5	48.5	50.3	187.8	47.0				47.0	22.1	8.5
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0				0.0	116.8	0.01
<i>By Other companies</i>	13.4	18.7	18.5	17.1	67.7	15.4				15.4	15.6	2.1
<i>From Aruba</i>	13.4	18.7	18.6	17.3	67.9	15.5				15.5	15.7	2.1

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