

## Foreign Trade, Second Quarter 2024

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 2nd quarter 2024.

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 22.2 mln. Kg (12.5%) in the second quarter of 2024 (200.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (177.7 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 48.6 mln (7.0%), from Afl. 696.2 mln. to Afl. 744.7 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 22.2 mln. Kg (12.7%) in the second quarter of 2024 (197.2 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2023 (174.9 mln. kg). During this period, ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **weight**, registered increases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increase is observed for the section "Mineral products" 24.6 mln. Kg (24.5%). The largest decrease is observed for the section "Food products" -1.8 mln. Kg (-9.5%).

### 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. 41.5 mln. (6.2%) in the second quarter of 2024 (Afl. 705.5 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 664.0 mln.). During this period, thirteen (13) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **value**, 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. 11.5 mln. (29.4%), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" Afl. 10.7 mln. (38.1%) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 9.0 mln. (9.3%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. -6.5 mln. (-15.9%), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. -4.2 mln. (-17.8%) and "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" Afl. -2.5 mln. (-8.6%).

### Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, was virtually unchanged in the second quarter of 2024 (2.78 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.78mln. kg).

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 7.1 mln (22.0%) from Afl. 32.2 mln. to Afl. 39.3 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 5.9 mln. (18.7%) 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 22.4 mln. kg (12.9%) in the second quarter of 2024 (196.1 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (173.7 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase in the section "Mineral products" 24.6 mln. kg. (24.5%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 46.9 mln. (8.5%) from Afl. 553.3 mln. to Afl. 600.1 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 11.6 mln. (30.7%) and Afl. 11.2 (42.5%) in the sections "Transport equipment" and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles", 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**, decreased by 0.1 mln. kg (-9.8%) from 1.2 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2023 to 1.1 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.05 mln. kg (-27.8%) in the section "Textile fibers and articles".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air decreased by Afl. 5.4 mln. (-4.9%) from Afl. 110.7 mln. to Afl. 105.3 mln and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. 4.3 mln. (-18.7%) 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 0.5 mln. kg (1.7%) from 25.8 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2023 to 26.3 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.6 mln. kg (2.3%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" decreased by Afl. 8.2 mln. (-10.7%) from Afl. 76.2 mln. to Afl. 68.1 mln and was mainly due to decreases of Afl. 5.2 mln. (-21.6%) and Afl. 2.3 mln. (-56.6%) in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Base metals and derivated works", respectively.



### IMPORT mln. kg % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	22.4	12.9
To Aruba by Air	↓	-0.1	-9.8
To Aruba	↑	22.2	12.7
To the Free Zone	-	0.0	0.0
Total Import	↑	22.2	12.5
By Large companies*	↑	0.5	1.7

### IMPORT mln. Afl. % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	46.9	8.5
To Aruba by Air	↓	-5.4	-4.9
To Aruba	↑	41.5	6.2
To the Free Zone	↑	7.1	22.0
Total Import	↑	48.6	7.0
By Large companies*	↓	-8.2	-10.7

### EXPORT mln. kg % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.4	8.5
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.01	45.7
From Aruba	↑	0.4	8.7
From the Free Zone	↑	0.2	8.4
Total Export	↑	0.6	8.6
By Large companies*	↓	-0.01	-21.1

### EXPORT mln. Afl. % change

From Aruba by Sea	↓	-4.4	-32.1
From Aruba by Air	↑	2.7	35.6
From Aruba	↓	-1.8	-8.3
From the Free Zone	↑	4.1	15.1
Total Export	↑	2.4	4.9
By Large companies*	↑	0.1	40.8

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

\*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 0.6 mln. Kg (8.6%) in the second quarter of 2024 (7.8 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2023 (7.2 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 2.4 mln. (4.9%) from Afl. 48.8 mln. to Afl. 51.2 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 0.4 mln. Kg (8.7%) in the second quarter of 2024 (5.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (5.0 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 increase is observed for the section "Base metals and derivated works" 0.4 mln. Kg (19.7%).

The largest decrease is observed for the section "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" -0.3 mln. kg. (-26.5%).

### 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 Afl. 1.8 mln. (-8.3%) in the second quarter of 2024 (Afl. 19.6 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 21.4 mln.). Ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decrease is observed for the section "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. -4.5 mln. (-69.6%).

The largest increase is observed for the sections "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 1.0 mln. (23.6%).

### 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 (8.4%) in the second quarter of 2024 (2.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.2 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.2 mln. kg (8.1%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 4.1 mln. (15.1%) from Afl. 27.4 mln. to Afl. 31.6 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 4.1 mln. (15.0%) 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

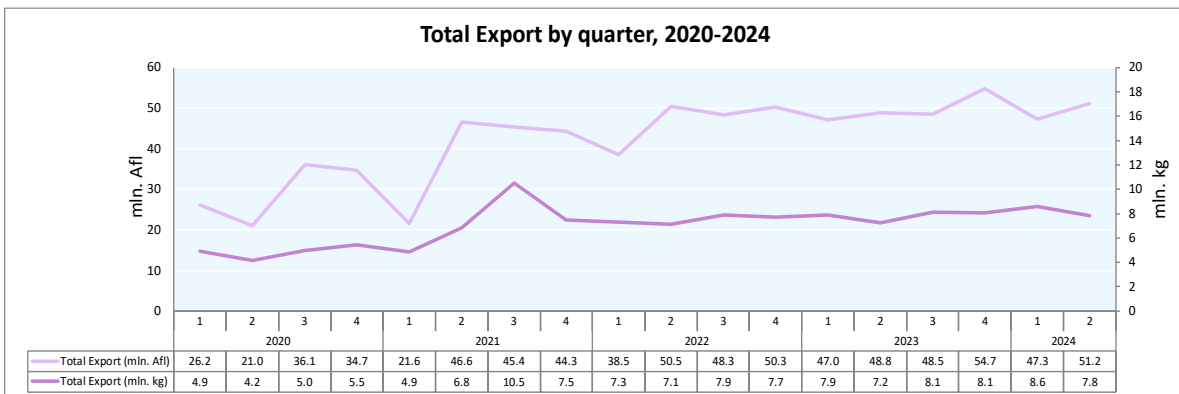
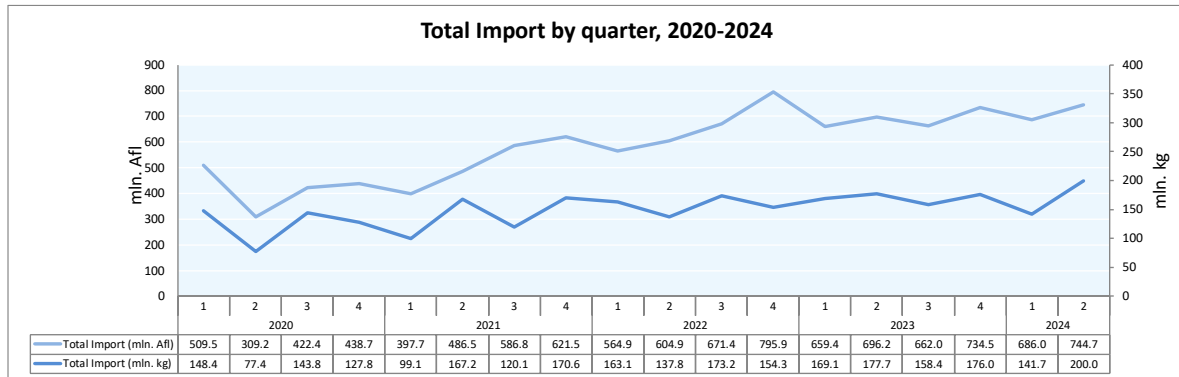


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023				2023	Qtr. 2024				2024	2nd Quarter 2023 - 2024	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	165.5	173.7	155.2	172.3	<b>666.7</b>	137.3	196.1			<b>333.4</b>	12.9	22.4
To Aruba by Air	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9	<b>4.2</b>	1.6	1.1			<b>2.7</b>	-9.8	-0.1216
To Aruba	166.6	174.9	156.1	173.3	<b>670.9</b>	138.9	197.2			<b>336.1</b>	12.7	22.2
To the Free Zone	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.7	<b>10.3</b>	2.8	2.8			<b>5.6</b>	-0.01	-0.0002
Total Import	169.1	177.7	158.4	176.0	<b>681.2</b>	141.7	200.0			<b>341.7</b>	12.5	22.2
By Large companies	25.3	25.8	18.6	24.6	<b>94.3</b>	25.7	26.3			<b>52.0</b>	1.7	0.45
By Other companies	141.3	149.1	137.5	148.7	<b>576.7</b>	113.2	170.9			<b>284.1</b>	14.6	21.8
To Aruba	166.6	174.9	156.1	173.3	<b>670.9</b>	138.9	197.2			<b>336.1</b>	12.7	22.2
in mln. Afl.												
To Aruba by Sea	512.1	553.3	538.8	574.3	<b>2,178.5</b>	538.5	600.1			<b>1,138.7</b>	8.5	46.9
To Aruba by Air	110.8	110.7	93.1	124.3	<b>439.0</b>	116.4	105.3			<b>221.8</b>	-4.9	-5.4
To Aruba	623.0	664.0	631.9	698.6	<b>2,617.4</b>	655.0	705.5			<b>1,360.4</b>	6.2	41.5
To the Free Zone	36.5	32.2	30.1	36.0	<b>134.7</b>	31.0	39.3			<b>70.3</b>	22.0	7.1
Total Import	659.4	696.2	662.0	734.5	<b>2,752.2</b>	686.0	744.7			<b>1,430.7</b>	7.0	48.6
By Large companies	69.8	76.2	57.9	66.9	<b>270.9</b>	62.5	68.1			<b>130.6</b>	-10.7	-8.17
By Other companies	553.1	587.7	574.0	631.6	<b>2,346.5</b>	592.5	637.4			<b>1,229.9</b>	8.4	49.7
To Aruba	623.0	664.0	631.9	698.6	<b>2,617.4</b>	655.0	705.5			<b>1,360.4</b>	6.2	41.5

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023				2023	Qtr. 2024				2024	2nd Quarter 2023 - 2024	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	5.4	5.0	5.9	5.3	<b>21.6</b>	6.1	5.4			<b>11.4</b>	8.5	0.4
From Aruba by Air	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03	<b>0.1</b>	0.05	0.04			<b>0.1</b>	45.7	0.01
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	<b>21.7</b>	6.1	5.4			<b>11.5</b>	8.7	0.4
From the Free Zone	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.7	<b>9.6</b>	2.5	2.4			<b>4.9</b>	8.4	0.2
Total Export	7.9	7.2	8.1	8.1	<b>31.3</b>	8.6	7.8			<b>16.4</b>	8.6	0.6
By Large companies	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	<b>0.1</b>	0.03	0.02			<b>0.1</b>	-21.1	-0.01
By Other companies	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.3	<b>21.7</b>	6.1	5.4			<b>11.5</b>	8.9	0.4
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	<b>21.7</b>	6.1	5.4			<b>11.5</b>	8.7	0.4
in mln. Afl.												
From Aruba by Sea	8.7	13.9	11.0	8.8	<b>42.3</b>	9.6	9.4			<b>19.0</b>	-32.1	-4.4
From Aruba by Air	6.8	7.5	8.4	9.0	<b>31.7</b>	6.9	10.2			<b>17.1</b>	35.6	2.7
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	<b>74.0</b>	16.4	19.6			<b>36.0</b>	-8.3	-1.8
From the Free Zone	31.6	27.4	29.1	37.0	<b>125.0</b>	30.9	31.6			<b>62.5</b>	15.1	4.1
Total Export	47.0	48.8	48.5	54.7	<b>199.1</b>	47.3	51.2			<b>98.5</b>	4.9	2.4
By Large companies	0.03	0.2	0.6	0.03	<b>0.9</b>	0.02	0.32			<b>0.3</b>	40.8	0.09
By Other companies	15.4	21.1	18.8	17.7	<b>73.1</b>	16.4	19.3			<b>35.7</b>	-8.8	-1.9
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	<b>74.0</b>	16.4	19.6			<b>36.0</b>	-8.3	-1.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba