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The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the main findings for the Foreign Trade of Q4 - 2024.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 12.9 mln. Kg (6.7%) in Q4 - 2024 (205.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (192.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 110.0 mln (15.0%), from Afl. 734.5 mln. to Afl. 844.4 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 11.4 mln. Kg (6.0%) in Q4 - 2024 (200.8 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2023 (189.4 mln. kg). During this period, nine (9) 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" 23.8 mln. Kg (22.7%).

The largest decrease is observed for the section "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" 11.1 mln. Kg (-67.2%).

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. 101.9 mln. (14.6%) in Q4 - 2024 (Afl. 800.4 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 698.5 mln.). During this period, nineteen (19) 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 "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" Afl. 25.0 mln. (68.9%), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 18.2 mln. (18.9%) and "Transport equipment" Afl. 11.6 mln. (20.7%).

Decreases were observed for the sections "Mineral products" Afl. 0.8 mln. (-1.6%) and "Fats and oils" Afl. 0.7 mln. (-14.2%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.5 mln. Kg (52.6%) in Q4 - 2024 (4.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.8 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 1.5 mln. (55.7%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the import to the Free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 8.1 mln (22.5%) from Afl. 36.0 mln. to Afl. 44.0 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 8.1 mln. (22.9%) 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 10.7 mln. kg (5.7%) in Q4 - 2024 (198.6 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (187.9 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase in the section "Mineral products" 23.8 mln. kg. (22.7%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 89.8 mln. (15.6%) from Afl. 574.2 mln. to Afl. 664.0 mln and was mainly due to increases in the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" of Afl. 23.3 mln. (68.9%), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" of Afl. 14.2 (17.3%) and "Transport equipment" Afl. 11.8 mln. (21.5%), 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 0.7 mln. kg (50.3%) from 1.5 mln. kg in Q4 - 2023 to (2.2mln. kg) in Q4 - 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.4 mln. kg (372.0%) in the section "Chemical products".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 12.0 mln. (9.7%) from Afl. 124.3 mln. to Afl. 136.3 mln and was mainly due to increases in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" of Afl. 3.9 mln. (28.3%) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 3.8 mln. (10.9%).

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 3.0 mln. kg (12.2%) from 24.6 mln. kg in Q4 - 2023 to 27.6 mln. kg in Q4 - 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 3.0 mln. kg (12.6%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" decreased by Afl. 6.4 mln. (-9.5%) from Afl. 66.9 mln. to Afl. 60.6 mln and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. 2.1 mln. (-11.9%) in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)".

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FOREIGN TRADE			
IMPORT			
To Aruba by Sea	↑	10.7	5.7
To Aruba by Air	↑	0.7	50.3
To Aruba	↑	11.4	6.0
To the Free Zone	↑	1.5	52.6
Total Import	↑	12.9	6.7
By Large companies*	↑	3.0	12.2
IMPORT			
To Aruba by Sea	↑	89.8	15.6
To Aruba by Air	↑	12.0	9.7
To Aruba	↑	101.9	14.6
To the Free Zone	↑	8.1	22.5
Total Import	↑	110.0	15.0
By Large companies*	↓	-6.36	-9.5
EXPORT			
From Aruba by Sea	↓	-1.51	-28.3
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.02	-29.1
From Aruba	↓	-1.53	-28.3
From the Free Zone	↑	1.1	40.9
Total Export	↓	-0.42	-5.1
By Large companies*	↓	-0.02	-99.4
EXPORT			
From Aruba by Sea	↓	-0.51	-5.9
From Aruba by Air	↓	-2.67	-29.6
From Aruba	↓	-3.18	-17.9
From the Free Zone	↑	7.5	20.5
Total Export	↑	4.4	8.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	56.1

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

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Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 0.4 mln. Kg (-5.1%) in Q4 - 2024 (7.7 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2023 (8.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 4.4 mln. (8.0%) from Afl. 54.6 mln. to Afl. 59.0 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 1.5 mln. Kg (-28.3%) in Q4 - 2024 (3.9 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (5.4 mln. kg). Fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of **weight** in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decrease is observed for the section "Food products" 0.9 mln. Kg (-69.6%).

The largest increase is observed for the section "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" 0.1 mln. kg.(103.3%).

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. 3.2 mln. (-17.9%) in Q4 - 2024 (Afl. 14.6 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 17.8 mln.). Nine (9) 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 "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 1.3 mln. (-31.3%). The largest increase is observed for the section "Food products" Afl. 0.4 mln. (19.6%).

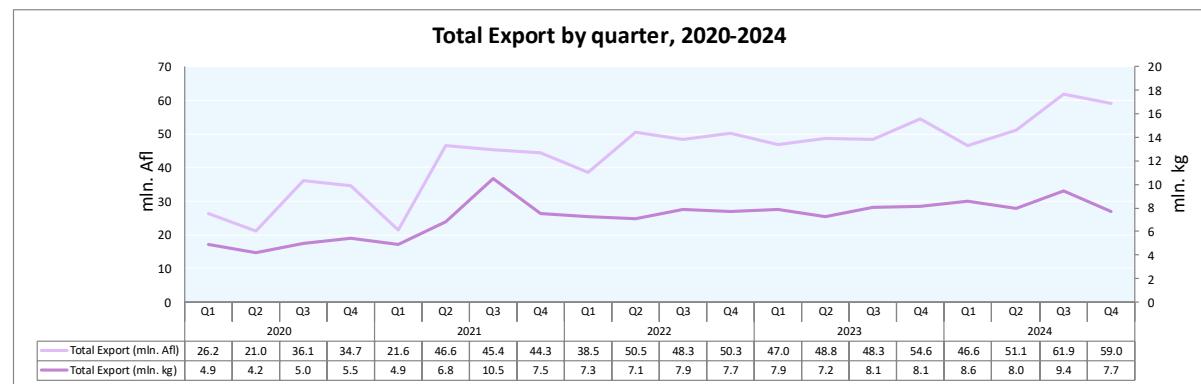
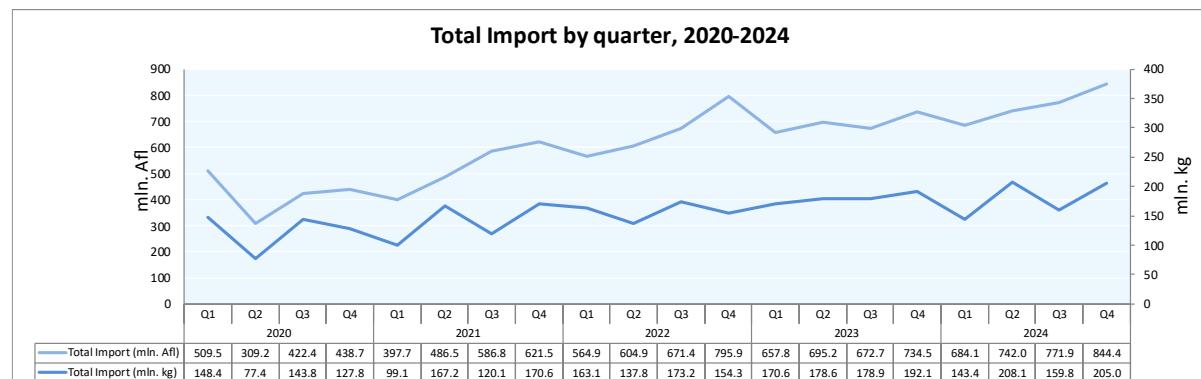
Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.1 mln. kg (40.9%) in Q4 - 2024 (3.8 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.7 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 1.1 mln. kg (40.9%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 7.5 mln. (20.5%) from Afl. 36.8 mln. to Afl. 44.4 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 7.5 mln. (20.5%) 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



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Table 1 Import by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024					2023 - 2024	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	166.9	174.3	175.1	187.9	704.3	138.6	203.6	155.4	198.6	696.2	5.7	10.7
To Aruba by Air	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.5	5.9	2.0	1.6	1.1	2.2	7.0	50.3	0.7
To Aruba	168.2	175.9	176.8	189.4	710.2	140.6	205.3	156.5	200.8	703.2	6.0	11.4
To the Free Zone	2.4	2.8	2.1	2.8	10.1	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.2	13.1	52.6	1.5
Total Import	170.6	178.6	178.9	192.1	720.3	143.4	208.1	159.8	205.0	716.3	6.7	12.9
By Large companies	25.3	25.9	26.0	24.6	101.9	25.7	26.4	26.8	27.6	106.6	12.2	3.01
By Other companies	142.9	149.9	150.8	164.7	608.3	114.9	178.9	129.7	173.1	596.6	5.1	8.4
To Aruba	168.2	175.9	176.8	189.4	710.2	140.6	205.3	156.5	200.8	703.2	6.0	11.4
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	511.0	552.3	549.7	574.2	2,187.3	536.7	597.8	633.8	664.0	2,432.3	15.6	89.8
To Aruba by Air	110.8	110.6	92.9	124.3	438.6	116.4	105.0	99.0	136.3	456.7	9.7	12.0
To Aruba	621.8	663.0	642.6	698.5	2,625.9	653.0	702.8	732.8	800.4	2,889.0	14.6	101.9
To the Free Zone	36.0	32.2	30.1	36.0	134.2	31.1	39.3	39.1	44.0	153.5	22.5	8.1
Total Import	657.8	695.2	672.7	734.5	2,760.2	684.1	742.0	771.9	844.4	3,042.4	15.0	110.0
By Large companies	69.8	76.2	69.8	66.9	282.8	62.5	68.0	69.2	60.6	260.3	-9.5	-6.36
By Other companies	552.0	586.8	572.8	631.6	2,343.2	590.6	634.8	663.6	739.8	2,628.7	17.1	108.2
To Aruba	621.8	663.0	642.6	698.5	2,625.9	653.0	702.8	732.8	800.4	2,889.0	14.6	101.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024					2023 - 2024	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	5.4	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.6	6.1	5.5	6.2	3.8	21.6	-28.3	-1.5
From Aruba by Air	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.2	-29.1	0.0
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2	3.9	21.8	-28.3	-1.5
From the Free Zone	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.7	9.4	2.4	2.5	3.2	3.8	11.9	40.9	1.1
Total Export	7.9	7.2	8.1	8.1	31.3	8.6	8.0	9.4	7.7	33.7	-5.1	-0.4
By Large companies	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.1	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.1	-99.4	-0.02
By Other companies	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2	3.9	21.7	-28.0	-1.5
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2	3.9	21.8	-28.3	-1.5
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	8.7	13.9	11.0	8.8	42.3	9.5	9.4	11.7	8.2	38.9	-5.9	-0.5
From Aruba by Air	6.8	7.5	8.4	9.0	31.7	6.9	10.2	10.1	6.3	33.5	-29.6	-2.7
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	74.0	16.4	19.6	21.8	14.6	72.4	-17.9	-3.2
From the Free Zone	31.5	27.4	28.9	36.8	124.7	30.1	31.6	40.1	44.4	146.1	20.5	7.5
Total Export	47.0	48.8	48.3	54.6	198.7	46.6	51.1	61.9	59.0	218.6	8.0	4.4
By Large companies	0.03	0.2	0.6	0.03	0.9	0.02	0.32	1.91	0.05	2.3	56.1	0.02
By Other companies	15.4	21.1	18.8	17.7	73.1	16.4	19.3	19.9	14.5	70.1	-18.0	-3.2
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	74.0	16.4	19.6	21.8	14.6	72.4	-17.9	-3.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba