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

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 4.0 mln. kg (-0.6%) in 2024 (716.3 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (720.3 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of Afl. 282.3 mln. (10.2%) from Afl. 2,760.2 mln. to Afl. 3,042.4 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 7.0 mln. kg (-1.0%) in 2024 (703.2 mln. kg), compared to 2023 (710.2 mln. kg). During 2024, nine (9) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **weight**, registered decreases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" 9.4 mln. kg (-25.5%), "Mineral products" 7.2 mln. kg (-1.8%) and "Food products" 1.9 mln. kg (-2.5%).

The largest increases are seen for the sections "Live animals and other animal products" 3.3 mln. kg (12.8%) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" 3.1 mln. kg (38.1%).

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. 263.1 mln. (10.0%) in 2024 (Afl. 2,889.0 mln.) compared to 2023 (Afl. 2,625.9 mln.). During 2024, sixteen (16) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **value**, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 57.7 mln. (16.0%), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" Afl. 51.3 mln. (39.8%), "Transport equipment" Afl. 39.9 mln. (20.3%) and "Live animals and other animal products" Afl. 26.3 mln. (11.8%).

The largest decreases are seen for the sections "Mineral products" Afl. 5.7 mln. (-2.8%) and "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. 2.3 mln. (-1.6%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 3.0 mln. kg (30.1%) in 2024 13.1 mln. kg compared to 2023 10.1 mln. kg and was mainly due to an increase of 3.0 mln. kg (30.4%) in the section "Food products". In terms of **value**, registered an increase by Afl. 19.2 mln (14.3%) from Afl. 134.2 mln. to Afl. 153.5 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 18.0 mln. (13.7%) in the section "Food products".

The abovementioned import (to the free circulation area of Aruba) is the result of Import by Sea and Import by Air, which had the following effects:

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 8.1 mln. kg (-1.1%) in 2024 (696.2 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (704.3 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 9.4 mln. kg (-25.5%) in the section "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos". In terms of **value**, the import by Sea registered an increase of Afl. 245.0 mln. (11.2%), from Afl. 2,187.3 mln. to Afl. 2,432.3 mln. and was mainly due to increases in the sections of "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" Afl. 49.4 mln. (40.9%) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 47.4 mln. (15.6%).

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	min. kg	% change	
IMPORT			
To Aruba by Sea	696.2	-1.1	
To Aruba by Air	7.0	17.3	
To Aruba	703.2	-1.0	
To the Free Zone	13.1	30.1	
Total Import	716.3	-0.6	
By Large companies*	106.6	4.6	
EXPORT			
From Aruba by Sea	21.6	-0.3	
From Aruba by Air	0.2	0.4	
From Aruba	21.8	-0.3	
From the Free Zone	11.9	26.4	
Total Export	33.7	7.7	
By Large companies*	0.1	42.6	
EXPORT			
From Aruba by Sea	38.9	-8.0	
From Aruba by Air	33.5	5.5	
From Aruba	72.4	-2.2	
From the Free Zone	146.1	17.2	
Total Export	218.6	10.0	
By Large companies*	2.3	153.3	

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

*Large companies refers to the following companies:
Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

* Free circulation area of Aruba: all goods entering or leaving the economic territory of Aruba, excluding the Free Zone

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Import to the free circulation area of Aruba by Air

Import by air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.0 mln. kg (17.3%) in 2024 (7.0 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (5.9 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.7 mln. kg (126.8%) in the section "Chemical products". In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 18.0 mln. (4.1%), from Afl. 438.6 mln. to Afl. 456.7 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 10.3 mln. (17.9%) in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)".

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 4.7 mln. kg (4.6%), from 101.9 mln. kg in 2023 to 106.6 mln. kg in 2024, and was mainly due to a increase of 5.5 mln. kg (5.6%) in the section "Mineral products". In terms of **value**, registered an decrease of Afl. 22.5 mln. (-8.0%), from Afl. 282.8 mln. to Afl. 260.3 mln. and was mainly due to an decrease of Afl. 8.3 mln. (-53.4%) in the section "Base metals and derivated works".

Total Export

Total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 2.4 mln. kg (7.7%) in 2024 (33.7 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (31.3 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export registered an increase of Afl. 19.9 mln. (10.0%) from Afl. 198.7 mln. to Afl. 218.6 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 0.1 mln. kg (-0.3%) in 2024 (21.8 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (21.8 mln. kg). During 2024, one (1) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decrease is observed for the section "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" 0.6 mln. kg (-12.7%).

The largest increases are seen for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" 0.7 mln. kg (7.8%) and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" 0.2 mln. kg (76.1%).

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba (value)

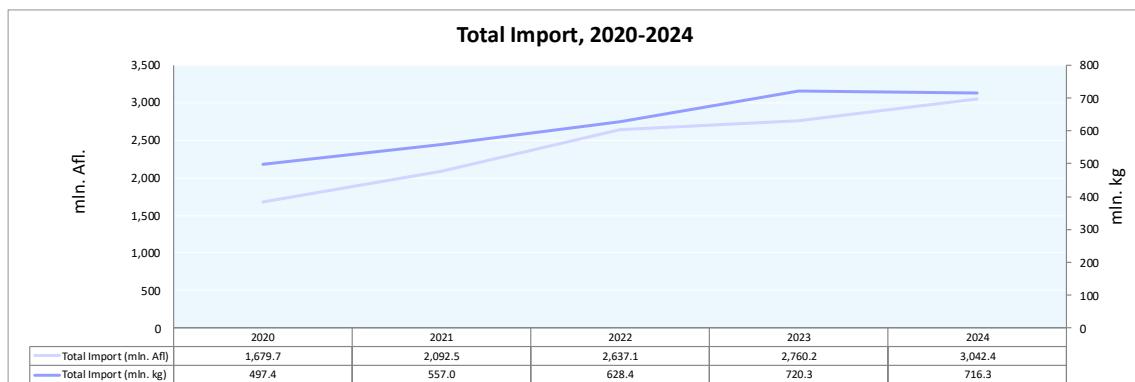
Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **value**, registered a decrease of Afl. 1.6 mln. (-2.2%) in 2024 (Afl. 72.4 mln.) compared to 2023 (Afl. 74.0 mln.). During 2024, nine (9) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **value**, registered decreases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. 7.0 mln. (-44.2%) and "Chemical products" Afl. 0.4 mln. (-8.0%).

The largest increases are seen for the sections "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 2.0 mln. (13.7%) and "Transport equipment" Afl. 1.9 mln. (127.3%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 2.5 mln. kg (26.4%) in 2024 (11.9 mln. kg) compared to 2023 (9.4 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 2.5 mln. kg (26.4%) in the section "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques". In terms of **value**, it increased by Afl. 21.5 mln. (17.2%) from Afl. 124.7 mln. to Afl. 146.1 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 21.4 mln. (17.2%) in the section "Food products".

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Table 1 Import, 2020-2024

in mln. kg	2023 - 2024					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% change
To Aruba by Sea	489.9	545.3	613.0	704.3	696.2	-1.1
To Aruba by Air	2.5	3.1	4.5	5.9	7.0	17.3
To Aruba	492.4	548.4	617.5	710.2	703.2	-1.0
To the Free Zone	5.0	8.6	10.9	10.1	13.1	30.1
<i>Total Import</i>	<i>497.4</i>	<i>557.0</i>	<i>628.4</i>	<i>720.3</i>	<i>716.3</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
By Large companies	83.4	90.7	95.7	101.9	106.6	4.6
By Other companies	409.0	457.7	521.8	608.3	596.6	-1.9
To Aruba	492.4	548.4	617.5	710.2	703.2	-1.0
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>						
To Aruba by Sea	1,357.8	1,617.8	2,058.6	2,187.3	2,432.3	11.2
To Aruba by Air	266.7	364.6	429.7	438.6	456.7	4.1
To Aruba	1,624.5	1,982.5	2,488.4	2,625.9	2,889.0	10.0
To the Free Zone	55.3	110.1	148.7	134.2	153.5	14.3
<i>Total Import</i>	<i>1,679.7</i>	<i>2,092.5</i>	<i>2,637.1</i>	<i>2,760.2</i>	<i>3,042.4</i>	<i>10.2</i>
By Large companies	188.5	169.1	257.1	282.8	260.3	-8.0
By Other companies	1,436.0	1,813.4	2,231.3	2,343.2	2,628.7	12.2
To Aruba	1,624.5	1,982.5	2,488.4	2,625.9	2,889.0	10.0

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export, 2020-2024

in mln. kg	2023 - 2024					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% change
From Aruba by Sea	15.2	21.6	20.8	21.6	21.6	-0.3
From Aruba by Air	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
From Aruba	15.4	21.8	21.0	21.8	21.8	-0.3
From the Free Zone	4.1	7.9	9.0	9.4	11.9	26.4
<i>Total Export</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>30.0</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>33.7</i>	<i>7.7</i>
By Large companies	0.04	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	42.6
By Other companies	15.4	21.7	20.9	21.8	21.7	-0.5
From Aruba	15.4	21.8	21.0	21.8	21.8	-0.3
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>						
From Aruba by Sea	30.3	30.6	40.8	42.3	38.9	-8.0
From Aruba by Air	31.0	28.2	27.1	31.7	33.5	5.5
From Aruba	61.4	58.8	67.9	74.0	72.4	-2.2
From the Free Zone	56.6	99.0	119.7	124.7	146.1	17.2
<i>Total Export</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>157.8</i>	<i>187.6</i>	<i>198.7</i>	<i>218.6</i>	<i>10.0</i>
By Large companies	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.9	2.3	153.3
By Other companies	61.2	58.4	67.7	73.1	70.1	-4.1
From Aruba	61.4	58.8	67.9	74.0	72.4	-2.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba