

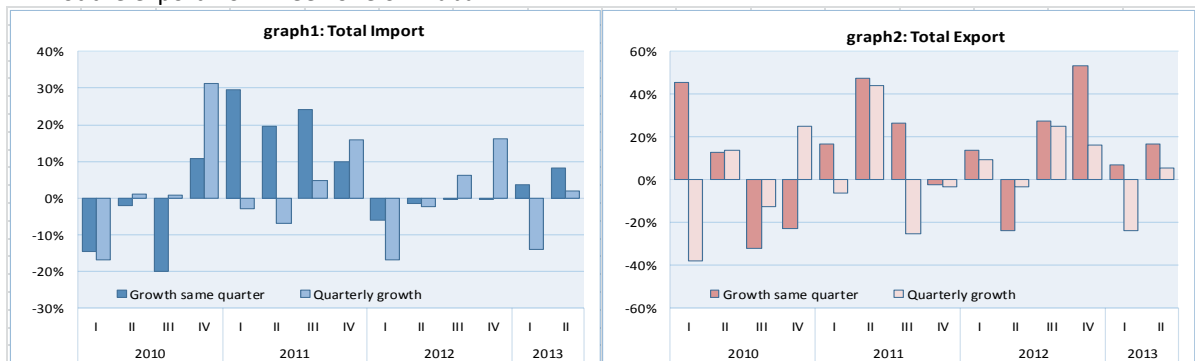
Press Release: CBS presents Foreign Trade Statistics for the second quarter of 2013,

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In the second quarter of 2013 the following developments have been registered in the international merchandise flows of Aruba.

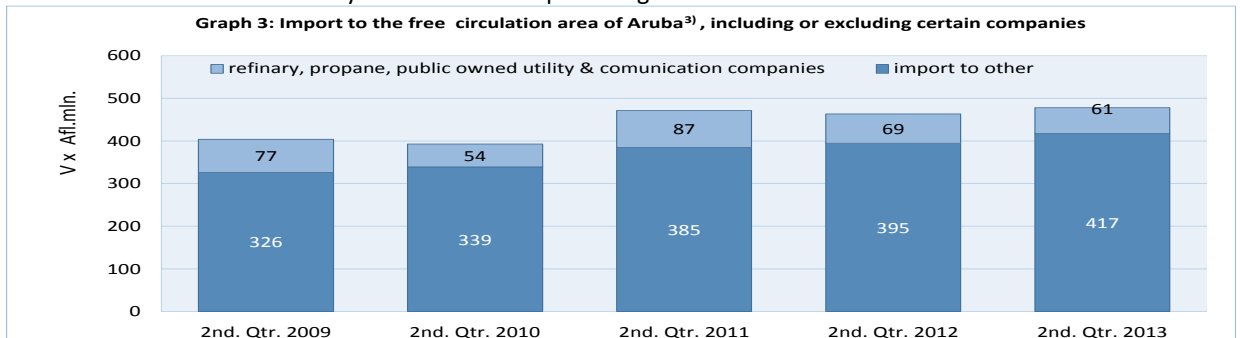
Trends in total Import and Export³⁾

Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, during the second quarter of 2013 Aruba imported a total value of Afl. 565 million and exported a total value of Afl. 76 million to the rest of the world. Total import (graph1) increased with 8.3% (521.5 to 564.7 mln) and total export (graph 2) increased with 16.8% (65.2 to 76.2 mln). Both increases are related to the area of the Free Zone of Aruba. This increase is mostly related to the product "whiskey" which increased from 28 to 55 mln for the import to the Free Zone of Aruba and 23.8 to 30.6 mln for the export from Free Zone of Aruba.



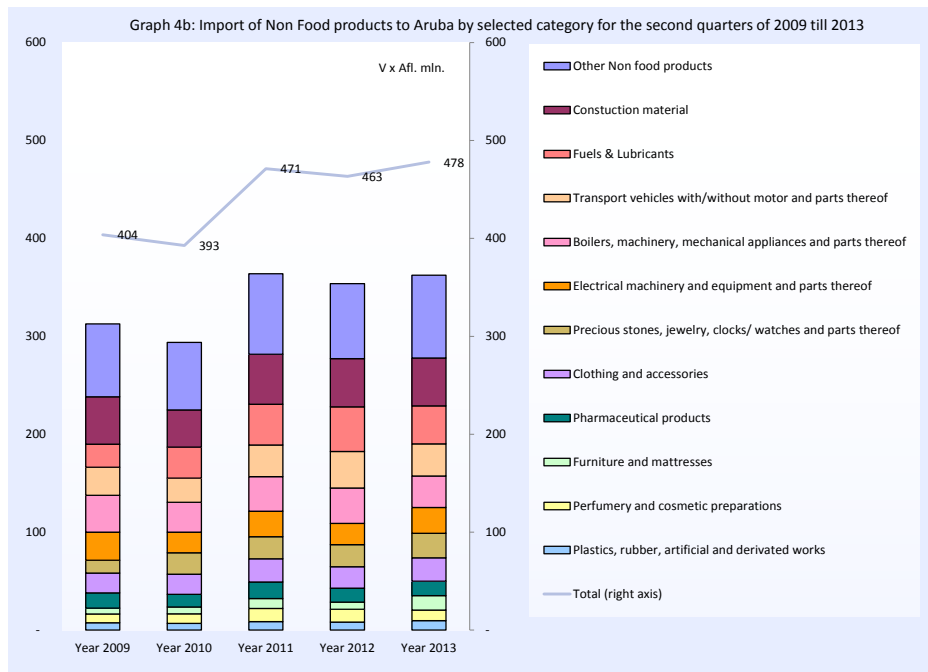
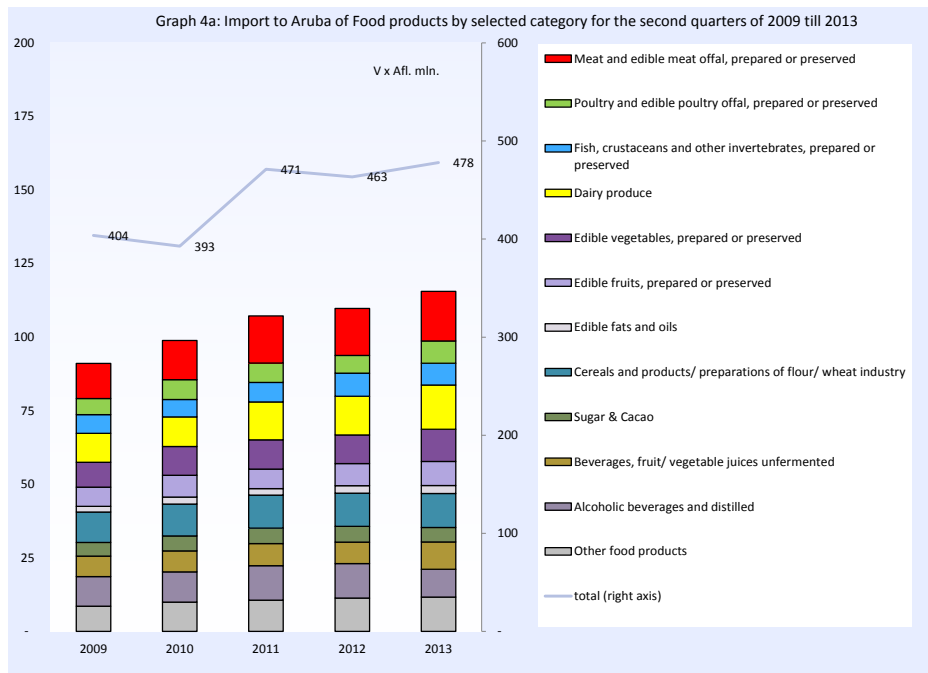
Import to the free circulation area of Aruba³⁾ presented as import to "some big companies⁴⁾" and "import to other", comparison between second quarter of the year 2012 and 2013.

In the following graph (graph 3), the import during the second quarters from 2009 till 2013 is illustrated. The import to "some big companies⁴⁾" in Aruba fluctuates a lot. Therefore the import to those companies is combined and separated from the "import to other" to illustrate this fluctuation. For the second quarter of 2013 import classified as "import to other" increased from 395 to 417 mln. This is mostly related to the import of "furniture and parts thereof" which increased from 6 to 13.6 mln, while the import to "some big companies⁴⁾" decreased from 69 to 61 mln and is directly related to the import of "gasoil" which decreased from 10.4 to 6.7mln.



Import segmented in "Food" and "Non-food" Products, comparison between second quarter of the year 2012 and 2013.

Food products are classified according to a very detailed coding system. All edible food products and preparations thereof belong to the segment "Food" Products (graph 4a). The "Non-food" Products (graph 4b) segment covers all of the "Non edible" products. For the second quarter of 2013 "Food" products increased with 5.3% (110 to 115.5 mln). This increase is observed in the segment "Beverages, fruit/ vegetable juices unfermented" which increased from 7 to 9 mln, especially the product "Water, including mineral & carbonated waters" increased from 4.3 to 5.4 mln. For the second quarter of 2013 the "Non-food" Products increased with 2.5% (354 to 362.5 mln). This increase is caused by the segment "Other non-food products" which increased from 76.5 to 84.6 mln especially due to import related to the product "Tram and parts thereof" (0 to 2.5 mln) in 2013.



³⁾ Import for years 2009-2013 excluding crude oil & butane, Export for years 2009-2013 excluding "crude oil, kerosene, gasoline, gas, propane & butane"

⁴⁾ "refinery (VALERO), propane (ARUGAS), public owned utility (WEB & ELMAR) & communication companies (SETAR)" refers to the companies established on Aruba

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