

## Foreign Trade, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016.

### Total Import to Aruba

The total import to Aruba for the first quarter of 2016, in terms of weight, increased with 25.8%, from 126.1 mln kg in 2015 to 158.6 mln kg in 2016, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 10.4% from Afl. 513.9 mln to Afl. 460.3 mln.

### Import to the free circulation area of Aruba (weight)

During this period twelve (12) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (31.2 mln. kg), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (0.8 mln. kg), "Transport equipment" (0.5 mln. kg) and "Base metals and derived works" (0.5 mln. kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Food products" (-0.6 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases of 0.1 mln. kg were registered for the sections "Various goods and products n.e.s." and "Artificial plastic elements."

### Import to the free circulation area of Aruba (value)

Seventeen (17) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered decreases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -4.5 mln), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -4.4 mln.) and "Textile fibers and articles" (Afl. -4.2 mln).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Transport equipment" (Afl. 8.8 mln). Furthermore, increases of Afl. 3.2 mln and Afl. 1.1 mln were registered for the "Base metals and derived works" and "Vegetable products" sections, respectively.

### 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 26.8% in the first quarter of 2016 (156.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2015 (123.6 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by -0.3% from Afl. 363.4 mln to Afl. 362.1 mln.

### Import to the free circulation area of Aruba by air

Import by air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, was virtually unchanged (0.7 mln kg) compared to 2015 (0.7 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 16.2% from Afl. 103.0 mln to Afl. 86.3 mln.


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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 2.3% from 23.5 mln kg in the first quarter of 2015 compared to 24.0 mln kg in the first quarter of 2016, while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 33.7% from Afl. 55.8 mln to Afl. 37.0 mln.

### Total Export from Aruba

The total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 7.2% in the first quarter of 2016 (3.7 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2015 (4.0 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 0.2% from Afl. 34.3 mln to Afl. 34.2 mln.

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IMPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	156.8	26.8
To Aruba by Air	↓	0.7	-4.6
To Aruba	↑	157.5	26.6
To the Free Zone	↓	1.1	-35.4
Total Import	↑	158.6	25.8
By Large companies	↑	24.0	2.3

IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	362.1	-0.3
To Aruba by Air	↓	86.3	-16.2
To Aruba	↓	448.4	-3.9
To the Free Zone	↓	11.9	-74.9
Total Import	↓	460.3	-10.4
By Large companies	↓	37.0	-33.7

EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	2.2	-19.5
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	87.4
From Aruba	↓	2.3	-18.4
From the Free Zone	↑	1.5	18.0
Total Export	↓	3.7	-7.2
By Large companies	↑	0.4	871.1

EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	8.6	6.4
From Aruba by Air	↑	6.4	41.4
From Aruba	↑	15.0	18.9
From the Free Zone	↓	19.2	-11.3
Total Export	↓	34.2	-0.2
By Large companies	↑	1.2	310.7

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

## Total Export from Aruba (value)

Nine (9) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered decreases in the total export from Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Food products" (Afl. -3.9 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. -2.1 mln.) and "Art-objects and collectors items including toys" (Afl. -0.4 mln).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. 4.4 mln). Furthermore, increases of Afl. 1.0 mln and Afl. 0.7 mln were registered for the "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" sections, respectively.

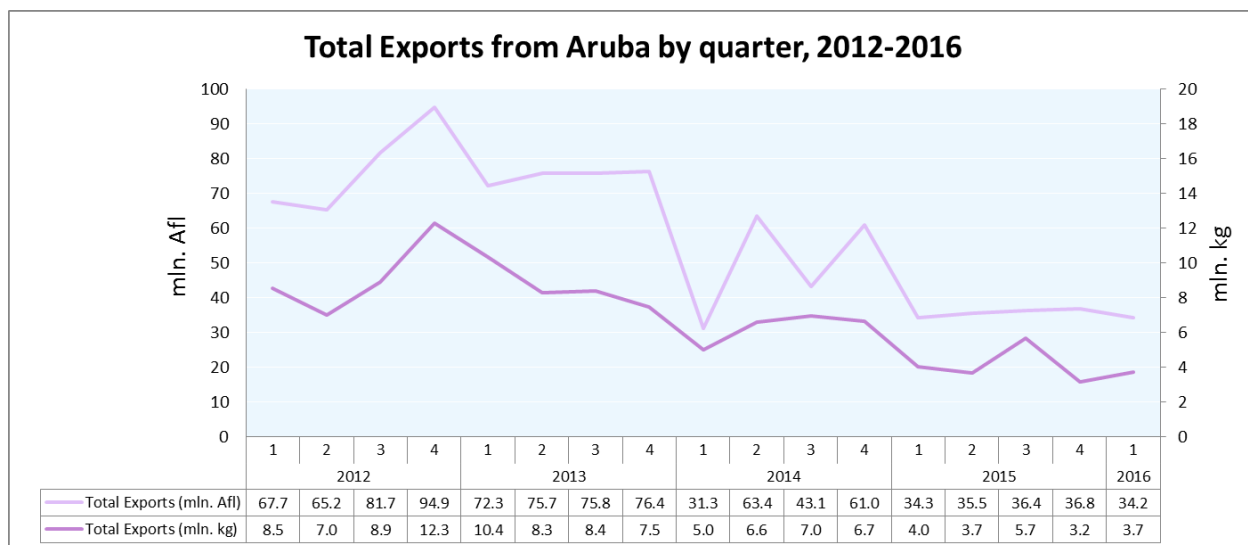
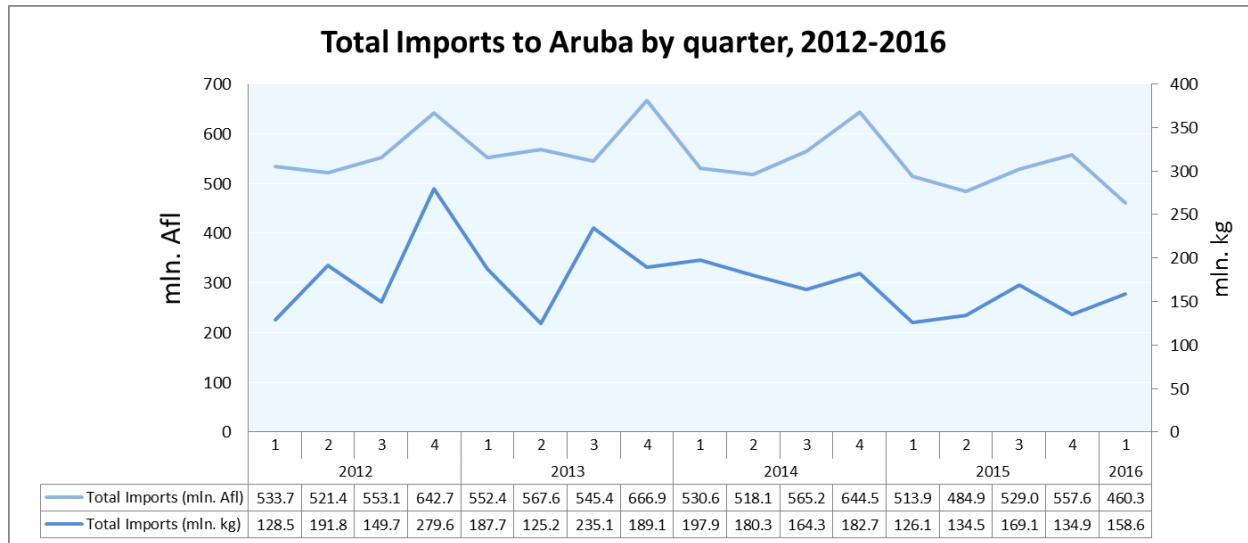


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2015-2016

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2015				2015	Qtr. 2016				2016	1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	123.6	132.6	167.1	133.0	<b>556.3</b>	156.8				<b>156.8</b>	26.8	33.2
To Aruba by Air	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	<b>2.9</b>	0.7				<b>0.7</b>	-4.6	0.0
To Aruba	124.4	133.4	167.7	133.7	<b>559.2</b>	157.5				<b>157.5</b>	26.6	33.1
To the Free Zone	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.2	<b>5.4</b>	1.1				<b>1.1</b>	-35.4	-0.6
Total Import	126.1	134.5	169.1	134.9	<b>564.6</b>	158.6				<b>158.6</b>	25.8	32.5
By Large companies	23.5	24.7	24.0	24.2	<b>96.4</b>	24.0				<b>24.0</b>	2.3	0.5
By Other companies	100.9	108.7	143.8	109.5	<b>462.8</b>	133.5				<b>133.5</b>	32.3	32.6
To Aruba	124.4	133.4	167.7	133.7	<b>559.2</b>	157.5				<b>157.5</b>	26.6	33.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	363.4	379.2	410.7	415.9	<b>1,569.3</b>	362.1				<b>362.1</b>	-0.3	-1.2
To Aruba by Air	103.0	87.3	82.3	124.7	<b>397.3</b>	86.3				<b>86.3</b>	-16.2	-16.7
To Aruba	466.4	466.5	493.0	540.7	<b>1,966.6</b>	448.4				<b>448.4</b>	-3.9	-18.0
To the Free Zone	47.5	18.3	36.0	16.9	<b>118.8</b>	11.9				<b>11.9</b>	-74.9	-35.6
Total Import	513.9	484.9	529.0	557.6	<b>2,085.4</b>	460.3				<b>460.3</b>	-10.4	-53.5
By Large companies	55.8	50.7	44.0	45.0	<b>195.5</b>	37.0				<b>37.0</b>	-33.7	-18.8
By Other companies	410.6	415.8	449.0	495.7	<b>1,771.1</b>	411.4				<b>411.4</b>	0.2	0.8
To Aruba	466.4	466.5	493.0	540.7	<b>1,966.6</b>	448.4				<b>448.4</b>	-3.9	-18.0

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2015-2016

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2015				2014	Qtr. 2016				2016	1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	2.8	2.6	4.6	1.6	<b>11.6</b>	2.2				<b>2.2</b>	-19.5	-0.5
From Aruba by Air	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.1				<b>0.1</b>	87.4	0.0
From Aruba	2.8	2.7	4.6	1.6	<b>11.7</b>	2.3				<b>2.3</b>	-18.4	-0.5
From the Free Zone	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.5	<b>4.8</b>	1.5				<b>1.5</b>	18.0	0.2
Total Export	4.0	3.7	5.7	3.17	<b>16.6</b>	3.7				<b>3.7</b>	-7.2	-0.3
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4				<b>0.4</b>	871.1	0.3
By Other companies	2.8	2.6	4.6	1.5	<b>11.5</b>	1.9				<b>1.9</b>	-31.1	-0.9
From Aruba	2.8	2.7	4.6	1.6	<b>11.7</b>	2.3				<b>2.3</b>	-18.4	-0.5
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	8.1	9.0	11.0	7.7	<b>35.7</b>	8.6				<b>8.6</b>	6.4	0.5
From Aruba by Air	4.5	6.4	5.2	6.3	<b>22.4</b>	6.4				<b>6.4</b>	41.4	1.9
From Aruba	12.6	15.4	16.2	14.0	<b>58.1</b>	15.0				<b>15.0</b>	18.9	2.4
From the Free Zone	21.7	20.1	20.3	22.8	<b>84.9</b>	19.2				<b>19.2</b>	-11.3	-2.4
Total Export	34.3	35.5	36.4	36.8	<b>143.0</b>	34.2				<b>34.2</b>	-0.2	-0.1
By Large companies	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	<b>1.2</b>	1.2				<b>1.2</b>	310.7	0.9
By Other companies	12.3	15.4	15.8	13.5	<b>56.9</b>	13.8				<b>13.8</b>	12.1	1.5
From Aruba	12.6	15.4	16.2	14.0	<b>58.1</b>	15.0				<b>15.0</b>	18.9	2.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 3 Import by quarter by section to the free circulation area of Aruba, 2015-2016 (mln. kg)

Section	Qtr. 2015				2015	Qtr. 2016				2016	1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	6.0	5.6	6.5	6.3	24.4	6.2				6.2	2.5	0.2
02 Vegetable products	8.3	8.5	9.5	8.9	35.3	8.4				8.4	1.2	0.1
03 Fats and oils	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.7	0.7				0.7	3.4	0.0
04 Food products	15.5	15.1	16.3	17.5	64.4	14.9				14.9	-4.1	-0.6
05 Mineral products	69.4	112.8	103.2	71.8	357.2	100.6				100.6	44.9	31.2
06 Chemical products	4.9	5.9	5.6	5.5	21.8	5.3				5.3	8.9	0.4
07 Artificial plastic elements	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.9	7.7	1.7				1.7	-3.7	-0.1
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1				0.1	-2.8	0.0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	2.9	3.1	4.2	3.3	13.4	3.0				3.0	2.0	0.1
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	7.2	1.8				1.8	-2.2	0.0
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.0	3.0	0.7				0.7	-5.0	0.0
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.1				0.1	-10.0	0.0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	4.1	5.4	5.7	4.7	19.9	4.3				4.3	5.6	0.2
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	12.9	0.0
15 Base metals and derivated works	2.6	4.2	3.3	2.6	12.8	3.2				3.2	19.5	0.5
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.4	9.1	2.5				2.5	43.5	0.8
17 Transport equipment	1.7	1.9	2.5	2.7	8.7	2.2				2.2	30.7	0.5
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1				0.1	-8.0	0.0
19 Arms and ammunition	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	64.6	0.0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	1.6	2.4	1.9	2.0	7.9	1.4				1.4	-8.5	-0.1
21 Art-objects and collectors items including toys	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.2				0.2	-9.1	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>172.7</b>	<b>167.8</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>598.6</b>	<b>157.5</b>				<b>157.5</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>33.0</b>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 4 Import by quarter by section to the free circulation area of Aruba, 2015-2016 (mln. Afl)

Section	Qtr. 2015				2015	Qtr. 2016				2016	1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	44.2	39.0	45.0	45.0	173.3	41.3				41.3	-6.6	-2.9
02 Vegetable products	22.6	22.8	24.3	24.9	94.7	23.6				23.6	4.8	1.1
03 Fats and oils	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	10.3	2.5				2.5	-11.5	-0.3
04 Food products	60.9	58.7	63.5	68.2	251.4	58.6				58.6	-3.7	-2.2
05 Mineral products	30.7	31.8	36.9	29.4	128.8	28.3				28.3	-7.9	-2.4
06 Chemical products	45.2	50.0	44.2	46.5	185.9	43.8				43.8	-3.2	-1.4
07 Artificial plastic elements	15.5	15.5	17.6	15.5	64.0	14.2				14.2	-7.9	-1.2
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	6.1	6.4	5.1	6.4	24.0	4.9				4.9	-19.8	-1.2
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	4.8	6.0	7.3	5.9	23.9	4.6				4.6	-4.1	-0.2
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	11.0	10.3	13.1	11.0	45.3	10.2				10.2	-7.0	-0.8
11 Textile fibers and articles	25.9	26.2	23.2	34.0	109.4	21.8				21.8	-16.2	-4.2
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	6.9	7.3	6.4	8.9	29.5	5.8				5.8	-15.2	-1.0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	7.6	9.0	9.7	9.5	35.8	7.3				7.3	-3.9	-0.3
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	17.9	11.2	11.5	35.9	76.4	15.4				15.4	-13.8	-2.5
15 Base metals and derivated works	18.3	23.6	21.7	20.8	84.3	21.5				21.5	17.7	3.2
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	67.0	71.0	74.0	79.3	291.3	62.5				62.5	-6.7	-4.5
17 Transport equipment	26.6	29.8	36.5	42.6	135.5	35.4				35.4	33.1	8.8
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	28.3	19.6	20.7	26.4	95.0	23.9				23.9	-15.5	-4.4
19 Arms and ammunition	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1				0.1	68.4	0.0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	17.2	20.0	20.5	20.1	77.7	16.5				16.5	-3.9	-0.7
21 Art-objects and collectors items including toys	6.9	5.6	9.2	7.9	29.5	6.0				6.0	-12.7	-0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>466.4</b>	<b>466.5</b>	<b>493.0</b>	<b>540.7</b>	<b>1,966.6</b>	<b>448.4</b>				<b>448.4</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-18.0</b>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 5 Export by quarter by section, 2015-2016 (mln. kg)

Section	Qtr. 2015					Qtr. 2016					1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2015	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2016	% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	59.4	0.0
02 Vegetable products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	2,060.1	0.0
03 Fats and oils	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1				0.1	-23.6	0.0
04 Food products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1				0.1	549.8	0.1
05 Mineral products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	159.4	0.0
06 Chemical products	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2				0.2	88.1	0.1
07 Artificial plastic elements	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	112.8	0.0
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	11.6	0.0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	-86.8	0.0
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0.6	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.7	0.0				0.0	-97.0	-0.6
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0				0.0	64.1	0.0
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	-39.6	0.0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3				0.3	239.7	0.2
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	-60.1	0.0
15 Base metals and derivated works	1.3	1.6	2.3	0.5	5.7	1.2				1.2	-8.7	-0.1
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.2				0.2	-21.4	-0.1
17 Transport equipment	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1				0.1	-59.5	-0.1
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	680.5	0.0
19 Arms and ammunition	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	1,233.3	0.0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	-70.1	0.0
21 Art-objects and collectors items including toys	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1				0.1	-12.4	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>				<b>2.3</b>	<b>-18.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 6 Export by quarter by section, 2015-2016 (mln. Afl)

Section	Qtr. 2015					Qtr. 2016					1st Quarter 2015 - 2016	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2015	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2016	% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1				0.1	13.3	0.0
02 Vegetable products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	369.0	0.0
03 Fats and oils	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1				0.1	-54.6	-0.1
04 Food products	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.7	0.6				0.6	135.1	0.3
05 Mineral products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1				0.1	37.1	0.0
06 Chemical products	3.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	10.2	1.5				1.5	-58.2	-2.1
07 Artificial plastic elements	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1				0.1	-56.2	-0.2
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.3				0.3	213.6	0.2
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				0.0	15.0	0.0
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.2	0.1				0.1	-21.6	0.0
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.1	1.6	0.3	0.8	2.8	0.1				0.1	9.8	0.0
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0				0.0	64.9	0.0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1				0.1	128.0	0.0
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	2.4	4.3	2.7	1.6	11.0	3.1				3.1	29.9	0.7
15 Base metals and derivated works	1.3	1.2	2.7	1.0	6.1	3.9				3.9	199.2	2.6
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	0.7	0.6	1.3	2.0	4.6	1.8				1.8	142.0	1.0
17 Transport equipment	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.5	7.4	0.9				0.9	-28.5	-0.4
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.0				1.0	166.5	0.6
19 Arms and ammunition	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	38.3	0.0
20 Various goods and products n.e.s.	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	1.2	0.1				0.1	-71.4	-0.2
21 Art-objects and collectors items including toys	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.2	6.6	1.1				1.1	-25.4	-0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>				<b>15.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba