

Foreign Trade, 2017

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of 2017.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 5.7% in 2017 (639.4 mln kg) compared to 2016 (604.8 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of 5.2%, from Afl. 2,022.6 mln to Afl. 2,127.6 mln.

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

During 2017 thirteen (13) 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" (32.0 mln. kg), "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (2.6 mln. kg), "Vegetable products" (1.4 mln. kg) and "Live animals and other animal products" (1.0 mln. kg). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Chemical products" (-1.7 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases of 0.9 and 0.7 mln. kg were registered for the sections "Food products" and "Fats and oils", respectively.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba (value)

During 2017 seventeen (17) 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 "Mineral products" (Afl. 19.2 mln), "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. 19.2 mln.), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 17.0 mln.) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 7.9 mln). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. -4.4 mln). Furthermore, decreases of Afl. 1.4 mln, Afl. 0.9 mln and Afl. 0.2 mln were registered for the "Fats and oils", "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" and "Arms and ammunition" sections, respectively.

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 effects:

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 6.0% in 2017 (629.7 mln kg) compared to 2016 (594.3 mln kg), and in terms of **value**, the import by Sea also registered an increase of 6.0%, from Afl. 1,574.9 mln to Afl. 1,669.6 mln.

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**, registered a decrease of 10.4% in 2017 (2.7 mln kg) compared to 2016 (3.1 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by 2.4%, from Afl. 367.4 mln to Afl. 376.2 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, decreased by 3.1%, from 100.2 mln kg in 2016 to 97.1 mln kg in 2017, while, in terms of **value**, it increased by 14.0%, from Afl. 165.9 mln to Afl. 189.1 mln.

* 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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IMPORT		mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	629.7	6.0
To Aruba by Air	↓	2.7	-10.4
To Aruba	↑	632.5	5.9
To the Free Zone	↓	6.9	-6.9
Total Import	↑	639.4	5.7
By Large companies*	↓	97.1	-3.1

IMPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	1,669.6	6.0
To Aruba by Air	↑	376.2	2.4
To Aruba	↑	2,045.8	5.3
To the Free Zone	↑	81.8	1.7
Total Import	↑	2,127.6	5.2
By Large companies*	↑	189.1	14.0

EXPORT		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	17.9	6.0
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.3	42.0
From Aruba	↑	18.2	6.5
From the Free Zone	↓	6.9	-7.5
Total Export	↑	25.2	2.2
By Large companies*	↓	0.1	-98.2

EXPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	39.6	-9.2
From Aruba by Air	↑	46.2	19.4
From Aruba	↑	85.9	4.2
From the Free Zone	↓	74.1	-14.0
Total Export	↓	160.0	-5.1
By Large companies*	↓	1.0	-64.7

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

Total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 2.2% in 2017 (25.2 mln kg) compared to 2016 (24.6 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 5.1% from Afl. 168.5 mln to Afl. 160.0 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba (weight)

Seven (7) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (3.1 mln kg), "Base metals and derivated works" (3.0 mln kg) and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (0.3 mln kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Mineral products" (-4.0 mln kg), Furthermore, decreases of 0.4 mln kg, 0.4 mln kg, 0.2 mln kg and 0.2 mln kg were registered for the sections "Vegetable products", "Works of stone, for the manufacture of paper, paperwork", "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Fats and oils", respectively.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba (value)

Seven (7) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered increases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl.7.5 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. 3.8 mln.) and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. 0.7 mln).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -2.4 mln). Furthermore, decreases of Afl. 1.4 mln, Afl. 1.1 mln and Afl. 0.8 mln were registered for the sections "Live animals and other animal products", "Transport equipment" and "Skins, hides, leather and peltry" respectively.

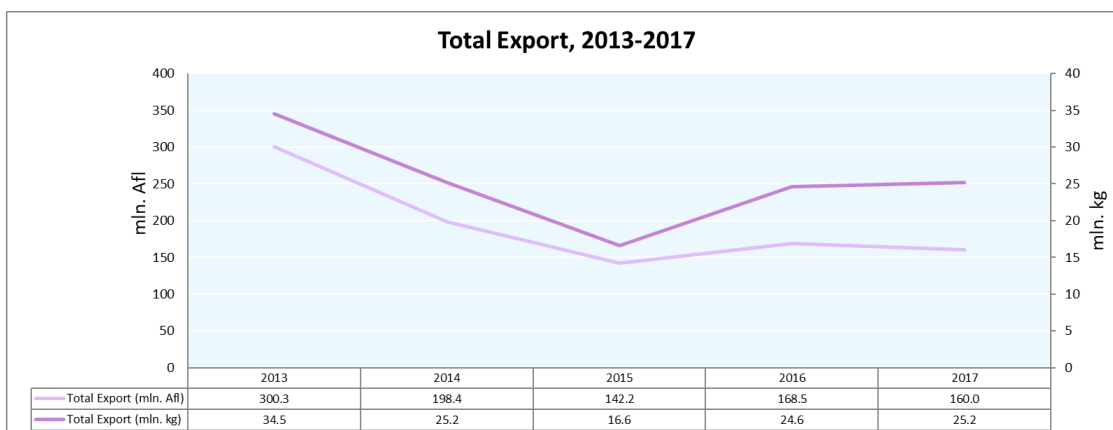
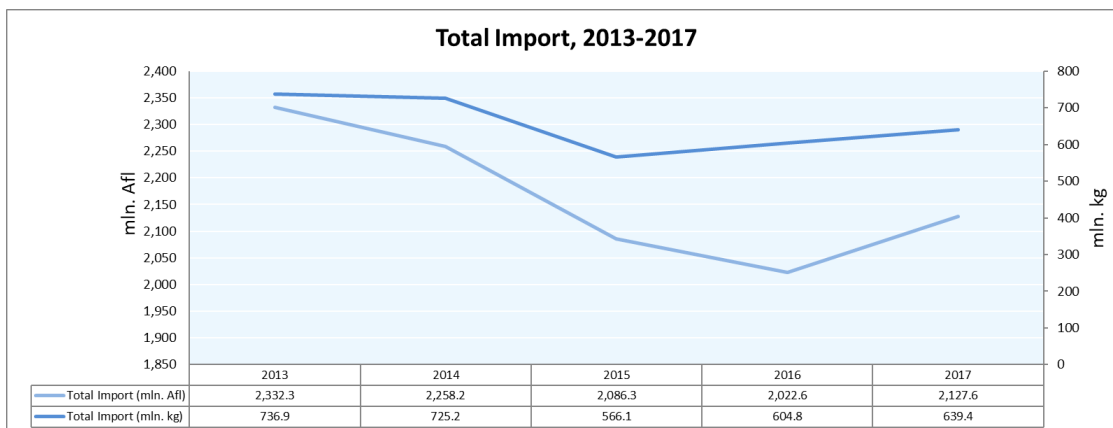


Table 1 Import, 2013-2017

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	720.9	714.4	557.7	594.3	629.7	6.0	35.5
To Aruba by Air	3.0	3.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	-10.4	-0.3
To Aruba	723.9	718.3	560.6	597.3	632.5	5.9	35.2
To the Free Zone	13.1	6.9	5.5	7.4	6.9	-6.9	-0.5
Total Import	736.9	725.2	566.1	604.8	639.4	5.7	34.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	94.2	97.2	96.4	100.2	97.1	-3.1	-3.2
<i>By Other companies</i>	629.7	621.1	464.2	497.1	535.4	7.7	38.3
To Aruba	723.9	718.3	560.6	597.3	632.5	5.9	35.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
To Aruba by Sea	1,627.1	1,659.7	1,570.1	1,574.9	1,669.6	6.0	94.7
To Aruba by Air	455.6	447.4	397.3	367.4	376.2	2.4	8.9
To Aruba	2,082.6	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.2	2,045.8	5.3	103.6
To the Free Zone	249.7	151.0	119.0	80.4	81.8	1.7	1.4
Total Import	2,332.3	2,258.2	2,086.3	2,022.6	2,127.6	5.2	104.9
<i>By Large companies</i>	268.0	277.0	195.5	165.9	189.1	14.0	23.2
<i>By Other companies</i>	1,814.6	1,830.2	1,771.9	1,776.3	1,856.7	4.5	80.4
To Aruba	2,082.6	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.2	2,045.8	5.3	103.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export, 2013-2017

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	17.2	17.9	11.6	16.9	17.9	6.0	1.0
From Aruba by Air	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	42.0	0.1
From Aruba	17.4	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	6.5	1.1
From the Free Zone	17.1	7.1	4.8	7.5	6.9	-7.5	-0.6
Total Export	34.5	25.2	16.6	24.6	25.2	2.2	0.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	1.8	0.5	0.2	4.5	0.1	-98.2	-4.4
<i>By Other companies</i>	15.7	17.6	11.5	12.6	18.2	43.7	5.5
From Aruba	17.4	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	6.5	1.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
From Aruba by Sea	43.2	37.8	35.7	43.7	39.6	-9.2	-4.0
From Aruba by Air	33.0	23.6	21.6	38.7	46.2	19.4	7.5
From Aruba	76.2	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.9	4.2	3.5
From the Free Zone	224.1	137.0	84.9	86.1	74.1	-14.0	-12.0
Total Export	300.3	198.4	142.2	168.5	160.0	-5.1	-8.5
<i>By Large companies</i>	12.4	6.9	1.2	2.8	1.0	-64.7	-1.8
<i>By Other companies</i>	63.8	54.5	56.2	79.6	84.9	6.7	5.3
From Aruba	76.2	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.9	4.2	3.5

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 3 Import by section, 2013-2017 (mln. kg)

Section	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	21.7	26.3	24.5	25.3	26.3	3.8	1.0
02 Vegetable products	34.5	34.8	35.3	35.5	36.8	3.8	1.4
03 Fats and oils	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.9	-18.6	-0.7
04 Food products	58.3	61.0	64.4	66.9	66.0	-1.4	-0.9
05 Mineral products	499.5	484.0	319.4	345.6	377.5	9.2	32.0
06 Chemical products	20.1	21.7	21.9	24.1	22.4	-7.1	-1.7
07 Artificial plastic elements	6.7	6.7	7.7	8.2	8.5	3.9	0.3
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	8.1	0.0
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	11.8	12.3	13.4	12.7	12.8	0.4	0.1
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	7.2	7.3	7.8	7.5	7.7	2.6	0.2
11 Textile fibers and articles	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	-3.7	-0.1
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	-11.9	-0.1
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	18.1	19.1	19.7	18.7	21.3	13.8	2.6
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.9	0.0
15 Base metals and derivated works	13.4	11.8	12.8	15.3	15.5	1.3	0.2
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	8.8	9.5	9.1	10.8	10.8	0.4	0.0
17 Transport equipment	7.8	8.2	8.7	10.1	11.0	8.6	0.9
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	-8.1	0.0
19 Arms and ammunition	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-50.5	0.0
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7.5	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	1.7	0.1
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	-11.8	-0.1
Total	723.9	718.3	560.6	597.3	632.5	5.9	35.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 4 Import by section, 2013-2017 (mln. Afl.)

Section	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	156.3	174.1	173.7	174.2	193.4	11.0	19.2
02 Vegetable products	87.7	90.2	94.6	97.3	100.0	2.7	2.7
03 Fats and oils	10.5	10.9	10.3	12.0	10.6	-11.5	-1.4
04 Food products	242.9	250.2	251.3	258.9	265.6	2.6	6.7
05 Mineral products	195.7	193.8	128.8	112.2	131.4	17.1	19.2
06 Chemical products	180.2	193.2	186.0	189.0	195.6	3.5	6.6
07 Artificial plastic elements	64.6	66.7	64.0	64.7	67.5	4.3	2.8
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	24.5	26.1	24.0	19.0	20.8	9.1	1.7
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	25.7	23.2	23.9	21.2	22.1	4.6	1.0
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	53.5	52.1	51.9	49.9	53.6	7.4	3.7
11 Textile fibers and articles	103.4	110.1	109.4	100.9	103.3	2.4	2.4
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	30.2	31.5	29.5	24.4	26.3	7.8	1.9
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	38.4	38.1	35.8	33.7	36.7	8.9	3.0
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	101.5	97.1	76.4	67.9	75.8	11.7	7.9
15 Base metals and derivated works	92.7	82.1	84.3	92.8	88.5	-4.7	-4.4
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	298.9	302.6	291.4	279.5	296.5	6.1	17.0
17 Transport equipment	140.8	137.7	135.6	147.8	151.7	2.6	3.9
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	104.3	108.4	95.0	89.2	94.9	6.4	5.7
19 Arms and ammunition	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	-49.4	-0.2
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	114.4	109.1	93.7	99.4	104.3	5.0	5.0
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	16.2	9.5	7.3	7.8	6.9	-11.0	-0.9
Total	2,082.6	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.2	2,045.8	5.3	103.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 5 Export by section, 2013-2017 (mln. kg)

Section	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.11	0.10	-5.2	-0.01
02 Vegetable products	0.02	0.01	0.00	1.00	0.57	-42.9	-0.43
03 Fats and oils	0.37	0.46	0.49	0.75	0.59	-21.3	-0.16
04 Food products	0.20	0.69	0.22	1.56	1.51	-3.3	-0.05
05 Mineral products	0.04	0.17	0.05	4.08	0.08	-98.0	-3.99
06 Chemical products	1.08	0.28	0.36	0.30	0.17	-43.4	-0.13
07 Artificial plastic elements	0.07	0.16	0.12	0.25	0.19	-26.4	-0.07
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.01	0.13	0.01	0.01	0.00	-48.3	0.00
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.36	1,725.7	0.34
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0.05	2.46	1.74	0.39	3.50	786.9	3.11
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.08	-22.7	-0.02
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.05	57.1	0.02
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0.75	1.18	0.36	0.54	0.13	-76.5	-0.41
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.0	0.00
15 Base metals and derivated works	12.36	10.12	5.67	5.69	8.69	52.9	3.01
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1.31	1.44	1.17	1.16	0.99	-14.5	-0.17
17 Transport equipment	0.65	0.44	0.64	0.35	0.35	-2.3	-0.01
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	66.8	0.00
19 Arms and ammunition	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.1	0.00
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.06	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.11	-25.3	-0.04
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	0.32	0.32	0.61	0.63	0.75	19.5	0.12
Total	17.4	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	6.5	1.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 6 Export by section, 2013-2017 (mln. Afl.)

Section	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016 - 2017	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.43	0.38	0.47	3.19	1.82	-43.1	-1.38
02 Vegetable products	0.30	0.10	0.01	1.11	0.63	-43.4	-0.48
03 Fats and oils	0.37	0.32	0.29	0.68	0.42	-37.9	-0.26
04 Food products	0.90	2.81	1.72	3.11	3.24	4.3	0.13
05 Mineral products	0.01	0.52	0.30	0.73	0.19	-74.4	-0.54
06 Chemical products	10.15	8.43	10.17	6.96	10.80	55.2	3.84
07 Artificial plastic elements	0.56	1.18	0.88	1.67	0.99	-40.5	-0.68
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	1.35	3.12	0.75	1.67	0.90	-46.3	-0.77
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.16	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.31	317.7	0.23
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0.53	0.48	0.48	0.34	1.08	217.6	0.74
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.78	0.88	2.80	1.41	0.78	-44.6	-0.63
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.54	0.30	0.21	0.57	0.54	-6.2	-0.04
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0.48	0.43	0.17	0.24	0.12	-49.7	-0.12
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	20.68	9.68	10.98	18.41	18.07	-1.9	-0.35
15 Base metals and derivated works	10.53	7.89	6.11	13.26	20.74	56.4	7.48
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	11.02	10.74	4.65	9.15	6.70	-26.7	-2.44
17 Transport equipment	4.93	4.13	7.42	3.80	2.72	-28.5	-1.08
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	4.07	2.76	2.05	7.41	7.95	7.3	0.54
19 Arms and ammunition	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	152.3	0.01
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.55	1.81	1.45	1.75	1.47	-16.0	-0.28
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	7.87	5.33	6.31	6.85	6.39	-6.7	-0.46
Total	76.2	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.9	4.2	3.5

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba