

Foreign Trade, 2018

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of 2018.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 6.5% in 2018 (597.3 mln kg) compared to 2017 (638.5 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of 5.3%, from Afl. 2,138.4 mln to Afl. 2,251.6 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 5.8% in 2018 (594.6 mln kg), compared to 2017 (631.6 mln kg). During 2018 twelve (12) 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 "Mineral products" (-3.6 mln. kg), "Base metals and derived works" (-3.3 mln. kg), "Vegetable products" (-0.8 mln. kg) and "Live animals and other animal products" (-0.6 mln. kg). The largest increase is seen for the section "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (3.5 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases of 2.2 and 1.4 mln. kg were registered for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork", respectively.

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 7.2% in 2018 (Afl. 2,205.1 mln) compared to 2017 (Afl. 2,056.7 mln). During 2018 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 28.8 mln), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 26.2 mln.), "Mineral products" (Afl. 18.0 mln.) and "Food products" (Afl. 14.0 mln). The largest decrease is seen for the section "Base metals and derived works" (Afl. -7.5 mln). Furthermore, decreases of Afl. -2.9 mln, Afl. -0.6 mln and Afl. -0.2 mln were registered for the "Live animals and other animal products", "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" and "Footwear, headgear and umbrellas" 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 a decrease of 6.0% in 2018 (590.8 mln kg) compared to 2017 (628.8 mln kg), and in terms of **value**, the import by Sea also registered an increase of 7.1%, from Afl. 1,680.4 mln to Afl. 1,799.8 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 an increase of 39.1% in 2018 (3.8 mln kg) compared to 2017 (2.7 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by 7.7%, from Afl. 376.2 mln to Afl. 405.3 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, decreased by 0.9%, from 97.0 mln kg in 2017 to 96.2 mln kg in 2018, while, in terms of **value**, it increased by 20.8%, from Afl. 199.7 mln to Afl. 241.3 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	↓	590.8	-6.0
To Aruba by Air	↑	3.8	39.1
To Aruba	↓	594.6	-5.8
To the Free Zone	↓	2.6	-62.0
Total Import	↓	597.3	-6.5
By Large companies*	↓	96.2	-0.9

IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	1,799.8	7.1
To Aruba by Air	↑	405.3	7.7
To Aruba	↑	2,205.1	7.2
To the Free Zone	↓	46.6	-43.1
Total Import	↑	2,251.6	5.3
By Large companies*	↑	241.3	20.8

EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	16.3	-8.7
From Aruba by Air	↓	0.3	-9.9
From Aruba	↓	16.6	-8.7
From the Free Zone	↓	2.8	-59.9
Total Export	↓	19.4	-22.8
By Large companies*	↓	0.0	-87.8

EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	37.7	-3.3
From Aruba by Air	↓	37.6	-18.7
From Aruba	↓	75.3	-11.7
From the Free Zone	↓	49.6	-33.2
Total Export	↓	124.9	-21.7
By Large companies*	↑	1.3	28.8

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 a decrease of 22.8% in 2018 (19.4 mln kg) compared to 2017 (25.1 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 21.7% from Afl. 159.5 mln to Afl. 124.9 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 8.7% in 2018 (16.6 mln kg) compared to 2017 (18.2 mln kg). During 2018 Fifteen (15) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered decreases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (-1.2 mln kg), "Vegetable products" (-0.5 mln kg) and "Food products" (-0.2 mln kg).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Base metals and derivated works" (0.3 mln kg), Furthermore, increases of 0.2 mln kg, 0.1 mln kg and 0.1 mln kg were registered for the sections "Chemical products", "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" and "Transport equipment", respectively.

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 11.7% in 2018 (Afl. 75.3) compared to 2017 (Afl. 85.3). During 2018 fourteen (14) 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. -11.1 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -2.8 mln.), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -1.3 mln) and "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. -1.3 mln) ", respectively.

The largest increase is seen for the section "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (Afl. 3.1 mln). Furthermore, increases of Afl. 3.0 mln, Afl. 1.3 mln and Afl. 0.5 mln were registered for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles", "Transport equipment" and "Chemical products" respectively.

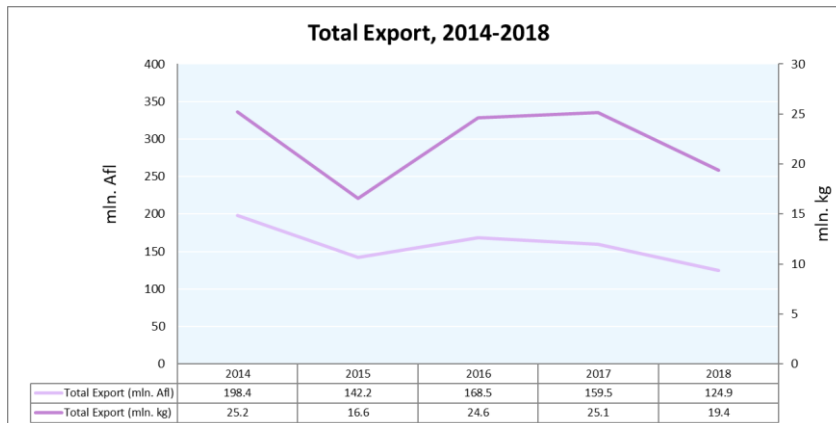
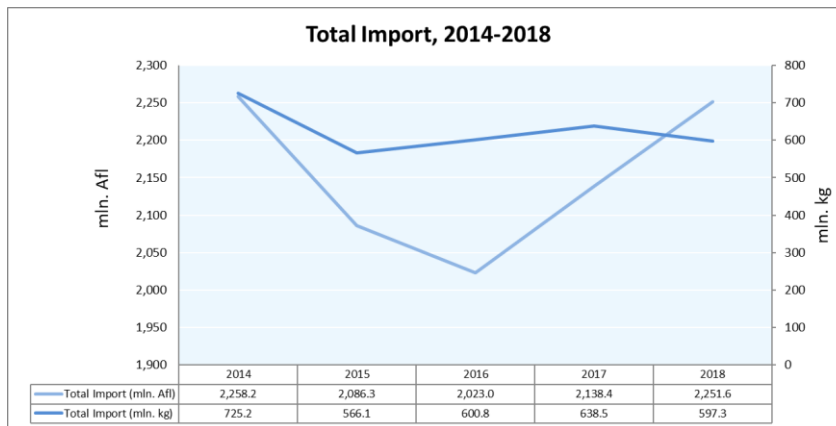


Table 1 Import, 2014-2018

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	714.4	557.7	590.3	628.8	590.8	-6.0	-38.0
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	3.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	3.8	39.1	1.1
<i>To Aruba</i>	718.3	560.6	593.4	631.6	594.6	-5.8	-36.9
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	6.9	5.5	7.4	6.9	2.6	-62.0	-4.3
Total Import	725.2	566.1	600.8	638.5	597.3	-6.5	-41.2
<i>By Large companies</i>	97.2	96.4	96.3	97.0	96.2	-0.9	-0.8
<i>By Other companies</i>	621.1	464.2	497.1	534.6	498.5	-6.8	-36.1
<i>To Aruba</i>	718.3	560.6	593.4	631.6	594.6	-5.8	-36.9

<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	1,659.7	1,570.1	1,575.4	1,680.4	1,799.8	7.1	119.4
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	447.4	397.3	367.4	376.2	405.3	7.7	29.1
<i>To Aruba</i>	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.8	2,056.7	2,205.1	7.2	148.4
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	151.0	119.0	80.2	81.8	46.6	-43.1	-35.2
Total Import	2,258.2	2,086.4	2,023.0	2,138.4	2,251.6	5.3	113.2
<i>By Large companies</i>	277.0	195.5	166.3	199.7	241.3	20.8	41.6
<i>By Other companies</i>	1,830.2	1,772.0	1,776.5	1,856.9	1,963.7	5.8	106.8
<i>To Aruba</i>	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.8	2,056.7	2,205.1	7.2	148.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export, 2014-2018

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	17.9	11.6	16.9	17.8	16.3	-8.7	-1.5
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	-9.9	0.0
<i>From Aruba</i>	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	16.6	-8.7	-1.6
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	7.1	4.8	7.5	6.9	2.8	-59.9	-4.2
Total Export	25.2	16.6	24.6	25.1	19.4	-22.8	-5.7
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.5	0.2	4.5	0.1	0.0	-87.8	-0.1
<i>By Other companies</i>	17.6	11.5	12.6	18.1	16.6	-8.3	-1.5
<i>From Aruba</i>	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	16.6	-8.7	-1.6

<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	37.8	35.7	43.7	39.0	37.7	-3.3	-1.3
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	23.6	21.6	38.7	46.2	37.6	-18.7	-8.7
<i>From Aruba</i>	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.3	75.3	-11.7	-9.9
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	137.0	84.9	86.1	74.2	49.6	-33.2	-24.6
Total Export	198.4	142.2	168.5	159.5	124.9	-21.7	-34.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	6.9	1.2	2.8	1.0	1.3	28.8	0.3
<i>By Other companies</i>	54.5	56.2	79.6	84.3	74.0	-12.1	-10.2
<i>From Aruba</i>	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.3	75.3	-11.7	-9.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 3 Import by section to the free circulation area of Aruba, 2014-2018 (mln. kg)

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	26.3	23.5	24.6	25.1	24.5	-2.4	-0.6
02 Vegetable products	34.8	36.3	36.2	38.0	37.2	-2.0	-0.8
03 Fats and oils	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.9	3.1	6.6	0.2
04 Food products	61.0	64.4	66.9	66.1	65.7	-0.6	-0.4
05 Mineral products	484.0	319.4	341.7	376.5	337.9	-10.2	-38.6
06 Chemical products	21.7	21.9	24.1	22.4	22.0	-1.7	-0.4
07 Artificial plastic elements	6.7	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.6	1.4	0.1
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-9.7	-0.1
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	12.3	13.4	12.7	12.8	14.1	10.7	1.4
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	7.3	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.5	-2.5	-0.2
11 Textile fibers and articles	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	-2.4	-0.1
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.6	0.0
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	19.1	19.7	18.7	21.3	23.5	10.4	2.2
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-23.7	0.0
15 Base metals and derived works	11.8	12.8	15.3	15.5	12.2	-21.4	-3.3
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	9.5	9.1	10.8	10.8	11.1	2.2	0.2
17 Transport equipment	8.2	8.7	10.1	11.0	10.8	-2.1	-0.2
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	-11.2	-0.1
19 Arms and ammunition	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.5	0.0
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	11.4	43.4	3.5
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	16.6	0.1
Total	718.3	560.6	593.4	631.6	594.6	-5.8	-36.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 4 Import by section to the free circulation area of Aruba, 2014-2018 (mln. Afl.)

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	174.1	172.3	172.6	191.7	188.8	-1.5	-2.9
02 Vegetable products	90.2	96.0	98.9	101.7	108.1	6.4	6.5
03 Fats and oils	10.9	10.3	12.0	10.6	11.1	4.9	0.5
04 Food products	250.2	251.3	258.9	265.6	279.7	5.3	14.0
05 Mineral products	193.8	128.8	112.6	142.1	160.1	12.6	18.0
06 Chemical products	193.2	186.0	189.0	195.6	202.4	3.5	6.8
07 Artificial plastic elements	66.7	64.0	64.7	67.5	75.5	11.9	8.1
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	26.1	24.0	19.0	20.8	23.2	11.8	2.5
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	23.2	23.9	21.2	22.1	25.6	15.6	3.5
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	52.1	51.9	49.9	53.6	53.0	-1.1	-0.6
11 Textile fibers and articles	110.1	109.4	100.9	103.3	105.1	1.8	1.8
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	31.5	29.5	24.4	26.3	26.1	-0.7	-0.2
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	38.1	35.8	33.7	36.7	44.7	21.6	7.9
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	97.1	76.5	68.1	76.0	85.3	12.2	9.3
15 Base metals and derived works	82.1	84.3	92.8	88.5	81.0	-8.5	-7.5
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	302.6	291.4	279.5	296.5	325.2	9.7	28.8
17 Transport equipment	137.7	135.6	147.8	151.7	162.1	6.9	10.4
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	108.4	95.0	89.2	94.9	108.9	14.7	13.9
19 Arms and ammunition	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.8	270.0	0.6
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	109.1	93.7	99.4	104.3	130.6	25.1	26.2
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	9.5	7.3	7.8	6.9	7.9	13.6	0.9
Total	2,107.2	1,967.4	1,942.8	2,056.7	2,205.1	7.2	148.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 5 Export by section from the free circulation area of Aruba, 2014-2018 (mln. kg)

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.03	0.02	0.11	0.10	0.07	-26.0	-0.03
02 Vegetable products	0.01	0.00	1.00	0.57	0.05	-90.9	-0.52
03 Fats and oils	0.46	0.49	0.75	0.59	0.51	-14.2	-0.08
04 Food products	0.69	0.22	1.56	1.44	1.24	-13.7	-0.20
05 Mineral products	0.17	0.05	4.08	0.08	0.03	-60.5	-0.05
06 Chemical products	0.28	0.36	0.30	0.17	0.34	96.9	0.17
07 Artificial plastic elements	0.16	0.12	0.25	0.19	0.10	-48.1	-0.09
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	0.13	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	-9.8	0.00
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.36	0.40	13.0	0.05
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	2.46	1.74	0.39	3.50	2.27	-35.3	-1.24
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.07	-4.8	0.00
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.01	-88.1	-0.04
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	1.18	0.36	0.54	0.13	0.12	-7.7	-0.01
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-16.6	0.00
15 Base metals and derivated works	10.12	5.67	5.69	8.69	8.99	3.4	0.30
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	1.44	1.17	1.16	0.99	0.86	-13.1	-0.13
17 Transport equipment	0.44	0.64	0.35	0.35	0.48	37.9	0.13
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-3.8	0.00
19 Arms and ammunition	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-45.0	0.00
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.13	25.4	0.03
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	0.32	0.61	0.63	0.75	0.90	19.5	0.15
Total	18.1	11.7	17.1	18.2	16.6	-8.7	-1.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 6 Export by section from the free circulation area of Aruba, 2014-2018 (mln. Afl.)

Section	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017 - 2018	
						% change	in mln
01 Live animals and other animal products	0.38	0.47	3.19	1.81	0.56	-69.2	-1.25
02 Vegetable products	0.10	0.01	1.11	0.64	0.15	-76.8	-0.49
03 Fats and oils	0.32	0.29	0.68	0.42	0.30	-28.8	-0.12
04 Food products	2.81	1.72	3.11	2.64	2.31	-12.4	-0.33
05 Mineral products	0.52	0.30	0.73	0.19	0.09	-53.1	-0.10
06 Chemical products	8.43	10.17	6.96	10.80	11.28	4.4	0.47
07 Artificial plastic elements	1.18	0.88	1.67	0.99	0.88	-11.4	-0.11
08 Skins, hides, leather and peltry	3.12	0.75	1.67	0.90	0.46	-48.9	-0.44
09 Wood, charcoal and woodwork	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.31	0.30	-0.9	0.00
10 Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork	0.48	0.48	0.34	1.06	1.07	0.8	0.01
11 Textile fibers and articles	0.88	2.80	1.41	0.78	1.05	34.3	0.27
12 Footwear, headgear and umbrellas	0.30	0.21	0.57	0.54	0.72	33.7	0.18
13 Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos	0.43	0.17	0.24	0.12	0.10	-20.5	-0.02
14 Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones	9.68	10.98	18.41	18.07	15.23	-15.7	-2.84
15 Base metals and derivated works	7.89	6.11	13.26	20.74	9.66	-53.4	-11.08
16 Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)	10.74	4.65	9.15	6.70	6.48	-3.3	-0.22
17 Transport equipment	4.13	7.42	3.80	2.72	3.98	46.6	1.27
18 Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment	2.76	2.05	7.41	7.95	6.68	-15.9	-1.27
19 Arms and ammunition	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	-24.5	-0.01
20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.81	1.45	1.75	1.47	4.48	204.7	3.01
21 Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	5.33	6.31	6.85	6.39	9.52	49.0	3.13
Total	61.4	57.3	82.4	85.3	75.3	-11.7	-9.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba