

## Foreign Trade, Second Quarter 2019

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2019.

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 40.3% in the second quarter of 2019 (203.4 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (144.9 mln kg), **while** in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 2.4%, from Afl. 547.4 mln to Afl. 560.5 mln.

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

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 39.7% in the second quarter of 2019 (201.5 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2018 (144.3 mln kg). During this period thirteen (13) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered increases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (54.9 mln. kg), "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (0.8 mln. kg) and "Live animals and other animal products" (0.5 mln. kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Transport equipment" both with a decrease of (-0.3 mln. kg). Furthermore, decreases were registered for "Artificial plastic elements" (-0.1 mln kg) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (-0.1 mln kg) sections.

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

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered a decrease of 0.2% in the second quarter of 2019 (Afl. 532.8 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 533.6 mln). Ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -6.8 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -1.7 mln.), "Chemical products" (Afl. -1.1 mln) and "Mineral products" (Afl. -1.1 mln).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. 3.5 mln). Furthermore, increases were registered for the "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. 3.4 mln) and "Food products" (Afl. 2.0 mln) sections.

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 40.1% in the second quarter of 2019 (200.6 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (143.2 mln kg), **while** in terms of value, the import by Sea increased by 0.8% from Afl. 439.7 mln to Afl. 443.2 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, decreased by 16.4% from 1.04 mln kg in the second quarter of 2018 to 0.87 mln kg in the second quarter of 2019, while in terms of value, the import by Air decreased by 4.7% from Afl. 93.9 mln to Afl. 89.5 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 9.4% from 25.2 mln kg in the second quarter of 2018 to 22.8 mln kg in the second quarter of 2019, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 23.4% from Afl. 67.5 mln to Afl. 51.7 mln.

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## SECOND QUARTER 2019 FOREIGN TRADE

IMPORT	mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 200.6	40.1
To Aruba by Air	↓ 0.9	-16.4
To Aruba	↑ 201.5	39.7
To the Free Zone	↑ 1.9	186.6
Total Import	↑ 203.4	40.3
By Large companies*	↓ 22.8	-9.4

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 443.2	0.8
To Aruba by Air	↓ 89.5	-4.7
To Aruba	↓ 532.8	-0.2
To the Free Zone	↑ 27.8	102.3
Total Import	↑ 560.5	2.4
By Large companies*	↓ 51.7	-23.4

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 5.0	27.2
From Aruba by Air	↓ 0.0	-58.6
From Aruba	↑ 5.1	24.8
From the Free Zone	↑ 1.1	42.6
Total Export	↑ 6.1	27.5
By Large companies*	↑ 0.01	87.5

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 14.1	72.3
From Aruba by Air	↑ 13.6	62.3
From Aruba	↑ 27.7	67.2
From the Free Zone	↑ 14.7	14.7
Total Export	↑ 42.4	44.4
By Large companies*	↑ 0.8	60.4

The % change is determined by comparing the 2nd quarter of 2019 with the 2nd quarter of 2018.

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

## Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 27.5% in the second quarter of 2019 (6.1 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2018 (4.8 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 44.4% from Afl. 29.4 mln to Afl. 42.4 mln.

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## Export from the free circulation area of Aruba\* (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 24.8% in the second quarter of 2019 (5.1 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2018 (4.1 mln kg). Ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of weight 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" (0.5 mln. kg), "Chemical products" (0.2 mln. kg), "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (0.2 mln. kg) and "Food products" (0.2 mln. kg). The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (-0.1 mln kg) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (-0.03 mln kg).

## Export from the free circulation area of Aruba\* (value)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of 67.2% in the second quarter of 2019 (Afl. 27.7 mln) compared to the same period in 2018 (Afl. 16.6 mln). Thirteen (13) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Chemical products" (Afl. 3.1 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 2.3 mln), "Machinery & electro technical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 2.2 mln) and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (Afl. 2.2 mln). The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques" (Afl. -0.5 mln), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. -0.2 mln) and "Transport equipment" (Afl. -0.1 mln).

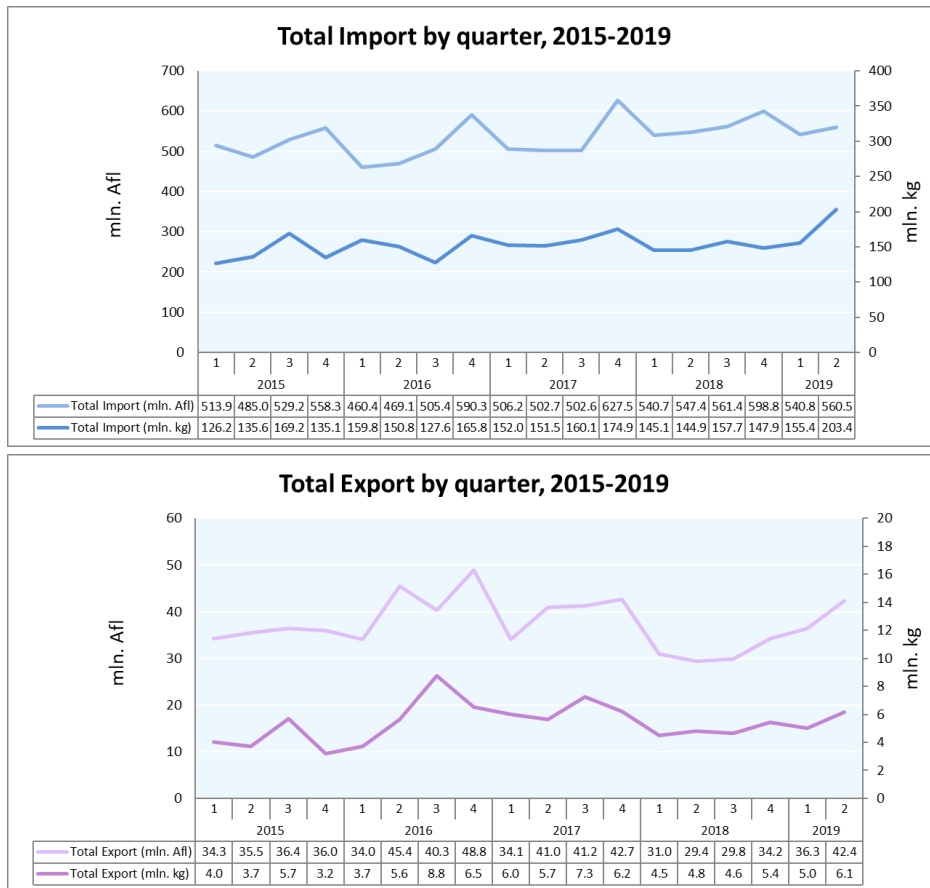


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018				2018	Qtr. 2019				2019	2nd Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	143.6	143.2	156.7	145.7	<b>589.2</b>	153.0	200.6			<b>353.6</b>	40.1	57.4
To Aruba by Air	1.02	1.04	0.73	1.01	<b>3.8</b>	1.17	0.87			<b>2.0</b>	-16.40	-0.17
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	<b>593.0</b>	154.2	201.5			<b>355.7</b>	39.7	57.2
To the Free Zone	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.2	<b>2.6</b>	1.2	1.9			<b>3.2</b>	186.6	1.3
Total Import	145.1	144.9	157.7	147.9	<b>595.7</b>	155.4	203.4			<b>358.8</b>	40.3	58.5
By Large companies	23.1	25.2	23.4	24.5	<b>96.2</b>	22.6	22.8			<b>45.4</b>	-9.4	-2.4
By Other companies	121.5	119.1	134.1	122.2	<b>496.9</b>	131.6	178.7			<b>310.3</b>	50.0	59.6
To Aruba	144.6	144.3	157.4	146.7	<b>593.0</b>	154.2	201.5			<b>355.7</b>	39.7	57.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	430.3	439.7	464.8	463.4	<b>1,798.2</b>	420.5	443.2			<b>863.7</b>	0.8	3.5
To Aruba by Air	101.5	93.9	89.2	119.0	<b>403.6</b>	103.6	89.5			<b>193.1</b>	-4.7	-4.4
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	554.0	582.5	<b>2,201.8</b>	524.1	532.8			<b>1,056.9</b>	-0.2	-0.9
To the Free Zone	9.0	13.7	7.5	16.3	<b>46.5</b>	16.7	27.8			<b>44.5</b>	102.3	14.0
Total Import	540.7	547.4	561.4	598.8	<b>2,248.3</b>	540.8	560.5			<b>1,101.4</b>	2.4	13.2
By Large companies	60.0	67.5	60.9	52.8	<b>241.3</b>	47.0	51.7			<b>98.7</b>	-23.4	-15.8
By Other companies	471.7	466.1	493.0	529.6	<b>1,960.4</b>	477.1	481.0			<b>958.1</b>	3.2	14.9
To Aruba	531.7	533.6	554.0	582.5	<b>2,201.8</b>	524.1	532.8			<b>1,056.9</b>	-0.2	-0.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2018-2019

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2018				2018	Qtr. 2019				2019	2nd Quarter 2018 - 2019	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.5	<b>16.3</b>	4.0	5.0			<b>9.0</b>	27.2	1.1
From Aruba by Air	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.05	<b>0.3</b>	0.05	0.05			<b>0.1</b>	-58.6	-0.1
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1			<b>9.1</b>	24.8	1.0
From the Free Zone	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	<b>2.8</b>	1.0	1.1			<b>2.0</b>	42.6	0.3
Total Export	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.4	<b>19.4</b>	5.0	6.1			<b>11.1</b>	27.5	1.3
By Large companies	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	<b>0.02</b>	0.02	0.01			<b>0.03</b>	87.5	0.01
By Other companies	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1			<b>9.1</b>	24.7	1.0
From Aruba	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.5	<b>16.6</b>	4.0	5.1			<b>9.1</b>	24.8	1.0
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.8	8.2	10.6	8.1	<b>37.7</b>	14.5	14.1			<b>28.6</b>	72.3	5.9
From Aruba by Air	10.3	8.4	9.6	9.1	<b>37.4</b>	8.2	13.6			<b>21.8</b>	62.3	5.2
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	<b>75.1</b>	22.7	27.7			<b>50.4</b>	67.2	11.1
From the Free Zone	9.9	12.8	9.5	17.1	<b>49.3</b>	13.7	14.7			<b>28.3</b>	14.7	1.9
Total Export	31.0	29.4	29.8	34.2	<b>124.4</b>	36.3	42.4			<b>78.7</b>	44.4	13.0
By Large companies	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	<b>1.3</b>	0.0	0.8			<b>0.8</b>	60.4	0.3
By Other companies	20.8	16.1	19.9	16.9	<b>73.8</b>	22.7	27.0			<b>49.6</b>	67.4	10.9
From Aruba	21.1	16.6	20.3	17.1	<b>75.1</b>	22.7	27.7			<b>50.4</b>	67.2	11.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba