

Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2020

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1st quarter 2020.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 8.2% in the first quarter of 2020 (146.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (159.9 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import decreased by 5.8%, from Afl. 541.5 mln to Afl. 509.9 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 8.2% in the first quarter of 2020 (145.7 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2019 (158.7 mln kg). During this period eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered decreases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (-14.3 mln. kg), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-0.6 mln. kg) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (-0.3 mln. kg).

The largest increases are seen for the section "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" (0.7 mln. kg) and "Chemical products" (0.7 mln kg). Furthermore, increases were registered for the "Food products" (0.6 mln kg) and "Vegetable products" (0.2 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 5.1% in the first quarter of 2020 (Afl. 497.9 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 524.7 mln). Fourteen (14) 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 & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -7.0 mln), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -5.6 mln.) and "Transport equipment" (Afl. -5.2 mln).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Chemical products" (Afl. 2.9 mln). Furthermore, increases were registered for the "Base metals and derived works" (Afl. 2.1 mln) and "Artificial plastic elements" (Afl. 1.5 mln) sections.

The above mentioned 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 8.1% in the first quarter of 2020 (144.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (157.5 mln kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea decreased by 4.5% from Afl. 421.3 mln to Afl. 402.3 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 25.7% from 1.17 mln kg in the first quarter of 2019 to 0.87 mln kg in the first quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, the import by Air decreased by 7.6% from Afl. 103.5 mln to Afl. 95.6 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 17.2% from 20.8 mln kg in the first quarter of 2019 to 24.4 mln kg in the first quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, it increased by 13.5% from Afl. 47.8 mln to Afl. 54.3 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	↓ 144.8	-8.1
To Aruba by Air	↓ 0.9	-25.7
To Aruba	↓ 145.7	-8.2
To the Free Zone	↓ 1.1	-14.9
Total Import	↓ 146.8	-8.2
By Large companies*	↑ 24.4	17.2

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓ 402.3	-4.5
To Aruba by Air	↓ 95.6	-7.6
To Aruba	↓ 497.9	-5.1
To the Free Zone	↓ 12.0	-28.1
Total Import	↓ 509.9	-5.8
By Large companies*	↑ 54.3	13.5

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 4.1	3.7
From Aruba by Air	↑ 0.1	13.4
From Aruba	↑ 4.2	3.8
From the Free Zone	↓ 0.7	-23.3
Total Export	↓ 4.9	-1.5
By Large companies*	↓ 0.0	-77.4

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓ 6.8	-31.6
From Aruba by Air	↑ 8.6	6.9
From Aruba	↓ 15.4	-14.5
From the Free Zone	↓ 10.8	-20.9
Total Export	↓ 26.2	-17.2
By Large companies*	↑ 0.1	1,123.4

The % change is determined by comparing the 1st quarter of 2020 with the 1st quarter of 2019.

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

Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 1.5% in the first quarter of 2020 (4.9 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2019 (5.0 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export decreased by 17.2% from Afl. 31.6 mln to Afl. 26.2 mln.

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 3.8% in the first quarter of 2020 (4.2 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (4.0 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" (0.4 mln. kg), "Food products" (0.2 mln. kg) and "Fats and oils" (0.1 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derived works" (-0.4 mln kg), "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (-0.1 mln kg) and "Transport equipment" (-0.1 mln kg).

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 14.5% in the first quarter of 2020 (Afl. 15.4 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 18.0 mln). Eight (8) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" (Afl. -3.4 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. -1.0 mln) and "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (Afl. -0.6 mln).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. 0.8 mln), "Base metals and derived works" (Afl. 0.5 mln) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 0.4 mln).

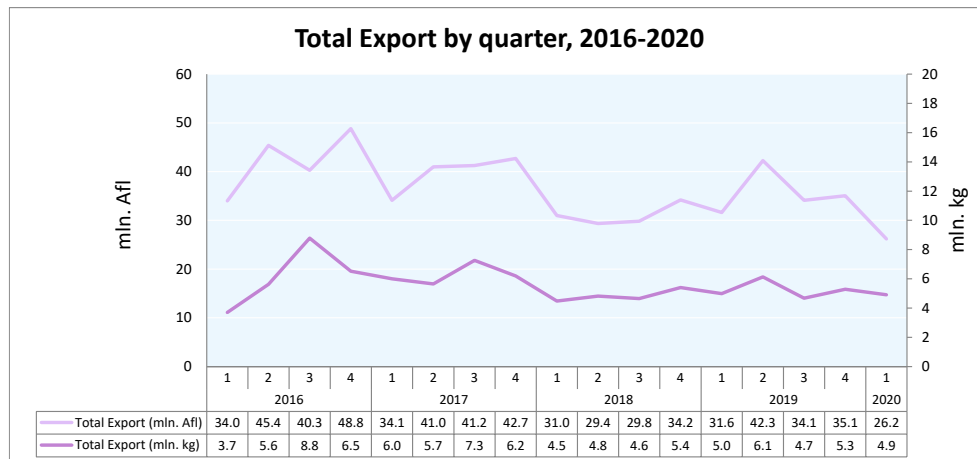
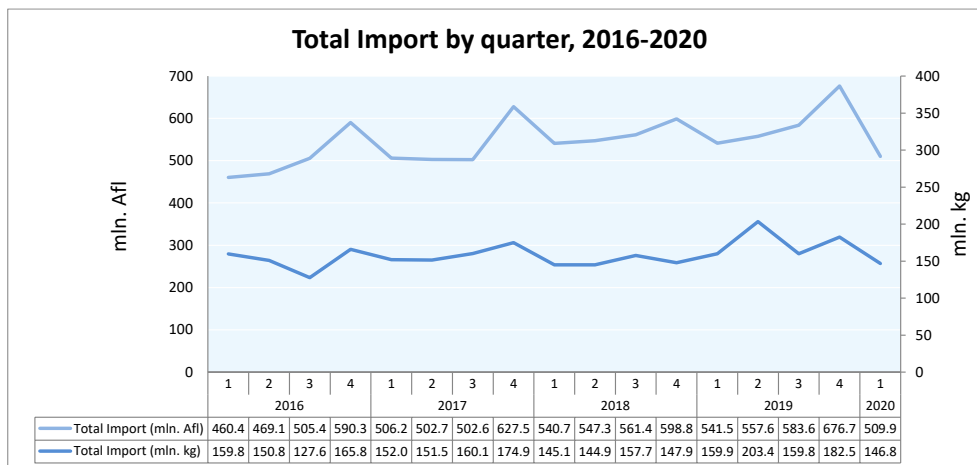


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019					Qtr. 2020					1st Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	157.5	200.6	157.4	180.5	696.1	144.8				647.7	-8.1	-12.7
To Aruba by Air	1.17	0.86	1.00	1.23	4.3	0.87				3.6	-25.7	-0.3
To Aruba	158.7	201.5	158.4	181.7	700.3	145.7				651.3	-8.2	-13.0
To the Free Zone	1.2	1.9	1.4	0.8	5.3	1.1				5.5	-14.9	-0.2
Total Import	159.9	203.4	159.8	182.5	705.7	146.8				656.8	-8.2	-13.2
By Large companies	20.8	22.8	26.3	29.0	98.9	24.4				97.8	17.2	3.6
By Other companies	137.9	178.7	132.2	152.7	601.5	121.3				553.5	-12.0	-16.6
To Aruba	158.7	201.5	158.4	181.7	700.3	145.7				651.3	-8.2	-13.0
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	421.3	440.3	473.3	534.8	1,869.6	402.3				1,718.2	-4.5	-19.0
To Aruba by Air	103.5	89.5	91.5	130.4	414.9	95.6				372.2	-7.6	-7.9
To Aruba	524.7	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,284.5	497.9				2,090.4	-5.1	-26.8
To the Free Zone	16.7	27.8	18.9	11.5	74.9	12.0				70.7	-28.1	-4.7
Total Import	541.5	557.6	583.6	676.7	2,359.4	509.9				2,161.1	-5.8	-31.5
By Large companies	47.8	48.8	64.4	119.2	280.3	54.3				221.8	13.5	6.5
By Other companies	476.9	481.0	500.3	545.9	2,004.2	443.6				1,868.6	-7.0	-33.3
To Aruba	524.7	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,284.5	497.9				2,090.4	-5.1	-26.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019					Qtr. 2020					1st Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2019	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	4.0	5.0	3.8	3.9	16.7	4.1				17.1	3.7	0.1
From Aruba by Air	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.2	0.06				0.2	13.4	0.0
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2				17.3	3.8	0.2
From the Free Zone	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	4.1	0.7				3.3	-23.3	-0.2
Total Export	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.3	21.1	4.9				20.6	-1.5	-0.1
By Large companies	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00				0.02	-77.4	-0.01
By Other companies	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2				17.3	4.2	0.2
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2				17.3	3.8	0.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.0	14.0	10.4	6.4	40.8	6.8				38.1	-31.6	-3.2
From Aruba by Air	8.0	13.6	10.4	8.3	40.4	8.6				41.2	6.9	0.6
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4				79.2	-14.5	-2.6
From the Free Zone	13.6	14.7	13.3	20.3	61.9	10.8				49.5	-20.9	-2.8
Total Export	31.6	42.3	34.1	35.1	143.1	26.2				128.8	-17.2	-5.4
By Large companies	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.1				1.0	1,123.4	0.1
By Other companies	18.0	26.8	20.8	14.2	79.9	15.3				78.2	-15.0	-2.7
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4				79.2	-14.5	-2.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba