

Foreign Trade, Third Quarter 2020

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 3rd quarter 2020.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 12.2% in the third quarter of 2020 (140.4 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (159.8 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import decreased by 27.6%, from Afl. 583.6 mln to Afl. 422.8 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 12.0% in the third quarter of 2020 (139.3 mln kg), compared to the same period in 2019 (158.4 mln kg). During this period eighteen (18) sections registered decreases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Food products" (-4.0 mln. kg), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (-2.7 mln. kg) and "Mineral products" (-2.4 mln. kg).

The largest increase is observed for the section "Chemical products" (0.6 mln kg).

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 27.5% in the third quarter of 2020 (Afl. 409.5 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 564.8 mln). Nineteen (19) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. -24.9 mln), "Transport equipment" (Afl. -24.6 mln.) and "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. -17.9 mln).

The largest increase is observed for the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (0.6 mln kg).

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 11.8% in the third quarter of 2020 (138.8 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (157.4 mln kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea decreased by 25.9% from Afl. 473.3 mln to Afl. 350.5 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 47.6% from 1.0 mln kg in the third quarter of 2019 to 0.5 mln kg in the third quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, the import by Air decreased by 35.5% from Afl. 91.5 mln to Afl. 59.0 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 17.2% from 26.3 mln kg in the third quarter of 2019 to 21.7 mln kg in the third quarter of 2020, while, in terms of value, it decreased by 19.0% from Afl. 64.4 mln to Afl. 52.2 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	↓	138.8	-11.8
To Aruba by Air	↓	0.5	-47.6
To Aruba	↓	139.3	-12.0
To the Free Zone	↓	1.1	-24.0
Total Import	↓	140.4	-12.2
By Large companies*	↓	21.7	-17.2
IMPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓	350.5	-25.9
To Aruba by Air	↓	59.0	-35.5
To Aruba	↓	409.5	-27.5
To the Free Zone	↓	13.3	-29.6
Total Import	↓	422.8	-27.6
By Large companies*	↓	52.2	-19.0
EXPORT		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	3.6	-7.0
From Aruba by Air	↓	0.0	-56.8
From Aruba	↓	3.6	-7.7
From the Free Zone	↑	1.4	74.9
Total Export	↑	5.0	6.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.02	5,947.7
EXPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	8.4	-19.2
From Aruba by Air	↓	10.7	2.5
From Aruba	↓	19.1	-8.3
From the Free Zone	↑	17.0	28.2
Total Export	↑	36.1	5.9
By Large companies*	↓	0.02	-45.0
The % change is determined by comparing the 3rd quarter of 2020 with the 3rd quarter of 2019.			
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Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 6.0% in the third quarter of 2020 (5.0 mln kg) compared to the same period of 2019 (4.7 mln kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 5.9% from Afl. 34.1 mln to Afl. 36.1 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 7.7% in the third quarter of 2020 (3.6 mln kg) compared to the same period in 2019 (3.9 mln kg). Sixteen (16) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of weight 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" (-0.3 mln. kg), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-0.1 mln. kg) and "Artificial plastic elements" (-0.1 mln. kg).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Food products" (0.2 mln kg) and "Transport equipment" (0.04 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 8.3% in the third quarter of 2020 (Afl. 19.1 mln) compared to the same period in 2019 (Afl. 20.8 mln). Fifteen (15) 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -2.0 mln), "Chemical products" (Afl. -0.9 mln) and "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. -0.7 mln).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. 1.9 mln), "Footwear, headgear and umbrellas" (Afl. 0.9 mln) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (Afl. 0.4 mln).

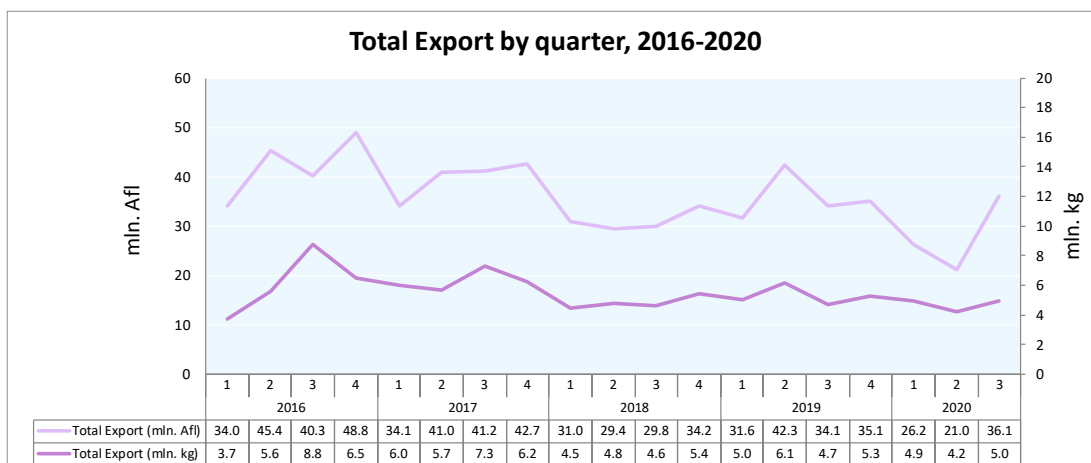
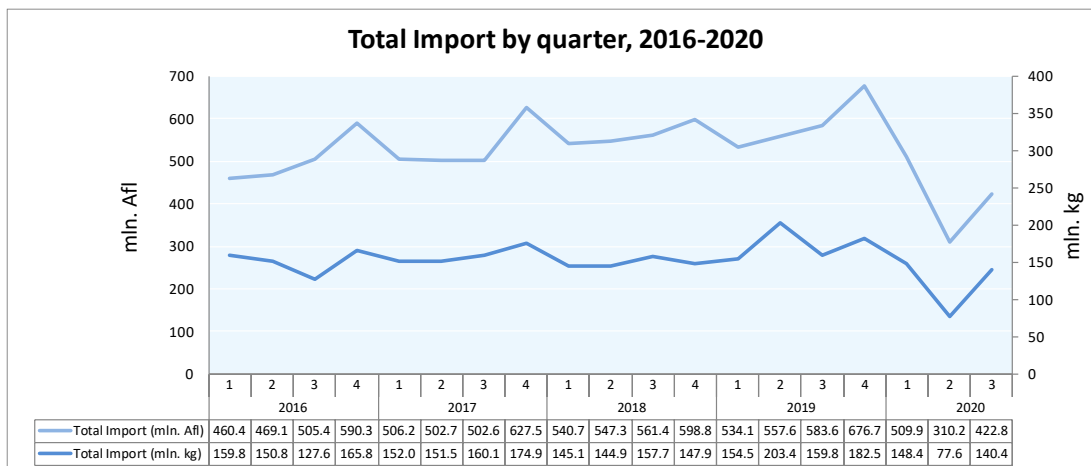


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019				2019	Qtr. 2020				2020	3rd Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	152.1	200.6	157.4	180.5	690.7	146.4	76.2	138.8		361.3	-11.8	-18.6
To Aruba by Air	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	4.3	1.0	0.4	0.5		1.9	-47.6	-0.5
To Aruba	153.3	201.5	158.4	181.7	694.9	147.4	76.5	139.3		363.2	-12.0	-19.1
To the Free Zone	1.2	1.9	1.4	0.8	5.3	1.1	1.1	1.1		3.2	-24.0	-0.3
Total Import	154.5	203.4	159.8	182.5	700.3	148.4	77.6	140.4		366.4	-12.2	-19.4
By Large companies	15.4	22.8	26.3	29.0	93.5	24.4	16.8	21.7		62.9	-17.2	-4.53
By Other companies	137.9	178.7	132.2	152.7	601.5	123.0	59.7	117.6		300.3	-11.0	-14.6
To Aruba	153.3	201.5	158.4	181.7	694.9	147.4	76.5	139.3		363.2	-12.0	-19.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	413.9	440.3	473.3	534.8	1,862.2	402.3	261.5	350.5		1,014.3	-25.9	-122.8
To Aruba by Air	103.5	89.5	91.5	130.4	414.9	95.6	41.2	59.0		195.8	-35.5	-32.5
To Aruba	517.4	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,277.1	497.9	302.7	409.5		1,210.1	-27.5	-155.3
To the Free Zone	16.7	27.8	18.9	11.5	74.9	12.0	7.5	13.3		32.8	-29.6	-5.6
Total Import	534.1	557.6	583.6	676.7	2,352.0	509.9	310.2	422.8		1,242.9	-27.6	-160.9
By Large companies	40.4	48.8	64.4	119.2	272.9	54.3	47.4	52.2		153.8	-19.0	-12.3
By Other companies	476.9	481.0	500.3	545.9	2,004.2	443.6	255.4	357.3		1,056.3	-28.6	-143.0
To Aruba	517.4	529.8	564.8	665.2	2,277.1	497.9	302.7	409.5		1,210.1	-27.5	-155.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2019-2020

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2019				2019	Qtr. 2020				2020	3rd Quarter 2019 - 2020	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	4.0	5.0	3.8	3.9	16.7	4.1	3.3	3.6		11.0	-7.0	-0.3
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0		0.1	-56.8	0.0
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6		11.1	-7.7	-0.3
From the Free Zone	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	4.1	0.8	0.8	1.4		2.9	74.9	0.6
Total Export	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.3	21.1	4.9	4.2	5.0		14.1	6.0	0.3
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	5,947.7	0.0
By Other companies	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6		11.1	-8.2	-0.3
From Aruba	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.9	16.9	4.2	3.4	3.6		11.1	-7.7	-0.3
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	10.0	14.0	10.4	6.4	40.8	6.8	7.1	8.4		22.3	-19.2	-2.0
From Aruba by Air	8.0	13.6	10.4	8.3	40.4	8.6	3.3	10.7		22.6	2.5	0.3
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4	10.4	19.1		44.9	-8.3	-1.7
From the Free Zone	13.6	14.7	13.3	20.3	61.9	10.8	10.6	17.0		38.5	28.2	3.7
Total Export	31.6	42.3	34.1	35.1	143.1	26.2	21.0	36.1		83.4	5.9	2.0
By Large companies	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0		0.1	-45.0	0.0
By Other companies	18.0	26.8	20.8	14.2	79.9	15.3	10.4	19.1		44.8	-8.3	-1.7
From Aruba	18.0	27.6	20.8	14.8	81.2	15.4	10.4	19.1		44.9	-8.3	-1.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba