

## Foreign Trade, Fourth Quarter 2021

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 4th quarter 2021.

### Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 26.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (161.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (127.8 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by 41.7%, from Afl. 439.0 mln. to Afl. 622.1 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 26.4% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (159.0 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2020 (125.8 mln. kg). During this period, fifteen (15) 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" (28.5 mln. kg), "Base metals and derivated works" (1.6 mln. kg), and "Live animals and other animal products" (1.6 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (-1.5 mln. kg), "Chemical products" (-0.5 mln. kg) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-0.3 mln. kg).

### 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 42.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (Afl. 591.2 mln.) compared to the same period in 2020 (Afl. 415.9 mln.). During this period, twenty (20) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered increases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. 24.8 mln.), "Food products" (Afl. 23.8 mln.), "Mineral products" (Afl. 18.7 mln.) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 17.8 mln.).

The only decrease is observed for the sections "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" (Afl. -0.4 mln.).

### Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 12.9% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (2.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (2.0 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 33.5% from Afl. 23.1 mln. to Afl. 30.8 mln.

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 developments:

#### 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 26.4% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (158.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (125.2 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the import by Sea increased by 38.7% from Afl. 344.3 mln. to Afl. 477.7 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, increased by 32.0% from 0.6 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 0.8 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2021, while, in terms of value, the import by Air increased by 58.6% from Afl. 71.6 mln. to Afl. 113.5 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 16.5% from 20.4 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 23.8 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2021, while, in terms of value, it increased by 34.2% from Afl. 34.7 mln. to Afl. 46.5 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	↑	33.0	26.4
To Aruba by Air	↑	0.2	32.0
To Aruba	↑	33.2	26.4
To the Free Zone	↑	0.3	12.9
Total Import	↑	33.4	26.2
By Large companies*	↑	3.4	16.5

IMPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	133.4	38.7
To Aruba by Air	↑	42.0	58.6
To Aruba	↑	175.3	42.2
To the Free Zone	↑	7.7	33.5
Total Import	↑	183.1	41.7
By Large companies*	↑	11.8	34.2

EXPORT		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.7	15.5
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.03	-36.0
From Aruba	↑	0.6	14.5
From the Free Zone	↑	1.1	95.2
Total Export	↑	1.8	32.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.01	77.9

EXPORT		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	-1.2	-15.2
From Aruba by Air	↓	-2.7	-32.3
From Aruba	↓	-4.0	-24.0
From the Free Zone	↑	13.6	74.7
Total Export	↑	9.6	27.7
By Large companies*	↓	-0.03	-73.7

The % change is determined by comparing the 4th quarter of 2020 with the 4th quarter of 2021.

\*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 95.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (7.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2020 (5.5 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by 27.7% from Afl. 34.7 mln. to Afl. 44.3 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 14.5% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (4.9 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (4.3 mln. kg). Thirteen (13) 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 "Base metals and derivated works" (0.5 mln. kg) and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (0.5 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Food products" (-0.2 mln. kg), "Transport equipment" (-0.1 mln. kg) and "Chemical products" (-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 24.0% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (Afl. 12.5 mln.) compared to the same period in 2020 (Afl. 16.5 mln.). Fourteen (14) 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 "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -1.4 mln.), "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -1.2 mln.) and "Chemical products" (Afl. -0.6 mln.).

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (Afl. 0.4 mln.) and "Textile fibers and articles" (Afl. 0.3 mln.).

## Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 95.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021 (2.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2020 (1.2 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 74.7% from Afl. 18.2 mln. to Afl. 31.8 mln.

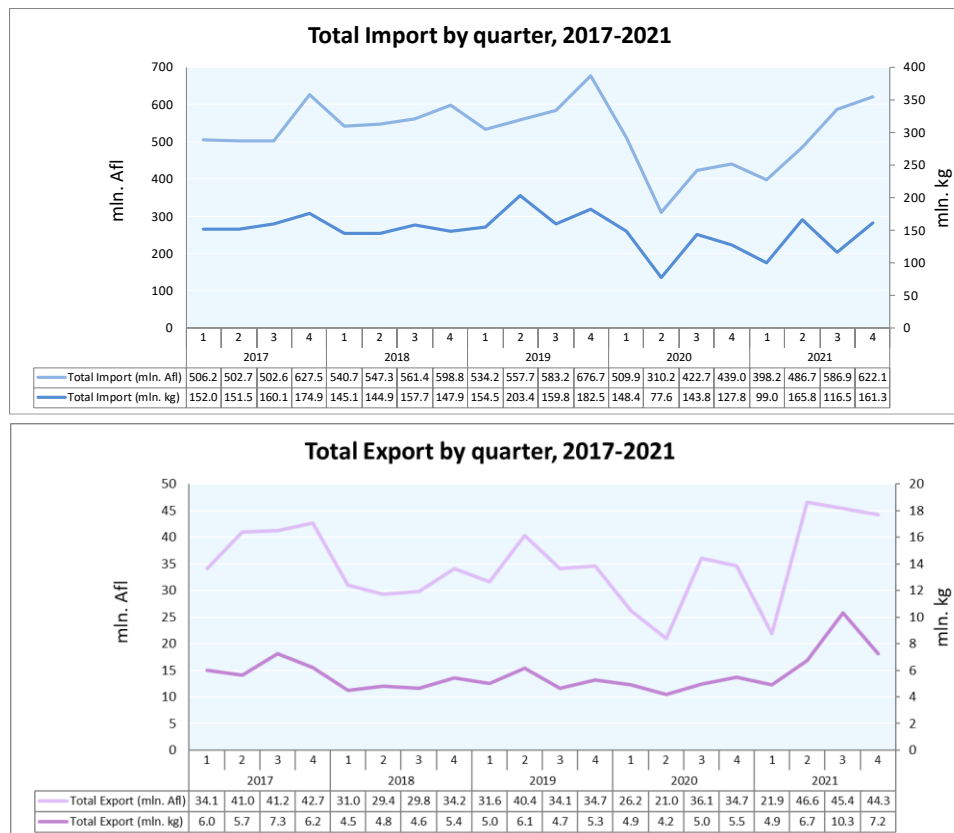


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2020-2021

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2020					Qtr. 2021					4th Quarter 2020 - 2021	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2021	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	146.4	76.2	142.4	125.2	<b>490.1</b>	96.8	163.1	113.0	158.2	<b>531.1</b>	26.4	33.0
To Aruba by Air	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	<b>2.5</b>	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	<b>3.1</b>	32.0	0.2
To Aruba	147.4	76.5	142.9	125.8	<b>492.6</b>	97.4	163.8	113.9	159.0	<b>534.1</b>	26.4	33.2
To the Free Zone	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.0	<b>5.0</b>	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.2	<b>8.4</b>	12.9	0.3
Total Import	148.4	77.6	143.8	127.8	<b>497.6</b>	99.0	165.8	116.5	161.3	<b>542.5</b>	26.2	33.4
By Large companies	24.4	16.8	21.7	20.4	<b>83.4</b>	20.1	21.2	25.6	23.8	<b>90.6</b>	16.5	3.4
By Other companies	123.0	59.7	121.2	105.4	<b>409.3</b>	77.3	142.6	88.4	135.2	<b>443.5</b>	28.3	29.8
To Aruba	147.4	76.5	142.9	125.8	<b>492.6</b>	97.4	163.8	113.9	159.0	<b>534.1</b>	26.4	33.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	402.3	261.5	350.8	344.3	<b>1,359.0</b>	313.1	369.3	458.9	477.7	<b>1,619.0</b>	38.7	133.4
To Aruba by Air	95.6	41.2	59.0	71.6	<b>267.4</b>	68.7	91.7	90.8	113.5	<b>364.7</b>	58.6	42.0
To Aruba	497.9	302.7	409.8	415.9	<b>1,626.3</b>	381.8	461.0	549.7	591.2	<b>1,983.7</b>	42.2	175.3
To the Free Zone	12.0	7.5	12.9	23.1	<b>55.4</b>	16.4	25.8	37.2	30.8	<b>110.2</b>	33.5	7.7
Total Import	509.9	310.2	422.7	439.0	<b>1,681.8</b>	398.2	486.7	586.9	622.1	<b>2,093.9</b>	41.7	183.1
By Large companies	54.3	47.4	52.2	34.7	<b>188.5</b>	39.7	39.3	43.6	46.5	<b>169.1</b>	34.2	11.8
By Other companies	443.6	255.4	357.6	381.2	<b>1,437.8</b>	342.1	421.7	506.1	544.7	<b>1,814.6</b>	42.9	163.5
To Aruba	497.9	302.7	409.8	415.9	<b>1,626.3</b>	381.8	461.0	549.7	591.2	<b>1,983.7</b>	42.2	175.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2020-2021

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2020					Qtr. 2021					4th Quarter 2020 - 2021	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2021	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	4.1	3.3	3.6	4.2	<b>15.2</b>	3.9	4.7	8.0	4.9	<b>21.4</b>	15.5	0.7
From Aruba by Air	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	-36.0	0.0
From Aruba	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	<b>21.6</b>	14.5	0.6
From the Free Zone	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.2	<b>4.1</b>	1.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	<b>7.6</b>	95.2	1.1
Total Export	4.9	4.2	5.0	5.5	<b>19.5</b>	4.9	6.7	10.3	7.2	<b>29.2</b>	32.0	1.8
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.1</b>	77.9	0.0
By Other companies	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	<b>21.5</b>	14.3	0.6
From Aruba	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.3	<b>15.4</b>	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	<b>21.6</b>	14.5	0.6
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	6.8	7.1	8.4	8.0	<b>30.3</b>	6.6	9.0	8.3	6.8	<b>30.7</b>	-15.2	-1.2
From Aruba by Air	8.6	3.3	10.7	8.5	<b>31.0</b>	5.2	11.1	6.1	5.7	<b>28.2</b>	-32.3	-2.7
From Aruba	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.4</b>	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	<b>58.8</b>	-24.0	-4.0
From the Free Zone	10.8	10.6	17.0	18.2	<b>56.6</b>	10.1	26.5	31.0	31.8	<b>99.3</b>	74.7	13.6
Total Export	26.2	21.0	36.1	34.7	<b>118.0</b>	21.9	46.6	45.4	44.3	<b>158.1</b>	27.7	9.6
By Large companies	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	<b>0.3</b>	-73.7	0.0
By Other companies	15.3	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.2</b>	11.8	19.8	14.4	12.5	<b>58.5</b>	-23.9	-3.9
From Aruba	15.4	10.4	19.1	16.5	<b>61.4</b>	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	<b>58.8</b>	-24.0	-4.0

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