

Foreign Trade, Second Quarter 2023

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 2nd quarter 2023.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 38.6 mln. Kg (28.0% in the second quarter of 2023 (176.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (137.8 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 89.9 mln (14.9%), from Afl. 604.9 mln. to Afl. 694.7 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 38.8 mln. Kg (28.8%) in the second quarter of 2023 (173.6 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2022 (134.8 mln. kg). During this period, eighteen (18) 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" 30.5 mln. Kg (43.2%), "Base metals and derivated works" 2.4 mln. Kg (78.6%), and "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" 1.8 mln. Kg (34.9%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" -0.3 mln. Kg (-10.2%) and "Vegetable products" -0.1 mln. Kg (-0.8%).

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 Afl. 92.8 mln. (16.3%) in the second quarter of 2023 (Afl. 662.5 mln.) compared to the same period in 2022 (Afl. 569.8 mln.). During this period, seventeen (17) 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 31.1 mln. (47.7%), "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. 17.6 mln. (77.9%) and "Transport equipment" Afl. 8.9 mln. (29.7%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" -4.6 mln. Kg (-14.0%) and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" -0.7 mln. Kg (-9.5%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of -0.2 mln. kg (-6.6%) in the second quarter of 2023 (2.8 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (3.0 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of -0.2 mln. kg (-6.7%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. -2.9 mln (-8.3%) from Afl. 35.1 mln. to Afl. 32.2 mln and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. -2.9 mln. (-8.3%) in the section "Food products".

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 38.6 mln. kg (28.8%) in the second quarter of 2023 (172.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (133.9 mln. kg) and was mainly due to increase in the section "Mineral products" 30.5 mln. kg, (43.2%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 89.1 mln. (19.3%) from Afl. 462.8 mln. to Afl. 551.9 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 30.9 mln. (60.8%) and Afl. 17.4 mln. (81.3%) in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Base metals and derivated works", respectively.


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 0.2 mln. kg (18.0%) from 0.9 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2022 to 1.1 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2023 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.08 mln. kg (89.7%) in the section "Textile fibers and articles".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 3.7 mln. (3.4%) from Afl. 107.0 mln. to Afl. 110.7 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 4.7 mln. (26.3%) in the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones".

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 1.0 mln. kg (3.9%) from 24.8 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2022 to 25.8 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2023 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.6 mln. kg (2.4%) in the section "Mineral products".

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IMPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	38.6	28.8
To Aruba by Air	↑	0.2	18.0
To Aruba	↑	38.8	28.8
To the Free Zone	↓	-0.2	-6.6
Total Import	↑	38.6	28.0
By Large companies*	↑	1.0	3.9
IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	89.1	19.3
To Aruba by Air	↑	3.7	3.4
To Aruba	↑	92.8	16.3
To the Free Zone	↓	-2.9	-8.3
Total Import	↑	89.9	14.9
By Large companies*	↑	21.0	38.0
EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.1	1.3
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.0	-23.4
From Aruba	↑	0.1	1.1
From the Free Zone	↓	-0.2	-7.9
Total Export	↓	-0.1	-2.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	188.4
EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	3.1	29.3
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.8	-9.2
From Aruba	↑	2.3	12.3
From the Free Zone	↓	-4.4	-13.8
Total Export	↓	-2.1	-4.1
By Large companies*	↑	0.20	568.9
The % change is determined by comparing the 2nd quarter of 2022 with the 2nd quarter of 2023.			
*Large companies refers to the following companies: Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar			

In terms of **value**, the import by “Large companies” increased by Afl. 21.0 mln. (38.0%) from Afl. 55.2 mln. to Afl. 76.2 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 12.9 mln. (113.6%) in the section “Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)”.

Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 0.1 mln. Kg (-2.0%) in the second quarter of 2023 (7.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2022 (7.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export decreased by Afl. -2.1 mln. (-4.1%) from Afl. 50.5 mln. to Afl. 48.4 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 0.1 mln. Kg (1.1%) in the second quarter of 2023 (4.73 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (4.68 mln. kg). Eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increase is observed for the section “Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork” 0.1 mln. Kg. (9.5%).

The largest decrease is observed for the section “Wood, charcoal and woodwork” -0.1 mln. kg. (-75.0%).

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

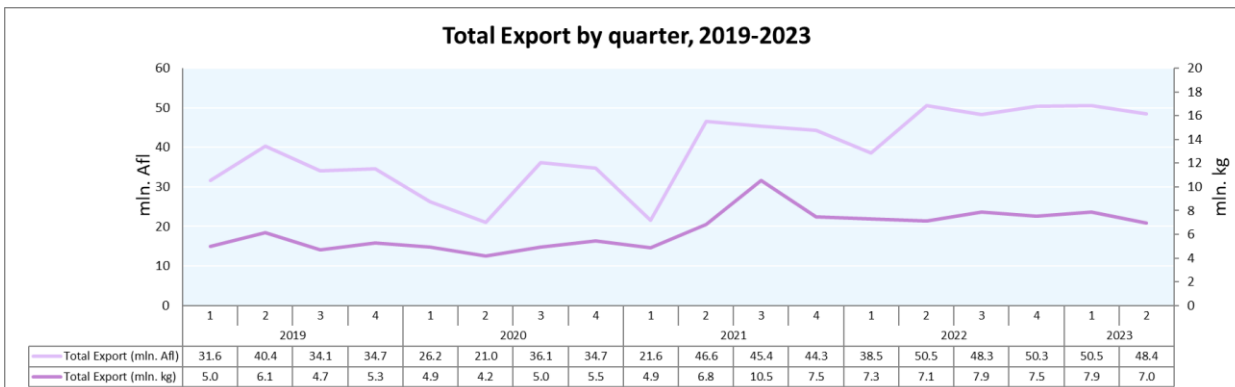
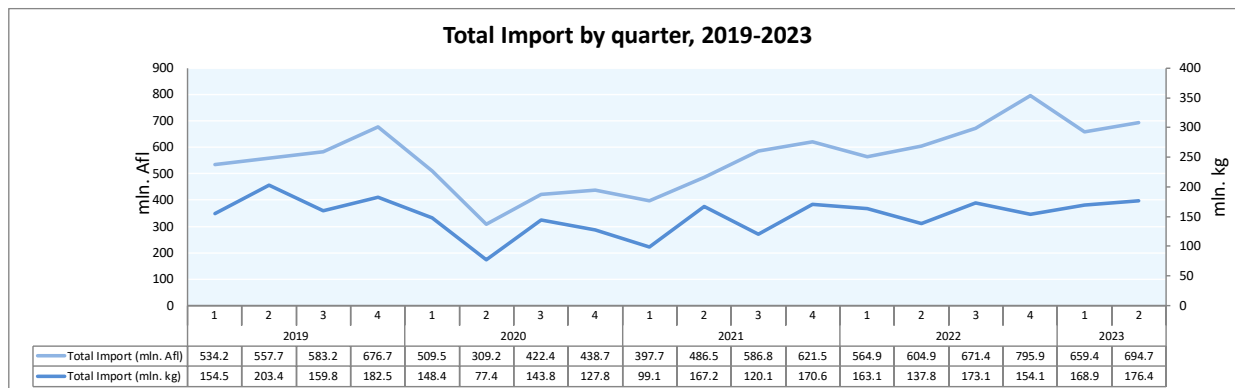
Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of Afl. 2.3 mln. (12.3%) in the second quarter of 2023 (Afl. 21.0 mln.) compared to the same period in 2022 (Afl. 18.7 mln.). Twelve (12) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections “Base metals and derivated works” Afl. 2.8 mln. (74.5%) and “Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques” Afl. 1.5 mln. (105.5%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections “Chemical products” Afl. -1.2 mln. (-64.6%) and “Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)” Afl. -0.9 mln. (-41.7%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of -0.2 mln. kg (-7.9%) in the second quarter of 2023 (2.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2022 (2.4 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of -0.2 mln. kg (-7.9%) in the section “Food products”.

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. -4.4 mln. (-13.8%) from Afl. 31.8 mln. to Afl. 27.4 mln. and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. -4.3 mln. (-13.7%) in the section “Food products”.



* 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

Table 1 Import by quarter, 2022-2023

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2022					Qtr. 2023					2nd Quarter 2022 - 2023	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2022	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	% change	in mln
	<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	160.0	133.9	169.4	149.5	612.8	165.3	172.5	0.0	0.0	337.8	28.8
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.1	4.5	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	18.0	0.2
<i>To Aruba</i>	161.0	134.8	170.9	150.6	617.3	166.4	173.6	0.0	0.0	340.0	28.8	38.8
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	2.2	3.0	2.2	3.5	10.9	2.5	2.8	0.0	0.0	5.3	-6.6	-0.2
Total Import	163.1	137.8	173.1	154.1	628.1	168.9	176.4	0.0	0.0	345.3	28.0	38.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	22.6	24.8	23.5	24.8	95.7	25.3	25.8	0.0	0.0	51.1	3.9	1.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	138.4	110.0	147.4	125.8	521.6	141.1	147.8	0.0	0.0	288.9	34.4	37.8
<i>To Aruba</i>	161.0	134.8	170.9	150.6	617.3	166.4	173.6	0.0	0.0	340.0	28.8	38.8
in mln. Afl.												
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	436.5	462.8	536.6	622.8	2,058.6	512.1	551.9	0.0	0.0	1,064.0	19.3	89.1
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	99.2	107.0	101.8	121.8	429.7	110.8	110.7	0.0	0.0	221.5	3.4	3.7
<i>To Aruba</i>	535.6	569.8	638.5	744.5	2,488.4	623.0	662.5	0.0	0.0	1,285.5	16.3	92.8
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	29.3	35.1	33.0	51.4	148.7	36.5	32.2	0.0	0.0	68.7	-8.3	-2.9
Total Import	564.9	604.9	671.4	795.9	2,637.1	659.4	694.7	0.0	0.0	1,354.2	14.9	89.9
<i>By Large companies</i>	59.0	55.2	70.7	72.1	257.1	69.8	76.2	0.0	0.0	146.0	38.0	21.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	476.6	514.5	567.8	672.4	2,231.3	553.1	586.3	0.0	0.0	1,139.5	14.0	71.8
<i>To Aruba</i>	535.6	569.8	638.5	744.5	2,488.4	623.0	662.5	0.0	0.0	1,285.5	16.3	92.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2022-2023

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2022					Qtr. 2023					2nd Quarter 2022 - 2023	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2022	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	% change	in mln
	<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	5.2	4.6	5.6	5.2	20.6	5.4	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.1	1.3
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-23.4	0.0
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.2	20.8	5.5	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	1.1	0.1
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	9.0	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	4.6	-7.9	-0.2
Total Export	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.5	29.8	7.9	7.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	-2.0	-0.1
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	188.4	0.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.2	20.7	5.5	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	0.7	0.0
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.2	4.7	5.7	5.2	20.8	5.5	4.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	1.1	0.1
in mln. Afl.												
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	8.1	10.4	12.3	10.0	40.8	8.7	13.5	0.0	0.0	22.2	29.3	3.1
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	5.2	8.3	6.3	7.3	27.1	6.8	7.5	0.0	0.0	14.3	-9.2	-0.8
<i>From Aruba</i>	13.4	18.7	18.6	17.3	67.9	15.5	21.0	0.0	0.0	36.5	12.3	2.3
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	25.2	31.8	29.7	33.0	119.7	31.6	27.4	0.0	0.0	59.0	-13.8	-4.4
Total Export	38.5	50.5	48.3	50.3	187.6	47.0	48.4	0.0	0.0	95.4	-4.1	-2.1
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	568.9	0.2
<i>By Other companies</i>	13.4	18.7	18.5	17.1	67.7	15.4	20.8	0.0	0.0	36.2	11.2	2.1
<i>From Aruba</i>	13.4	18.7	18.6	17.3	67.9	15.5	21.0	0.0	0.0	36.5	12.3	2.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba