

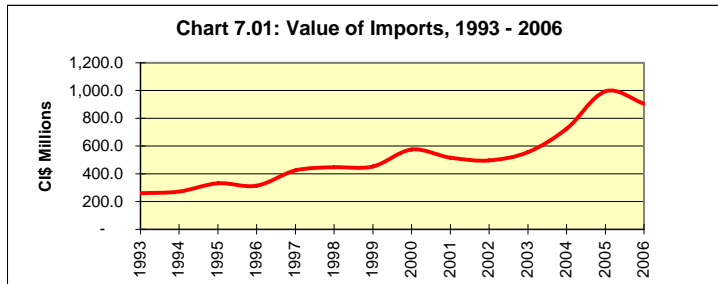
## 7. FOREIGN TRADE

**7.01 Imports, Exports and Balance of Visible Trade**

Year	C/\$ million				
	Imports (cif)	Percentage Increase	Exports (fob) <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Increase	Balance of Trade
1993	259.2	-6.9	1.8	(51.4)	(257.4)
1994	271.7	4.8	2.0	11.1	(269.7)
1995	331.6	22.1	3.4	70.0	(328.2)
1996	314.9	-5.0	2.2	(35.3)	(312.7)
1997	423.7	34.5	1.8	(18.2)	(421.9)
1998	447.8	5.7	1.0	(44.4)	(446.8)
1999	452.2	1.0	1.2	20.0	(451.0)
2000	574.9	27.2	3.2	166.7	(571.7)
2001	515.1	-10.4	3.5	9.4	(511.6)
2002	496.0	-3.7	2.3	(34.3)	(493.7)
2003	556.0	12.1	4.1	78.3	(551.9)
2004	724.7	30.4	7.3	78.0	(717.4)
2005	995.3	37.3	4.8	(34.2)	(990.5)
2006	906.1	-9.0	10.7	122.9	(895.4)

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup> From 1982 export figures include personal effects and cars of migrants. These are included in all years for imports.
- <sup>2</sup> Exports for 1998-2000 are estimated.



Source: Economics and Statistics Office

## 7.02

## Imports by SITC\* Sections

Section	(CIS\$000's, percentage of total)										
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
0 Food & live animals	58,556 18.6%	69,366 16.4%	67,142 15.0%	78,100 17.3%	29,696 5.2%	20,719 4.0%	24,379 4.9%	43,941 7.9%	58,426 8.1%	53,267 5.4%	44,877 5.0%
1 Beverages & tobacco	12,587 4.0%	16,077 3.8%	14,044 3.1%	28,192 6.2%	16,568 2.9%	21,334 4.1%	17,534 3.5%	27,025 4.9%	17,139 2.4%	35,073 3.5%	44,347 4.9%
2 Crude materials	4,177 1.3%	11,804 2.8%	8,891 2.0%	7,500 1.7%	5,496 1.0%	2,310 0.4%	3,381 0.7%	5,171 0.9%	7,474 1.0%	13,680 1.4%	10,101 1.1%
3 Petroleum Products and Gas	34,663 11.0%	39,217 9.3%	31,774 7.1%	44,400 9.8%	40,253 7.0%	49,420 9.6%	50,405 10.2%	43,171 7.8%	70,601 9.7%	76,220 7.7%	70,035 7.7%
4 Animal & vegetable oils, fats and waxes	609 0.2%	567 0.1%	952 0.2%	150 0.0%	55 0.0%	40 0.0%	18 0.0%	1 0.0%	131 0.0%	36 0.0%	5 0.0%
5 Chemical & related products	18,458 5.9%	22,241 5.2%	29,172 6.5%	10,500 2.3%	11,390 2.0%	7,916 1.5%	10,526 2.1%	14,164 2.5%	16,816 2.3%	22,051 2.2%	22,128 2.4%
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	44,104 14.0%	54,258 12.8%	64,369 14.4%	41,750 9.2%	14,549 2.5%	9,822 1.9%	7,590 1.5%	21,711 3.9%	47,097 6.5%	107,756 10.8%	56,243 6.2%
7 Machinery & transport equipt.	81,943 26.0%	109,671 25.9%	103,121 23.0%	106,720 23.6%	54,926 9.6%	44,695 8.7%	38,970 7.9%	54,848 9.9%	117,314 16.2%	168,185 16.9%	94,861 10.5%
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	56,806 18.0%	94,579 22.3%	120,634 26.9%	52,140 11.5%	235,947 41.0%	189,394 36.8%	158,362 31.9%	249,751 44.9%	318,716 44.0%	319,066 32.1%	482,593 53.3%
9 Commodities & transactions <sup>1</sup> not classified elsewhere	3,029 1.0%	5,913 1.4%	7,714 1.7%	82,700 18.3%	166,039 28.9%	169,489 32.9%	184,882 37.3%	96,196 17.3%	71,022 9.8%	199,970 20.1%	80,946 8.9%
<b>ALL IMPORTS</b>	<b>314,932</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>423,693</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>447,813</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>452,152</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>574,919</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>515,139</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>496,047</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>555,979</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>724,736</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>995,304</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>906,136</b> <b>100.0%</b>

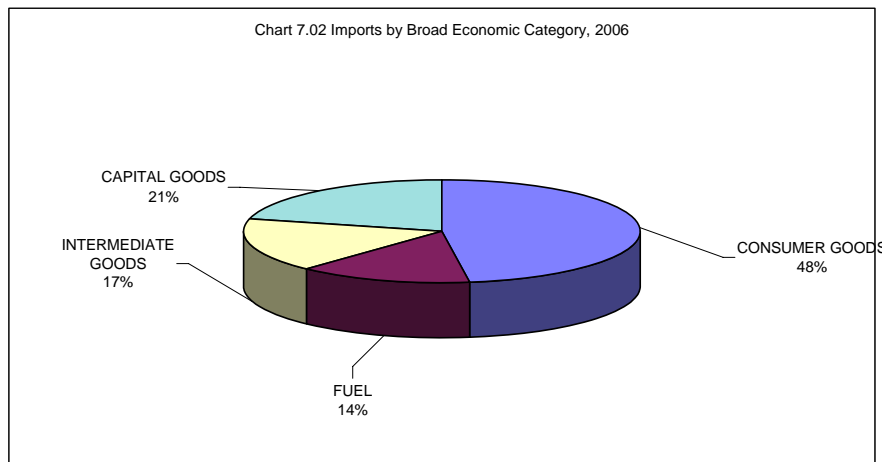
**Note**
<sup>1</sup> Imports from 1999 to 2002 were taken from the customs tariff system.

\* Standard International Trade Classification

## 7.03

## Imports by Broad Economic Category

CATEGORY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>CONSUMER GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>254.9</b>	<b>260.5</b>	<b>302.7</b>	<b>281.4</b>	<b>346.8</b>	<b>432.1</b>
Food and beverages	106.3	91.4	93.6	128.3	136.0	166.1	212.0
Clothing and footwear	11.3	7.5	10.5	11.4	10.1	15.1	16.1
Other	167.8	156.0	156.5	162.9	135.3	165.6	204.1
<b>INTERMEDIATE GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>262.7</b>	<b>152.3</b>
Construction	21.6	13.2	7.9	27.1	66.5	160.5	90.2
Others	65.2	60.3	41.7	50.0	67.1	102.2	62.1
<b>FUEL</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>130.3</b>
<b>CAPITAL GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>195.0</b>	<b>262.2</b>	<b>191.3</b>
Transportation	89.6	73.0	68.1	76.1	133.0	206.4	140.7
Others	30.5	18.3	15.4	26.8	61.9	55.8	50.6
<b>ALL IMPORTS</b>	<b>574.9</b>	<b>515.1</b>	<b>496.0</b>	<b>556.0</b>	<b>724.7</b>	<b>995.3</b>	<b>906.1</b>
Percentage Contribution (%)							
<b>CONSUMER GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>47.7</b>
Food and beverages	18.5	17.7	18.9	23.1	18.8	16.7	23.4
Clothing and footwear	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.8
Other	29.2	30.3	31.5	29.3	18.7	16.6	22.5
<b>INTERMEDIATE GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>
Construction	3.8	2.6	1.6	4.9	9.2	16.1	10.0
Others	11.3	11.7	8.4	9.0	9.3	10.3	6.9
<b>FUEL</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>
<b>CAPITAL GOODS</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>21.1</b>
Transportation	15.6	14.2	13.7	13.7	18.4	20.7	15.5
Others	5.3	3.6	3.1	4.8	8.5	5.6	5.6
<b>ALL IMPORTS (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



Source: Economics and Statistics Office

## 7.04

## Imports by Major Countries of Origin

(CISM), percentage of total

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
United States <sup>1</sup>	242.2 76.9%	321.6 75.9%	348.5 77.8%	352.5 77.9%	419.8 72.9%	363.5 70.6%	340.3 68.5%	399.5 71.8%	561.1 77.3%	757.8 76.5%	656.6 71.8%
Netherlands Antilles <sup>2</sup>	33.4 10.6%	37.5 8.8%	28.0 6.2%	32.0 7.1%	39.3 6.8%	48.1 9.3%	49.4 9.9%	36.0 6.5%	69.2 9.5%	85.6 8.6%	73.0 8.0%
Japan	6.8 2.2%	8.0 1.9%	8.7 1.9%	- 0.0%	3.0 0.5%	2.9 0.6%	2.7 0.5%	7.5 1.3%	5.2 0.7%	10.5 1.1%	6.3 0.7%
United Kingdom	5.6 1.8%	12.6 3.0%	9.0 2.0%	- 0.0%	3.2 0.6%	3.1 0.6%	4.0 0.8%	6.9 1.2%	5.3 0.7%	6.9 0.7%	4.5 0.5%
Jamaica	2.6 0.8%	6.9 1.6%	3.5 0.8%	- 0.0%	4.4 0.8%	2.3 0.4%	3.0 0.6%	2.5 0.4%	4.2 0.6%	6.9 0.7%	4.5 0.5%
Switzerland	2.2 0.7%	4.6 1.1%	16.0 3.6%	- 0.0%	1.3 0.2%	2.6 0.5%	3.7 0.7%	5.6 1.0%	3.7 0.5%	4.2 0.4%	1.8 0.2%
Canada	2.5 0.8%	6.5 1.5%	6.1 1.4%	- 0.0%	1.7 0.3%	2.3 0.4%	1.8 0.4%	2.9 0.5%	3.5 0.5%	6.3 0.6%	2.6 0.3%
Mexico	2.2 0.7%	3.6 0.8%	1.7 0.4%	- 0.0%	0.7 0.1%	0.2 0.0%	0.4 0.1%	0.8 0.1%	0.6 0.1%	2.4 0.2%	0.7 0.1%
Netherlands	1.9 0.6%	2.7 0.6%	2.6 0.6%	- 0.0%	0.2 0.0%	0.2 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.3 0.1%	0.2 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.2 0.0%
Italy	0.9 0.3%	1.2 0.3%	1.9 0.4%	- 0.0%	0.2 0.0%	0.3 0.1%	0.9 0.2%	1.1 0.2%	0.6 0.1%	0.5 0.1%	0.3 0.0%
South Korea	1.5 0.5%	2.6 0.6%	2.6 0.6%	- 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.7 0.1%	0.8 0.1%	0.5 0.1%	1.3 0.1%	0.7 0.1%
Costa Rica	- 0.0%	0.7 0.2%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.6 0.1%	0.0 0.0%	0.3 0.0%	0.0 0.0%

## 7.04

## Imports by Major Countries of Origin, cont'd

(CISM), percentage of total

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Panama	0.9 0.3%	1.4 0.3%	0.2 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.9 0.2%	1.7 0.3%	3.3 0.7%	1.4 0.3%	1.3 0.2%	- 0.0%	1.4 0.2%
France	2.2 0.7%	1.8 0.4%	2.1 0.5%	- 0.0%	0.3 0.1%	0.2 0.0%	0.4 0.1%	1.2 0.2%	0.8 0.1%	0.7 0.1%	0.6 0.1%
Germany, FR	0.5 0.2%	2.0 0.5%	2.6 0.6%	- 0.0%	0.8 0.1%	3.0 0.6%	1.5 0.3%	1.1 0.2%	1.8 0.2%	1.6 0.2%	1.7 0.2%
Ireland	1.0 0.3%	0.5 0.1%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	8.0 0.8%	0.3 0.0%
Bahamas	0.1 0.0%	0.5 0.1%	0.3 0.1%	- 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.3 0.1%	0.3 0.1%	0.1 0.0%	0.3 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.2 0.0%
Sweden	1.8 0.6%	0.7 0.2%	0.3 0.1%	- 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	4.5 0.9%	0.2 0.0%	1.0 0.2%	0.9 0.1%	0.5 0.1%	0.1 0.0%
Brazil	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.1 0.0%
Belgium	0.1 0.0%	0.2 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.1 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%
Cuba	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	1.7 0.3%	0.9 0.2%	2.0 0.4%	3.7 0.7%	1.5 0.2%	- 0.0%	3.9 0.4%
Puerto Rico	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.2 0.0%	0.4 0.1%	0.3 0.1%	0.3 0.1%	0.2 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.1 0.0%
Barbados	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	- 0.0%	0.3 0.1%	0.6 0.1%	0.4 0.1%	1.1 0.2%	1.1 0.2%	2.0 0.2%	0.9 0.1%
Other <sup>3</sup>	6.5 2.1%	8.2 1.9%	13.5 3.0%	67.8 15.0%	99.3 17.3%	79.7 15.5%	83.8 16.9%	87.5 15.7%	66.6 9.2%	96.9 9.8%	158.5 17.3%
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>314.9</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>423.7</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>447.8</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>452.2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>575.7</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>515.1</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>496.6</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>556.8</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>725.9</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>990.4</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>914.2</b> <b>100.0%</b>

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Import figures from the USA tend to be overstated while those from other countries tend to be understated due to the shipment of Cayman Islands-bound imports through Florida.

<sup>2</sup> Most of the oil imported from Curacao originates from Venezuela, although some comes from elsewhere (eg. Trinidad and Tobago).

<sup>3</sup> From 1999 - 2002 the figures for other countries were taken from the customs database.

Source: Economics and Statistics Office

**7.05 Newly Imported Motor Vehicles, Inspected and Licensed**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>New Imports</b>											
cars	1,245	1,592	1,295	723	1,267	1,195	980	1,012	1,577	2,459	1,352
trucks	213	322	262	180	238	198	151	134	390	845	338
buses	19	54	44	15	42	11	23	12	12	21	12
motor cycles	28	56	57	41	25	48	26	72	87	270	209
special vehicles	16	32	31	12	20	16	5	7	46	20	17
trailers	49	47	35	2	38	31	23	28	29	43	105
<b>All new imports</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>2,033</b>
<b>Second-hand Imports</b>											
cars	882	772	873	1,610	1,093	1,006	1,258	1,739	2,301	4,740	2,387
trucks	265	229	306	160	189	146	147	227	681	1,239	425
buses	45	29	50	10	22	18	36	58	48	54	24
motor cycles	26	20	28	43	36	14	15	17	50	50	98
special vehicles	37	32	10	18	23	19	29	23	62	102	29
trailers	73	19	30	3	23	26	26	22	33	60	281
<b>All second-hand</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>3,175</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>3,244</b>
<b>All vehicle imports</b>											
cars	2,127	2,364	2,168	2,333	2,360	2,201	2,238	2,751	3,878	7,199	3,739
trucks	478	551	568	340	427	344	298	361	1,071	2,084	763
buses	64	83	94	25	64	29	59	70	60	75	36
motor cycles	54	76	85	84	61	62	41	89	137	320	307
special vehicles	53	64	41	30	43	35	34	30	108	122	46
trailers	122	66	65	5	61	57	49	50	62	103	386
<b>All vehicle imports</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>9,903</b>	<b>5,277</b>

Source: Vehicle and Driver Licensing Department

## 7.06

## External Transactions

## Receipts from the rest of the World

	Current prices CI\$ millions		
	1989	1990	1991
<b>EXPORTS OF GOODS AND NON FACTOR SERVICES</b>			
Export of merchandise f.o.b.	2	2	1
Transport and communication services	57	66	63
Other non factor services			
Financial services	75	133	129
Other	37	40	42
Direct purchases in the resident market (visitors expenditure)	112	137	128
All exports of goods and non factor services	283	378	363
<b>FACTOR SERVICES</b>			
Compensation of employees			
Property and entrepreneurial income	9	9	7
<b>CURRENT TRANSFERS</b>	-	-	-

## Payments to the rest of the World

	Current prices CI\$ millions		
	1989	1990	1991
<b>IMPORTS OF GOODS AND NON FACTOR SERVICES</b>			
Imports of merchandise f.o.b.	192	212	197
Transport on imports	21	23	22
Insurance on imports (c.i.f. value of imports)	2	2	2
	215	238	221
Other transport and communication services	48	36	39
Other non factor services	23	33	27
Direct purchases of services abroad by gov't	10	10	11
Direct purchases abroad by resident households	30	29	28
All imports of goods and non factor services	326	345	326
<b>(BALANCE OF TRADE IN GOODS AND NON FACTOR SERVICES)</b>	-43	33	37
<b>FACTOR SERVICES</b>			
Compensation of employees	6	8	8
Property and entrepreneurial income	55	62	58
<b>BALANCE OF TRADE IN FACTOR SERVICES</b>	-52	-61	-59
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
By government	2	1	1
By other	12	15	14

Source: Economics and Statistics Office