

Foreign Trade, Fourth Quarter 2022

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 4th quarter 2022.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 19.9 mln. kg (11.7%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (150.7 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (170.6 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 174.5 mln (28.1%), from Afl. 621.5 mln. to Afl. 796.0 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 -21.1 mln. kg (-12.6%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (147.1 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2021 (168.3 mln. kg). During this period, five (5) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered decreases in terms of **weight** in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The decrease in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (**weight**) was mainly due to a decrease of 32.1 mln. kg (-31.8%) in the section "Mineral products".

The largest increase was observed in the section "Food products", with an increase of 2.1 mln. kg (11.3%).

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. 153.9 mln. (26.0%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (Afl. 744.7 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 590.8 mln.). During this period, eighteen (18) sections registered increases in terms of **value** in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (**value**) was mainly due to increases of Afl. 32.1 mln. (45.0%) and Afl. 22.0 (84.3%) mln. in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Transport equipment", respectively.

The largest decrease was observed in the section "Chemical products", with decrease of Afl. 3.1 mln. (-5.1%), respectively.

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.2 mln. kg (53.0%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (3.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.3 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 1.2 mln. kg (52.0%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 20.6 mln (67.1%) from Afl. 30.7 mln. to Afl. 51.4 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 20.4 mln. (66.9%) 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 a decrease of 21.1 mln. kg (-12.6%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (146.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (167.4 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of -32.1 mln. kg (-31.8%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 145.7 mln. (30.5%) from Afl. 477.2 mln. to Afl. 622.9 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 29.3 mln. (50.7%) and Afl. 21.8 mln. (87.1%) in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Transport equipment", 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**, decreased by 0.02 mln. kg (-2.7%) from 0.89 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2021 to 0.87 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.04 mln. kg (-16.6) in the sections "Vegetable products".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 8.2 mln. (7.2%) from Afl. 113.5 mln. to Afl. 121.8 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 10.5 mln. (44.7%) 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 0.9 mln. kg (3.7%) from 23.8 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2021 to 24.7 mln. kg in the fourth quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.6 mln. kg (2.4%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" increased by Afl. 25.6 mln. (55.1%) from Afl. 46.5 mln. to Afl. 72.1 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 13.9 mln. (43.9%) in the section "Mineral 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



IMPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↓	-21.1	-12.6
To Aruba by Air	↓	-0.02	-2.7
To Aruba	↓	-21.1	-12.6
To the Free Zone	↑	1.2	53.0
Total Import	↓	-19.9	-11.7
By Large companies*	↑	0.9	3.7

IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	145.7	30.5
To Aruba by Air	↑	8.2	7.2
To Aruba	↑	153.9	26.0
To the Free Zone	↑	20.6	67.1
Total Import	↑	174.5	28.1
By Large companies*	↑	25.6	55.1

EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.1	1.4
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.03	-44.5
From Aruba	↑	0.04	0.8
From the Free Zone	↓	-0.1	-3.2
Total Export	↓	-0.04	-0.5
By Large companies*	↓	-0.01	-53.1

EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	4.2	62.6
From Aruba by Air	↑	1.6	27.8
From Aruba	↑	5.8	46.7
From the Free Zone	↑	1.3	4.0
Total Export	↑	7.1	16.1
By Large companies*	↑	0.1	1,240.7

The % change is determined by comparing the 4th quarter of 2021 with the 4th quarter of 2022.

*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 0.04 mln. kg (-0.5%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (7.48 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2021 (7.45 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 7.1 mln. (16.1%) from Afl. 44.3 mln. to Afl. 51.4 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 0.04 mln. kg (0.8%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (5.12 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (5.07 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 increase in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (**weight**) was mainly due to an increase of 0.4 mln. kg (168.0%) in the section "Food products".

The largest decrease was observed in the section "Base metals and derivated works", with a decrease of 0.4 mln. kg (-14.3%).

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. 5.8 mln. (46.7%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (Afl. 18.3 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 12.5 mln.). Nine (9) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of **value** in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (**value**) was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 3.8 mln. (214.8%) in the section "Base metals and derivated works".

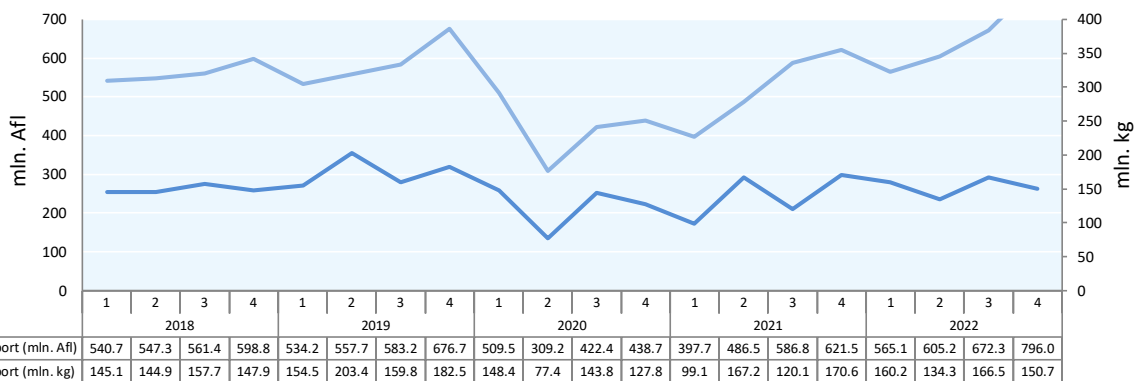
The largest decrease was observed in the section "Chemical products", with a decrease of Afl. 0.8 mln. (-35.6%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-3.2%) in the fourth quarter of 2022 (2.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.4 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-2.6%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 1.3 mln. (4.0%) from Afl. 31.8 mln. to Afl. 33.0 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 1.3 mln. (4.3%) in the section "Food products".

Total Import by quarter, 2018-2022



Total Export by quarter, 2018-2022

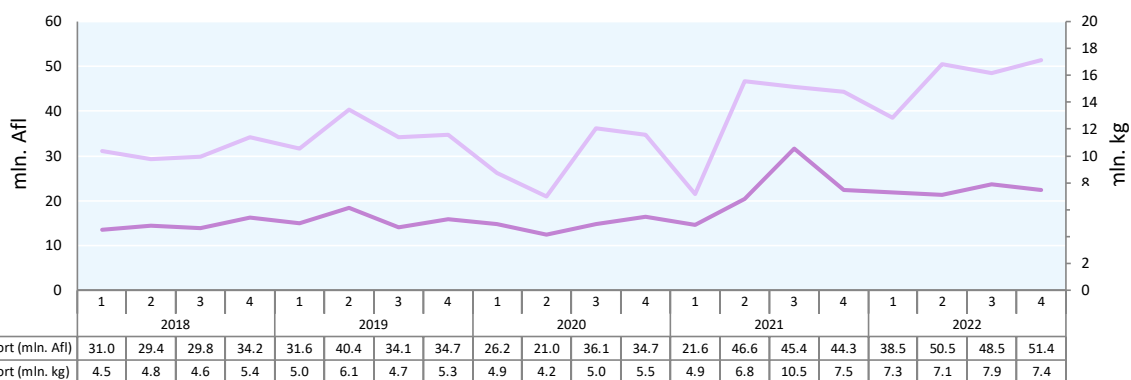


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021				2021	Qtr. 2022				2022	4th Quarter	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
	2021 - 2022											
To Aruba by Sea	96.9	164.6	116.4	167.4	545.3	157.3	130.6	163.3	146.3	597.5	-12.6	-21.1
To Aruba by Air	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.89	3.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.87	3.0	-2.7	-0.02
To Aruba	97.5	165.2	117.4	168.3	548.4	158.0	131.3	164.0	147.1	600.5	-12.6	-21.1
To the Free Zone	1.6	2.0	2.7	2.3	8.6	2.2	3.0	2.5	3.5	11.1	53.0	1.2
Total Import	99.1	167.2	120.1	170.6	557.0	160.2	134.3	166.5	150.7	611.7	-11.7	-19.9
By Large companies	20.1	21.2	25.6	23.8	90.7	22.5	24.8	23.4	24.7	95.5	3.7	0.9
By Other companies	77.4	144.0	91.8	144.5	457.7	135.5	106.5	140.6	122.4	505.0	-15.3	-22.0
To Aruba	97.5	165.2	117.4	168.3	548.4	158.0	131.3	164.0	147.1	600.5	-12.6	-21.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
To Aruba by Sea	312.6	369.1	458.8	477.2	1,617.8	436.6	462.8	537.0	622.9	2,059.3	30.5	145.7
To Aruba by Air	68.7	91.6	90.8	113.5	364.6	99.2	107.3	101.8	121.8	430.1	7.2	8.2
To Aruba	381.3	460.8	549.6	590.8	1,982.5	535.8	570.1	638.8	744.7	2,489.4	26.0	153.9
To the Free Zone	16.4	25.8	37.2	30.7	110.1	29.3	35.1	33.5	51.4	149.3	67.1	20.6
Total Import	397.7	486.5	586.8	621.5	2,092.5	565.1	605.2	672.3	796.0	2,638.7	28.1	174.5
By Large companies	39.7	39.3	43.6	46.5	169.1	59.0	55.2	70.7	72.1	257.1	55.1	25.6
By Other companies	341.6	421.5	506.0	544.3	1,813.4	476.8	514.9	568.1	672.5	2,232.3	23.6	128.2
To Aruba	381.3	460.8	549.6	590.8	1,982.5	535.8	570.1	638.8	744.7	2,489.4	26.0	153.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021				2021	Qtr. 2022				2022	4th Quarter	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		% change	in mln
	2021 - 2022											
From Aruba by Sea	3.85	4.75	8.03	5.02	21.65	5.17	4.64	5.63	5.08	20.53	1.4	0.07
From Aruba by Air	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.15	-44.5	-0.03
From Aruba	3.88	4.79	8.07	5.07	21.81	5.21	4.68	5.68	5.12	20.68	0.8	0.04
From the Free Zone	0.99	2.03	2.47	2.41	7.90	2.07	2.42	2.22	2.33	9.04	-3.2	-0.08
Total Export	4.88	6.82	10.54	7.48	29.71	7.28	7.10	7.90	7.45	29.72	-0.5	-0.04
By Large companies	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.06	-53.1	-0.01
By Other companies	3.87	4.74	8.07	5.05	21.74	5.19	4.67	5.66	5.11	20.62	1.1	0.05
From Aruba	3.88	4.79	8.07	5.07	21.81	5.21	4.68	5.68	5.12	20.68	0.8	0.04
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>												
From Aruba by Sea	6.59	9.00	8.25	6.78	30.62	8.14	10.45	12.29	11.02	41.89	62.6	4.24
From Aruba by Air	5.22	11.06	6.15	5.73	28.16	5.23	8.27	6.28	7.33	27.11	27.8	1.59
From Aruba	11.81	20.06	14.40	12.51	58.78	13.37	18.72	18.57	18.35	69.00	46.7	5.84
From the Free Zone	9.75	26.51	30.99	31.76	99.00	25.17	31.78	29.90	33.02	119.87	4.0	1.27
Total Export	21.56	46.57	45.39	44.27	157.78	38.54	50.50	48.46	51.37	188.87	16.1	7.11
By Large companies	0.03	0.30	0.00	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.15	0.23	1,240.7	0.14
By Other companies	11.78	19.76	14.40	12.50	58.43	13.36	18.68	18.53	18.20	68.77	45.6	5.70
From Aruba	11.81	20.06	14.40	12.51	58.78	13.37	18.72	18.57	18.35	69.00	46.7	5.84

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba