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PREFACE

This is the fourth edition of **CARICOM's Trade: A Quick Reference to Some Summary Data** which covers data for the period 1996 to 2001. This publication presents some of the basic summary trade data to which users frequently refer and focuses primarily on CARICOM's trade with principal trading partners, as well as on Intra-CARICOM trade. Further this report could be used as a valuable source of trade information for manipulation and analysis.

The report is divided into two parts. PART I presents data on CARICOM's Total Trade with all principal trading partners and in this regard attempts to give a summarized picture of CARICOM's overall merchandise trade. PART II of the report, which comprises Sections 1-12, presents data on CARICOM's Trade with principal trading partners and Intra-CARICOM Trade, each section being devoted to trade with a particular trading partner. CARICOM's trade with individual countries – the United States, The United Kingdom, Canada, Venezuela and Japan are also represented in this report.

The data presented in this report were extracted from those submitted to the CARICOM Secretariat by Member States Statistics Department. It should be noted that data were not always available for all Member States for specific years of the period 1996 to 2001. The incomplete nature of the data therefore poses limitations to analysis and interpretation. Efforts are being made by the CARICOM Secretariat to build capacity in those Member States experiencing difficulty with the timely compilation and dissemination of Trade data.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Description of Trading Areas

The following is a list showing the countries, which belong to the Trading Areas identified in this report. It should be noted that in this report the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) excludes data for The Bahamas and refers only to the Caribbean Common Market (now transformed to CARICOM Single Market and Economy – CSME). The Bahamas is not part of the Caribbean Common Market.

Trading Areas and Abbreviated Forms

Descriptions

CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago
OTHER CARIBBEAN	Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, St. Martin, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands
NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA)	Canada, Mexico, United States of America.
LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION ASSOCIATION (LAIA)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
THE ANDEAN COMMUNITY	Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela
MERCOSUR	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET (CACM)	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua
EUROPEAN UNION (EU)	Belgium-Luxembourg, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Austria, Finland and Sweden
EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (EFTA)	Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland
SELECTED ASIAN COUNTRIES	China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand.

Explanation of Symbols and Abbreviations

...	-	Data not available
-	-	Value equals zero
0	-	Magnitude more than zero but less than half of the unit employed
S.I.T.C.	-	Standard International Trade Classification
MDCs	-	More Developed Countries
LDCs	-	Less Developed Countries
OECS	-	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
n.e.s.	-	Not elsewhere specified (in the SITC)

Exchange Rates

In the report the currency used is the Eastern Caribbean Dollar (**EC\$**)

EC\$2.70 = US\$1.00

1 Billion = 1,000,000,000

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