

Section 3

CARICOM's Trade with the North
American Free Trade Agreement

CARICOM'S TRADE WITH NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA) – 1996 - 2001

For 1996 – 2001, CARICOM's imports from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) increased from EC\$9.5 billion in 1996 (nine Member States reporting) to EC\$12.0 billion in 2001 (ten Member States reporting) at an average annual growth rate 4.6% over the period. CARICOM's exports to NAFTA stood at EC\$5.6 billion in 1996 and advanced to EC\$7.4 billion in 2001 (ten Member States reporting in both years) at an annual average growth rate of 5.5% over the period (**Table 2.3.1**).

The percentage contribution of NAFTA to CARICOM's total imports declined from 49.7% in 1996 to 46.4% in 2001. On average this trading bloc accounted for 49.0% of CARICOM's total imports over the period. With regards to CARICOM's extra-regional imports, NAFTA's percentage contribution moved from 55.2% in 1996 to 51.9% in 2001 and on average accounted for 54.8% of the Region's extra-regional imports over the period (**Table 2.3.3**).

On the exports side, the percentage contribution of NAFTA to CARICOM's total exports declined from 44.7% in 1996 to 43.6% in 2001, with an average percentage contribution of 43.4% over the period. As a percentage of CARICOM's extra-regional exports, NAFTA accounted for an average percentage contribution of 54.8% over the period moving from 54.7% in 1996 to 54.8% in 2001 (**Table 2.3.5**).

Overall CARICOM recorded trade deficits with NAFTA throughout the period, moving from a deficit of EC\$3.9 billion in 1996 to EC\$4.6 billion in 2001.

Major Contributors

CARICOM's imports from NAFTA was dominated by the MDCs which accounted for an average percentage contribution of 84% over the period. The imports of the MDCs moved from EC\$8.0 billion in 1996 to EC\$10.0 billion in 2001 (only three of five Member States reporting in both years) which accounted for 83.9% and 83.7% of CARICOM's imports from NAFTA. This implied a negligible overall increase of the LDCs percentage contribution moving from 16.1% in 1996 to 16.3% in 2001.

The MDCs dominated the Region's exports to NAFTA registering an average percentage contribution of 93.8% over the period. Earnings from exports of the MDCs increased from EC\$5.3 billion in 1996 to EC\$6.9 billion in 2001 (only three of five Member States reporting) which accounted for 93.8% and 94.3% respectively of CARICOM's exports to NAFTA. The LDCs percentage contribution to the Region's exports to NAFTA declined from 6.2% in 1996 to 5.7% in 2001.

For the performance of individual Member State during the period, *Jamaica* was CARICOM's top importer to access the NAFTA market with its percentage contributions to CARICOM's imports declining from 47.5% in 1996 to 39.6% in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* was CARICOM's second highest importer from NAFTA with percentage contribution advancing from 26.2% in 1996 to 33.1% in 2001. These two Member States together accounted for an average percentage contribution of 69.6% of CARICOM's imports from NAFTA over the period (**Table 2.3.3**).

Table 2.3.5 showed that CARICOM's highest exporters to NAFTA were *Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica*. In 1996, *Trinidad and Tobago* accounted for 58.8% of CARICOM's exports to NAFTA but its percentage contribution declined to 45.2% in 1998. From 1999, its percentage contribution expanded steadily and recorded the highest percentage contribution for the period of 70.7% in 2001. *Jamaica* was CARICOM's second highest exporter to NAFTA for this period with increased percentage contributions to CARICOM's exports to NAFTA from 32.5% in 1996 and 22.0% in 2001. These two Member States collectively accounted for more than 75% of CARICOM's exports to NAFTA throughout the period.

Jamaica registered increasing trade deficits with NAFTA throughout the period, moving from deficit of EC\$2.7 billion in 1996 to EC\$3.1 billion in 2001. Trinidad and Tobago on the other hand, registered trade surpluses in 1996, 2000 and 2001 of EC\$0.8 billion, EC\$1.8 billion and EC\$1.2 billion in 1996, 2000 and 2001 respectively while for 1997-1999 this Member State registered trade deficits of EC\$1.7 billion, EC\$1.6 billion and EC\$0.3 billion with NAFTA.

Major Commodities

During the period 1996 – 2001, CARICOM's major imports from NAFTA were *Machinery and Transport Equipment* and *Manufactured Goods* while CARICOM's top exports to NAFTA were

Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials and *Chemical and related products n.e.s* (Tables 2.3.6 & 2.3.8).

Imports

CARICOM's imports of *Machinery and Transport Equipment* from NAFTA recorded percentage contribution of 28.8% in 1996 and expanded to 38.3% in 1997. In 1998 and 1999 it declined to 35.1% and 33.5% respectively but strengthened to 35.8% and 36.1% in 2000 and 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* and *Jamaica* were CARICOM's top importers of this commodity with average percentage contributions of 43.6% and 27.7% over the period. For 2001, *Trinidad and Tobago's* imports of *distilling or rectifying plant* and *Jamaica's* imports of *transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus* were the top *Machinery and Transport Equipment* imported from NAFTA by these two Member States.

CARICOM's second highest imported commodity from NAFTA was *Manufactured Goods* with percentage contributions of 17.0% in 1996 and 14.3% in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* and *Jamaica* were CARICOM's top importers of this commodity with average percentage contributions of 32.0% and 32.7% respectively over the period. For *Trinidad and Tobago in 2001* the top commodity imported from NAFTA within this category was *casing of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas* while *other structures (excluding prefabricated buildings etc.)* was the top item imported from NAFTA by *Jamaica*.

Exports

For exports, the percentage contributions of *Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials* to CARICOM's exports to NAFTA decreased continuously from 31.4% in 1996 to 19.9% in 1998. For 1999 and 2000, its percentage contributions strengthened to 26.4% and 39.9% respectively but declined to 38.6% in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* dominated CARICOM's exports of this commodity with an average percentage contribution of 99.4% over the period. For 2001, *Trinidad and Tobago's* top commodity exported within this category was *other petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude*.

Over the period, *Chemical and related products n.e.s.* was CARICOM's second highest exported commodity to NAFTA with improved percentage contribution from 18.8% in 1996 to 23.8% in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* was mainly responsible for the exports of this commodity with an average

percentage contribution of 91.6% over the period. For 2001, *Trinidad and Tobago's* top item exported within this category was *anhydrous ammonia*.

Top Items traded with NAFTA

Analysis of **Table 2.3.9** revealed that CARICOM's top 20 commodities imported from NAFTA in 2001 accounted for 43.7% of CARICOM's total imports from NAFTA. The top four commodities imported were:

- *Heating and cooling equipment and parts thereof, n.e.s.;*
- *Telecommunication equipment and accessories of apparatus falling within telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment;*
- *Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals and*
- *Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.*

The combined percentage contribution of these commodities accounted for 17.6% of CARICOM's total imports from NAFTA in 2001.

In 2001, earnings from CARICOM's 15 major domestic exports to NAFTA accounted for 88.0% of its total domestic exports to NAFTA in 2001. The top four commodities exported to this trading bloc were:

- *Other crude petroleum oils;*
- *Anhydrous ammonia;*
- *Other aluminium oxide (alumina) and*
- *Liquefied natural gas.*

These commodities registered respective percentage contributions of 17.4%, 14.9%, 9.7% and 7.6% to CARICOM's total domestic exports (**Table 2.3.10**).

TABLE 2.3.2: CARICOM'S TRADE BALANCE WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: 1990-2001

(EC\$'000)

YEARS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS			TRADE BALANCE
		DOMESTIC	RE-EXP.	TOTAL	
1990	6,690,204	4,848,077	168,536	5,016,613	-1,673,591
1991	6,685,085	4,072,613	94,046	4,166,659	-2,518,426
1992	7,218,729	4,221,239	132,422	4,353,661	-2,865,068
1993	7,613,610	3,807,956	196,821	4,004,777	-3,608,833
1994	8,169,064	5,320,450	280,023	5,600,473	-2,568,591
1995	9,377,592	5,237,578	251,118	5,488,696	-3,888,896
1996	9,549,330	5,271,749	351,513	5,623,262	-3,926,068
1997	12,583,749	5,623,004	275,053	5,898,057	-6,685,692
1998	12,082,128	5,139,453	276,418	5,415,871	-6,666,257
1999	11,916,434	5,693,967	277,964	5,971,931	-5,944,503
2000	12,250,385	8,264,071	168,250	8,432,321	-3,818,064
2001	11,959,536	7,133,531	218,263	7,351,794	-4,607,742

Notes:

1990, 1994 Excludes data for Antigua & Barbuda

1991 Excludes all data for Antigua & Barbuda and Belize and Export data for Guyana

1992 Excludes all data for Antigua & Barbuda and Export data for Grenada and Guyana

1993 Excludes all data for Antigua & Barbuda and Export data for Guyana

1995-1996 Excludes all data for Antigua & Barbuda, Guyana and Suriname and Import data for Montserrat

1997-1998 Excludes data for Antigua & Barbuda, Montserrat and Suriname

1999 Excludes data for Suriname

2000 Excludes data for Antigua & Barbuda and Suriname

2001 Excludes data for Antigua & Barbuda, Guyana and Suriname

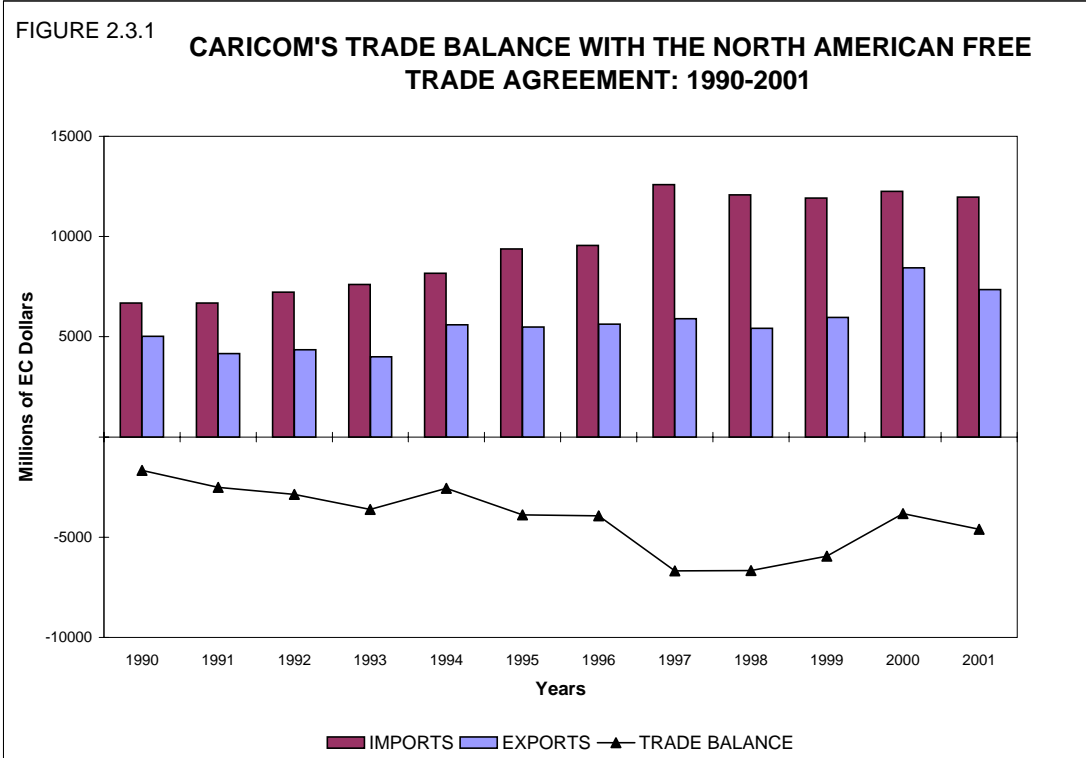


TABLE 2.3.3: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY COUNTRY: 1996 - 2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		9,549,330	12,583,749	12,082,128	11,916,434	12,250,385	11,959,536
MDCs		8,012,622	10,958,761	10,492,298	9,491,958	10,110,377	10,015,159
BARBADOS		973,616	1,244,348	1,264,115	1,352,379	1,434,689	1,323,094
GUYANA		...	621,050	596,074	532,514	623,912	...
JAMAICA		4,535,685	4,502,237	4,566,691	4,200,184	4,546,424	4,739,388
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		2,503,321	4,591,126	4,065,418	3,406,881	3,505,352	3,952,677
LDCs		1,536,708	1,624,988	1,589,830	2,424,476	2,140,008	1,944,377
BELIZE		473,539	516,478	530,329	632,044	740,185	679,648
OECS		1,063,169	1,108,510	1,059,501	1,792,432	1,399,823	1,264,729
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	484,545	...	...
DOMINICA		137,952	147,002	52,573	148,358	157,374	133,335
GRENADA		185,692	194,208	232,481	247,872	307,542	284,983
MONTserrat		...	...	...	34,278	31,932	30,985
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		178,372	186,586	191,449	239,333	317,794	295,270
SAINT LUCIA		330,952	375,022	361,122	417,153	407,377	330,736
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		230,201	205,692	221,876	220,893	177,804	189,420
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		83.9	87.1	86.8	79.7	82.5	83.7
BARBADOS		10.2	9.9	10.5	11.3	11.7	11.1
GUYANA		...	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.1	...
JAMAICA		47.5	35.8	37.8	35.2	37.1	39.6
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		26.2	36.5	33.6	28.6	28.6	33.1
LDCs		16.1	12.9	13.2	20.3	17.5	16.3
BELIZE		5.0	4.1	4.4	5.3	6.0	5.7
OECS		11.1	8.8	8.8	15.0	11.4	10.6
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	4.1	...	...
DOMINICA		1.4	1.2	0.4	1.2	1.3	1.1
GRENADA		1.9	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.4
MONTserrat		...	...	...	0.3	0.3	0.3
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		1.9	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.5
SAINT LUCIA		3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	2.8
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES		2.4	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6
(B) VALUE OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES		19,216,513	24,378,963	23,738,738	24,175,549	26,573,787	25,798,189
(C) VALUE OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM EXTRA-REGIONAL SOURCES		17,294,879	22,013,762	21,320,109	21,370,019	23,519,194	23,022,553
(D) VALUE OF CARICOM'S INTRA-REGIONAL IMPORTS		1,921,634	2,365,201	2,418,629	2,805,530	3,054,593	2,775,636
(A)\(B)	(%)	49.7	51.6	50.9	49.3	46.1	46.4
(A)\(C)	(%)	55.2	57.2	56.7	55.8	52.1	51.9

TABLE 2.3.4: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY COUNTRY: 1996-2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		5,271,749	5,623,004	5,139,453	5,693,967	8,264,071	7,133,531
MDCs		5,003,865	5,302,723	4,852,759	5,328,502	7,813,830	6,759,856
	BARBADOS	113,555	119,581	109,636	121,823	111,172	100,826
	GUYANA	...	652,177	669,252	635,677	693,288	...
	JAMAICA	1,776,387	1,727,230	1,713,805	1,554,066	1,725,268	1,578,986
	SURINAME	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	3,113,923	2,803,735	2,360,066	3,016,936	5,284,102	5,080,044
LDCs		267,884	320,281	286,694	365,465	450,241	373,675
	BELIZE	186,123	213,208	168,265	212,679	274,855	234,217
OECS		81,761	107,073	118,429	152,786	175,386	139,458
	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	...	...	...	116	...	...
	DOMINICA	5,329	4,994	4,722	4,045	5,148	3,889
	GRENADA	11,968	16,196	38,618	81,485	95,494	60,168
	MONTserrat	19,844	...	...	0	0	1
	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	6,037	54,722	50,416	47,219	54,062	56,139
	SAINT LUCIA	30,549	26,821	21,436	17,486	17,434	17,791
	ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	8,034	4,340	3,237	2,435	3,248	1,470
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		94.9	94.3	94.4	93.6	94.6	94.8
	BARBADOS	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.3	1.4
	GUYANA	...	11.6	13.0	11.2	8.4	...
	JAMAICA	33.7	30.7	33.3	27.3	20.9	22.1
	SURINAME	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	59.1	49.9	45.9	53.0	63.9	71.2
LDCs		5.1	5.7	5.6	6.4	5.4	5.2
	BELIZE	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.3
OECS		1.6	1.9	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.0
	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	...	...	...	0.0	...	...
	DOMINICA	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	GRENADA	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.8
	MONTserrat	0.4	...	...	0.0	0.0	0.0
	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8
	SAINT LUCIA	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
	ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
(B) VALUE OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS		11,871,568	13,314,287	12,165,159	13,346,672	17,856,711	16,148,183
(C) VALUE OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO EXTRA-REGIONAL DESTINATIONS		9,682,323	10,916,243	9,647,773	10,685,184	14,510,459	12,888,491
(D) VALUE OF CARICOM'S INTRA-REGIONAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		2,189,245	2,398,044	2,517,386	2,661,488	3,346,252	3,259,692
(A)\(B)	(%)	44.4	42.2	42.2	42.7	46.3	44.2
(A)\(C)	(%)	54.4	51.5	53.3	53.3	57.0	55.3

TABLE 2.3.5: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY COUNTRY: 1996 - 2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		5,623,262	5,898,057	5,415,871	5,971,931	8,432,321	7,351,794
MDCs		5,271,823	5,520,538	5,086,909	5,548,573	7,930,497	6,935,296
BARBADOS		133,439	136,080	119,925	134,838	128,421	119,581
GUYANA		...	658,215	694,091	642,500	695,202	...
JAMAICA		1,829,651	1,788,258	1,827,170	1,626,606	1,759,615	1,616,674
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		3,308,733	2,937,985	2,445,723	3,144,629	5,347,259	5,199,041
LDCs		351,439	377,519	328,962	423,358	501,824	416,498
BELIZE		217,135	248,210	199,282	243,929	308,511	258,988
OECS		134,304	129,309	129,680	179,429	193,313	157,510
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	7,618	...	...
DOMINICA		5,983	5,603	5,877	6,685	7,710	5,333
GRENADA		12,357	17,768	41,038	84,983	99,005	62,668
MONTserrat		62,822	...	...	587	792	161
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		10,104	62,880	52,359	51,749	57,895	59,322
SAINT LUCIA		32,107	33,928	23,057	23,109	23,785	26,461
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		10,931	9,130	7,349	4,698	4,126	3,565
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		93.8	93.6	93.9	92.9	94.0	94.3
BARBADOS		2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.6
GUYANA		...	11.2	12.8	10.8	8.2	...
JAMAICA		32.5	30.3	33.7	27.2	20.9	22.0
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		58.8	49.8	45.2	52.7	63.4	70.7
LDCs		6.2	6.4	6.1	7.1	6.0	5.7
BELIZE		3.9	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.5
OECS		2.4	2.2	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.1
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	0.1	...	...
DOMINICA		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GRENADA		0.2	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.9
MONTserrat		1.1	...	...	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		0.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
SAINT LUCIA		0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES		0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
(B) VALUE OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS		12,580,141	14,023,041	12,962,037	14,043,820	18,501,880	16,849,494
(C) VALUE OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO EXTRA-REGIONAL DESTINATIONS		10,280,433	11,486,068	10,175,891	11,226,796	14,996,112	13,411,142
(D) VALUE OF CARICOM'S INTRA-REGIONAL TOTAL EXPORTS		2,299,708	2,536,973	2,786,146	2,817,024	3,505,768	3,438,352
(A)\(B)	(%)	44.7	42.1	41.8	42.5	45.6	43.6
(A)\(C)	(%)	54.7	51.3	53.2	53.2	56.2	54.8

FIGURE 2.3.2

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AREA AS A SUPPLIER OF CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL IMPORTS: 1996-2001

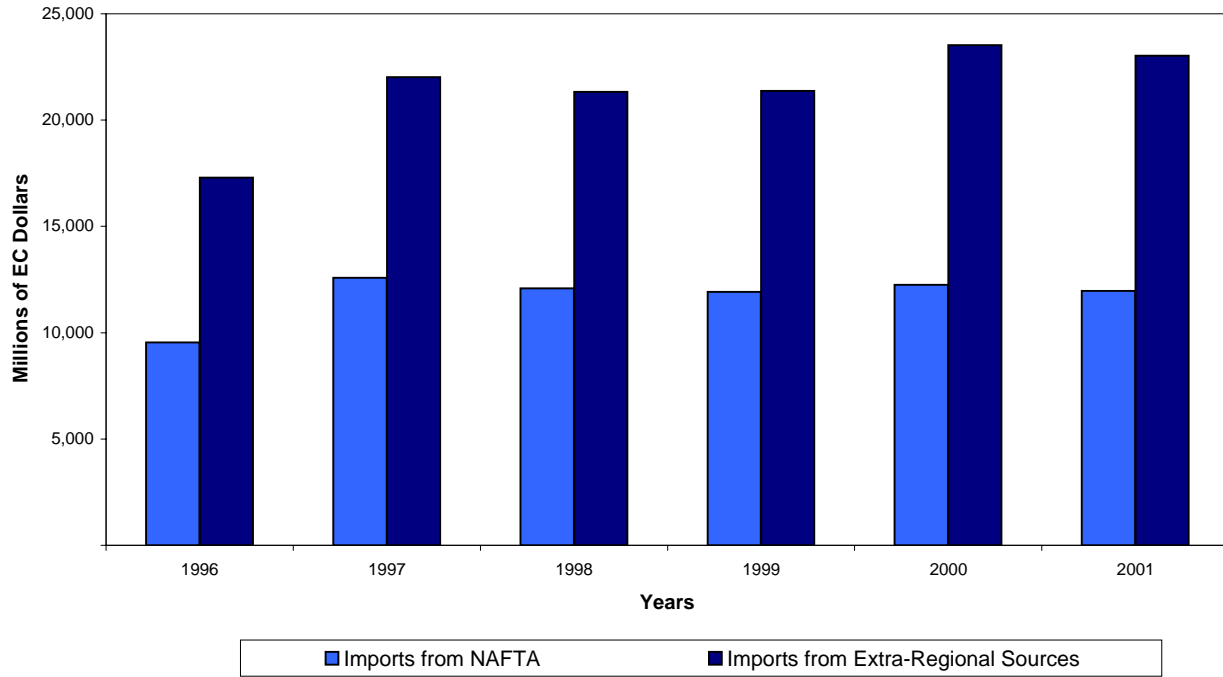


FIGURE 2.3.3

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AREA AS A MARKET FOR CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL EXPORTS: 1996-2001

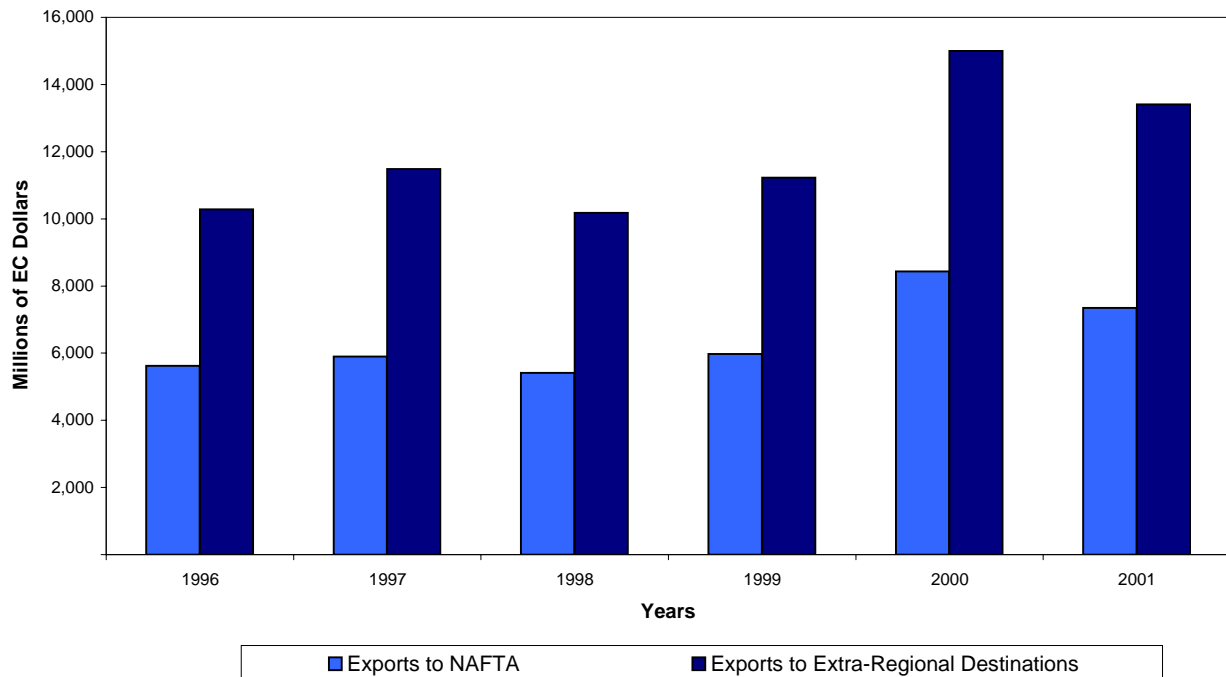


TABLE 2.3.6: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

	(EC\$'000)					
S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	9,549,330	12,583,749	12,082,128	11,916,434	12,250,385	11,959,536
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	1,442,337	1,670,280	1,760,287	1,782,559	1,620,009	1,633,524
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	64,266	115,743	74,263	80,402	60,943	49,990
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	364,467	449,559	363,027	367,369	313,597	324,584
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	608,890	623,035	474,450	560,736	749,612	862,914
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	91,284	85,451	87,261	85,511	80,903	61,619
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	1,074,900	1,204,152	1,305,710	1,333,364	1,381,517	1,402,191
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	1,627,742	1,929,588	2,047,548	1,927,518	1,866,023	1,705,421
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT	2,748,464	4,819,879	4,242,241	3,988,632	4,382,849	4,320,152
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	1,513,805	1,668,532	1,706,733	1,729,002	1,766,646	1,574,847
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	13,175	17,530	20,608	61,341	28,286	24,294
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	15.1	13.3	14.6	15.0	13.2	13.7
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.7
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	6.4	5.0	3.9	4.7	6.1	7.2
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	11.3	9.6	10.8	11.2	11.3	11.7
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	17.0	15.3	16.9	16.2	15.2	14.3
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT	28.8	38.3	35.1	33.5	35.8	36.1
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	15.9	13.3	14.1	14.5	14.4	13.2
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2

Notes:

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FIGURE 2.3.4

**DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM NAFTA, BY
PRINCIPAL SITC SECTIONS: 1996**

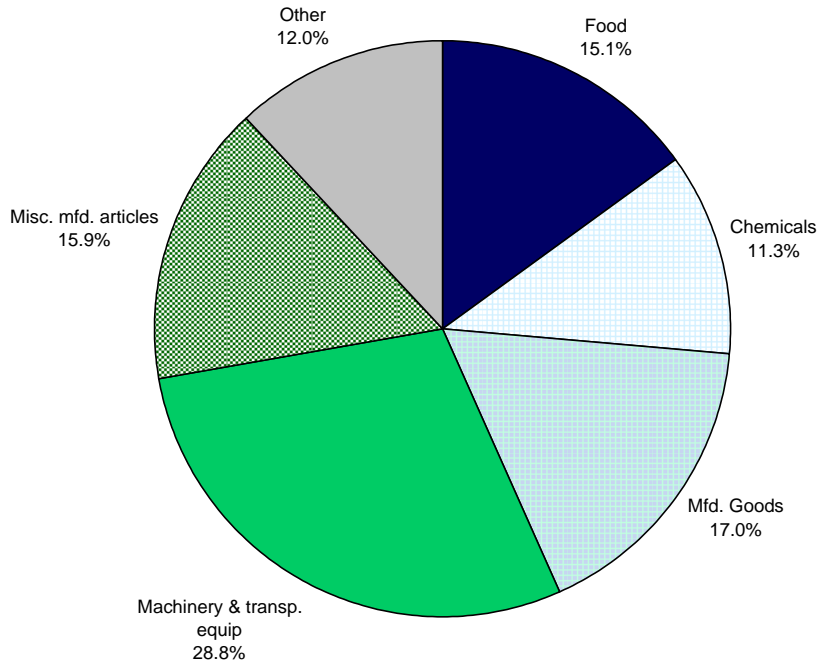


FIGURE 2.3.5

**DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM NAFTA, BY
PRINCIPAL SITC SECTIONS: 2001**

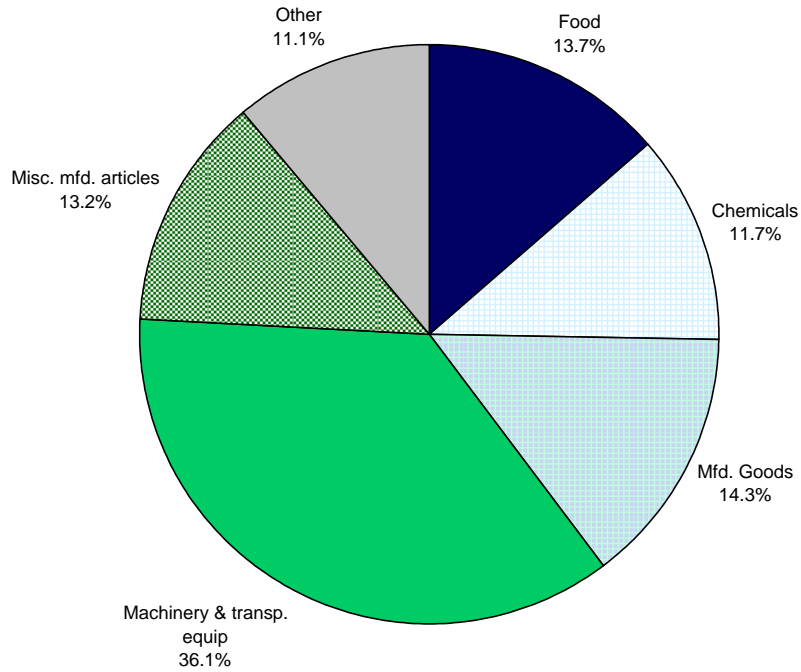


TABLE 2.3.7: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	5,271,749	5,623,004	5,139,453	5,693,967	8,264,071	7,133,531
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	364,835	506,396	459,468	492,437	586,645	427,123
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	91,158	125,624	168,590	130,273	138,151	115,794
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	785,035	925,104	962,932	925,245	1,095,702	967,692
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	1,760,334	1,401,747	1,078,110	1,573,595	3,356,940	2,824,565
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	99	122	296	268	194	113
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	1,051,241	991,491	905,787	1,026,700	1,556,921	1,736,156
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	331,582	438,299	413,685	455,901	472,917	586,831
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	108,166	113,698	150,412	184,807	191,759	160,506
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	776,958	742,825	655,649	562,701	537,485	312,073
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	2,341	377,698	344,524	342,040	327,357	2,678
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	6.9	9.0	8.9	8.6	7.1	6.0
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	1.7	2.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.6
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	14.9	16.5	18.7	16.2	13.3	13.6
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	33.4	24.9	21.0	27.6	40.6	39.6
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	19.9	17.6	17.6	18.0	18.8	24.3
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	6.3	7.8	8.0	8.0	5.7	8.2
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	2.1	2.0	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.3
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	14.7	13.2	12.8	9.9	6.5	4.4
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.0	6.7	6.7	6.0	4.0	0.0

Notes:

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TABLE 2.3.8: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

(EC\$'000)						
S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	5,623,262	5,898,057	5,415,871	5,971,931	8,432,321	7,351,794
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	368,223	521,560	465,563	503,413	592,068	429,987
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	102,978	141,333	173,892	132,325	139,809	116,396
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	786,780	927,159	965,050	927,406	1,099,752	970,659
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	1,765,830	1,405,982	1,080,281	1,577,630	3,365,513	2,838,047
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	285	236	436	405	233	206
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	1,055,608	1,000,558	921,287	1,049,216	1,563,996	1,746,834
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	361,055	462,203	434,656	482,924	491,397	613,245
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	336,751	283,876	320,706	361,834	272,952	277,814
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	802,069	771,055	702,596	593,682	576,757	354,928
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	43,683	384,095	351,404	343,096	329,844	3,678
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	6.5	8.8	8.6	8.4	7.0	5.8
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	1.8	2.4	3.2	2.2	1.7	1.6
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	14.0	15.7	17.8	15.5	13.0	13.2
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	31.4	23.8	19.9	26.4	39.9	38.6
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	18.8	17.0	17.0	17.6	18.5	23.8
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	6.4	7.8	8.0	8.1	5.8	8.3
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	6.0	4.8	5.9	6.1	3.2	3.8
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	14.3	13.1	13.0	9.9	6.8	4.8
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.8	6.5	6.5	5.7	3.9	0.1

Notes:

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FIGURE 2.3.6

**DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S EXPORTS TO NAFTA, BY
PRINCIPAL SITC SECTIONS: 1996**

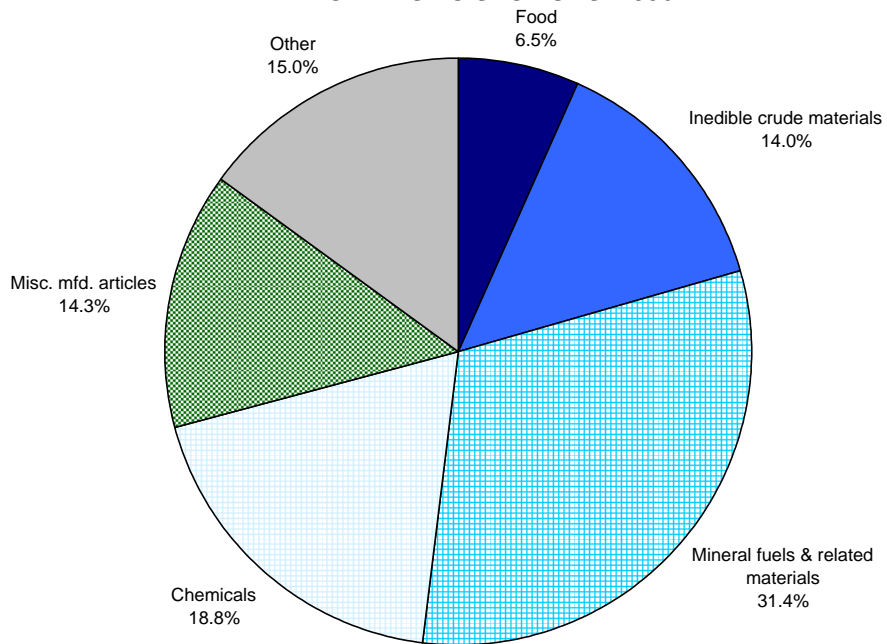


FIGURE 2.3.7

**DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S EXPORTS TO NAFTA, BY
PRINCIPAL SITC SECTIONS: 2001**

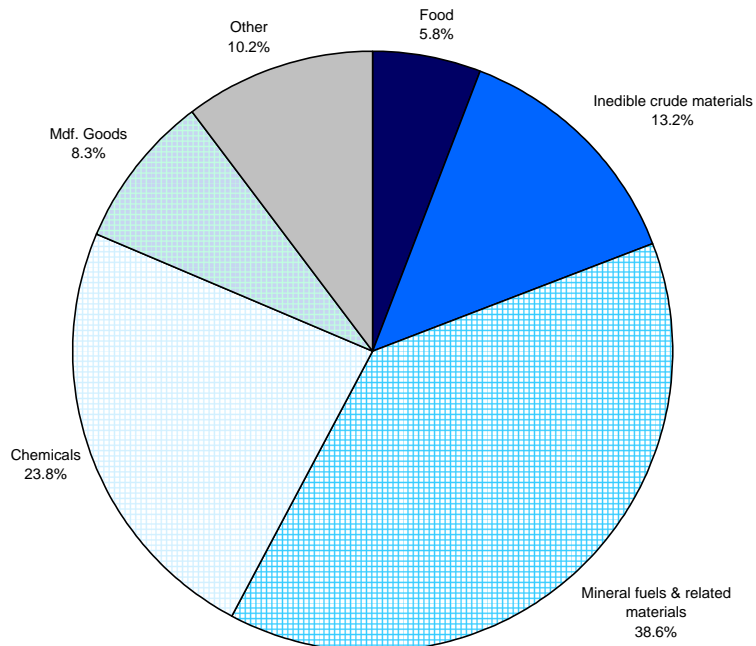


TABLE 2.3.9: CARICOM'S TOP 20 IMPORTS FROM NAFTA, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SITC GROUPS: 1996-2001
(Top 20 based on the year 2001)

Group Description	SITC Group	(EC\$'000)											
		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
		Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B
Heating and cooling equipment and parts thereof, n.e.s.	741	249,454	2.6	1,620,005	12.9	811,285	6.7	239,054	2.0	166,426	1.4	606,916	5.1
Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s.; and parts, n.e.s. and accessories of telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment.	764	239,018	2.5	299,302	2.4	334,083	2.8	397,497	3.3	482,301	3.9	594,752	5.0
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude); preparations, n.e.s. containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparation.	334	410,857	4.3	430,065	3.4	338,142	2.8	358,848	3.0	410,936	3.4	584,781	4.9
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines for processing such data, n.e.s.	752	221,356	2.3	261,238	2.1	291,301	2.4	319,727	2.7	306,730	2.5	309,973	2.6
Ships, boats (including hovercraft) and floating structures.	793	60,582	0.6	192,664	1.5	138,509	1.1	144,178	1.2	86,586	0.7	278,697	2.3
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.	333	146,966	1.5	137,973	1.1	104,163	0.9	176,542	1.5	303,761	2.5	251,888	2.1
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics.	893	148,293	1.6	182,965	1.5	200,507	1.7	231,640	1.9	253,137	2.1	243,269	2.0
Civil engineering and contractors' plant and equipment.	723	149,016	1.6	170,636	1.4	181,088	1.5	168,741	1.4	205,505	1.7	208,740	1.7
Paper and paperboard.	641	278,429	2.9	257,765	2.0	258,083	2.1	244,722	2.1	231,842	1.9	207,753	1.7
Clothing accessories of textile fabrics, whether or not knitted or crocheted (other than those for babies).	846	566,917	5.9	500,129	4.0	468,551	3.9	369,548	3.1	330,928	2.7	203,663	1.7
Medicaments (including veterinary medicaments).	542	109,062	1.1	148,966	1.2	149,445	1.2	164,193	1.4	205,673	1.7	192,923	1.6
Edible products and preparations, n.e.s.	098	104,280	1.1	123,859	1.0	145,759	1.2	177,177	1.5	177,997	1.5	187,266	1.6
Pumps (other than pumps for liquids, air or other gas compressors and fans; ventilating or recycling hoods incorporating a fan, whether or not fitted with filters; centrifuges; filtering or purify apparatus; and parts thereof.	743	90,888	1.0	118,961	0.9	146,673	1.2	118,525	1.0	124,541	1.0	186,031	1.6
Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, and tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel.	679	105,995	1.1	251,239	2.0	330,002	2.7	166,100	1.4	149,580	1.2	182,147	1.5
Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	874	109,926	1.2	133,064	1.1	137,188	1.1	114,727	1.0	121,692	1.0	176,166	1.5
Inorganic chemical elements, oxides and halogen salts.	522	165,912	1.7	91,604	0.7	160,201	1.3	129,758	1.1	83,845	0.7	167,315	1.4
Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen (except meat and meat offal unfit or unsuitable for human consumption).	012	192,302	2.0	207,375	1.6	203,529	1.7	195,584	1.6	170,512	1.4	166,600	1.4
Paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape, and articles of paper or paperboard.	642	101,493	1.1	126,931	1.0	134,043	1.1	151,839	1.3	164,370	1.3	165,917	1.4
Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings.	821	90,686	0.9	111,738	0.9	126,389	1.0	150,539	1.3	168,756	1.4	153,243	1.3
Wheat (including spelt) and meslin, unmilled.	041	147,856	1.5	223,147	1.8	193,905	1.6	129,006	1.1	114,655	0.9	153,206	1.3
A. Total Value of Top 20 Imports from NAFTA		3,689,288		5,589,626		4,852,845		4,147,945		4,259,773		5,221,245	
B. Value of Total Imports from NAFTA		9,549,330		12,583,749		12,082,128		11,916,434		12,250,385		11,959,536	
A/B (%)		38.6		44.4		40.2		34.8		34.8		43.7	

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TABLE 2.3.10: Value of CARICOM's Major Domestic Exports to NAFTA: 1996 - 2001

Commodity Description	SITC No.	(EC\$'000)											
		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
		Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B
Crude petroleum oils, other	333.09	1,186,683	22.6	1,215,553	21.6	677,587	13.2	867,661	15.2	1,558,667	18.9	1,242,957	17.4
Anhydrous ammonia	522.611	671,240	12.8	638,251	11.4	584,106	11.4	673,294	11.8	883,696	10.7	1,059,489	14.9
Other aluminium oxide, (alumina)	285.2	552,107	10.5	570,669	10.1	555,291	10.8	612,408	10.8	797,114	9.6	694,249	9.7
Natural gas, liquefied	343.1	26,494	0.5	0	0.0	-	-	250,617	4.4	646,974	7.8	544,345	7.6
Fuel oils, n.e.s.	334.4	263,346	5.0	24,067	0.4	233,804	4.5	251,691	4.4	462,716	5.6	509,935	7.1
Methanol (methyl alcohol)	512.11	145,007	2.8	208,493	3.7	194,580	3.8	204,866	3.6	440,349	5.3	423,897	5.9
Bars and rods of non-alloy steel	676.162	226,627	4.3	233,261	4.1	265,657	5.2	284,548	5.0	280,838	3.4	303,271	4.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories.	Div. 84	742,160	14.1	709,140	12.6	632,436	12.3	523,253	9.2	503,194	6.1	290,135	4.1
Aluminium ores and concentrates	285.1	211,545	4.0	311,015	5.5	376,626	7.3	286,792	5.0	271,695	3.3	253,186	3.5
Ferrous products obtained by direct reduction of iron ore.	671.331	58,610	1.1	123,717	2.2	67,537	1.3	107,582	1.9	134,748	1.6	240,407	3.4
Gas oils.	334.3	183,803	3.5	42,885	0.8	31,567	0.6	52,145	0.9	305,614	3.7	216,800	3.0
Gaseous hydrocarbons, liquefied, n.e.s.	344.2	22,014	0.4	45,351	0.8	47,938	0.9	52,907	0.9	155,004	1.9	171,866	2.4
Urea	562.16	156,893	3.0	73,219	1.3	54,938	1.1	66,327	1.2	91,027	1.1	118,573	1.7
Motor spirit (gasolene) and other light oils.	334.1	50,580	1.0	53,762	1.0	54,486	1.1	61,635	1.1	176,613	2.1	107,323	1.5
Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, whether in shell or not, fresh (live or dead), chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water.	036	50,183	1.0	95,855	1.7	119,894	2.3	152,512	2.7	188,813	2.3	97,696	1.4
Non-monetary gold, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	971.01	-	-	376,179	6.7	343,898	6.7	338,605	5.9	323,621	3.9	-	-
A. Total Domestic Exports of Major Commodities		4,547,291		4,721,416		4,240,344		4,786,843		7,220,682		6,274,130	
B. Value of Total Domestic Exports to NAFTA		5,251,905		5,623,004		5,139,453		5,693,967		8,264,071		7,133,531	
A/B (%)		86.6		84.0		82.5		84.1		87.4		88.0	

Notes:

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