

Section 6

CARICOM's Trade with MERCOSUR

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Over the period 1996 to 2001, CARICOM's imports from Mercosur doubled moving from EC\$0.4 billion in 1996 (nine Member States reporting) to EC\$0.8 billion in 2001 (ten Member States reporting) at an average annual growth rate of *15.5%* over the period. CARICOM's exports to Mercosur declined by more than *50%* moving from EC\$120 million in 1996 to EC\$44 million in 2001 (ten Member States reporting in both years) at a *negative growth rate of 18.1%* over the period (**Table 2.6.1**).

Mercosur as a source of CARICOM's imports accounted for *2.1%* of CARICOM's total imports in 1996 increasing to *3.3%* in 2001. As a source of CARICOM's extra-regional imports, Mercosur's percentage contribution increased from *2.4%* in 1996 to *3.7%* in 2001 (**Table 2.6.3**).

Mercosur as a destination for CARICOM's exports represented *1.0%* of CARICOM's total exports in 1996 and *0.3%* in 2001. With regards to CARICOM's extra-regional exports, Mercosur accounted for *1.2%* in 1996 and *0.3%* in 2001 (**Table 2.6.5**).

Overall CARICOM's trade balance with Mercosur recorded deficits throughout the period 1996 to 2001, moving from deficit of *EC\$0.3 billion* in 1996 to *EC\$0.8 billion* in 2001.

Major Contributors

CARICOM's imports from Mercosur for 1996-2001 was dominated by the MDCs, which accounted for an average percentage contribution of *93.6%* over the period. Imports of the MDCs from Mercosur expanded from EC\$389 million in 1996 to EC\$804 million in 2001 (only three of the five Member States reporting) *which is more than twice that of its 1996 value*. These values accounted for *94.6%* in 1996 and *95.2%* in 2001 of CARICOM's imports from Mercosur. With respect to the LDCs, the percentage contribution to CARICOM's imports from Mercosur declined from *5.4%* in 1996 to *4.8%* in 2001 (**Table 2.6.3**).

The MDCs also dominated CARICOM's exports to Mercosur and accounted for an average percentage contribution of *95.3%* over the period. The MDCs exports to Mercosur decreased from EC\$118 million in 1996 to EC\$41 million in 2001, which represented *98.5%* and *93.2%* of CARICOM's

exports to Mercosur respectively. The LDCs percentage contribution to CARICOM's exports to Mercosur expanded from 1.5% in 1996 to 6.8% in 2001 (**Table 2.6.5**).

In terms of the performance of individual Member States, *Trinidad and Tobago* and *Jamaica* were CARICOM's top importers from Mercosur. *Trinidad and Tobago's* imports from Mercosur rose from EC\$0.2 billion in 1996 to EC\$0.6 billion in 2001, which represented percentage contribution of 53.7% and 66.9% of CARICOM's imports from Mercosur respectively. *Jamaica*, CARICOM's second highest importer from Mercosur recorded percentage contributions of 35.7% in 1996 to 24.1% in 2001.

Over the period, *Trinidad and Tobago* was the leading exporter to Mercosur and accounted for 91.0% of CARICOM's exports to this trading bloc in 1996 but declined to 88.4% in 2001. CARICOM's second highest exporter to Mercosur was shared by *Jamaica* and *Grenada* with *Jamaica* dominating the years 1996 and 1997 and *Grenada* 1998 to 2001. *Jamaica's* percentage contribution to CARICOM's exports to Mercosur moved from 7.0% in 1996 to 3.8% in 2001 while *Grenada's* percentage contribution moved from 1.4% in 1996 to 6.1% in 2001.

Major Commodities

For the period, 1996-2001, *Manufactured Goods* and *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (2001)* were CARICOM's major commodities imported from Mercosur. While CARICOM's major commodities exported to Mercosur over the period were *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials* and *Chemicals and related products n.e.s.* (**Tables 2.6.6 and 2.6.8**)

Table 2.6.6 revealed that *Manufactured Goods* was CARICOM's highest imported commodity from Mercosur for the period 1996-2000. This commodity recorded percentage contribution of 25.7% in 1996 and expanded to 30.9% in 1997. In 1998, its percentage contribution declined to 26.1% but strengthened in 1999 to 36.0%. In 2000 and 2001 its percentage contribution declined to 32.5% and 27.6% respectively. The top CARICOM Member States responsible for the imports of *Manufactured Goods* from this trading bloc were *Trinidad and Tobago* and *Jamaica* with average percentage contributions of 41.6% and 35.0% respectively over the period. For 2001, the main *Manufactured Goods* imported from Mercosur by these two major Member States were *line pipes of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines* by *Trinidad and Tobago* and *other glazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth/wall tiles* by *Jamaica*.

In 2001, *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials* were CARICOM's top imports from Mercosur with percentage contribution of 44.3%. *Trinidad and Tobago* was CARICOM's top importer of this commodity and in 2001 with *other petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude* being the major commodity imported within this category. For the period 1996 – 2000 CARICOM's imports of *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials* recorded an average percentage contribution of 2.8%.

With regards to CARICOM's exports to Mercosur, *Mineral Fuels, lubricant and related material* started the period with percentage contribution of 41.9% in 1996, recorded percentage contribution of 0.0% in 1997 and *was not exported at all* in 1998. In 1999 the percentage contribution climbed to 41.0% and continued to so in 2000 with percentage contribution of 80.2% but declined in 2001 to 57.2%. CARICOM's major Member State responsible for the exports of this commodity was *Trinidad and Tobago* with exports of *gas oil exported under the processing agreement* being the top item exported within this category in 2001.

On the other hand, the percentage contribution of *Chemicals and related products n.e.s* to CARICOM's exports to Mercosur recorded 44.4% in 1996, expanded to 73.2% in 1997, but declined to 27.8% in 1998. For 1999 –2001 the trend was repeated with respective percentage contributions of 35.3%, 10.3% and 28.4%. *Trinidad and Tobago* dominated CARICOM's exports of these commodities with an average percentage contribution of 97.7% over the period. In 2001, *anhydrous ammonia* was *Trinidad and Tobago's* top commodity exported to Mercosur within this category.

Top items traded with Mercosur

In 2001, the top 20 commodities imported from Mercosur accounted for 86.5% of CARICOM's total imports from Mercosur. The top four commodities imported were:

- *Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude,*
- *Paper and paperboard,*
- *Veneers, plywood, particleboard, and other wood, worked, n.e.s. and*
- *Clay construction materials and refractory construction materials.*

These four groups collectively accounted for 59.2% of CARICOM's total imports from Mercosur with *Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude* accounting for 44.2% (**Table 2.6.9**).

With respect to domestic exports, the top 10 items for 2001 accounted for 98.1% of CARICOM's domestic exports to Mercosur. The four major domestic exports to Mercosur were:

- *Gas oils, exported under processing agreement,*
- *Anhydrous ammonia,*
- *Liquefied butanes and*
- *Other motor spirit (gasoline)*

These commodities recorded percentage contributions of 41.6%, 23.6%, 10.5% and 8.0% respectively and collectively accounted for 83.7% of CARICOM's total domestic exports to Mercosur.

TABLE 2.6.2: CARICOM'S TRADE BALANCE WITH MERCOSUR: 1990-2001

(EC\$'000)

YEARS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS			TRADE BALANCE
		DOMESTIC	RE-EXP.	TOTAL	
1990	454,903	47,752	21,662	69,414	-385,489
1991	309,430	143,100	19,041	162,141	-147,290
1992	277,896	55,223	16,768	71,991	-205,905
1993	239,253	24,284	6,533	30,817	-208,436
1994	377,175	136,209	14,256	150,465	-226,710
1995	468,124	242,784	14,306	257,090	-211,034
1996	411,518	109,036	10,819	119,855	-291,663
1997	418,819	91,696	14,792	106,488	-312,331
1998	454,872	26,178	2,698	28,876	-425,996
1999	399,153	70,395	3,942	74,337	-324,816
2000	548,057	137,490	2,894	140,384	-407,673
2001	844,925	41,993	2,217	44,210	-800,715

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

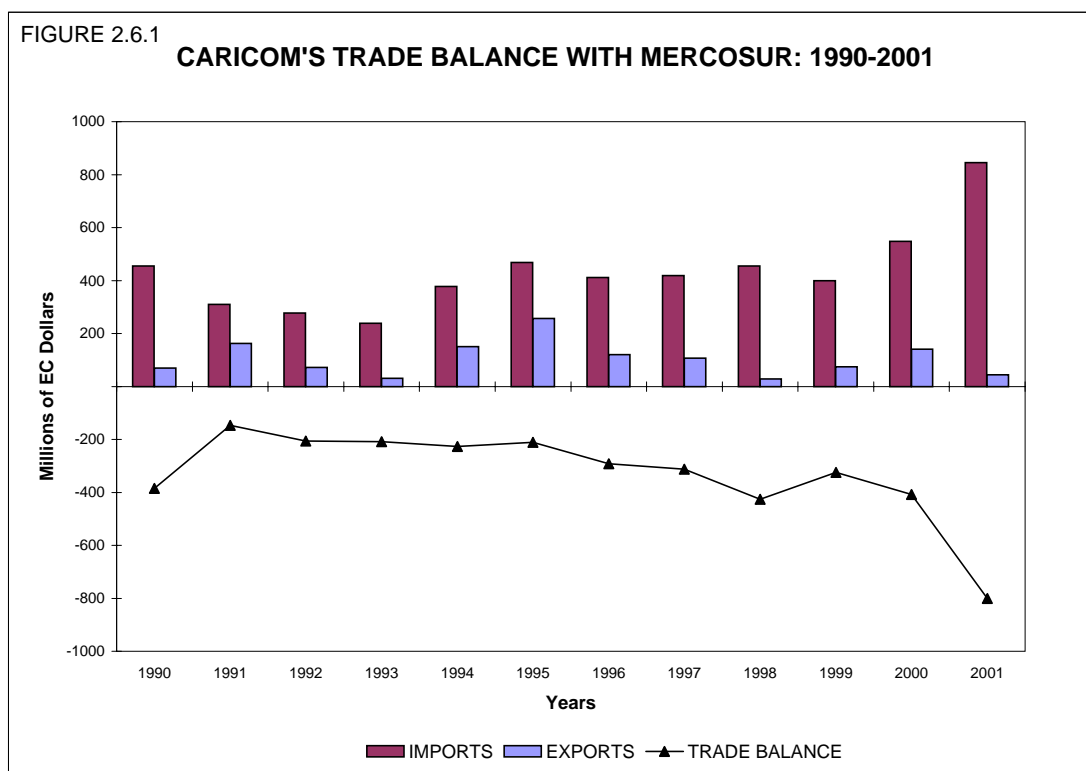


TABLE 2.6.3: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM MERCOSUR, BY COUNTRY: 1996-2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		411,518	418,819	454,872	399,153	548,057	844,925
MDCs		389,124	385,126	428,078	368,207	511,133	804,060
BARBADOS		21,063	50,692	31,277	32,101	54,192	35,596
GUYANA		...	16,472	16,090	15,328	14,820	...
JAMAICA		146,895	111,241	106,261	158,538	150,983	203,298
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		221,166	206,721	274,450	162,240	291,138	565,166
LDCs		22,394	33,693	26,794	30,946	36,924	40,865
BELIZE		3,471	10,096	3,834	6,855	15,319	18,107
OECS		18,923	23,597	22,960	24,091	21,605	22,758
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	3,104	...	...
DOMINICA		1,903	3,146	2,038	2,267	2,853	2,518
GRENADA		1,987	3,352	4,939	4,640	5,659	5,834
MONTserrat		...	...	...	462	236	183
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		1,672	1,343	1,067	1,498	1,589	1,764
SAINT LUCIA		7,161	7,375	7,829	6,452	6,680	5,246
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.		6,200	8,381	7,087	5,668	4,588	7,213
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		94.6	92.0	94.1	92.2	93.3	95.2
BARBADOS		5.1	12.1	6.9	8.0	9.9	4.2
GUYANA		...	3.9	3.5	3.8	2.7	...
JAMAICA		35.7	26.6	23.4	39.7	27.5	24.1
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		53.7	49.4	60.3	40.6	53.1	66.9
LDCs		5.4	8.0	5.9	7.8	6.7	4.8
BELIZE		0.8	2.4	0.8	1.7	2.8	2.1
OECS		4.6	5.6	5.0	6.0	3.9	2.7
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	0.8	...	...
DOMINICA		0.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3
GRENADA		0.5	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.7
MONTserrat		...	...	...	0.1	0.0	0.0
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2
SAINT LUCIA		1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.6
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.		1.5	2.0	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.9
(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)	(%)	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.1	3.3
(A)\(C)	(%)	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.3	3.7

TABLE 2.6.4: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MERCOSUR, BY COUNTRY: 1996 - 2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		109,036	91,696	26,178	70,395	137,490	41,993
MDCs		107,306	90,013	22,682	67,286	135,186	39,137
BARBADOS		337	476	365	49	67	188
GUYANA		...	3	-	312	663	...
JAMAICA		-	-	11	33	6	1,647
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		106,969	89,534	22,306	66,892	134,450	37,302
LDCs		1,730	1,683	3,496	3,109	2,304	2,856
BELIZE		-	-	216	-	111	240
OECS		1,730	1,683	3,280	3,109	2,193	2,616
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		-	-	-	-	-	-
GRENADA		1,730	1,679	3,200	3,109	2,193	2,616
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		-	-	-	-	-	-
SAINT LUCIA		-	4	80	-	-	-
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.		-	-	-	-	0	-
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		98.4	98.2	86.6	95.6	98.3	93.2
BARBADOS		0.3	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.4
GUYANA		...	0.0	-	0.4	0.5	...
JAMAICA		-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		98.1	97.6	85.2	95.0	97.8	88.8
LDCs		1.6	1.8	13.4	4.4	1.7	6.8
BELIZE		-	-	0.8	-	0.1	0.6
OECS		1.6	1.8	12.5	4.4	1.6	6.2
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		-	-	-	-	-	-
GRENADA		1.6	1.8	12.2	4.4	1.6	6.2
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		-	-	-	-	-	-
SAINT LUCIA		-	0.0	0.3	-	-	-
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.		-	-	-	-	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)	(%)	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.3
(A)\(C)	(%)	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.3

TABLE 2.6.5: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO MERCOSUR, BY COUNTRY: 1996 - 2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		119,855	106,488	28,876	74,337	140,384	44,210
MDCs		118,067	104,762	25,362	71,026	137,972	41,186
BARBADOS		535	653	457	87	80	385
GUYANA		...	5	59	331	825	...
JAMAICA		8,425	11,600	308	33	204	1,701
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		109,107	92,504	24,538	70,575	136,863	39,100
LDCs		1,788	1,726	3,514	3,311	2,412	3,024
BELIZE		7	18	216	140	187	240
OECS		1,781	1,708	3,298	3,171	2,225	2,784
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		-	-	-	-	8	42
GRENADA		1,730	1,679	3,200	3,110	2,199	2,700
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		51	25	17	61	-	-
SAINT LUCIA		-	4	80	-	18	42
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		-	-	1	-	0	-
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		98.5	98.4	87.8	95.5	98.3	93.2
BARBADOS		0.4	0.6	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
GUYANA		...	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	...
JAMAICA		7.0	10.9	1.1	0.0	0.1	3.8
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		91.0	86.9	85.0	94.9	97.5	88.4
LDCs		1.5	1.6	12.2	4.5	1.7	6.8
BELIZE		0.0	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.5
OECS		1.5	1.6	11.4	4.3	1.6	6.3
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		-	-	-	-	0.0	0.1
GRENADA		1.4	1.6	11.1	4.2	1.6	6.1
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-	-
SAINT LUCIA		-	0.0	0.3	-	0.0	0.1
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		-	-	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)	(%)	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.3
(A)\(C)	(%)	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.3

FIGURE 2.6.2

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF MERCOSUR AS A SUPPLIER OF CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL IMPORTS: 1996-2001

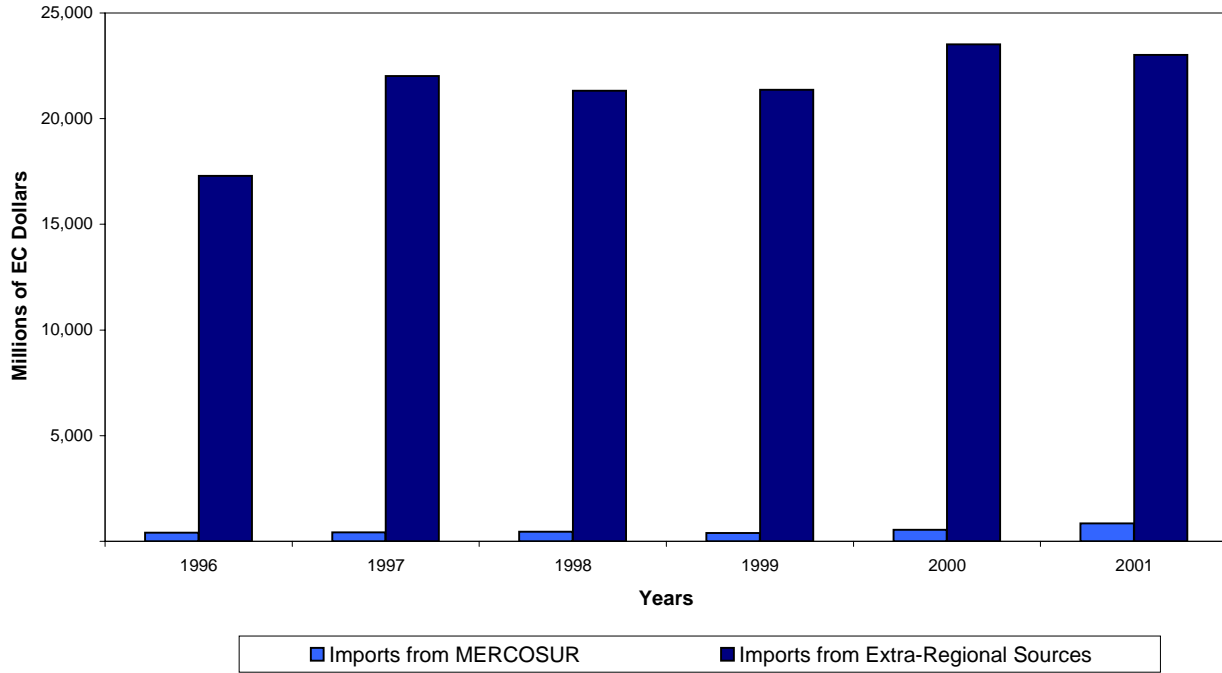


FIGURE 2.6.3

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF MERCOSUR AS A MARKET FOR CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL EXPORTS: 1996-2001

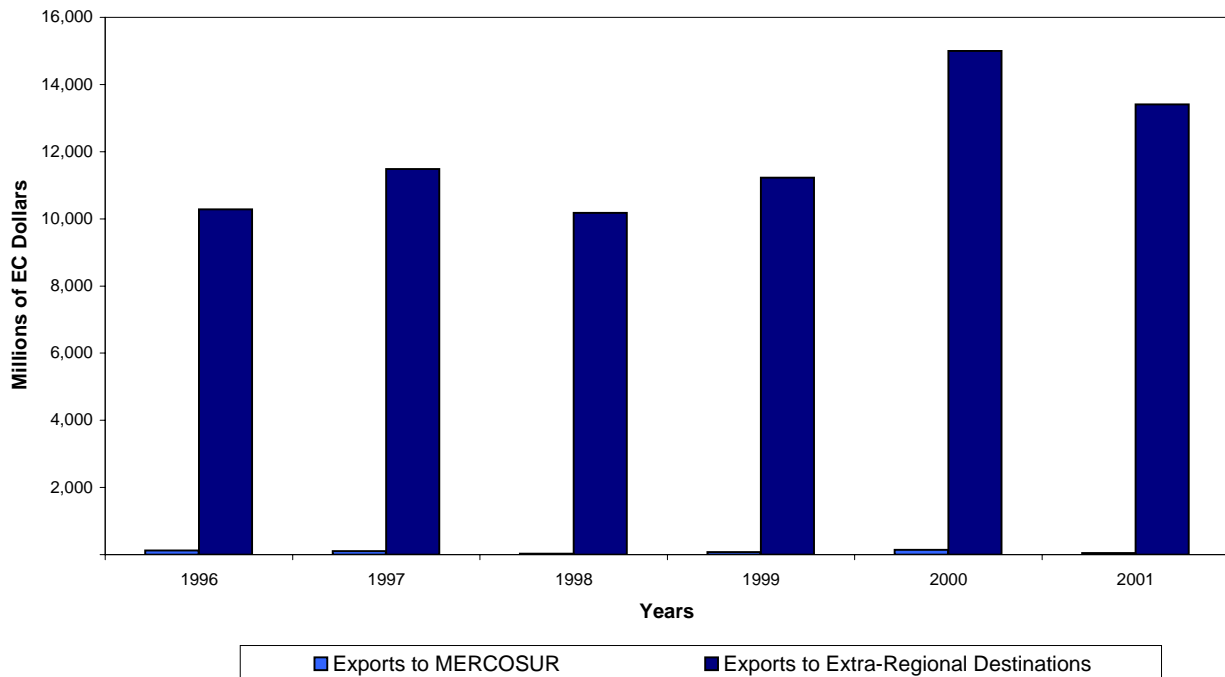


TABLE 2.6.6: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM MERCOSUR, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

	(EC\$'000)					
S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	411,518	418,819	454,872	399,153	548,057	844,925
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	77,505	81,029	90,733	95,051	63,577	61,099
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	7,420	21,002	36,248	11,770	6,506	8,370
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	105,530	88,828	107,311	19,013	90,805	12,709
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	138	161	8	266	75,263	374,139
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	11,053	16,847	37,166	21,743	3,602	9,785
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	11,273	10,603	11,262	31,221	22,655	40,825
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	105,594	129,318	118,610	143,884	178,044	233,283
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	83,495	57,341	34,215	56,680	90,007	84,255
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	9,260	13,496	19,149	19,457	17,478	20,252
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	250	194	170	68	120	208
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	18.8	19.3	19.9	23.8	11.6	7.2
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	1.8	5.0	8.0	2.9	1.2	1.0
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	25.6	21.2	23.6	4.8	16.6	1.5
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	13.7	44.3
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	2.7	4.0	8.2	5.4	0.7	1.2
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	2.7	2.5	2.5	7.8	4.1	4.8
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	25.7	30.9	26.1	36.0	32.5	27.6
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	20.3	13.7	7.5	14.2	16.4	10.0
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	2.3	3.2	4.2	4.9	3.2	2.4
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes:

1996 Excludes data for Antigua & Barbuda, Guyana, Montserrat and Suriname

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

FIGURE 2.6.4

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

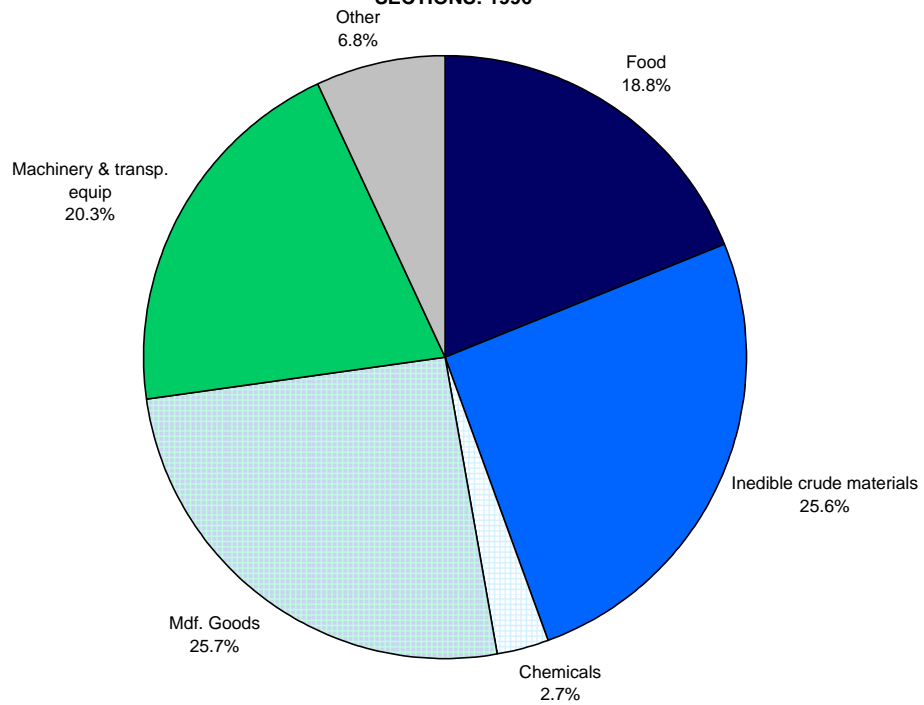


FIGURE 2.6.5

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

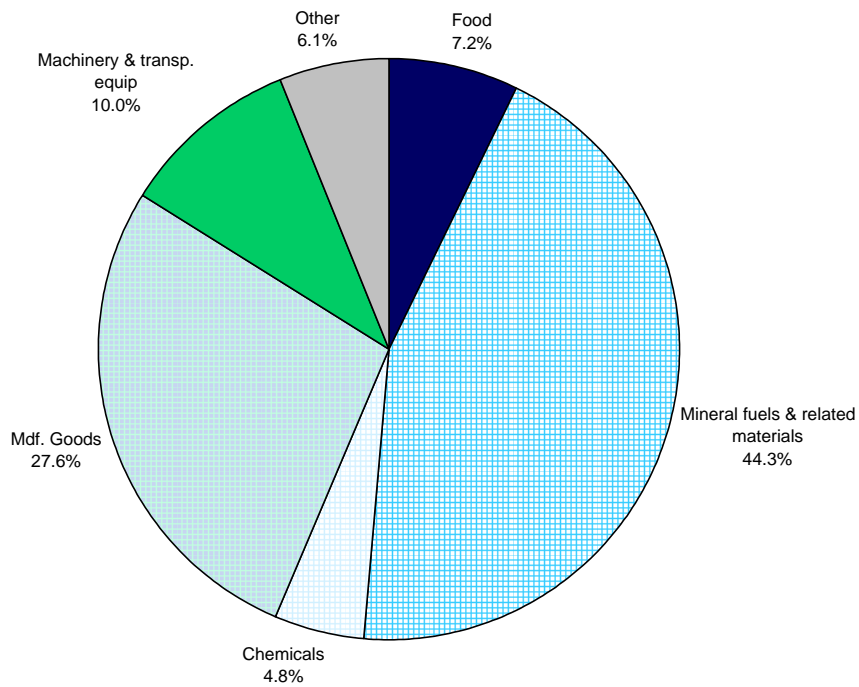


TABLE 2.6.7: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MERCOSUR, BY SITC SECTION: 1996-2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	109,036	91,696	26,178	70,395	137,490	41,993
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	1,835	1,680	3,423	3,304	2,398	2,912
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	335	989	606	82	65	201
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	-	2	-	0	53	0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	50,196	12	-	30,510	112,580	25,279
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	53,186	77,906	7,926	26,224	14,467	12,445
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	42	8,459	13,025	8,661	6,764	3
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	3,244	2,445	922	998	1,137	880
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	198	203	276	605	17	246
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0	-	0	11	9	27
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	1.7	1.8	13.1	4.7	1.7	6.9
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.5
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	46.0	0.0	-	43.3	81.9	60.2
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	48.8	85.0	30.3	37.3	10.5	29.6
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	0.0	9.2	49.8	12.3	4.9	0.0
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	3.0	2.7	3.5	1.4	0.8	2.1
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.6
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Notes:

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TABLE 2.6.8: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO MERCOSUR, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	119,855	106,488	28,876	74,337	140,384	44,210
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	2,419	1,856	3,484	3,355	2,398	3,052
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	335	3,791	1,332	92	65	395
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	-	5	46	0	53	0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	50,196	12	-	30,515	112,580	25,279
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	53,192	77,935	8,022	26,234	14,500	12,565
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	139	8,504	13,204	8,717	6,951	121
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	12,099	14,178	1,958	4,695	3,781	2,264
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	1,475	204	830	668	46	507
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0	3	0	61	10	27
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	2.0	1.7	12.1	4.5	1.7	6.9
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.3	3.6	4.6	0.1	0.0	0.9
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	-	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	41.9	0.0	-	41.0	80.2	57.2
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	44.4	73.2	27.8	35.3	10.3	28.4
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	0.1	8.0	45.7	11.7	5.0	0.3
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	10.1	13.3	6.8	6.3	2.7	5.1
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	1.2	0.2	2.9	0.9	0.0	1.1
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1

Notes:

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FIGURE 2.6.6

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

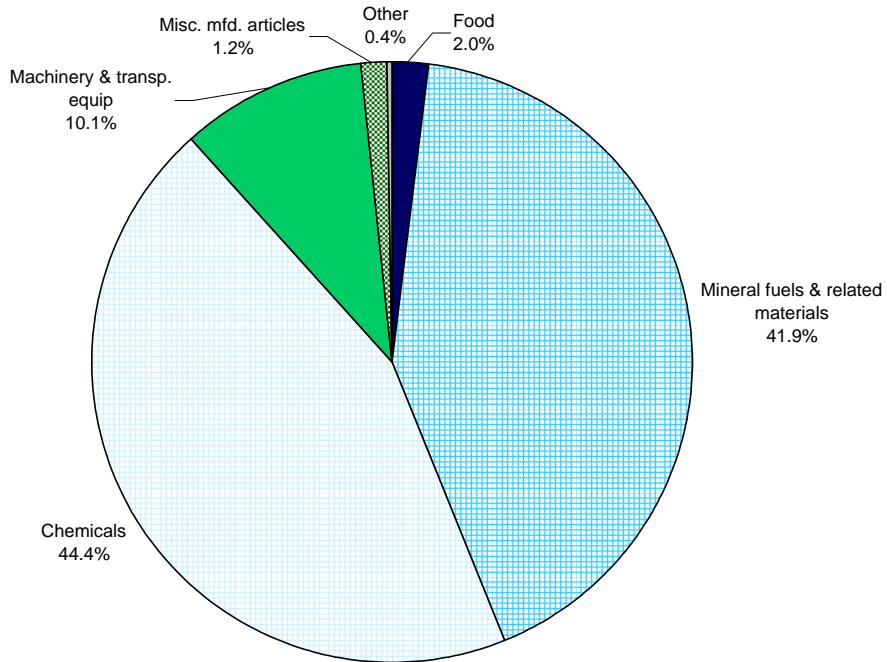


FIGURE 2.6.7

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

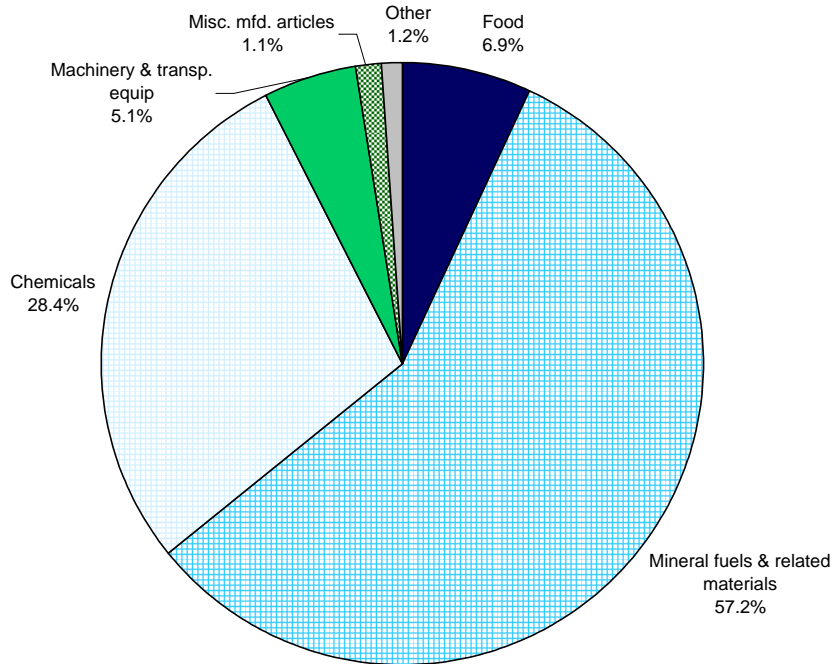


TABLE 2.6.9: CARICOM'S TOP 20 IMPORTS FROM MERCOSUR CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SITC GROUPS: 1996-2001
(Top 20 based on the year 2001)

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		
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.	333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,936	13.7	373,844	44.2		
Paper and paperboard.	641	17,900	4.3	21,661	5.2	23,114	5.1	25,563	6.4	37,263	6.8	48,579	5.7		
Veneers, plywood, particle board, and other wood, worked, n.e.s.	634	13,420	3.3	26,214	6.3	21,785	4.8	36,225	9.1	30,910	5.6	41,433	4.9		
Clay construction materials and refractory construction materials.	662	23,171	5.6	25,772	6.2	31,169	6.9	37,298	9.3	35,956	6.6	37,571	4.4		
Road motor vehicles, n.e.s.	783	1,320	0.3	16,944	4.0	-	-	28,031	7.0	44,019	8.0	36,038	4.3		
Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, and tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel.	679	3,383	0.8	4,106	1.0	819	0.2	466	0.1	5,403	1.0	28,144	3.3		
Alcohols, phenols, phenol- alcohols, and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.	512	4	0.0	8	0.0	1	0.0	18,934	4.7	7,986	1.5	28,019	3.3		
Meat and edible meat offal, prepared or preserved, n.e.s.	017	35,738	8.7	42,856	10.2	50,924	11.2	42,604	10.7	30,812	5.6	24,598	2.9		
Aluminium.	684	215	0.1	308	0.1	1,060	0.2	1,642	0.4	10,627	1.9	22,521	2.7		
Rubber tyres, interchangeable tyre threads, tyre flaps and inner tubes for wheels of all kinds.	625	12,217	3.0	8,643	2.1	7,429	1.6	8,284	2.1	10,464	1.9	12,188	1.4		
Rice.	042	2,244	0.5	2,571	0.6	2,895	0.6	23,758	6.0	792	0.1	10,438	1.2		
Paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape, and articles of paper or paperboard.	642	1,452	0.4	1,819	0.4	4,017	0.9	9,206	2.3	10,982	2.0	9,806	1.2		
Iron and steel bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections (including sheet piling).	676	77	0.0	128	0.0	4	0.0	350	0.1	4,297	0.8	8,566	1.0		
Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen (except meat and meat offal unfit or unsuitable for human consumption).	012	3	0.0	5,081	1.2	7,561	1.7	7,597	1.9	14,569	2.7	8,120	1.0		
Fixed vegetable fats and oils, 'soft', crude, refined or fractionated.	421	10,054	2.4	14,814	3.5	35,410	7.8	19,429	4.9	2,151	0.4	7,787	0.9		
Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s.; and parts, n.e.s. and accessories of telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment.	764	6	0.0	22	0.0	5,545	1.2	2	0.0	92	0.0	7,513	0.9		
Tobacco, unmanufactured; tobacco refuse.	121	7,190	1.7	10,080	2.4	8,289	1.8	11,254	2.8	6,148	1.1	6,952	0.8		
Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings.	821	980	0.2	1,171	0.3	3,491	0.8	5,918	1.5	4,839	0.9	6,948	0.8		
Wood manufactures, n.e.s.	635	605	0.1	1,782	0.4	1,434	0.3	2,709	0.7	5,703	1.0	6,077	0.7		
Wood, simply worked, and railway sleepers of wood.	248	5,172	1.3	4,182	1.0	7,072	1.6	4,168	1.0	5,303	1.0	5,627	0.7		
A. Total Value of Top 20 Imports from MERCOSUR		135,150		188,163		212,020		283,438		343,252		730,770			
B. Value of Total Imports from MERCOSUR		411,518		418,819		454,872		399,153		548,057		844,925			
A/B (%)		32.8		44.9		46.6		71.0		62.6		86.5			

Notes:

- Means no Imports
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TABLE 2.6.10: Value of CARICOM's Major Domestic Exports to MERCOSUR: 1996 - 2001

		(EC\$'000)											
Commodity Description	SITC No.	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
		Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B	Value	% of B
Gas oils, exported under processing agreement	334.33	50,194	46.0	-	-	-	-	14,720	20.9	29,621	21.5	17,486	41.6
Anhydrous ammonia	522.611	10,651	9.8	28,945	31.6	-	-	10,172	14.5	7,097	5.2	9,896	23.6
Butanes, liquefied	342.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,594	10.8	8,008	5.8	4,417	10.5
Other motor spirit (gasoline)	334.119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,374	8.0
Nutmeg	075.251	1,731	1.6	1,675	1.8	3,200	12.2	3,109	4.4	2,194	1.6	2,616	6.2
Aluminium hydroxide	522.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,591	3.8
Sulphur sublimed or precipitated, colloidal sulphur.	522.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	653	1.6
Other refrigerating or freezing equipment parts	741.499	1,497	1.4	888	1.0	440	1.7	446	0.6	701	0.5	594	1.4
Petroleum resins, coumarone-indene resins, polyterpenes, polysulphides, polysulphones and plastics, n.e.s.	575.96	-	-	-	-	281	1.1	-	-	984	0.7	305	0.7
Air conditioning machines comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, and parts thereof.	741.5	1,636	1.5	1,532	1.7	481	1.8	456	0.6	358	0.3	281	0.7
Other gas oils	334.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,904	32.7	-	-
Kerosene exported under processing agreement	334.211	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,048	21.9	-	-
Urea	562.16	38,170	35.0	45,174	49.3	4,116	15.7	15,973	22.7	6,367	4.6	-	-
Bars and rods of non-alloy steel	676.162	-	-	8,328	9.1	12,848	49.1	8,324	11.8	6,229	4.5	-	-
Gaseous hydrocarbons, liquefied, n.e.s.	344.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,196	11.6	-	-	-	-
Methanol (methyl alcohol)	512.11	4,363	4.0	3,752	4.1	3,528	13.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. Total Value of Major Domestic Exports to MERCOSUR		108,242		90,294		24,894		54,270		136,509		41,215	
B. Value of Total Domestic Exports to MERCOSUR		109,036		91,696		26,178		70,395		137,490		41,993	
A/B (%)		99.3		98.5		95.1		77.1		99.3		98.1	

Notes:

- Means no Domestic Exports

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