

Section 8

CARICOM's Trade with the Central American Common Market

CARICOM'S TRADE WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET – 1996 - 2001

CARICOM's trade with Central American Common Market (CACM) over the period 1996 – 2001 has grown for both imports and exports. CARICOM's imports from CACM expanded from EC\$154 million in 1996 (with nine Member States reporting) to EC\$341 million in 2001 (ten Member States reporting) at an average annual growth rate of 17.2% over the period. For CARICOM's exports to CACM, the growth was phenomenal, with increased earnings from exports from EC\$62 million in 1996 to EC\$464 million in 2001 (ten Member States reporting) at an average annual growth rate of 49.6% over the period (**Table 2.8.1**).

The percentage contribution of CARICOM's imports from CACM to its total imports from all sources has also improved over the period, from 0.8% in 1996 to 1.3% in 2001. With respect to CARICOM's extra-regional imports, CACM's percentage contribution moved from 0.9% in 1996 to 1.5% in 2001 (**Table 2.8.3**).

CARICOM's exports to CACM as a percentage of its total exports increased from 0.5% in 1996 to 2.8% in 2001. For CARICOM's extra-regional exports the percentage contribution for CACM advanced from 0.6% in 1996 to 3.5% in 2001 (**Table 2.8.5**).

Due to the huge growth of CARICOM's exports to CACM, CARICOM's trade balance with CACM moved from a *deficit of EC\$92 million* in 1996 to *surpluses* for the remainder of the period, with trade balance as high as *EC\$123 million in 2001*.

Major Contributors

CARICOM's imports from CACM were dominated by the MDCs throughout the period 1996 – 2001 and registered an average percentage contribution of 70.9%. The MDCs imports from CACM increased from EC\$106 million in 1996 to EC\$247 million in 2001 (only three of the five Member States reporting in both years), which accounted for 68.8% in 1996 and 72.4% in 2001 of CARICOM's imports from CACM. The LDCs accounted for an average percentage contribution of 29.1% of CARICOM's imports from the CACM over the period.

With respect to exports, the MDCs registered an average percentage contribution of 96.8% over the period. The exports of the MDCs to CACM moved from EC\$58 million in 1996 to EC\$459 million in 2001, which accounted for 93.3% in 1996 and 98.8% in 2001 of CARICOM's exports to CACM. This resulted in declined percentage contribution of the LDCs from 6.7% in 1996 to 1.2% in 2001 (**Table 2.8.5**).

With regards to the performance of individual Member States, *Jamaica* was CARICOM's highest importer of CACM products with percentage contributions to CARICOM's total imports of 44.5% in 1996 and 43.4% in 2001. *Belize* and *Trinidad and Tobago* were CARICOM's second highest importers from CACM over the period. *Belize* captured second spot in 1996 with percentage contribution of 20.1% while *Trinidad and Tobago* was second from 1997 to 2001 with percentage contributions of 22.9%, 19.5%, 22.1%, 22.6% and 21.8%. Of the LDCs, *Belize* was the top importer from CACM with percentage contributions to CARICOM's imports from CACM surpassing that of the OECS as a group.

For CARICOM's exports to CACM, *Trinidad and Tobago* was the top exporter accounting for more than 87% of CARICOM's exports to CACM throughout the period. The percentage contribution of this Member State advanced from 87.8% in 1996 to 94.9% in 2001.

Overall *Jamaica* recorded trade deficits with CACM throughout the period moving from a deficit of EC\$65.8 million in 1996 to an even larger deficit of EC\$131.2 million in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* registered surpluses for the entire period increasing from EC\$32.3 million in 1996 to EC\$366.2 million in 2001. *Belize*'s trade deficit with CACM moved from EC\$26.9 million in 1996 to EC\$63.2 million in 2001.

Major Commodities

CARICOM's imports from CACM were dominated by *Chemicals and related products n.e.s.*, *Food and Manufactured Goods* over the period. While *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials* dominated its exports to CACM (**Tables 2.8.6 and 2.8.8**).

Imports

CARICOM's top commodity imported from CACM, throughout the period, were *Chemicals and related products n.e.s* with percentage contributions of 36.9% in 1996 and 33.5% in 2001. *Jamaica and Barbados* were the highest importers of these products with average percentage contributions of 36.4% and 19.3% respectively over the period. For 2001, the top items imported by both Member States within this category were *other medicaments*.

CARICOM's second highest imported commodity from CACM was *Food* in 1996 and *Manufactured Goods* from 1997 to 2001. CARICOM's imports of *Food* from CACM registered percentage contribution of 26.6% in 1996 and declined to 11.9% in 2001. *Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago* were the major Member States responsible for these imports with average percentage contributions of 44.9% and 35.4% over the period. For 2001, the top *Food* commodities imported from CACM were *other sugar (other than icing sugar)* by *Jamaica* and *Cane Sugar* by *Trinidad and Tobago*.

The percentage contribution of *Manufactured Goods* to CARICOM's imports from CACM moved from 14.3% in 1996 to 27.4% in 2001. *Jamaica and Belize* were CARICOM's main importers of these products from CACM and accounted for average percentage contributions of 49.1% and 28.6% over the period. For 2001, *Jamaica's* imports of *bottles for soft drinks, beers, wines and spirits etc.* and *Belize's* imports of *building cement (grey)* were the top *Manufactured Goods* imported from CACM by these two Member States.

Exports

Table 2.8.8 revealed that the percentage contributions of *Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials* to CARICOM's exports to CACM advanced from 40.6% in 1996 to 95.8% in 2001. *Trinidad and Tobago* was CARICOM's major exporter of this commodity accounting for an average percentage contribution of 96.2% over the period. For 2001, *Trinidad and Tobago* top items exported within this category were *other motor spirit (gasoline)*.

Top items traded with CACM

Table 2.8.9 indicates that the top 20 commodities imported from CACM in 2001 accounted for 85.7% of CARICOM's imports from CACM in this year and more than 73% for the remainder of the period.

CARICOM's top commodities imported from CACM in 2001 were:

- *Wood, simply worked, and railway sleepers of wood;*
- *Glassware;*
- *Medicaments (including veterinary medicaments) and*
- *Sugars, molasses and honey respectively.*

These commodities accounted for 16.0% 12.7%, 10.9% and 6.5% of CARICOM's total imports from CACM respectively and a combined percentage contribution of 46.1% in 2001.

With respect to CARICOM's domestic exports to CACM, the top 15 commodities accounted for 98.7% of CARICOM's total domestic exports to CACM in 2001. These items contributed to more than 90.0% throughout the period 1996 – 2001. CARICOM's domestic exports to CACM in 2001 were dominated by:

- *Gas oils;*
- *Motor spirit (gasoline) including aviation spirit;*
- *Kerosene (including kerosene type jet fuel) and*
- *Gaseous hydrocarbons, liquefied, n.e.s.*

These items recorded percentage contributions of 38.8%, 37.7%, 5.7% and 4.8% respectively and a collective percentage contribution of 87.0% of CARICOM's total domestic exports to CACM (**Table 2.8.10**).

TABLE 2.8.2: CARICOM'S TRADE BALANCE WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET: 1990-2001

(EC\$'000)

YEARS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS			TRADE BALANCE
		DOMESTIC	RE-EXP.	TOTAL	
1990	93,473	45,629	4,075	49,704	-43,769
1991	85,838	20,447	127	20,574	-65,264
1992	99,002	52,892	2,517	55,409	-43,593
1993	104,237	48,509	3,144	51,653	-52,584
1994	118,712	56,689	3,632	60,321	-58,391
1995	123,857	53,478	3,705	57,183	-66,674
1996	154,442	56,299	5,589	61,888	-92,554
1997	179,514	197,531	9,461	206,992	27,478
1998	212,121	201,501	18,640	220,141	8,020
1999	260,512	286,942	6,652	293,594	33,082
2000	310,874	493,235	10,466	503,701	192,827
2001	341,155	459,052	5,054	464,106	122,951

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

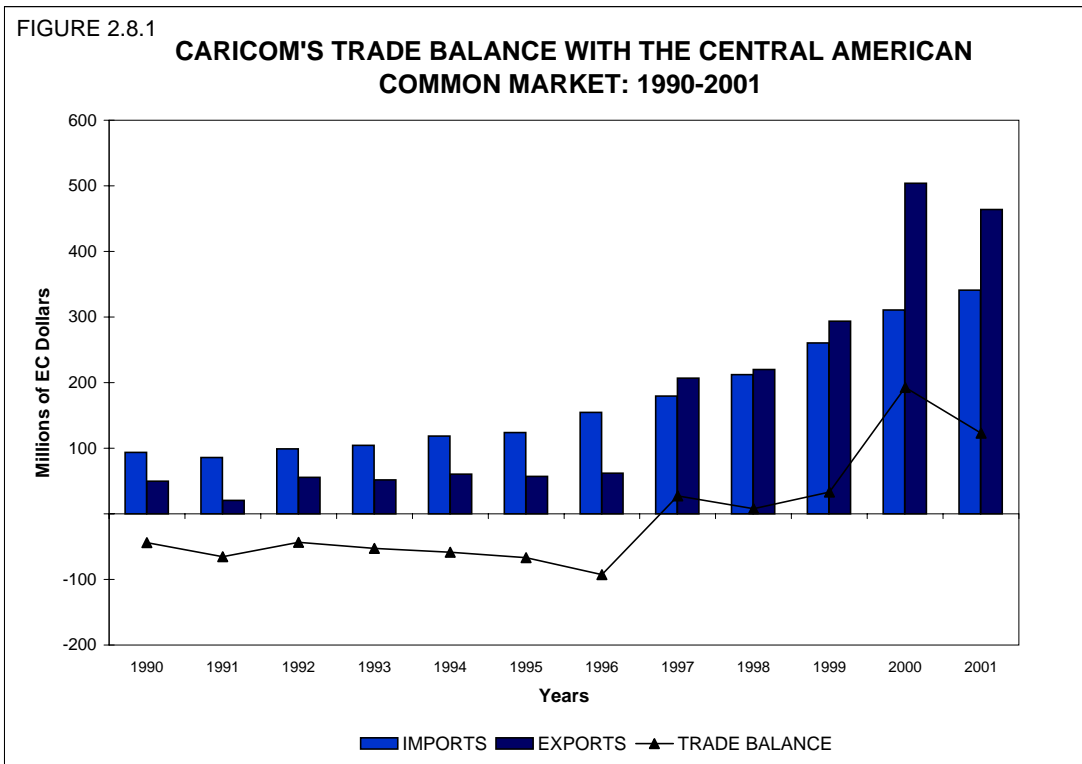


TABLE 2.8.3: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY COUNTRY: 1996-2001

(EC\$'000)

CARICOM COUNTRIES	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)	154,442	179,514	212,121	260,512	310,874	341,155
MDCs	106,320	126,863	155,002	186,800	213,072	247,133
BARBADOS	15,584	20,615	31,036	33,729	32,803	24,849
GUYANA	...	2,924	4,304	4,327	5,290	...
JAMAICA	68,733	62,199	78,217	91,228	104,583	147,939
SURINAME	...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	22,003	41,125	41,445	57,516	70,396	74,345
LDCs	48,122	52,651	57,119	73,712	97,802	94,022
BELIZE	31,028	30,373	34,762	45,522	65,703	68,260
OECS	17,094	22,278	22,357	28,190	32,099	25,762
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	...	...	...	652	...	...
DOMINICA	3,638	3,464	2,809	6,232	5,579	5,079
GRENADA	5,048	7,250	6,472	6,881	7,572	3,927
MONTserrat	...	...	...	3	4	16
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	199	296	187	249	320	382
SAINT LUCIA	6,219	8,765	9,883	8,340	12,483	6,960
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.	1,990	2,503	3,006	5,833	6,141	9,398
						(Percent)
CARICOM	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs	68.8	70.7	73.1	71.7	68.5	72.4
BARBADOS	10.1	11.5	14.6	12.9	10.6	7.3
GUYANA	...	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.7	...
JAMAICA	44.5	34.6	36.9	35.0	33.6	43.4
SURINAME	...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	14.2	22.9	19.5	22.1	22.6	21.8
LDCs	31.2	29.3	26.9	28.3	31.5	27.6
BELIZE	20.1	16.9	16.4	17.5	21.1	20.0
OECS	11.1	12.4	10.5	10.8	10.3	7.6
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	...	...	...	0.3	...	...
DOMINICA	2.4	1.9	1.3	2.4	1.8	1.5
GRENADA	3.3	4.0	3.1	2.6	2.4	1.2
MONTserrat	...	...	...	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
SAINT LUCIA	4.0	4.9	4.7	3.2	4.0	2.0
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES.	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.2	2.0	2.8
(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) (%)	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3
(A)\(C) (%)	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.5

TABLE 2.8.4: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY COUNTRY: 1996-2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		56,299	197,531	201,501	286,942	493,235	459,052
MDCs		56,121	196,843	198,618	285,398	492,096	457,779
BARBADOS		160	23	156	13	60	893
GUYANA		...	5,636	5,000	1,439	652	...
JAMAICA		1,635	1,774	2,008	3,096	3,210	16,574
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		54,326	189,410	191,454	280,850	488,174	440,312
LDCs		178	688	2,883	1,544	1,139	1,273
BELIZE		168	688	2,842	1,456	1,137	1,212
OECS		10	0	41	88	2	61
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		10	-	-	-	-	15
GRENADA		-	-	41	88	-	-
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		-	0	-	-	-	0
SAINT LUCIA		-	-	-	-	2	46
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		-	-	-	-	-	-
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		99.7	99.7	98.6	99.5	99.8	99.7
BARBADOS		0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
GUYANA		...	2.9	2.5	0.5	0.1	...
JAMAICA		2.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	3.6
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		96.5	95.9	95.0	97.9	99.0	95.9
LDCs		0.3	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.3
BELIZE		0.3	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.3
OECS		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	-	...	...
DOMINICA		0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0
GRENADA		-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
MONTserrat		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0
SAINT LUCIA		-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		-	-	-	-	-	-
(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) (%)		0.5	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.8
(A)\(C) (%)		0.6	1.8	2.1	2.7	3.4	3.6

TABLE 2.8.5: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY COUNTRY: 1996-2001

		(EC\$'000)					
CARICOM COUNTRIES		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CARICOM (A)		61,888	206,992	220,141	293,594	503,701	464,106
MDCs		57,745	199,117	209,139	289,727	497,933	458,643
BARBADOS		457	1,259	1,296	209	271	1,357
GUYANA		...	5,636	5,000	1,439	652	...
JAMAICA		2,944	2,239	2,684	5,026	4,065	16,766
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		54,344	189,983	200,159	283,053	492,945	440,520
LDCs		4,143	7,875	11,002	3,867	5,768	5,463
BELIZE		4,113	7,838	10,608	3,678	5,618	5,044
OECS		30	37	394	189	150	419
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	57	...	...
DOMINICA		13	1	50	9	148	61
GRENADA		-	-	86	88	-	-
MONTSERRAT		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		0	3	1	35	0	0
SAINT LUCIA		17	33	-	-	2	358
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		-	-	257	-	-	-
		(Percent)					
CARICOM		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MDCs		93.3	96.2	95.0	98.7	98.9	98.8
BARBADOS		0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3
GUYANA		...	2.7	2.3	0.5	0.1	...
JAMAICA		4.8	1.1	1.2	1.7	0.8	3.6
SURINAME		...	...	...	...	...	...
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		87.8	91.8	90.9	96.4	97.9	94.9
LDCs		6.7	3.8	5.0	1.3	1.1	1.2
BELIZE		6.6	3.8	4.8	1.3	1.1	1.1
OECS		0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		...	...	...	0.0	...	...
DOMINICA		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRENADA		-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
MONTSERRAT		-	...	...	-	-	-
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SAINT LUCIA		0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.1
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES		-	-	0.1	-	-	-
(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		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) (%)		0.5	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.8
(A)\(C) (%)		0.6	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.4	3.5

FIGURE 2.8.2

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET AS A SUPPLIER OF CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL IMPORTS: 1996-2001

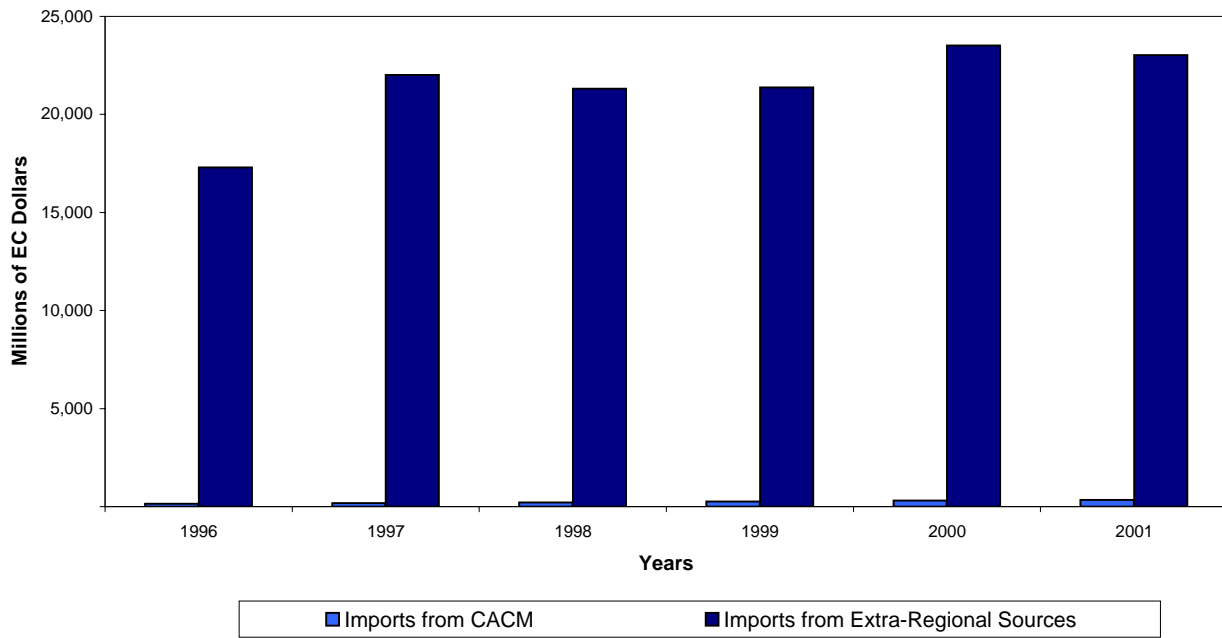


FIGURE 2.8.3

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET AS A MARKET FOR CARICOM'S EXTRA-REGIONAL EXPORTS: 1996-2001

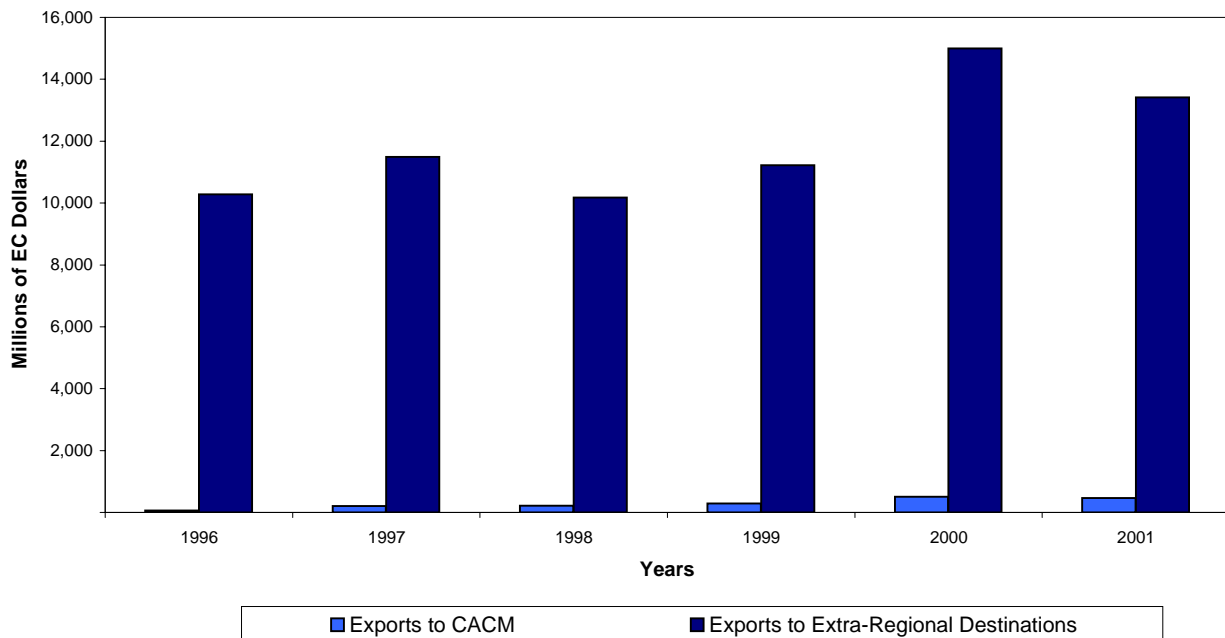


TABLE 2.8.6: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S IMPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996-2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	154,442	179,514	212,121	260,512	310,874	341,155
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	41,148	24,903	25,818	26,604	31,986	40,606
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	262	104	212	290	254	284
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	14,228	35,196	38,653	52,022	67,819	59,840
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	1,659	1,564	2,299	2,118	4,974	8,192
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	33	11	29	5	17	103
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	56,974	67,493	73,228	80,763	102,871	114,216
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	22,158	32,775	41,253	54,370	76,963	93,336
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	5,860	4,653	17,318	27,895	9,393	9,781
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	11,992	12,616	13,172	16,238	16,365	14,730
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	128	199	139	207	232	67
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	26.6	13.9	12.2	10.2	10.3	11.9
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	9.2	19.6	18.2	20.0	21.8	17.5
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.6	2.4
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.	36.9	37.6	34.5	31.0	33.1	33.5
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	14.3	18.3	19.4	20.9	24.8	27.4
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	3.8	2.6	8.2	10.7	3.0	2.9
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	7.8	7.0	6.2	6.2	5.3	4.3
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	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 2.8.4

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

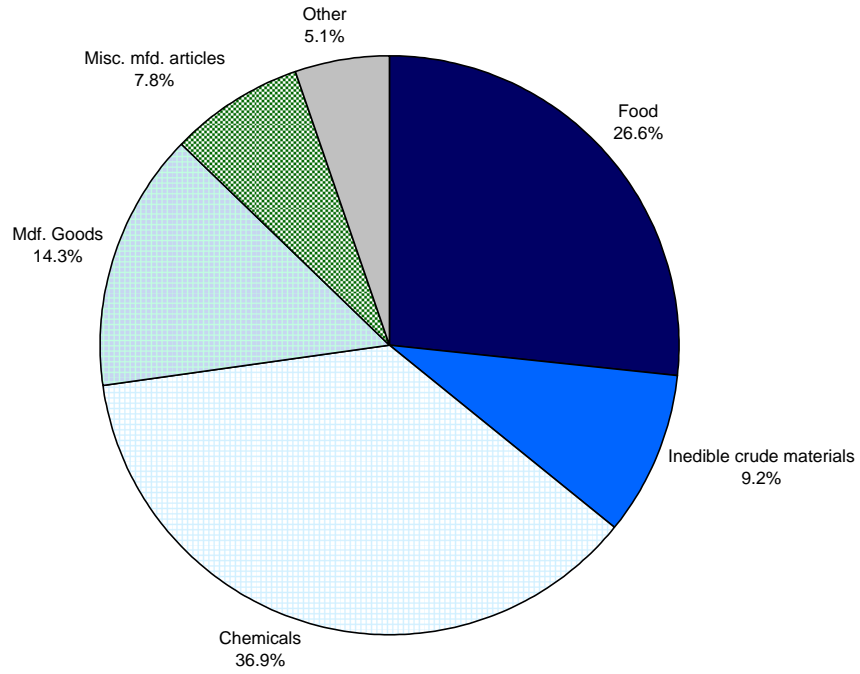


FIGURE 2.8.5

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

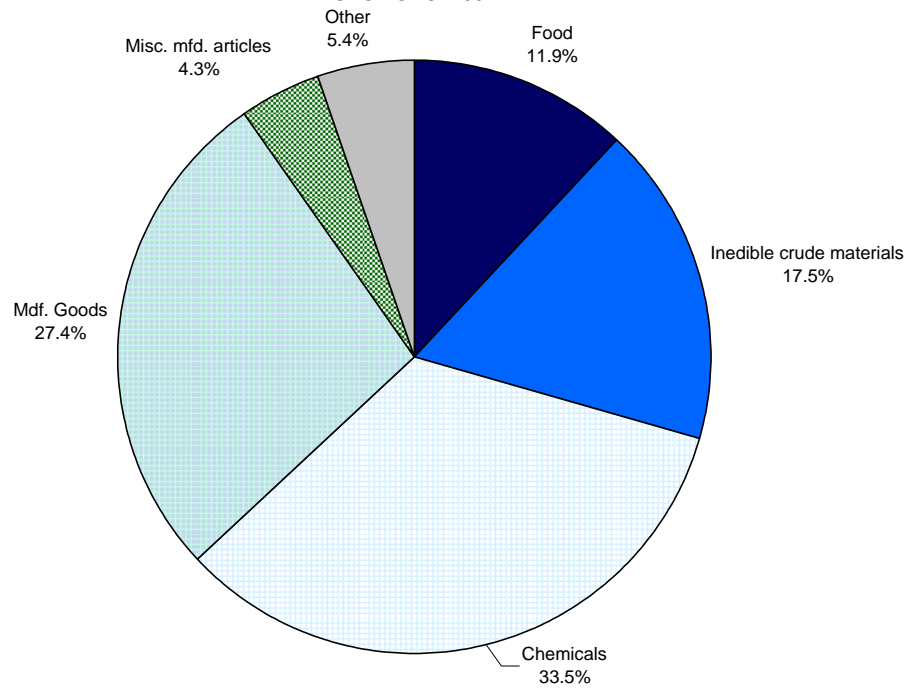


TABLE 2.8.7: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996 - 2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	56,299	197,531	201,501	286,942	493,235	459,052
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	1,505	6,484	8,451	2,587	1,926	2,735
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	366	158	262	191	291	463
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	464	667	875	461	678	71
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	21,930	130,017	147,829	254,290	460,619	441,546
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	8	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	7,613	24,823	6,349	22,132	6,695	3,000
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	22,199	34,706	36,610	5,944	20,636	9,207
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	1,609	229	136	859	1,361	967
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	613	447	981	458	1,006	1,014
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	-	-	-	20	23	49
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	2.7	3.3	4.2	0.9	0.4	0.6
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	39.0	65.8	73.4	88.6	93.4	96.2
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	-	-	0.0	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	13.5	12.6	3.2	7.7	1.4	0.7
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	39.4	17.6	18.2	2.1	4.2	2.0
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0

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TABLE 2.8.8: VALUE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CARICOM'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, BY SITC SECTIONS: 1996 - 2001

S.I.T.C. SECTIONS	(EC\$'000)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
ALL SECTIONS	61,888	206,992	220,141	293,594	503,701	464,106
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	1,527	6,492	13,727	2,706	1,932	2,825
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	375	231	325	197	4,652	729
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	485	685	942	513	706	75
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	25,120	134,979	150,612	255,206	463,358	444,459
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	0	7	8	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	7,943	26,254	9,988	22,365	7,095	3,199
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	22,594	35,224	37,126	6,129	21,464	9,732
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	3,016	2,420	5,662	5,685	3,085	1,639
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	795	583	1,645	627	1,346	1,245
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	33	117	106	166	63	203
	(Percent)					
ALL SECTIONS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	2.5	3.1	6.2	0.9	0.4	0.6
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO.	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.2
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL.	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.	40.6	65.2	68.4	86.9	92.0	95.8
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES.	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS N.E.S.	12.8	12.7	4.5	7.6	1.4	0.7
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL.	36.5	17.0	16.9	2.1	4.3	2.1
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.	4.9	1.2	2.6	1.9	0.6	0.4
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

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FIGURE 2.8.6

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

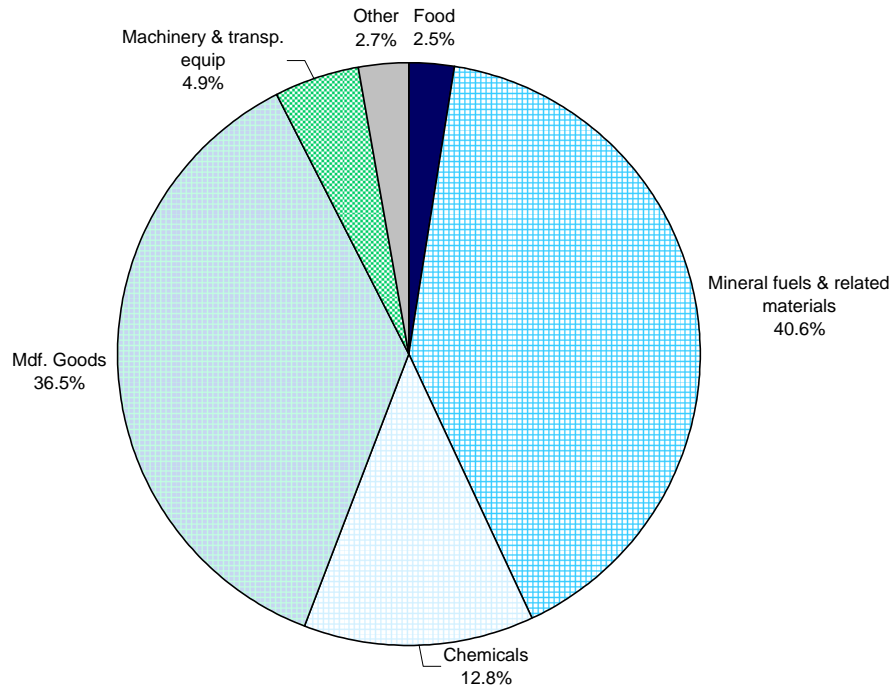


FIGURE 2.8.7

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

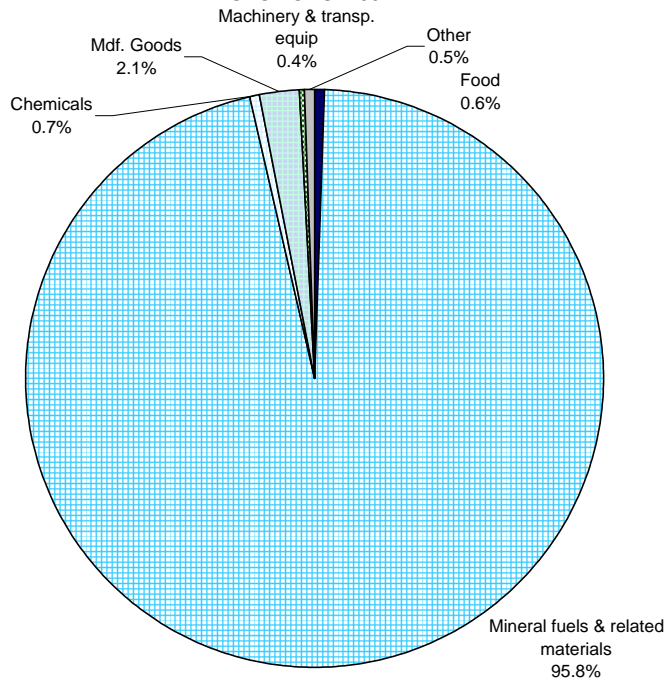


TABLE 2.8.9: CARICOM'S TOP 20 IMPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SITC GROUPS: 1996-2001

(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
Wood, simply worked, and railway sleepers of wood.	248	13,164	8.5	34,089	19.0	36,517	17.2	46,195	17.7	61,981	19.9	54,474	16.0
Glassware.	665	4,888	3.2	5,632	3.1	8,195	3.9	16,918	6.5	28,970	9.3	43,203	12.7
Medicaments (including veterinary medicaments).	542	24,980	16.2	28,413	15.8	38,736	18.3	38,115	14.6	37,285	12.0	37,038	10.9
Sugars, molasses and honey.	061	32,494	21.0	14,111	7.9	12,289	5.8	9,506	3.6	14,886	4.8	22,263	6.5
Alcohols, phenols, phenol- alcohols, and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.	512	0	0.0	0	-	0	0.0	0	-	22,785	7.3	21,980	6.4
Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti-sprouting products, and plant growth regulators, disinfectants and similar products, put up in forms or packings for retail sale or as preparations or articles (e.g. sulphur-treated bands, wicks and candles, and fly-papers)	591	11,752	7.6	9,764	5.4	10,972	5.2	16,690	6.4	14,185	4.6	18,512	5.4
Soap, cleansing and polishing preparations.	554	8,899	5.8	14,751	8.2	12,937	6.1	17,281	6.6	14,011	4.5	15,799	4.6
Paper and paperboard, cut to size or shape, and articles of paper or paperboard.	642	2,195	1.4	2,700	1.5	2,587	1.2	3,301	1.3	8,341	2.7	13,449	3.9
Edible products and preparations, n.e.s.	098	1,762	1.1	2,140	1.2	3,423	1.6	7,810	3.0	9,624	3.1	9,775	2.9
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics.	893	3,213	2.1	5,210	2.9	6,796	3.2	9,138	3.5	10,044	3.2	9,662	2.8
Lime, cement, and fabricated construction materials (except glass and clay materials).	661	182	0.1	163	0.1	672	0.3	2,664	1.0	11,533	3.7	6,690	2.0
Pigments, paints, varnishes and related materials.	533	1,085	0.7	864	0.5	807	0.4	1,385	0.5	2,744	0.9	5,988	1.8
Metal containers for storage or transport.	692	947	0.6	1,446	0.8	5,458	2.6	7,062	2.7	3,003	1.0	5,676	1.7
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.	334	1,655	1.1	1,560	0.9	2,297	1.1	1,984	0.8	4,123	1.3	5,458	1.6
Fertilizers (other than those of group 272).	562	4,801	3.1	3,987	2.2	5,454	2.6	2,465	0.9	2,628	0.8	5,193	1.5
Manufactures of base metal, n.e.s.	699	2,350	1.5	6,376	3.6	7,192	3.4	6,658	2.6	6,637	2.1	4,728	1.4
Household equipment of base metal, n.e.s.	697	1,232	0.8	874	0.5	1,053	0.5	1,681	0.6	2,590	0.8	3,715	1.1
Other crude minerals.	278	631	0.4	633	0.4	1,222	0.6	1,834	0.7	2,250	0.7	3,349	1.0
Liquefied propane and butane.	342	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	0.1	845	0.3	2,714	0.8
Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.	059	55	0.0	580	0.3	1,107	0.5	1,187	0.5	1,244	0.4	2,604	0.8
A. Total Value of Top 20 Imports from CACM		116,287		133,294		157,713		192,007		259,709		292,270	
B. Value of Total Imports from CACM		154,442		179,514		212,121		260,512		310,874		341,155	
A/B (%)		75.3		74.3		74.4		73.7		83.5		85.7	

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TABLE 2.8.10: Value of CARICOM's Major Domestic Exports to the Central American Common Market: 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
Gas oils	334.3	7,368	13.1	77,730	39.4	68,608	34.0	89,146	31.1	226,555	45.9	177,911	38.8
Motor spirit (gasolene) including aviation spirit.	334.11	-	-	32,817	16.6	54,582	27.1	118,591	41.3	104,201	21.1	173,036	37.7
Kerosene (including kerosene type jet fuel).	334.21	569	1.0	7,998	4.0	12,561	6.2	15,630	5.4	40,471	8.2	26,265	5.7
Gaseous hydrocarbons, liquefied, n.e.s.	344.2	1,430	2.5	5,672	2.9	5,161	2.6	3,250	1.1	15,767	3.2	21,977	4.8
Butanes, liquefied	342.5	452	0.8	-	-	2,240	1.1	8,232	2.9	30,778	6.2	16,546	3.6
Fuel oils, n.e.s.	334.4	11,540	20.5	5,798	2.9	4,676	2.3	15,389	5.4	14,344	2.9	13,211	2.9
Propane, liquefied	342.1	566	1.0	-	-	-	-	4,053	1.4	26,072	5.3	11,982	2.6
Bars and rods, hot-rolled in irregularly wound coils, of non-alloy steel.	676.162	21,989	39.1	34,581	17.5	35,491	17.6	4,817	1.7	20,313	4.1	8,788	1.9
Aluminium sulphate	523.491	55	0.1	1,113	0.6	1,023	0.5	2,214	0.8	2,177	0.4	1,723	0.4
Urea	562.16	1,705	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	883	0.2
Air-conditioning machines, window or wall types, self-contained	741.5	1,460	2.6	223	0.1	-	-	467	0.2	978	0.2	420	0.1
Petroleum resins, coumarone-indene resins, polyterpenes, polysulphides, polysulphones and plastics, n.e.s.	575.96	45	0.1	921	0.5	1,884	0.9	809	0.3	980	0.2	203	0.0
Rice	042	-	-	5,637	2.9	6,345	3.1	799	0.3	281	0.1	-	-
Natural gas, liquefied.	343.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,642	0.3	-	-
Anhydrous ammonia	522.611	5,254	9.3	22,389	11.3	3,395	1.7	18,863	6.6	3,284	0.7	-	-
A. Total Value of Major Domestic Exports to CACM		52,433		194,879		195,967		282,262		487,844		452,944	
B. Value of Total Domestic Exports to CACM		56,299		197,531		201,501		286,942		493,235		459,052	
A/B (%)		93.1		98.7		97.3		98.4		98.9		98.7	

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