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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of August 2018, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$254 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$69 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$185.0 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$186.4 or August 2017.

Imports for August 2018 were \$7.8 million less than imports for August 2017, a decrease of 3.0%. Total exports decreased by \$6.4 million or 8.5% of the August 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$2.9 million or 7.4% over August 2017, while the value of re-exports decreased by \$9.3 million or 26.2% over the corresponding period 2017.

For the period January – August 2018, the value of imports to Barbados was \$2.10 billion, whilst the value of total exports was \$611.8 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$1.48 billion as compared to a similar deficit of \$1.44 billion for January – August 2017.

Imports for January – August 2018 were \$34.7 million more than imports for the same period 2017, an increase of 1.7%. Total exports showed a decrease of some \$4.6 million or 0.7% over the January - August 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$17.9 million or 5.4% over January – August 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$22.4 million or 7.9% over the corresponding period 2017.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of August 2018, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$41 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$26 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$14.6 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$29.8 million for August 2017.

Total CARICOM imports for August 2018 were \$12.5 million less than CARICOM imports for April 2017, a decrease of 23.6%. Total exports to CARICOM for August 2018 were \$2.7 million more than total exports for August 2017, an increase of 11.4%. Domestic exports increased by \$4.0 million or 21.3% over August 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by some \$1.3 million, or 27.1% over the August 2017 figure.

For the period January – August 2018, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$432 million, whilst total exports were \$232 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$200.2 million as compared with a deficit of \$199.9 million for the same period of 2017.

During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$22.9 million more than those over the same period in 2017, an increase of 5.6%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – August 2018 were \$22.6 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2017, an increase of 10.8%. Domestic exports increased by approximately \$35.8 million or 21.2% over the same period 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$13.2 million or 31.9% over the January – August 2017 figure.

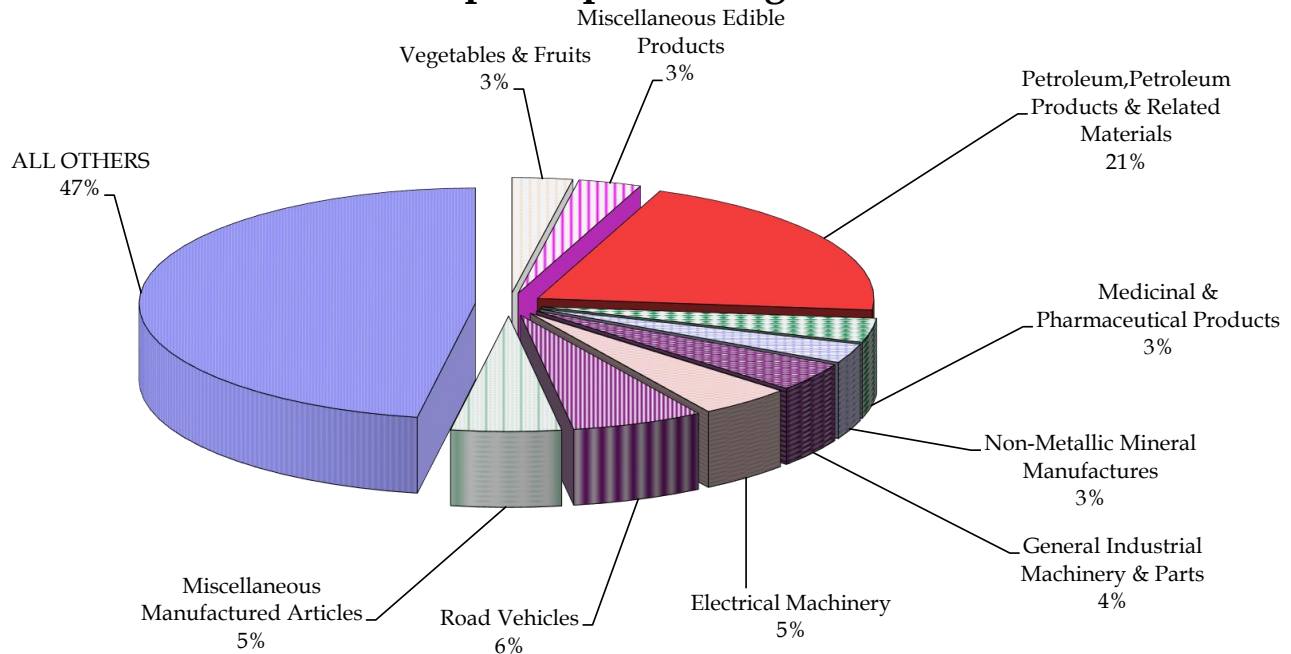
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

TABLE 1

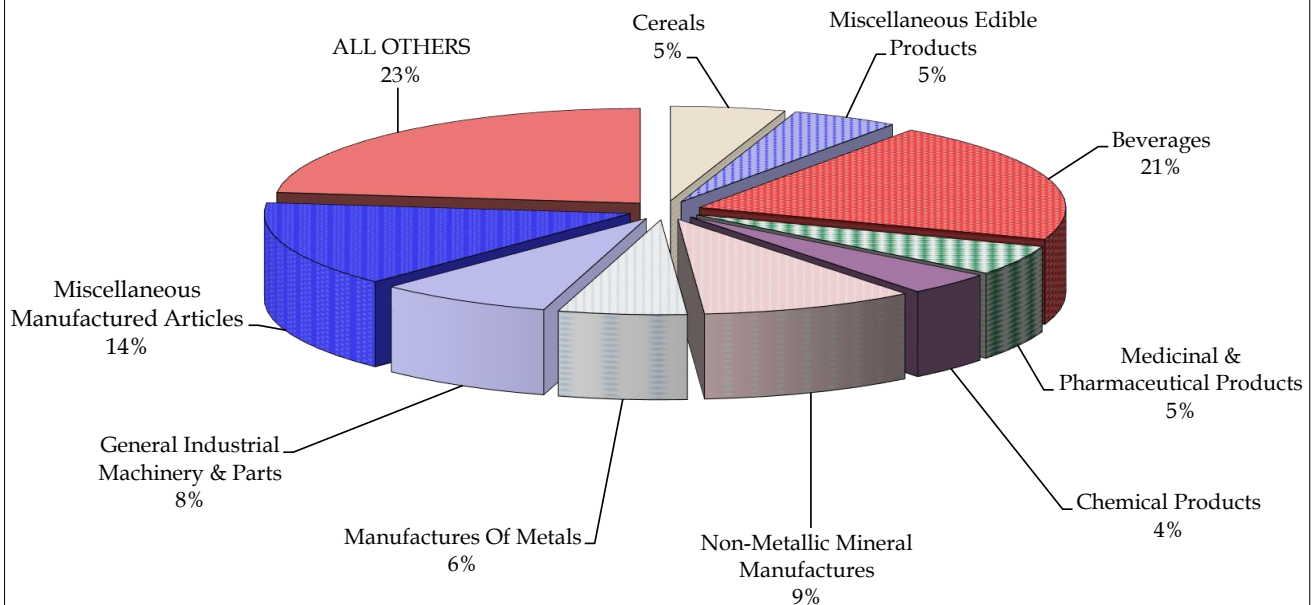
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	40,012,049	48,275,694	5,996,856	5,187,636	116,953	1,262,068	6,113,809	6,449,704
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	7,547,002	6,519,766	8,794,837	7,926,193	913,999	1,888,354	9,708,836	9,814,547
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	7,962,911	6,797,772	281,225	489,898	76,144	5,934	357,369	495,832
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	53,121,050	47,242,368	45,269	40,326	12,961,062	10,005,358	13,006,331	10,045,684
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	1,749,749	1,615,379	356,304	499,361	80	15,089	356,384	514,450
5 CHEMICALS	28,116,007	27,548,490	5,114,377	5,000,303	3,537,034	7,382,412	8,651,411	12,382,715
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	31,764,707	35,626,891	7,455,601	6,456,265	262,045	1,125,332	7,717,646	7,581,597
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	52,941,445	51,233,120	5,974,220	5,893,544	672,052	341,802	6,646,272	6,235,346
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	29,644,031	36,088,927	7,744,980	7,276,117	7,773,875	13,631,346	15,518,855	20,907,463
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	1,111,807	791,537	844,233	904,014	549	676	844,782	904,690
TOTAL*	253,970,758	261,739,944	42,607,902	39,673,657	26,313,793	35,658,371	68,921,695	75,332,028

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Principal Imports - August 2018



Principal Domestic Exports - August 2018



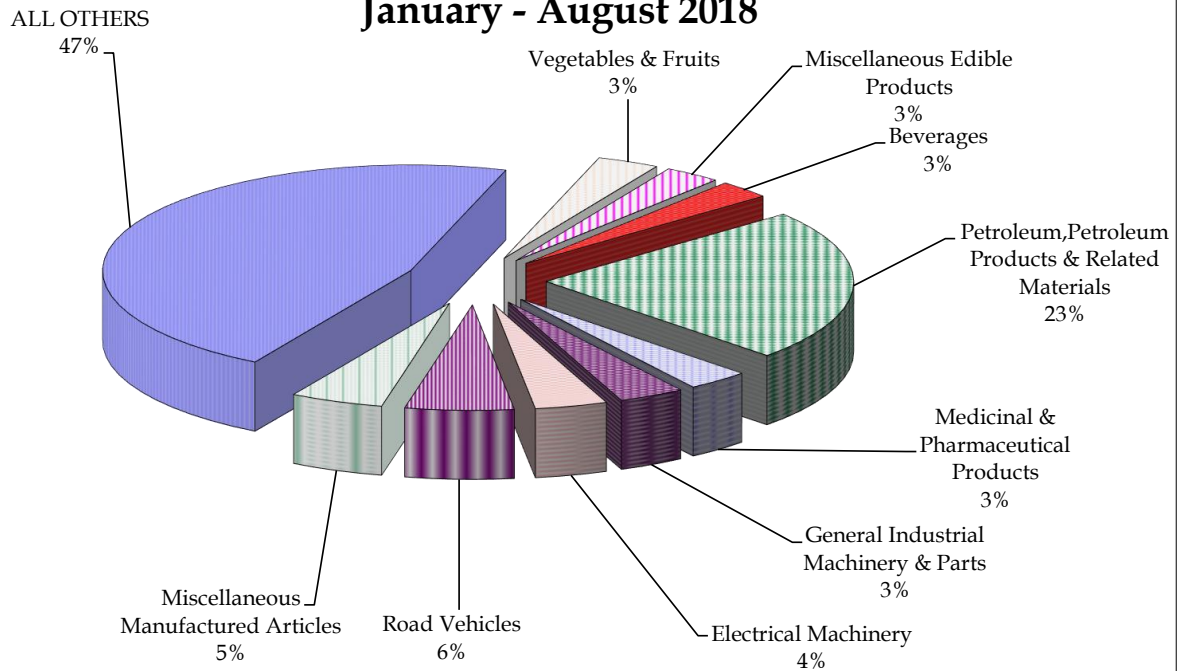
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017**

TABLE 2

S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	375,068,183	374,735,954	46,835,757	44,692,098	3,372,326	5,180,097	50,208,083	49,872,195
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	66,043,404	65,212,009	63,720,311	66,482,692	14,034,317	17,074,644	77,754,628	83,557,336
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	45,728,988	43,650,165	3,303,132	4,008,235	189,104	417,086	3,492,236	4,425,321
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	504,386,889	394,415,823	22,880,276	18,799,333	142,312,768	112,589,370	165,193,044	131,388,703
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	15,819,221	11,433,827	2,905,323	2,331,330	3,671	55,819	2,908,994	2,387,149
5 CHEMICALS	215,949,826	224,176,393	49,955,998	44,735,193	32,292,797	49,187,030	82,248,795	93,922,223
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	227,524,962	247,198,586	60,410,106	49,468,947	4,278,074	9,714,974	64,688,180	59,183,921
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	395,363,171	436,582,811	24,518,026	34,615,003	4,966,375	5,905,559	29,484,401	40,520,562
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	243,143,843	257,030,523	69,969,485	61,041,424	60,999,193	84,991,252	130,968,678	146,032,676
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	6,850,973	6,724,577	4,633,580	5,101,244	262,201	31,880	4,895,781	5,133,124
TOTAL*	2,095,879,460	2,061,160,668	349,131,994	331,275,499	262,710,826	285,147,711	611,842,820	616,423,210

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Principal Imports January - August 2018



Principal Domestic Exports January- August 2018

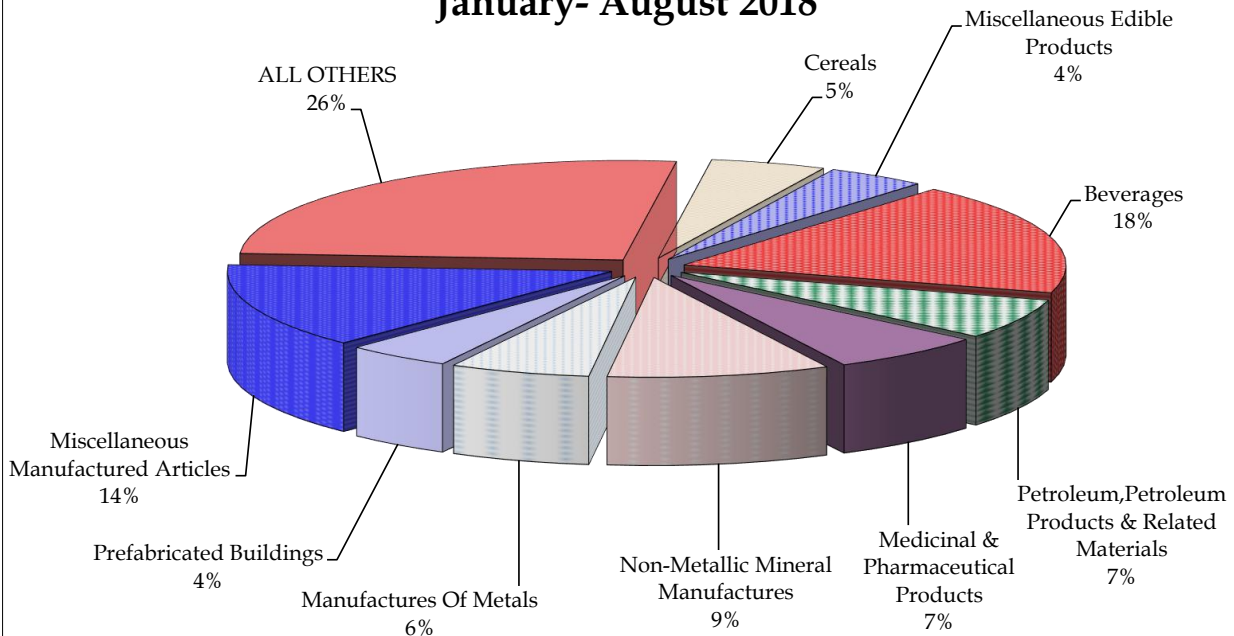


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		(BDS \$)					
			DOMESTIC		EXPORTS (f.o.b)		RE-EXPORTS	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
UNITED KINGDOM	10,612,544	12,438,490	822,998	650,146	433,990	171,139	1,256,988	821,285
CANADA	5,692,921	4,877,606	2,102,164	1,081,642	93,146	19,322	2,195,310	1,100,964
UNITED STATES	84,891,412	105,563,642	10,121,334	11,035,801	7,683,921	15,223,902	17,805,255	26,259,703
CARICOM *	40,685,622	53,235,374	22,591,211	18,623,068	3,489,149	4,784,546	26,080,360	23,407,614
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,664,350	1,773,997	13,157,879	7,759,133	2,994,493	2,187,490	16,152,372	9,946,623
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	7,121,228	4,532,259	1,619,287	1,289,374	394,948	485,383	2,014,235	1,774,757
PUERTO RICO	18,967,229	6,744,931	20,510	1,996	82,555	-	103,065	1,996
VENEZUELA	-	1,611	-	3,019	50	-	50	3,019
JAPAN	6,368,133	5,383,111	4,002	20	-	-	4,002	20
GERMANY	2,532,027	3,112,355	205,732	100,215	131	-	205,863	100,215
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	77,092,955	65,849,348	5,120,664	6,888,376	1,174,841	4,968,831	6,295,505	11,857,207
STORES/BUNKERS *	6,687	1,217	-	-	12,961,062	10,005,248	12,961,062	10,005,248
TOTAL *	253,970,758	261,739,944	42,607,902	39,673,657	26,313,793	35,658,371	68,921,695	75,332,028

**MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	098	Edible Products	4,256,817	3,611,580
	248	Wood Simply Worked	2,553,220	2,527,904
	335	Residual Petroleum Products	2,061,636	1,490,333
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	2,246,118	2,865,390
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,041,016	2,115,592
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	1,984,785	2,699,273
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,931,732	1,917,562
	821	Furniture And Parts	2,216,076	5,349,187
	872	Medical Appliances	1,839,006	979,539
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,023,426	2,603,852
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,205,540	1,401,124
	058	Fruits Prep.,Preserved	358,892	298,712
	098	Edible Products	1,061,740	1,192,032
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,298,895	1,204,360
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	677,619	664,752
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	24,849,446	32,478,254
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	475,901	663,473
	581	Tubes, Pipes, Hoses Of Plastic	385,731	196,022
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,011,493	1,140,645
	893	Articles Of Plastic	374,884	527,377
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	17,584,510	5,895,121
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	40,660	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	241,164	121,870
	642	Articles Of Paper	65,198	-
	742	Pumps For Liquids	14,404	694
	761	Television Receivers	16,098	250
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	21,757	1,410
	872	Medical Appliances	27,776	15,057
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	38,134	1,606
	893	Articles Of Plastic	720,062	494,372
CHINA, PEO.REP.	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	592,351	284,210
	665	Glassware	585,413	43,563
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	520,197	252,338
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,205,826	1,256,445
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,348,119	1,701,861
	775	Household Type Equipment	646,053	383,019
	821	Furniture And Parts	523,668	834,453
	851	Footwear	531,519	455,084
	893	Articles Of Plastic	584,138	515,131
	897	Jewellery	727,214	515,396
UNITED KINGDOM	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	446,195	12,528
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	413,355	650,831
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	281,693	730,212
	098	Edible Products	412,583	607,177
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	629,841	212,248
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	561,985	735,591
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	301,900	466,141
	679	Tubes, Pipes, Fitting Iron	346,072	152,613
	776	Valves Tubes Diodes	727,380	10,506
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	289,929	408,974

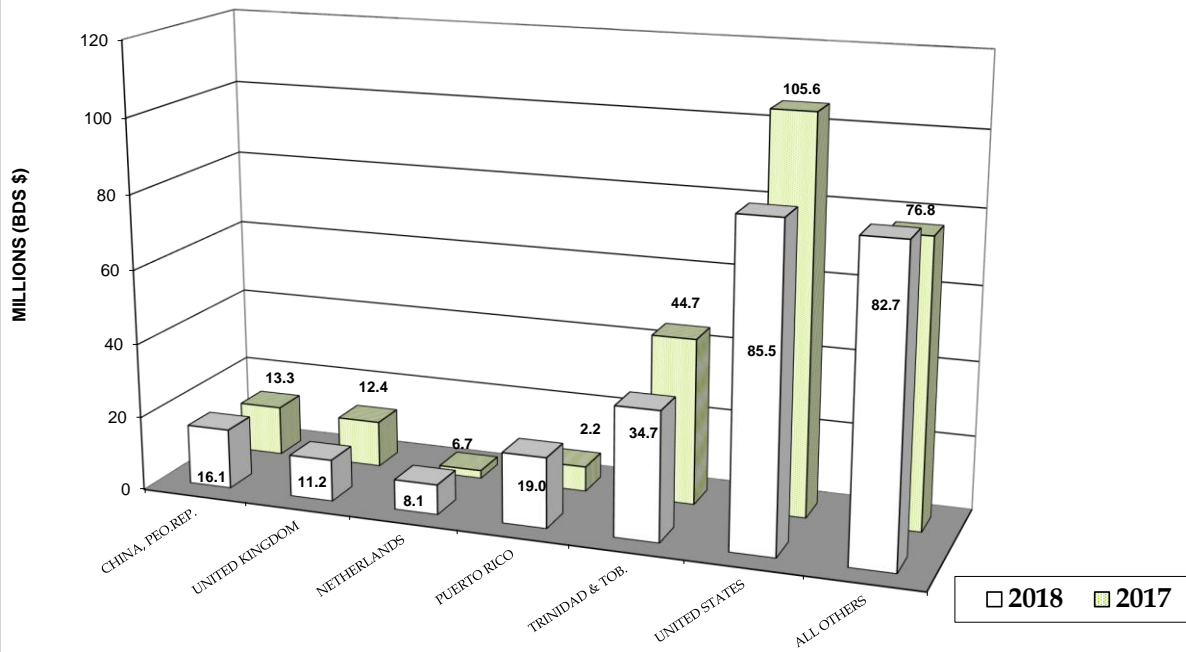
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	461,413	363,498
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	4,145,203	4,239,858
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	183,402	172,427
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	629,971	554,844
	793	Ships And Boats	1,018,000	300
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	398,209	152,552
	885	Watches And Clocks	132,883	73,281
	897	Jewellery	1,053,635	66,982
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	978,720	373,470
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	135,384	256,829
ST. LUCIA	017	Meat Prepared	130,633	46,450
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	68,940	250,331
	059	Fruit Juices	248,982	207,071
	091	Margarine And Shortening	382,481	196,017
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	226,710	223,064
	642	Articles Of Paper	82,074	21,514
	661	Lime, Cement	185,925	172,951
	691	Structures Etc Iron, Steel	104,423	54,836
	744	Mech. Handling Equipment	3,130,388	-
TRINIDAD & TOB.	892	Printed Matter	101,800	10,388
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	305,453	196,739
	091	Margarine And Shortening	824,546	574,257
	098	Edible Products	110,646	41,339
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	102,300	304,616
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	136,835	103,777
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	302,383	284,585
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	311,168	401,150
	662	Clay Construction Material	60,001	-
	692	Metal Containers	462,463	438,578
GUYANA	892	Printed Matter	229,240	115,722
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	182,316	334,090
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	238,027	170,790
	059	Fruit Juices	37,650	74,415
	091	Margarine And Shortening	116,049	106,112
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	57,932	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	47,188	164,553
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	86,097	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	79,125	196,565
	661	Lime, Cement	1,816,228	3,014,356
JAMAICA	892	Printed Matter	216,395	383,713
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	111,793	-
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	324,308	270,466
	091	Margarine And Shortening	47,439	-
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	65,344	-
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	449,437	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	323,741	366,076
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	98,316	110,122
	642	Articles Of Paper	80,793	15,405
	692	Metal Containers	424,214	475,118
	892	Printed Matter	256,674	662,540

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	12,961,062	10,005,248
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	269,644	117,884
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	723,513	4,413,401
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	360,399	1,056,955
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	440,224	467,845
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	819,588	416,100
	845	Articles Of Apparel	685,197	814,020
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	182,365	259,982
	851	Footwear	608,350	366,536
	885	Watches And Clocks	667,345	1,294,139
UNITED STATES	897	Jewellery	2,211,282	3,025,477
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	255,212	75,216
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	147,305	4,287
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	158,887	2,903
	843	Male Clothing Knitted	54,099	-
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	4,978	-
	845	Articles Of Apparel	47,063	234,738
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	12,521	43,527
	851	Footwear	85,094	3,003,203
	884	Optical Cord	4,712	42
PANAMA	885	Watches And Clocks	6,807	-
	098	Edible Products	14,037	11,854
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	15,041	436
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	65,454	82,033
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	354,910	94,466
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,940	10,291
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	19,819	3,651
	642	Articles Of Paper	18,629	-
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	10,558	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	82,667	-
GRENADA	872	Medical Appliances	53,553	3,557
	098	Edible Products	3,476	-
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	36,469	7,858
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	482,491	286,545
	581	Tubes, Pipes, Hoses Of Plastic	1,328	-
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	5,578	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	4,680	1,499
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	4,842	19,584
	872	Medical Appliances	31,471	11,468
	892	Printed Matter	4,471	108
ANTIGUA	893	Articles Of Plastic	28,019	8,701

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

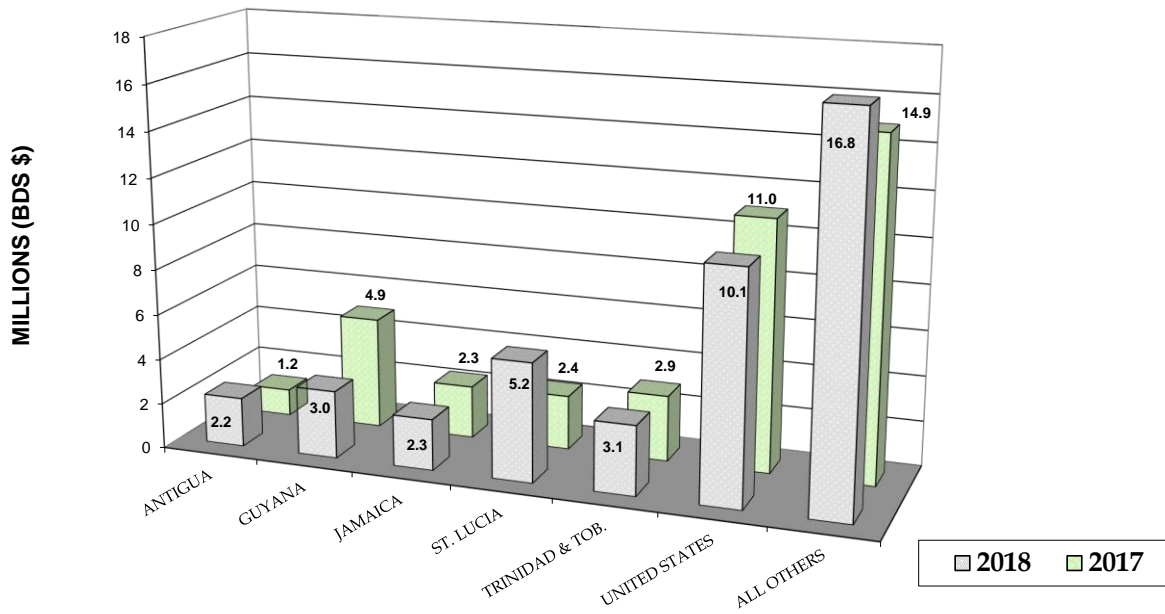


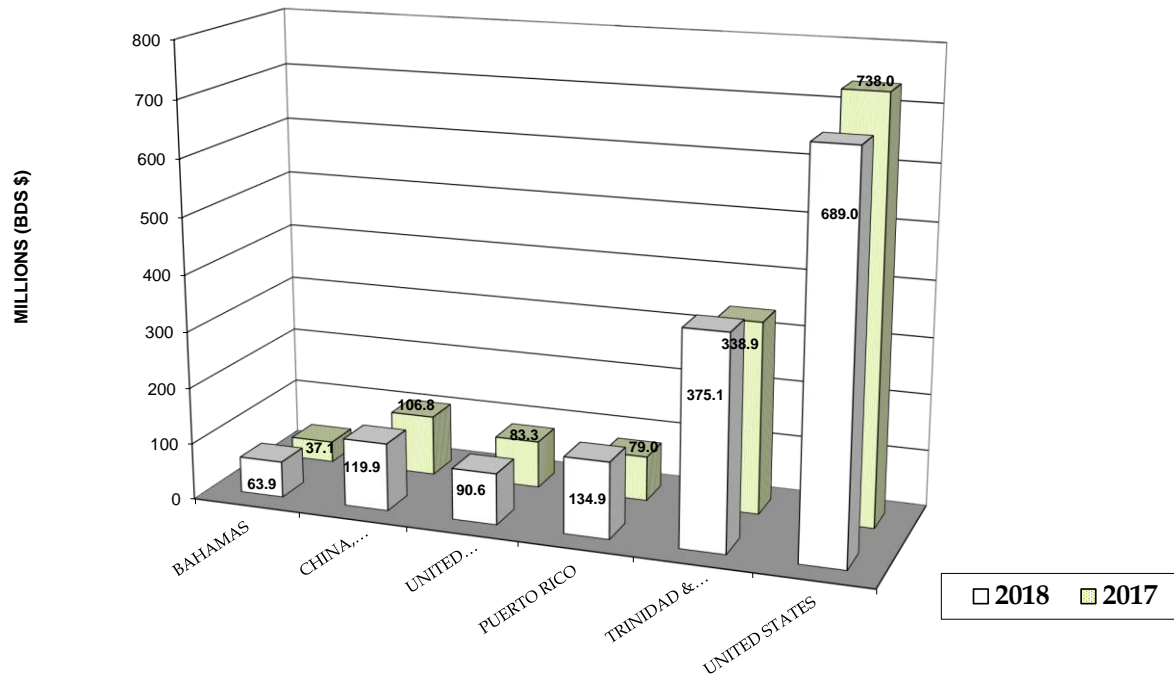
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JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

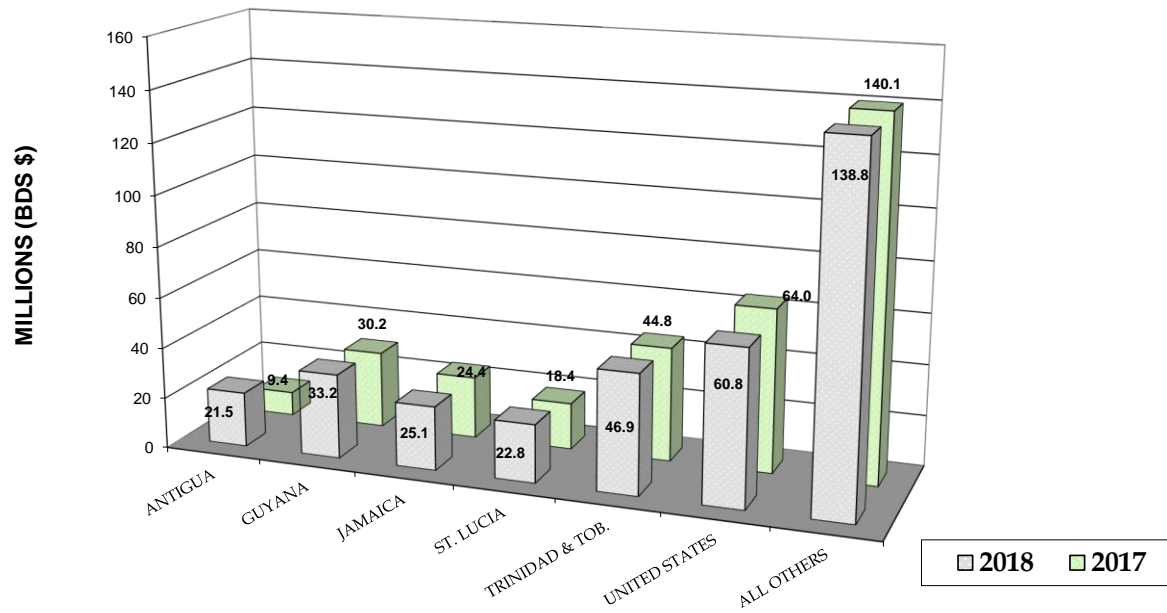
COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
UNITED KINGDOM	89,706,816	83,145,621	8,288,536	10,806,114	3,025,896	1,913,688	11,314,432	12,719,802
CANADA	45,899,282	52,691,154	15,538,929	10,834,455	400,869	167,170	15,939,798	11,001,625
UNITED STATES	687,647,148	737,987,010	60,813,021	64,047,101	75,310,037	94,968,076	136,123,058	159,015,177
CARICOM *	432,545,059	409,655,325	204,250,197	168,480,232	28,121,119	41,310,890	232,371,316	209,791,122
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	14,644,075	22,945,304	89,398,904	61,976,030	21,678,529	19,732,428	111,077,433	81,708,458
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	63,915,356	37,263,242	11,660,934	13,284,332	3,119,506	4,484,451	14,780,440	17,768,783
PUERTO RICO	134,893,389	79,029,561	573,409	551,292	153,571	529,419	726,980	1,080,711
VENEZUELA	34,508	36,912	273,916	360,244	50	673	273,966	360,917
JAPAN	58,261,674	60,513,209	43,585	102,756	-	11,950	43,585	114,706
GERMANY	24,600,091	28,054,168	1,066,841	2,431,578	3,804	81,981	1,070,645	2,513,559
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	558,268,192	572,777,966	46,621,426	60,377,395	10,273,675	29,098,843	56,895,101	89,476,238
STORES/BUNKERS *	107,649	6,500	-	-	142,302,299	112,580,570	142,302,299	112,580,570
TOTAL *	2,095,879,164	2,061,160,668	349,130,794	331,275,499	262,710,826	285,147,711	611,841,620	616,423,210

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MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2017



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2017



**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

TABLE 5

(BDS \$)

S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	7,429,168	9,736,627	4,954,877	4,383,839	69,908	93,799	5,024,785	4,477,638
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	3,123,289	2,821,122	427,241	749,314	275,633	1,567,721	702,874	2,317,035
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	221,063	636,550	40,001	107,074	2,095	4,010	42,096	111,084
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	24,849,446	33,750,039	39,664	40,326	-	110	39,664	40,436
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	38,562	16,634	354,316	496,173	-	2,239	354,316	498,412
5 CHEMICALS	1,469,748	1,699,286	4,178,676	3,993,702	2,460,686	2,438,956	6,639,362	6,432,658
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	1,739,068	2,735,391	5,647,589	5,871,136	109,813	196,895	5,757,402	6,068,031
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	360,994	109,491	3,477,055	575,493	174,513	199,798	3,651,568	775,291
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,409,546	1,674,951	3,200,582	2,276,997	396,501	280,918	3,597,083	2,557,915
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	44,738	55,283	271,210	129,014	-	100	271,210	129,114
TOTAL *	40,685,622	53,235,374	22,591,211	18,623,068	3,489,149	4,784,546	26,080,360	23,407,614

**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017**

TABLE 6

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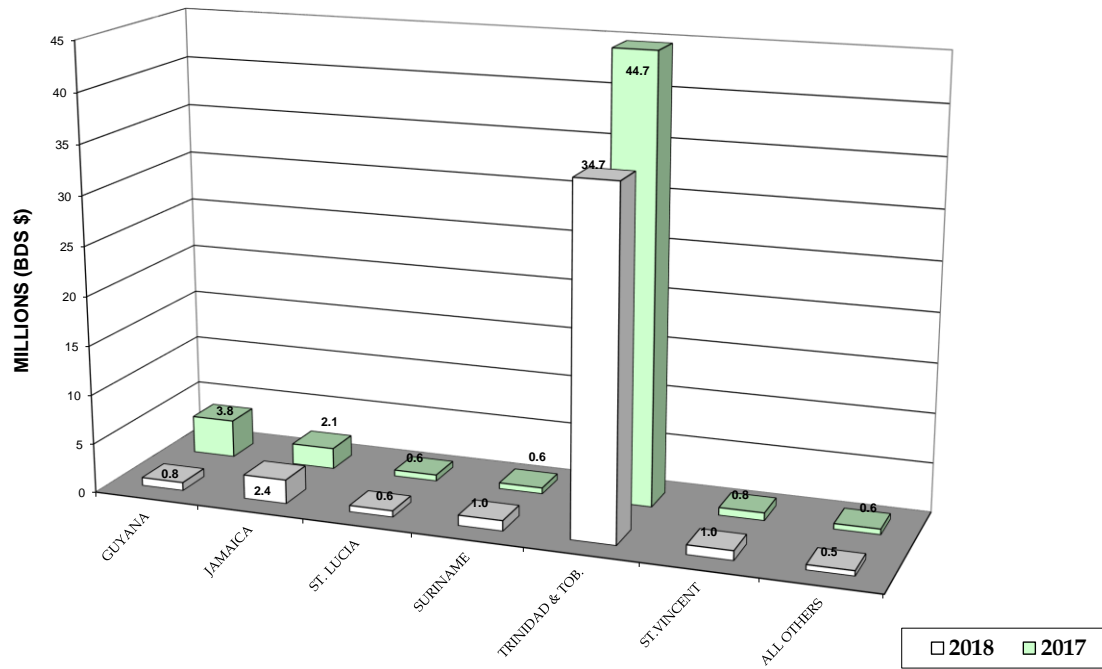
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	67,697,627	70,739,441	40,703,470	38,158,665	402,878	465,087	41,106,348	38,623,752
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	27,294,695	27,041,290	7,959,999	9,098,113	3,427,541	12,305,305	11,387,540	21,403,418
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	2,889,730	4,058,311	419,150	519,443	21,939	67,300	441,089	586,743
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	288,787,821	257,808,465	22,715,734	18,798,298	10,349	8,353	22,726,083	18,806,651
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	173,854	188,946	2,887,467	2,321,766	2,323	4,562	2,889,790	2,326,328
5 CHEMICALS	15,073,938	15,451,962	41,069,161	34,037,540	16,295,538	20,543,032	57,364,699	54,580,572
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	15,994,001	19,503,064	48,315,921	40,164,156	1,797,135	2,294,865	50,113,056	42,459,021
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2,689,957	1,979,861	6,457,455	3,833,410	2,364,149	2,034,827	8,821,604	5,868,237
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	11,822,585	12,506,012	32,671,216	20,433,540	3,782,247	3,587,359	36,453,463	24,020,899
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	120,851	377,973	1,050,624	1,115,301	17,020	200	1,067,644	1,115,501
TOTAL *	432,545,059	409,655,325	204,250,197	168,480,232	28,121,119	41,310,890	232,371,316	209,791,122

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	(BDS \$)							
	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
ANTIGUA	20,767	17,950	2,171,532	1,179,918	604,949	444,493	2,776,481	1,624,411
BELIZE	145,678	185,554	237,771	398,725	41,208	-	278,979	398,725
DOMINICA	391	16,575	1,367,670	643,004	275,359	303,725	1,643,029	946,729
GRENADA	43,646	52,502	1,552,944	925,323	683,617	345,313	2,236,561	1,270,636
GUYANA	822,442	3,828,758	2,989,882	4,933,456	20,457	92,361	3,010,339	5,025,817
HAITI	-	2,394	307,439	10,000	45,237	-	352,676	10,000
JAMAICA	2,416,915	2,122,330	2,260,021	2,325,114	352,587	1,760,626	2,612,608	4,085,740
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	-	268,722	1,369,101	840,343	400,710	228,962	1,769,811	1,069,305
ST. LUCIA	640,373	621,650	5,242,869	2,395,382	591,247	611,947	5,834,116	3,007,329
MONSTERRAT	-	16,236	51,921	124,231	66,266	-	118,187	124,231
SURINAME	1,047,927	602,855	569,426	290,337	1,039	-	570,465	290,337
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	34,588,310	44,719,486	3,068,793	2,906,303	34,128	744,069	3,102,921	3,650,372
ST. VINCENT	959,173	780,362	1,401,842	1,650,932	372,345	253,050	1,774,187	1,903,982
CARICOM TOTAL *	40,685,622	53,235,374	22,591,211	18,623,068	3,489,149	4,784,546	26,080,360	23,407,614
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	1,664,350	1,773,997	13,157,879	7,759,133	2,994,493	2,187,490	16,152,372	9,946,623

CARICOM IMPORTS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

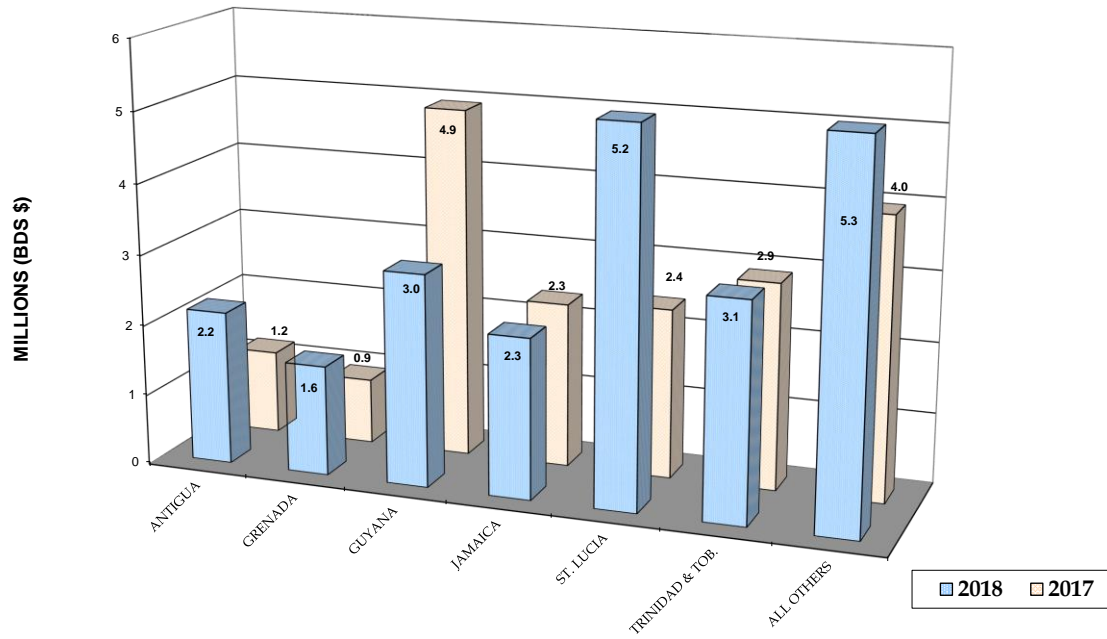


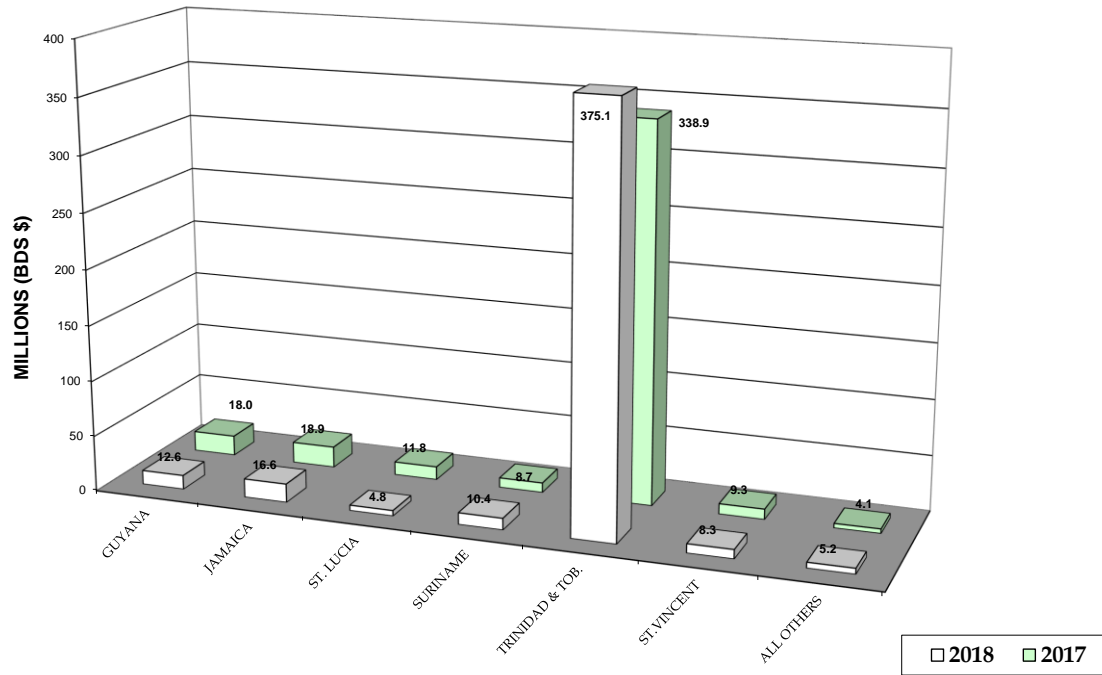
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

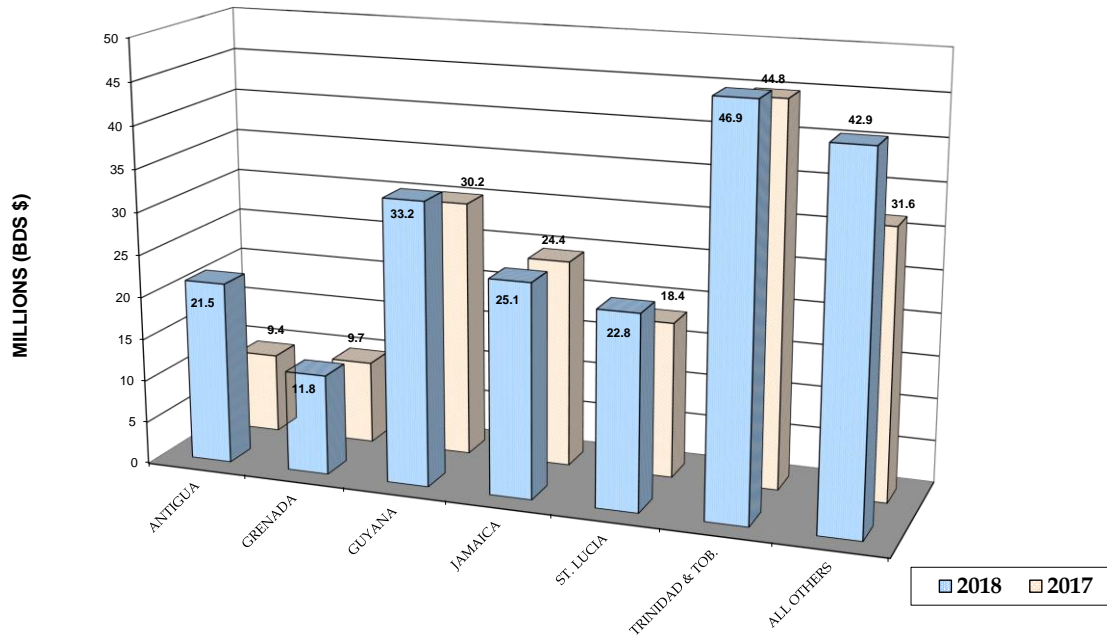
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
ANTIGUA	391,145	277,512	21,488,496	9,385,215	4,300,968	4,957,335	25,789,464	14,342,550
BELIZE	3,111,491	2,145,555	1,082,886	2,651,607	82,739	68,122	1,165,625	2,719,729
DOMINICA	107,556	171,939	10,610,915	4,290,996	1,836,349	1,403,780	12,447,264	5,694,776
GRENADA	969,165	1,101,342	11,805,785	9,746,803	3,258,217	2,623,207	15,064,002	12,370,010
GUYANA	12,595,114	18,030,324	33,184,365	30,172,549	893,001	2,129,653	34,077,366	32,302,202
HAITI	120,616	58,068	1,037,529	411,560	153,415	139,864	1,190,944	551,424
JAMAICA	16,629,904	18,871,042	25,096,468	24,387,140	3,932,178	15,119,341	29,028,646	39,506,481
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	39,256	307,879	10,941,610	8,265,888	2,055,375	1,772,108	12,996,985	10,037,996
ST. LUCIA	4,824,632	11,808,866	22,828,631	18,351,577	6,771,399	4,529,971	29,600,030	22,881,548
MONSTERRAT	4,051	20,026	434,094	524,502	143,422	70,904	577,516	595,406
SURINAME	10,402,903	8,677,746	7,500,781	4,069,655	8,053	36,575	7,508,834	4,106,230
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	375,040,956	338,927,286	46,949,264	44,811,691	1,373,204	4,084,907	48,322,468	48,896,598
ST. VINCENT	8,308,270	9,257,740	11,289,373	11,411,049	3,312,799	4,375,123	14,602,172	15,786,172
CARICOM TOTAL *	432,545,059	409,655,325	204,250,197	168,480,232	28,121,119	41,310,890	232,371,316	209,791,122
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	14,644,075	22,945,304	89,398,904	61,976,030	21,678,529	19,732,428	111,077,433	81,708,458

CARICOM IMPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2017



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2017



**PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,262,503	4,573,372
	098 Edible Products	7,611,164	7,724,678
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	4,037,271	3,235,045
	273 Stone, Sand And Gravel	3,626,516	112,384
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	50,422,065	43,917,127
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	7,436,492	7,497,587
	642 Articles Of Paper	3,855,312	3,860,337
	781 Motor Cars	10,646,640	6,219,299
	821 Furniture And Parts	3,991,891	8,256,658
	893 Articles Of Plastic	5,764,613	5,526,287
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,773,573	1,405,990
	091 Margarine And Shortening	1,736,304	1,279,500
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	8,667,427	7,844,926
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,143,674	2,106,808
	591 Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,609,052	1,280,392
	661 Lime, Cement	3,319,115	3,557,858
	744 Mech. Handling Equipment	3,131,334	240
	892 Printed Matter	2,376,175	2,543,978
	897 Jewellery	1,060,607	67,192
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,198,770	3,357,628
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	649,490	1,643,889
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	12,961,062	10,005,248
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,299,091	2,321,589
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	754,545	4,491,723
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	615,944	1,709,039
	842 Female Clothing Non Knitted	996,537	480,193
	845 Articles Of Apparel	753,278	1,064,727
	851 Footwear	706,662	3,410,519
	885 Watches And Clocks	807,647	1,378,358
	897 Jewellery	2,270,600	3,385,541

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017**

TABLE 9

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	160,048	0.4
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	1,736,304	4.1	1,279,500	3.2
RUM	112.441/449	7,977,036	18.7	6,482,970	16.3
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	705,823	1.7	1,219,263	3.1
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,161,956	5.1	2,107,455	5.3
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	30,463	0.1	14,265	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	1,609,052	3.8	1,280,392	3.2
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	559,874	1.3	364,489	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	3,205,461	7.5	3,557,856	9.0
METAL CONTAINERS	692	977,710	2.3	952,554	2.4
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	56,320	0.1	10,220	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	6,786	0.0	5,180	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		19,026,785	44.7	17,434,192	43.9
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	912,925	2.1	847,295	2.1
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		22,668,192	53.2	21,392,170	53.9
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		42,607,902	100.0	39,673,657	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017**

TABLE 10

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		JANUARY - AUGUST			
		<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	199,680	0.1	452,982	0.1
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	13,073,877	3.7	12,602,023	3.8
RUM	112.441/449	56,721,964	16.2	56,422,018	17.0
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	11,315,588	3.2	7,405,999	2.2
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	22,740,354	6.5	23,783,988	7.2
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	238,609	0.1	104,133	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	10,282,353	2.9	10,172,620	3.1
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	3,674,003	1.1	2,863,726	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	26,502,853	7.6	20,935,602	6.3
METAL CONTAINERS	692	9,516,423	2.7	9,975,954	3.0
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	404,751	0.1	277,423	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	131,271	0.0	127,645	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		154,801,726	44.3	145,124,113	43.8
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	10,015,568	2.9	10,476,950	3.2
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		184,314,700	52.8	175,674,436	53.0
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		349,131,994	100.0	331,275,499	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED KINGDOM	781	Motor Cars	3,288,083	1,963,252
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	2,747,319	1,571,809
	892	Printed Matter	5,231,493	4,379,532
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	12,764,758	12,722,659
	054	Vegetables Fresh/Chilled,Frozen,Dry	12,732,134	13,221,483
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	14,284,375	13,981,532
	098	Edible Products	29,871,060	31,501,150
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	15,680,978	14,555,114
	248	Wood Simply Worked	12,352,241	13,913,375
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	18,324,841	18,730,783
	642	Articles Of Paper	17,438,445	17,805,378
	821	Furniture And Parts	13,659,486	19,577,809
	893	Articles Of Plastic	19,007,474	19,914,736
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	10,779,536	9,658,974
	058	Fruits Prep.,Preserved	2,430,465	2,596,086
	098	Edible Products	8,185,668	7,487,811
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11,303,113	11,842,803
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	4,714,144	4,316,806
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	277,860,710	243,856,518
	344	Petrol Gases	10,530,127	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	6,128,227	6,767,733
	642	Articles Of Paper	8,855,576	7,441,719
	893	Articles Of Plastic	3,923,080	3,509,063
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	124,807,921	69,719,936
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	464,355	991,541
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,336,489	1,930,807
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	308,576	231,280
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	230,700	225,925
	642	Articles Of Paper	513,408	295,897
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	166,328	220,809
	752	Data Processing Machines	204,549	15,315
	884	Optical Cord	200,250	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	3,098,319	3,348,965
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	3,989,315	4,077,422
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	3,261,726	2,959,999
	752	Data Processing Machines	6,933,899	7,015,664
	761	Television Receivers	3,144,154	2,692,801
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	7,466,486	8,441,563
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	3,219,451	1,134,071
	775	Household Type Equipment	3,492,275	2,856,868
	851	Footwear	3,333,989	3,443,706
	893	Articles Of Plastic	5,081,008	3,922,854
	897	Jewellery	3,133,769	3,544,702
UNITED KINGDOM	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	2,471,278	42,637
	024	Cheese And Curd	3,417,792	4,240,848
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,295,161	2,050,213
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	6,627,703	2,254,275
	098	Edible Products	2,798,973	3,317,039
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	5,406,071	4,041,800
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,300,540	4,829,544

MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,297,716	2,104,180
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	27,735,239	29,946,044
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	1,452,983	1,465,807
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	6,876,147	7,685,219
	792	Aircraft; Spacecraft	1,192,696	179,099
	793	Ships And Boats	1,018,000	111,700
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	3,361,716	1,349,882
	897	Jewellery	2,214,689	2,349,768
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	5,090,362	3,557,642
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	1,216,708	1,415,908
ST. LUCIA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	1,465,830	1,813,956
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	789,482	630,880
	059	Fruit Juices	1,690,379	1,608,626
	091	Margarine And Shortening	2,113,487	1,821,017
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	896,007	974,175
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,091,072	1,499,679
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,460,101	956,756
	661	Lime, Cement	1,017,888	982,119
	691	Structures Etc Iron, Steel	867,996	666,092
	744	Mech. Handling Equipment	3,133,360	-
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,903,173	1,828,117
	091	Margarine And Shortening	6,449,410	6,033,706
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	990,633	2,758,140
	333	Petroleum Crude	22,197,140	18,278,995
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	954,022	235,634
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	3,598,811	3,994,151
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	460,345	448,760
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	2,851,206	3,332,009
	692	Metal Containers	3,232,081	3,031,832
	892	Printed Matter	1,437,604	735,720
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	1,673,729	1,777,415
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,704,046	1,680,560
	059	Fruit Juices	707,386	571,349
	091	Margarine And Shortening	847,245	1,214,422
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,153,729	361,364
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,234,898	1,638,945
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	588,769	596,543
	661	Lime, Cement	19,296,638	16,020,677
	892	Printed Matter	2,013,007	2,088,552
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,371,862	1,149,722
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	625,626	388,972
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	839,893	642,879
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,632,345	2,385,035
	091	Margarine And Shortening	515,282	439,665
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,138,430	1,829,675
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	2,603,587	766,181
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,499,363	4,696,213
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	719,996	830,576
	692	Metal Containers	5,734,907	6,372,562
	892	Printed Matter	4,192,656	4,548,732

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	142,302,299	112,580,570
UNITED STATES	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,373,858	3,853,140
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	5,431,342	1,430,356
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,113,252	23,006,865
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,888,195	7,453,818
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,610,477	5,718,153
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	2,149,681	3,645,394
	845	Articles Of Apparel	1,857,820	4,559,765
	851	Footwear	2,732,843	6,831,528
	885	Watches And Clocks	8,991,892	6,575,624
	897	Jewellery	29,008,104	15,221,458
PANAMA	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	697,835	1,622,566
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	751,609	1,106,494
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	397,700	918,591
	843	Male Clothing Knitted	120,055	407,351
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	86,502	158,681
	845	Articles Of Apparel	276,167	1,624,267
	851	Footwear	457,846	4,992,581
	884	Optical Cord	40,158	113,645
	885	Watches And Clocks	70,102	268,588
	897	Jewellery	57,543	109,040
GRENADA	098	Edible Products	113,321	95,126
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	56,749	57,227
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	277,534	256,982
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,657,557	1,126,219
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	52,705	46,696
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	120,626	168,969
	642	Articles Of Paper	55,591	58,218
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	246,019	109,081
	872	Medical Appliances	132,548	53,620
	897	Jewellery	50,177	40,733
ANTIGUA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	65,818	69,170
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	247,791	181,920
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,894,530	2,577,765
	642	Articles Of Paper	59,122	78,982
	751	Office Machines	81,590	57,660
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	181,808	1,063,825
	872	Medical Appliances	160,213	141,239
	885	Watches And Clocks	63,187	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	86,156	101,450
	897	Jewellery	111,537	62,175

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
JANUARY - AUGUST 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	31,313,709	30,831,847
	098 Edible Products	61,217,975	60,360,388
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	35,381,538	34,361,063
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	481,974,518	376,210,761
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	61,938,671	66,120,154
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	28,178,120	34,101,239
	642 Articles Of Paper	34,079,704	33,329,925
	781 Motor Cars	63,096,333	64,281,965
	782 Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	29,764,704	28,584,771
	893 Articles Of Plastic	44,499,792	42,983,415
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	12,551,475	11,563,984
	091 Margarine And Shortening	13,073,877	12,602,023
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	62,565,401	65,144,833
	333 Petroleum Crude	22,197,140	18,278,995
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	11,315,588	7,405,999
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	22,647,360	23,752,242
	661 Lime, Cement	27,109,255	20,983,199
	813 Light Fixtures,Fittings	13,326,549	2,013,093
	892 Printed Matter	19,669,477	17,350,254
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	20,558,885	27,369,912
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	9,955,682	14,452,580
	122 Tobacco Manufactured	3,872,347	2,394,573
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	142,302,579	112,580,991
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	15,339,411	22,232,170
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,902,909	23,483,339
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	2,835,978	12,377,353
	842 Female Clothing Non Knitted	2,754,098	5,460,561
	851 Footwear	3,317,517	12,930,434
	885 Watches And Clocks	10,377,546	8,093,032
	897 Jewellery	30,536,280	19,099,896