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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of December 2017, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$293.3 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$81.0 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$212.3 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$209.0 million for December 2016.

Imports for December 2017 were \$19.0 million less than imports for December 2016, a decrease of 6.1%. Total exports decreased by \$22.3 million or 21.6% of the December 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$0.9 million or 2.6% over December 2016, while the value of re-exports decreased by \$21.3 million or 31.9% over the corresponding period 2016.

For the period January – December 2017, the value of imports to Barbados was \$3.2 billion, whilst the value of total exports was \$970.8 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$2.22 billion as compared to a similar deficit of \$2.21 billion for January – December, 2016.

Imports for January – December 2017, were 47.0 million less than imports for the same period 2016, a decrease of 1.4%. Total exports showed a decrease of some 62.9 million or 6.1% over the January - December 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by 14.2 million or 2.7% over January - December 2016. The value of re-exports decreased by 48.7 million or 9.5% over the corresponding period 2016.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of December 2017, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$76.4 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$25.4 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$51.0 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$31.6 million for December 2016.

Total CARICOM imports for December 2017 were \$20.9 million more than CARICOM imports for December 2016, an increase of 37.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for December 2016 were \$1.5 million more than total exports for December 2016, an increase of 6.4%. Domestic exports increased by \$3.5 million or 21.5% over December 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by some \$2.0 million, or 26.8%, over the December 2016 figure.

For the period January – December 2017, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$642.3 million, whilst total exports were \$323.4 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$318.9 million as compared with a deficit of \$265.5 million for the same period of 2016.

During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$57.1 million more than those over the same period in 2016, an increase of 9.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – December 2017 were \$3.7 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2016, an increase of 1.1%. Domestic exports increased by approximately \$6.0 million or 2.3% over the same period 2016. The value of re-exports decreased by \$2.4 million or 3.8% over the January – December 2016 figure.

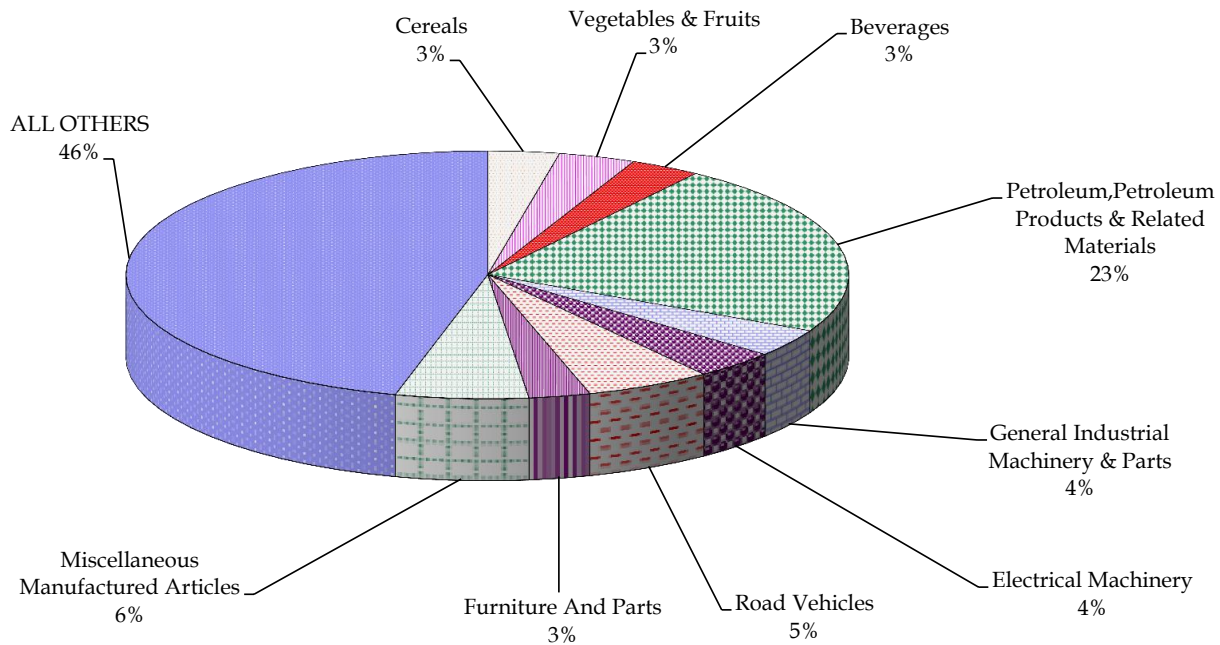
VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

TABLE 1

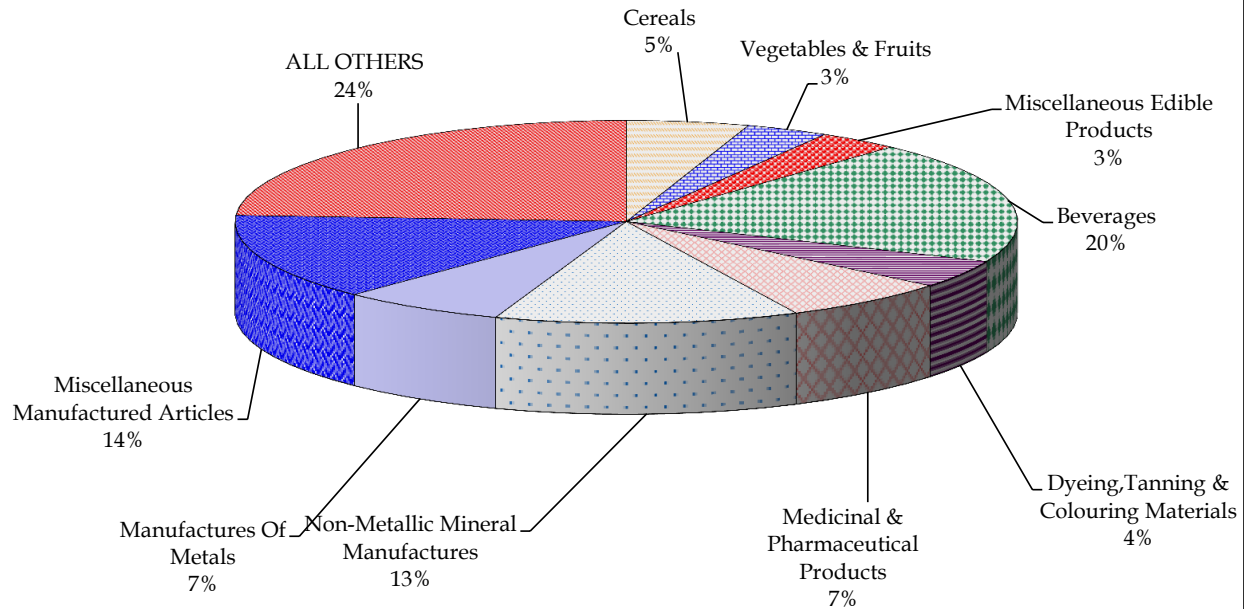
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	47,231,407	52,718,284	5,417,564	5,096,357	872,314	341,669	6,289,878	5,438,026
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	10,554,308	10,924,388	6,956,503	7,559,789	2,232,197	2,841,435	9,188,700	10,401,224
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	8,693,616	8,390,880	344,123	268,410	3,736	243,703	347,859	512,113
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	69,241,725	56,077,384	120,006	234,000	25,660,451	20,668,716	25,780,457	20,902,716
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	903,482	1,280,071	515,325	170,894	875	527	516,200	171,421
5 CHEMICALS	24,945,127	29,415,853	5,595,522	5,912,320	5,360,102	8,975,476	10,955,624	14,887,796
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	33,857,885	33,957,925	8,029,593	4,616,152	1,944,397	3,889,179	9,973,990	8,505,331
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	55,859,398	75,371,318	1,807,309	1,889,216	669,294	589,084	2,476,603	2,478,300
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	41,356,975	43,272,820	6,059,397	9,952,895	8,788,186	29,303,022	14,847,583	39,255,917
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	690,270	904,897	648,168	732,772	2,891	10,700	651,059	743,472
TOTAL*	293,334,193	312,313,820	35,493,510	36,432,805	45,534,443	66,863,511	81,027,953	103,296,316

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Principal Imports - December 2017



Principal Domestic Exports - December 2017

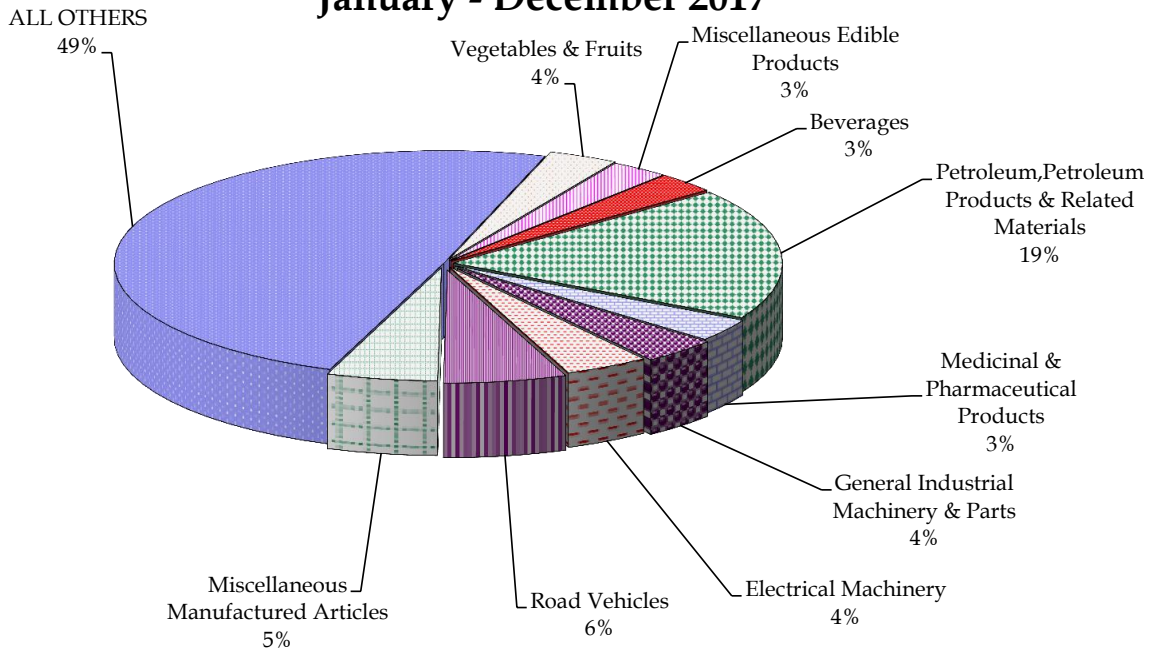


**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 2

(BDS \$)								
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	558,124,940	539,435,006	83,074,682	74,030,399	7,592,629	1,861,782	90,667,311	75,892,181
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	103,701,758	105,878,602	99,160,076	98,495,394	23,204,404	11,164,284	122,364,480	109,659,678
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	64,658,129	68,569,264	5,922,382	6,264,173	431,629	480,309	6,354,011	6,744,482
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	626,192,708	502,933,340	26,506,792	18,498,293	189,285,928	135,839,078	215,792,720	154,337,371
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	17,656,801	17,477,870	4,138,587	3,710,194	56,723	95,346	4,195,310	3,805,540
5 CHEMICALS	331,072,650	346,232,058	72,695,210	91,734,097	71,974,409	51,791,955	144,669,619	143,526,052
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	379,908,331	383,976,140	74,910,446	72,033,572	16,070,603	19,024,673	90,981,049	91,058,245
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	685,882,801	723,266,536	43,533,624	40,362,604	15,771,273	19,777,183	59,304,897	60,139,787
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	422,486,256	546,955,004	92,284,557	110,310,445	136,506,612	269,490,736	228,791,169	379,801,181
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	10,642,269	12,596,419	7,612,071	8,647,440	50,309	85,334	7,662,380	8,732,774
TOTAL*	3,200,326,643	3,247,320,239	509,838,427	524,086,611	460,944,519	509,610,680	970,782,946	1,033,697,291

Principal Imports January - December 2017



Principal Domestic Exports January - December 2017

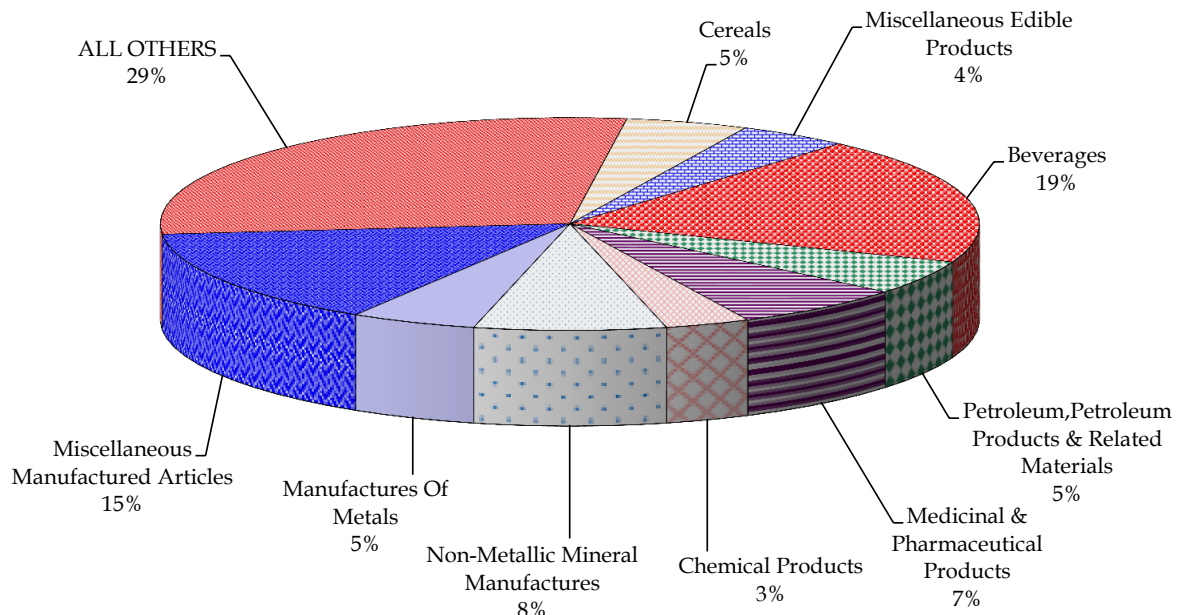


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	10,890,527	11,720,107	923,961	1,605,029	814,663	215,930	1,738,624	1,820,959
CANADA	4,780,430	5,285,954	1,797,424	883,792	5,727	5,626	1,803,151	889,418
UNITED STATES	101,279,668	117,528,545	5,783,540	6,238,704	8,972,100	34,224,318	14,755,640	40,463,022
CARICOM *	76,448,968	55,528,115	19,993,798	16,454,064	5,500,213	7,511,810	25,494,011	23,965,874
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,153,592	2,959,003	9,463,278	7,547,318	3,893,383	3,358,231	13,356,661	10,905,549
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	6,153,222	8,651	1,276,250	533,458	411,812	374,605	1,688,062	908,063
PUERTO RICO	6,887,863	13,425,223	64,836	21,784	-	-	64,836	21,784
VENEZUELA	108	518	2,557	47	-	51	2,557	98
JAPAN	9,172,131	6,958,783	-	20	-	-	-	20
GERMANY	4,104,652	8,755,594	10,338	527,971	8,728	-	19,066	527,971
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	73,615,678	93,090,362	5,640,806	10,167,936	4,161,012	3,862,551	9,801,818	14,030,487
STORES/BUNKERS *	946	11,968	-	-	25,660,188	20,668,620	25,660,188	20,668,620
TOTAL *	293,334,193	312,313,820	35,493,510	36,432,805	45,534,443	66,863,511	81,027,953	103,296,316

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**MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	2,260,921	2,109,335
	098	Edible Products	3,360,057	4,132,872
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	4,616,666	4,234,355
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	1,975,690	2,926,558
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,979,718	2,554,745
	744	Mech. Handling Equipment	2,063,495	334,586
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	2,146,571	1,801,169
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,185,564	2,420,002
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,241,665	2,544,854
	897	Jewellery	2,654,999	2,870,323
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,372,498	1,533,823
	098	Edible Products	765,114	1,343,342
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,776,570	2,765,442
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	445,610	257,885
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	657,784	510,983
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	52,740,517	30,096,498
	344	Petrol Gases	2,076,506	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	733,186	758,073
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,464,670	1,023,871
	893	Articles Of Plastic	912,614	537,478
CHINA, PEO.REP.	684	Aluminium	473,082	349,375
	752	Data Processing Machines	639,400	787,714
	761	Television Receivers	544,568	453,049
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	2,072,057	2,605,773
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	1,265,755	322,445
	776	Valves Tubes Diodes	645,075	126,413
	821	Furniture And Parts	1,167,208	373,818
	851	Footwear	887,876	1,157,105
	893	Articles Of Plastic	670,361	526,143
	897	Jewellery	1,623,039	1,295,786
UNITED KINGDOM	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	492,223	56,266
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	729,287	283,504
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	403,364	56,419
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	613,731	1,132,629
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	353,906	725,754
	666	Pottery	339,006	179,640
	692	Metal Containers	298,861	-
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	435,870	2,559
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	839,163	77,746
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	308,299	53,480
JAPAN	713	Internal Combustion Engines	69,166	113,085
	744	Mech. Handling Equipment	88,541	55,386
	746	Ball Or Roller Bearings	119,890	39,621
	751	Office Machines	145,222	6,078
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	94,779	161,769
	781	Motor Cars	6,227,780	3,728,097
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	648,842	929,461
	783	Road Motor Vehicles	581,010	226,404
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	469,727	517,594
	885	Watches And Clocks	167,668	342,060

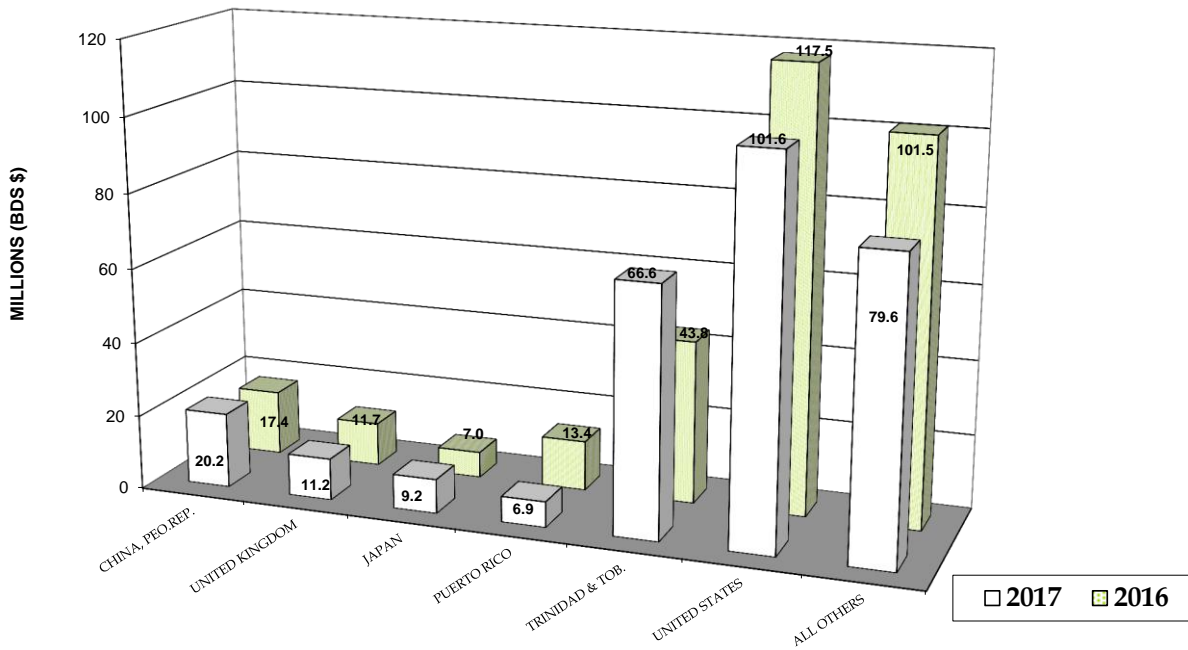
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	194,256	271,229
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,408,025	3,983,918
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	139,040	194,041
	692	Metal Containers	137,840	-
	759	Office Machine Parts	69,461	28,473
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	185,226	7,113
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	554,640	554,087
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	305,398	292
	881	Photographic Apparatus	157,300	2,400
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	182,588	131,954
GUYANA	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	303,700	-
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	121,690	326,460
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	108,409	-
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	242,474	77,858
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	59,781	1,110
	642	Articles Of Paper	53,829	12,061
	661	Lime, Cement	3,316,277	1,742,743
	892	Printed Matter	173,617	206,938
	893	Articles Of Plastic	226,471	123,338
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	128,450	124,750
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	195,211	72,830
	059	Fruit Juices	88,710	78,995
	091	Margarine And Shortening	372,042	675,857
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	137,403	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	922,542	540,494
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	162,135	113,402
	642	Articles Of Paper	89,714	30,277
	692	Metal Containers	380,960	80,086
	781	Motor Cars	84,000	-
	892	Printed Matter	129,887	110,911
JAMAICA	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	111,814	111,784
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	217,670	209,630
	091	Margarine And Shortening	23,540	-
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	65,248	80,800
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	309,539	47,160
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	142,985	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	18,796	24,810
	692	Metal Containers	365,911	395,326
	892	Printed Matter	882,578	471,433
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	36,500	50,500
ST. LUCIA	017	Meat Prepared	140,219	-
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	136,250	287,675
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	95,826	48,955
	059	Fruit Juices	202,066	208,461
	091	Margarine And Shortening	347,102	120,811
	335	Residual Petroleum Products	79,302	234,000
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	202,120	65,598
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	192,787	173,741
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	119,345	3,449
	892	Printed Matter	144,901	142,239

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	25,660,188	20,668,620
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	608,630	273,553
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	191,338	-
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	304,201	141,203
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	623,162	182,351
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	1,745,268	4,044,974
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	346,252	1,361,632
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	227,640	1,950,437
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	247,577	1,371,820
	885	Watches And Clocks	347,158	5,587,935
UNITED STATES	897	Jewellery	3,219,134	10,456,422
	695	Hand Or Machine Tools	1,455,206	-
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	790,594	1,977,099
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	4,305	27,711
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	469,243	367,188
	574	Polyacetate Expoxide Primary	49,322	-
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	10,900	40,171
	872	Medical Appliances	6,460	3,382
	523	Metallic Salts	10,999	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	60,208	23,094
JAMAICA	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	57,485	42,119
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	656,048	344,232
	629	Articles Of Rubber	10,671	-
	872	Medical Appliances	46,083	16,647
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	16,323	17,602
	885	Watches And Clocks	48,219	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	11,405	17,103
	897	Jewellery	96,713	-
	523	Metallic Salts	10,999	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	60,208	23,094
ANTIGUA	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	57,485	42,119
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	656,048	344,232
	629	Articles Of Rubber	10,671	-
	872	Medical Appliances	46,083	16,647
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	16,323	17,602
	885	Watches And Clocks	48,219	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	11,405	17,103
	897	Jewellery	96,713	-
	523	Metallic Salts	10,999	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	60,208	23,094

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

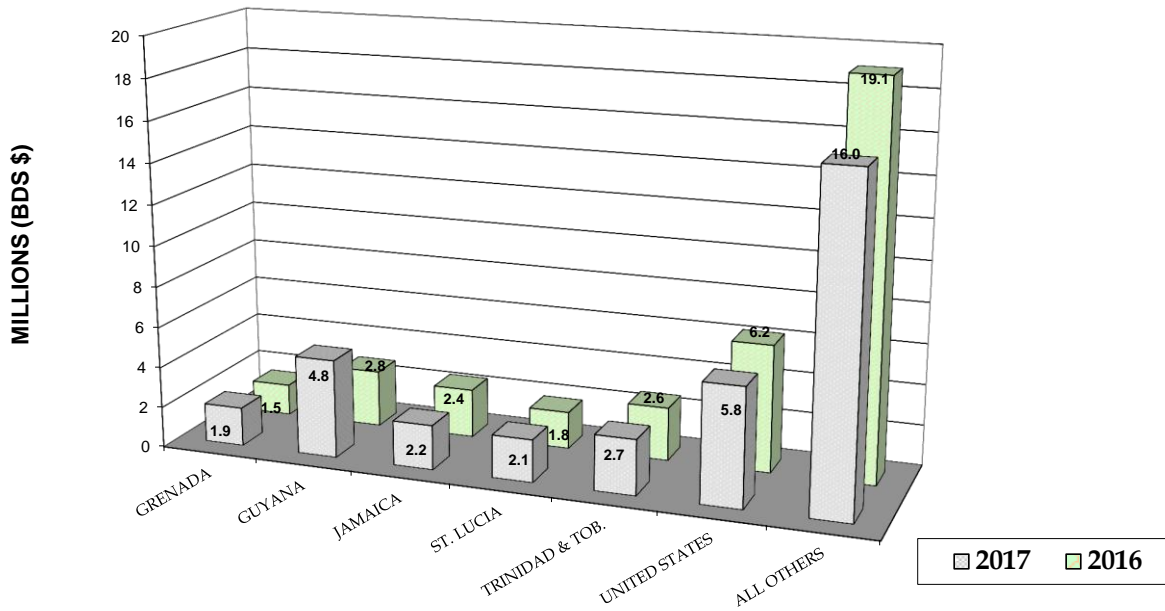


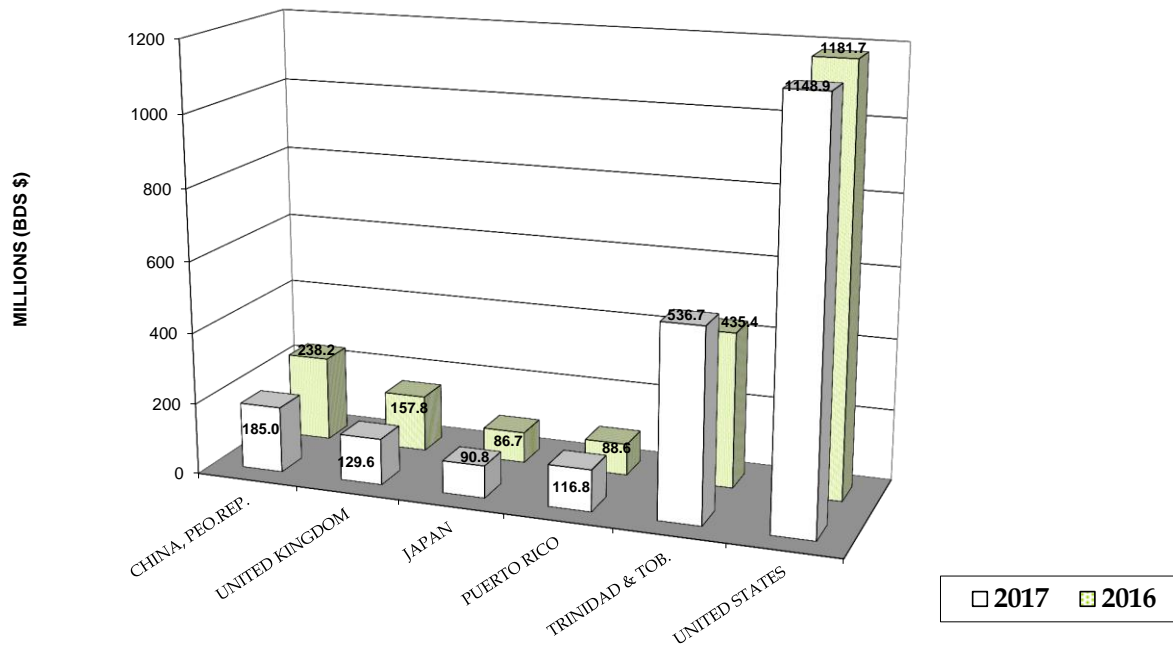
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JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

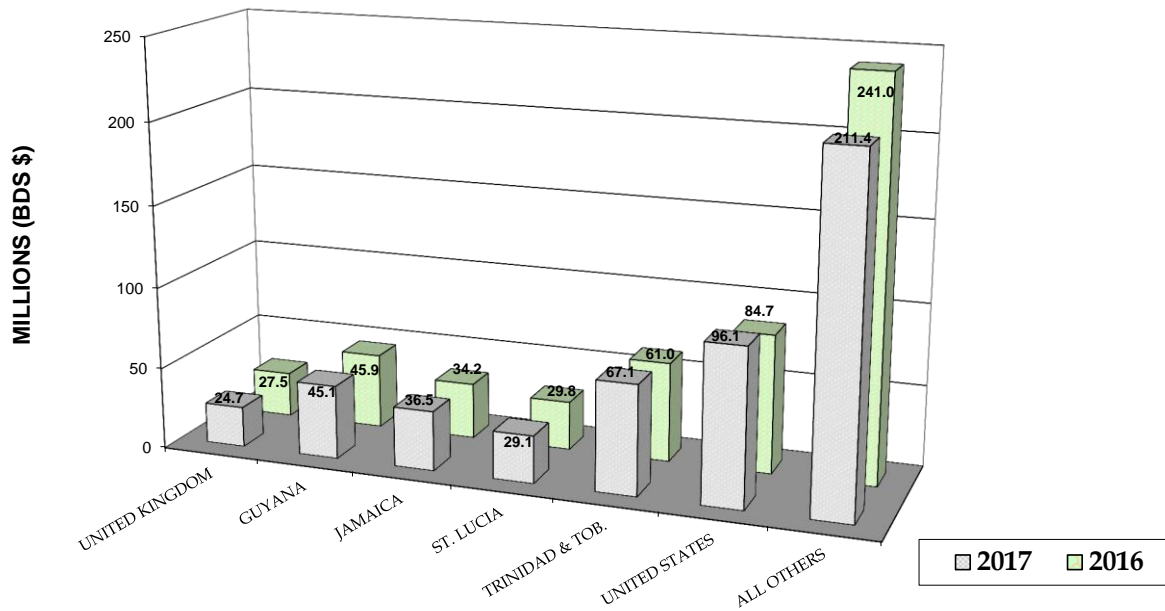
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			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	128,910,253	157,781,773	24,708,856	27,524,685	7,114,334	4,945,030	31,823,190	32,469,715
CANADA	76,069,389	73,451,772	17,065,726	17,655,521	239,824	594,310	17,305,550	18,249,831
UNITED STATES	1,148,190,896	1,181,747,359	96,062,297	84,689,501	150,027,284	264,748,249	246,089,581	349,437,750
CARICOM *	642,363,599	585,305,905	263,120,012	257,096,236	60,371,685	62,735,392	323,491,697	319,831,628
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	31,453,825	77,152,850	101,689,372	104,932,085	30,899,907	33,735,915	132,589,279	138,668,000
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	66,644,537	472,531	19,376,244	16,241,288	6,271,961	5,222,181	25,648,205	21,463,469
PUERTO RICO	116,840,101	88,596,932	780,620	856,886	593,857	183,490	1,374,477	1,040,376
VENEZUELA	55,285	39,111	406,266	292,643	673	36,481	406,939	329,124
JAPAN	90,715,417	86,716,272	107,576	66,197	11,950	64,186	119,526	130,383
GERMANY	43,421,744	66,815,835	2,826,536	4,105,249	123,226	89,593	2,949,762	4,194,842
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	887,084,893	1,006,294,719	85,384,092	115,558,405	46,915,035	35,160,470	132,299,127	150,718,875
STORES/BUNKERS *	30,529	97,554	-	-	189,274,690	135,831,298	189,274,690	135,831,298
TOTAL *	3,200,326,643	3,247,319,763	509,838,225	524,086,611	460,944,519	509,610,680	970,782,744	1,033,697,291

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MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 5

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S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	10,234,616	11,300,575	4,810,393	4,172,534	80,240	30,922	4,890,633	4,203,456
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	4,419,514	5,529,187	634,735	1,055,620	857,291	2,297,963	1,492,026	3,353,583
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	328,570	991,861	15,126	46,142	1,825	300	16,951	46,442
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	54,817,571	30,497,316	120,006	234,000	-	-	120,006	234,000
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	17,552	8,708	513,337	169,694	-	40	513,337	169,734
5 CHEMICALS	1,858,555	1,890,570	4,204,611	3,938,277	3,189,960	4,016,860	7,394,571	7,955,137
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	2,493,967	2,508,125	6,081,229	3,646,441	328,245	235,940	6,409,474	3,882,381
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	268,326	948,209	418,894	275,178	74,659	217,597	493,553	492,775
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,998,026	1,802,574	2,848,507	2,609,958	967,291	701,488	3,815,798	3,311,446
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	12,271	50,990	346,960	306,220	702	10,700	347,662	316,920
TOTAL *	76,448,968	55,528,115	19,993,798	16,454,064	5,500,213	7,511,810	25,494,011	23,965,874

**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 6

(BDS \$)

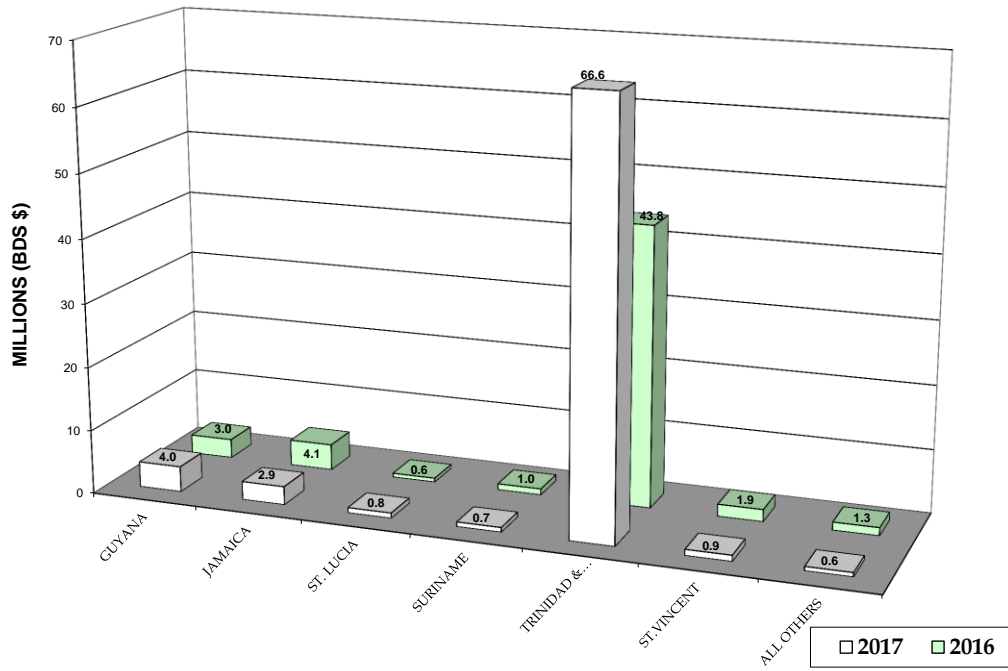
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	108,483,733	102,759,037	60,320,562	57,558,345	941,458	1,099,565	61,262,020	58,657,910
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	42,648,263	43,579,434	14,128,962	8,815,375	14,836,710	4,438,289	28,965,672	13,253,664
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	5,749,775	6,864,645	841,033	878,326	76,579	20,091	917,612	898,417
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	410,820,047	354,189,186	26,505,729	18,493,216	8,353	6,923	26,514,082	18,500,139
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	293,420	166,283	4,124,188	3,659,559	4,591	93,627	4,128,779	3,753,186
5 CHEMICALS	23,082,160	22,884,445	57,166,667	58,209,589	32,024,734	32,820,302	89,191,401	91,029,891
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	28,432,453	28,791,449	60,115,088	63,683,719	3,147,333	5,465,714	63,262,421	69,149,433
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2,984,693	6,134,437	5,796,117	10,596,993	2,731,464	12,910,418	8,527,581	23,507,411
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	19,427,364	19,295,967	32,140,140	33,555,919	6,599,215	5,852,473	38,739,355	39,408,392
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	441,691	641,022	1,981,526	1,645,195	1,248	27,990	1,982,774	1,673,185
TOTAL *	642,363,599	585,305,905	263,120,012	257,096,236	60,371,685	62,735,392	323,491,697	319,831,628

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	(BDS \$)							
	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
ANTIGUA	30,037	49,774	1,804,894	1,287,978	1,060,459	711,909	2,865,353	1,999,887
BELIZE	122,295	770,151	158,869	284,495	27,876	-	186,745	284,495
DOMINICA	120,559	45,266	1,174,956	512,628	164,409	148,836	1,339,365	661,464
GRENADA	213,680	341,285	1,896,934	1,532,309	737,006	769,875	2,633,940	2,302,184
GUYANA	3,995,835	2,983,323	4,824,299	2,779,010	5,924	10,242	4,830,223	2,789,252
HAITI	33	33,255	287,286	5,000	-	-	287,286	5,000
JAMAICA	2,857,267	4,075,539	2,187,581	2,387,169	1,330,824	2,446,710	3,518,405	4,833,879
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	40,661	13,251	795,301	1,028,986	291,296	421,042	1,086,597	1,450,028
ST. LUCIA	809,252	614,742	2,090,550	1,820,678	815,232	754,163	2,905,782	2,574,841
MONSTERRAT	70	-	26,635	70,273	8,545	2,997	35,180	73,270
SURINAME	720,798	951,252	360,314	836,168	-	-	360,314	836,168
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	66,599,148	43,755,592	2,712,171	2,614,904	242,206	1,696,627	2,954,377	4,311,531
ST. VINCENT	939,333	1,894,685	1,674,008	1,294,466	816,436	549,409	2,490,444	1,843,875
CARICOM TOTAL *	76,448,968	55,528,115	19,993,798	16,454,064	5,500,213	7,511,810	25,494,011	23,965,874
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,153,592	2,959,003	9,463,278	7,547,318	3,893,383	3,358,231	13,356,661	10,905,549

CARICOM IMPORTS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

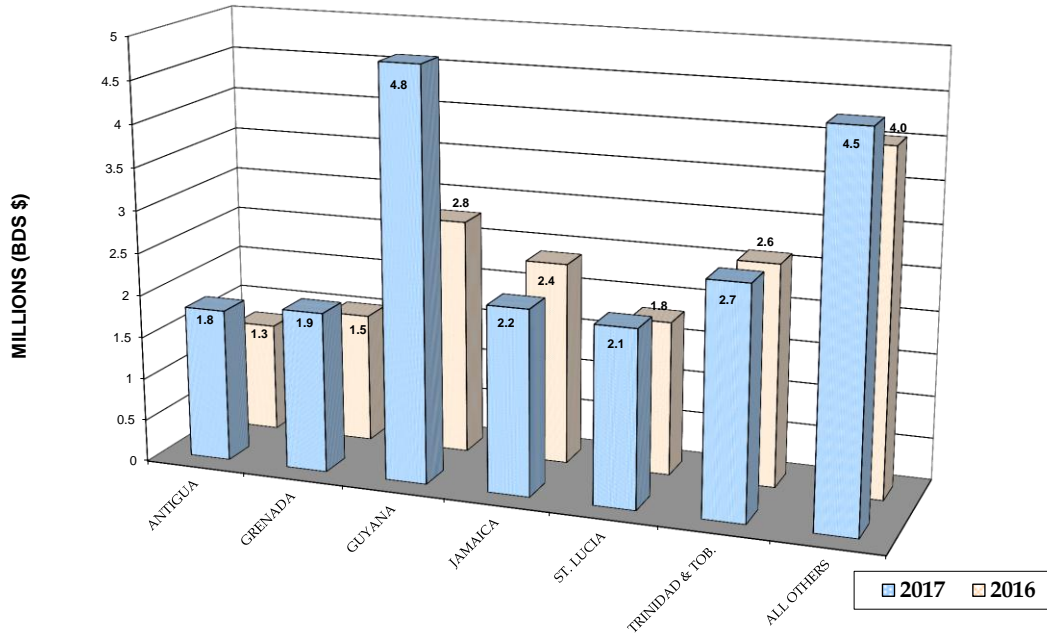


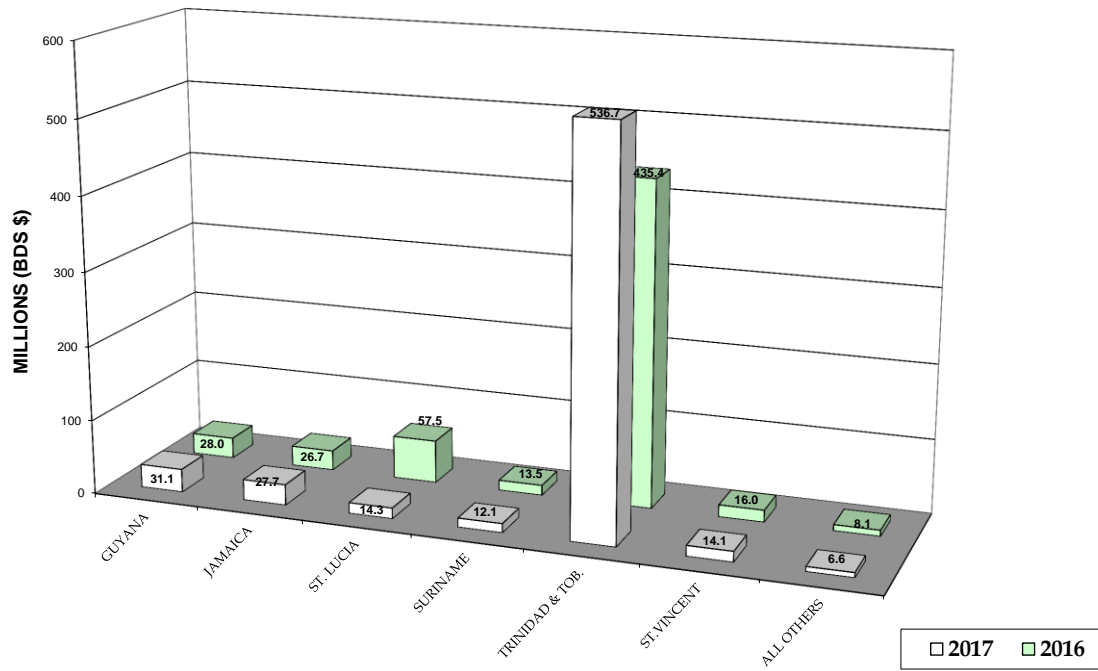
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**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

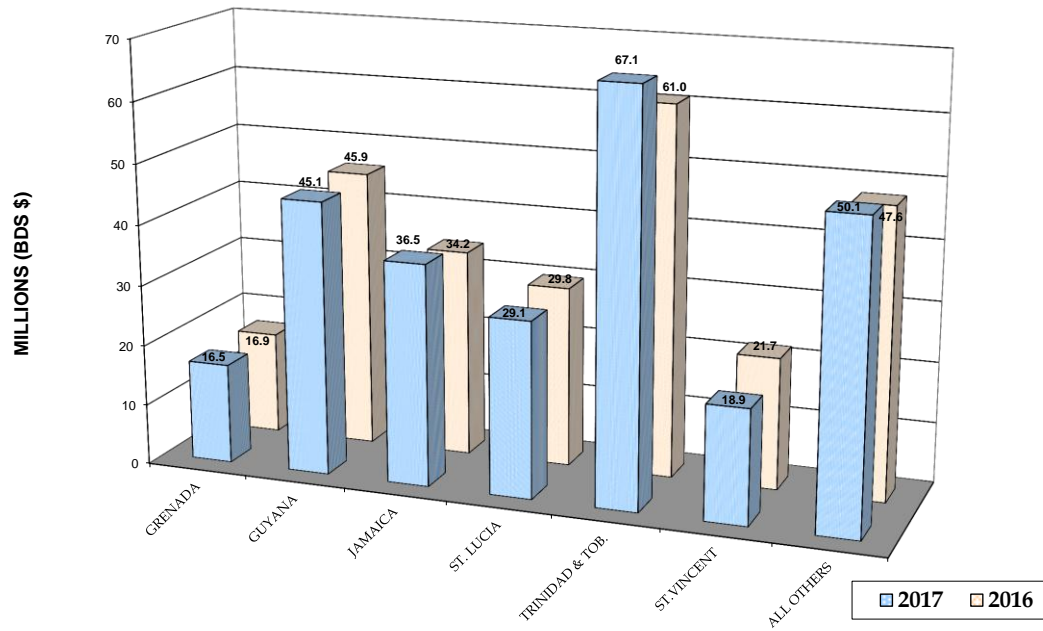
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
ANTIGUA	404,105	518,473	16,143,490	16,607,852	7,841,575	9,405,512	23,985,065	26,013,364
BELIZE	3,197,571	4,334,069	3,388,546	3,115,870	132,947	108,570	3,521,493	3,224,440
DOMINICA	295,537	792,402	6,901,612	6,793,073	2,094,221	2,240,471	8,995,833	9,033,544
GRENADA	1,757,142	2,136,540	16,506,769	16,884,904	4,420,477	4,249,928	20,927,246	21,134,832
GUYANA	31,124,167	27,977,262	45,054,683	45,881,327	2,805,419	632,400	47,860,102	46,513,727
HAITI	108,407	158,473	866,728	473,483	174,884	262,985	1,041,612	736,468
JAMAICA	27,708,261	26,712,926	36,516,698	34,213,660	20,356,675	8,975,932	56,873,373	43,189,592
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	629,833	155,427	13,451,559	12,364,882	2,748,241	3,071,585	16,199,800	15,436,467
ST. LUCIA	14,268,884	57,529,044	29,055,058	29,803,487	7,357,001	8,947,383	36,412,059	38,750,870
MONSTERRAT	23,415	2,689	778,615	747,490	124,246	87,831	902,861	835,321
SURINAME	12,098,966	13,520,462	8,531,596	7,527,358	36,575	80,488	8,568,171	7,607,846
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	536,672,402	435,449,863	67,072,389	60,952,453	5,965,278	18,939,102	73,037,667	79,891,555
ST. VINCENT	14,074,909	16,018,275	18,852,269	21,730,397	6,314,146	5,733,205	25,166,415	27,463,602
CARICOM TOTAL *	642,363,599	585,305,905	263,120,012	257,096,236	60,371,685	62,735,392	323,491,697	319,831,628
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	31,453,825	77,152,850	101,689,372	104,932,085	30,899,907	33,735,915	132,589,279	138,668,000

CARICOM IMPORTS
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



**PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2017	2016
IMPORTS	098 Edible Products	6,918,665	8,763,061
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	5,575,055	4,643,764
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	66,566,433	54,688,574
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,379,892	9,023,613
	642 Articles Of Paper	5,539,757	4,521,497
	764 Telecommunication Equipment	5,115,897	4,934,200
	781 Motor Cars	7,497,571	9,599,529
	821 Furniture And Parts	8,056,189	4,209,546
	893 Articles Of Plastic	5,551,043	5,996,004
	897 Jewellery	6,156,039	7,568,409
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,293,435	993,134
	059 Fruit Juices	1,161,485	1,037,139
	091 Margarine And Shortening	1,111,791	1,142,649
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	6,834,168	7,260,252
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	1,580,200	1,194,760
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,474,313	3,305,958
	591 Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,093,849	907,566
	661 Lime, Cement	3,768,985	2,339,991
	892 Printed Matter	2,303,553	2,158,379
RE-EXPORTS	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,892,693	5,130,664
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	1,294,973	2,324,712
	122 Tobacco Manufactured	729,602	516,723
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	25,660,188	20,668,620
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,981,878	3,981,869
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	1,816,027	4,136,798
	695 Hand Or Machine Tools	1,459,745	3,149
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	836,397	2,446,204
	851 Footwear	839,910	2,476,780
	885 Watches And Clocks	1,080,494	5,727,296
	897 Jewellery	4,191,190	10,883,171

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	138,584	0.4
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	1,111,791	3.1	1,142,649	3.1
RUM	112.441/449	6,011,269	16.9	5,769,584	15.8
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	1,580,200	4.5	1,194,760	3.3
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,474,982	7.0	3,312,745	9.1
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	8,638	0.0	27,535	0.1
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	1,093,849	3.1	907,566	2.5
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	353,000	1.0	346,873	1.0
CEMENT	661.222	3,765,096	10.6	2,305,590	6.3
METAL CONTAINERS	692	934,573	2.6	510,606	1.4
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	134,295	0.4	129,421	0.4
CLOTHING	841-848	37,040	0.1	4,021	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		17,504,733	49.3	15,789,934	43.3
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	783,244	2.2	815,177	2.2
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		17,205,533	48.5	19,827,694	54.4
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		35,493,510	100.0	36,432,805	100.0

*NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed
circuits for motor vehicles*

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 10

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		JANUARY - DECEMBER			
		<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	13,536,444	2.7	7,081,914	1.4
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	19,700,311	3.9	18,453,983	3.5
RUM	112.441/449	83,940,165	16.5	77,569,287	14.8
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	15,666,553	3.1	15,138,081	2.9
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	34,749,835	6.8	52,564,757	10.0
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	152,539	0.0	238,091	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	16,742,324	3.3	19,748,341	3.8
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	4,368,537	0.9	4,163,642	0.8
CEMENT	661.222	32,396,143	6.4	36,845,590	7.0
METAL CONTAINERS	692	14,345,080	2.8	12,905,310	2.5
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	528,867	0.1	561,053	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	222,288	0.0	293,184	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		236,349,086	46.4	245,563,233	46.9
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	15,051,212	3.0	14,159,538	2.7
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		258,438,129	50.7	264,363,840	50.4
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		509,838,427	100.0	524,086,611	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	22,325,922	21,260,548
	098	Edible Products	45,711,998	46,266,210
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	22,274,719	25,273,096
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	27,101,184	31,013,112
	642	Articles Of Paper	27,033,186	24,874,320
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	22,384,354	28,122,497
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	25,799,941	14,018,657
	821	Furniture And Parts	38,357,919	25,747,222
	893	Articles Of Plastic	29,772,610	31,885,760
	897	Jewellery	22,578,955	55,190,648
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	15,048,566	13,506,463
	098	Edible Products	11,175,535	11,037,636
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18,945,446	21,257,358
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	6,575,442	5,583,980
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	390,973,031	291,994,488
	342	Liquified Propane, Butane	7,089,183	9,124,328
	344	Petrol Gases	5,893,794	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	9,788,843	9,764,409
	642	Articles Of Paper	11,355,660	13,779,767
	893	Articles Of Plastic	5,610,076	6,020,526
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	5,695,197	5,376,695
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	5,053,775	5,639,849
	752	Data Processing Machines	10,952,953	10,279,835
	761	Television Receivers	5,364,712	5,999,458
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	21,253,740	18,009,178
	821	Furniture And Parts	8,459,280	5,476,311
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	5,612,860	5,901,631
	851	Footwear	5,863,501	8,257,802
	893	Articles Of Plastic	6,607,943	6,415,336
	897	Jewellery	6,489,879	54,503,772
UNITED KINGDOM	024	Cheese And Curd	5,840,895	4,323,601
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	4,544,317	6,930,198
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	4,393,912	3,026,091
	098	Edible Products	4,762,086	4,519,781
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	7,981,344	7,851,542
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,625,244	7,549,024
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	3,629,837	4,610,429
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	3,920,294	3,711,050
	821	Furniture And Parts	3,209,874	2,695,184
	892	Printed Matter	5,291,641	7,394,553
JAPAN	629	Articles Of Rubber	813,877	925,783
	713	Internal Combustion Engines	1,070,746	1,151,990
	751	Office Machines	740,800	948,117
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	1,342,642	1,294,870
	781	Motor Cars	53,468,514	43,625,984
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	9,614,898	11,818,297
	783	Road Motor Vehicles	4,710,649	4,230,155
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	6,401,483	6,316,077
	882	Photographic Supplies	1,372,833	1,340,018
	885	Watches And Clocks	1,484,795	4,160,991

MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,233,644	3,896,073
	061	Sugar, Molasses, Honey	6,363,149	5,693
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	42,554,444	40,683,499
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	1,991,346	1,742,214
	714	Engines And Motors Non-Electric	4,030,000	40,000
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	10,697,209	9,768,084
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	3,249,337	237,307
	897	Jewellery	2,411,236	1,960,830
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	5,320,057	4,360,598
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	2,252,918	1,523,582
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	2,598,274	2,639,934
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,365,012	1,972,760
	059	Fruit Juices	923,141	806,255
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,527,253	1,274,393
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,625,235	2,470,256
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	979,121	610,612
	642	Articles Of Paper	972,742	879,976
	661	Lime, Cement	23,601,976	25,313,157
	892	Printed Matter	3,111,127	2,578,097
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,870,783	1,783,493
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,806,843	2,749,154
	091	Margarine And Shortening	9,718,901	8,643,821
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,321,131	1,501,470
	333	Petroleum Crude	25,630,457	17,741,464
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	784,959	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,028,050	5,467,607
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	879,157	885,870
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	5,671,761	6,971,250
	692	Metal Containers	4,941,026	4,119,134
	892	Printed Matter	1,448,447	1,884,238
JAMAICA	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	1,020,182	1,115,777
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,757,285	4,139,715
	091	Margarine And Shortening	672,717	880,222
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	718,150	742,154
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,470,040	418,916
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	1,051,428	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,776,365	6,629,121
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,379,635	1,692,361
	692	Metal Containers	8,475,529	8,310,043
	892	Printed Matter	6,807,194	6,520,021
ST. LUCIA	017	Meat Prepared	1,066,049	949,929
	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	2,580,671	3,024,359
	059	Fruit Juices	2,351,733	2,464,638
	091	Margarine And Shortening	2,875,590	2,669,874
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	1,551,439	1,856,206
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,891,187	2,480,030
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,522,282	1,405,606
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,184,928	1,591,153
	661	Lime, Cement	1,480,267	2,696,366
	892	Printed Matter	1,151,908	1,290,132

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	189,274,690	135,831,298
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	5,405,107	602,764
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	2,436,783	2,453,221
UNITED STATES	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	31,724,472	9,045,257
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	8,851,462	4,198,089
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	6,542,131	4,684,494
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	4,461,101	3,978,211
	845	Articles Of Apparel	6,043,646	3,694,990
	851	Footwear	8,841,316	8,771,711
	885	Watches And Clocks	16,224,084	32,048,816
	897	Jewellery	34,010,349	168,841,389
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	876	1,424
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	11,518	-
SWEDEN	695	Hand Or Machine Tools	1,999,969	679,209
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	210,018	-
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	12,160,413	2,990,708
JAMAICA	512	Alcohols, Phenols	168,960	36,540
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	5,759,139	5,061,772
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	677,996	41,462
	635	Wood Manufactures	241,815	100
	726	Printing, Binding Machinery	172,600	-
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	146,742	529
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	131,370	141,938
	851	Footwear	84,717	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	191,147	201,966
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	279,685	272,546
ANTIGUA	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,482,908	3,634,892
	642	Articles Of Paper	82,313	85,677
	657	Special Yarns, Textile Fabrics	116,499	-
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	179,970	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	1,068,014	790,911
	872	Medical Appliances	207,648	243,998
	893	Articles Of Plastic	156,864	156,156
	897	Jewellery	495,507	23

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
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	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
IMPORTS	098	Edible Products	89,430,529	91,378,434
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	54,831,023	53,488,625
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	597,818,789	479,780,725
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	92,959,640	114,159,346
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	49,960,247	43,665,526
	642	Articles Of Paper	51,383,562	53,398,119
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	51,190,236	64,972,012
	781	Motor Cars	105,652,298	103,417,815
	821	Furniture And Parts	64,905,936	47,616,936
	893	Articles Of Plastic	65,855,563	66,938,084
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	17,729,528	17,898,357
	091	Margarine And Shortening	19,700,311	18,453,983
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	97,171,061	96,321,155
	333	Petroleum Crude	25,630,457	17,741,464
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	15,666,553	15,138,081
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	34,710,259	52,385,482
	591	Disinfectants, Insecticides	16,742,324	19,748,341
	661	Lime, Cement	32,469,431	36,969,177
	892	Printed Matter	25,962,122	27,252,517
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	38,918,558	54,210,277
RE-EXPORTS	112	Alcoholic Beverages	18,295,281	7,955,359
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	189,277,286	135,835,308
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	33,659,910	36,461,750
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	33,083,583	9,674,763
	831	Travel Goods, Handbags	18,248,766	10,840,565
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	8,596,891	6,794,105
	845	Articles Of Apparel	8,386,109	5,328,635
	851	Footwear	16,531,533	13,434,901
	885	Watches And Clocks	18,636,534	35,279,943
	897	Jewellery	40,169,975	173,176,393