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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of December 2018, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$272.5 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$74.7 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$197.8 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$212.3 for December 2017.

Imports for December 2018 were \$20.8 million less than imports for December 2017, a decrease of 7.1%. Total exports decreased by \$6.3 million or 7.8% of the December 2017 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$1.4 million or 4.0% over December 2017, while the value of re-exports decreased by \$7.7 million or 17.0% over the corresponding period 2017.

For the period January – December 2018, the value of imports to Barbados was \$3.1 billion, whilst the value of total exports was \$915.4 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$2.27 billion as compared to a similar deficit of \$2.23 billion for January – December 2017.

Imports for January – December 2018 were \$12.8 million less than imports for the same period 2017, a decrease of 0.4%. Total exports showed a decrease of some \$55.3 million or 5.7% over the January - December 2017 figure. Domestic exports increased by \$0.8 million or 0.2% over January – December 2018. The value of re-exports decreased by \$56.2 million or 12.2% over the corresponding period 2017.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of December 2018, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$64.9 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$24.4 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$40.5 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$51.0 million for December 2017.

Total CARICOM imports for December 2018 were \$11.5 million less than CARICOM imports for December 2017, a decrease of 15.0%. Total exports to CARICOM for December 2018 were \$1.0 million less than total exports for December 2017, a decrease of 4.0%. Domestic exports increased by \$1.0 million or 5.1% over December 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by some \$2.0 million, or 37.0%, over the December 2017 figure.

For the period January – December 2018, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$660.3 million, whilst total exports were \$338.8 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$321.5 million as compared with a deficit of \$318.9 million for the same period of 2017.

During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$18.0 million more than those over the same period in 2017, an increase of 2.8%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – December 2018 were \$15.4 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2017, an increase of 4.8%. Domestic exports increased by approximately \$32.7 million or 12.4% over the same period 2017. The value of re-exports decreased by \$17.3 million or 28.7% over the January – December 2017 figure.

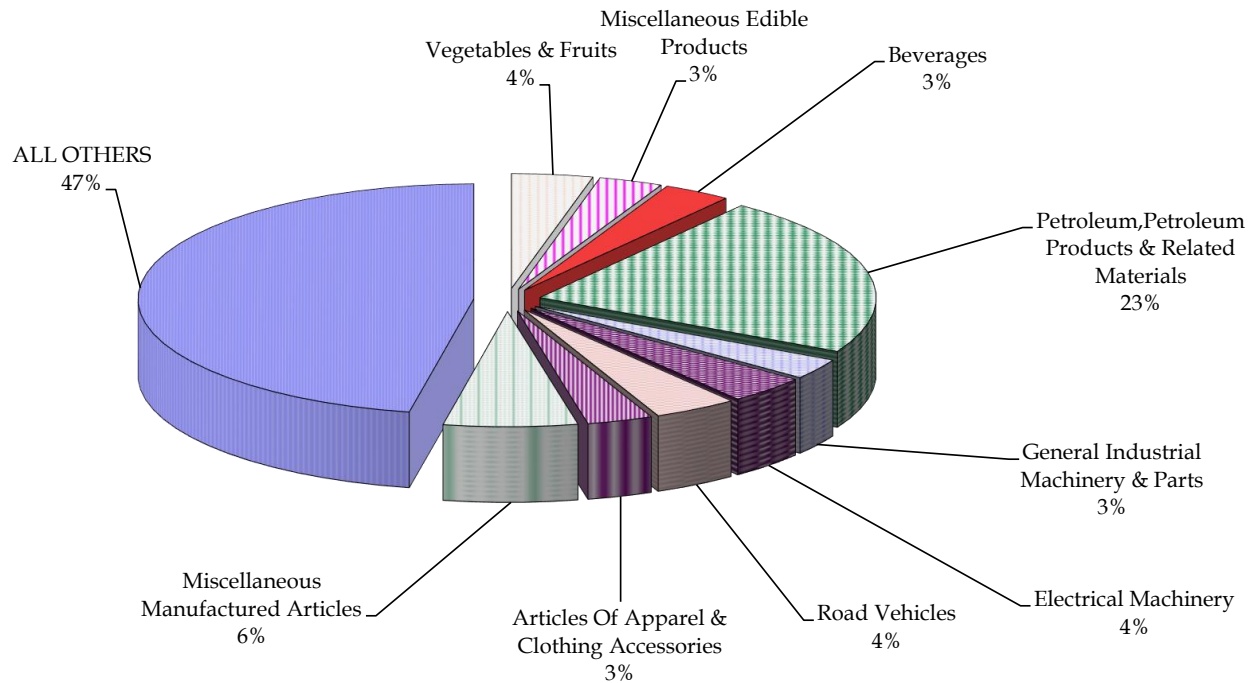
VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

TABLE 1

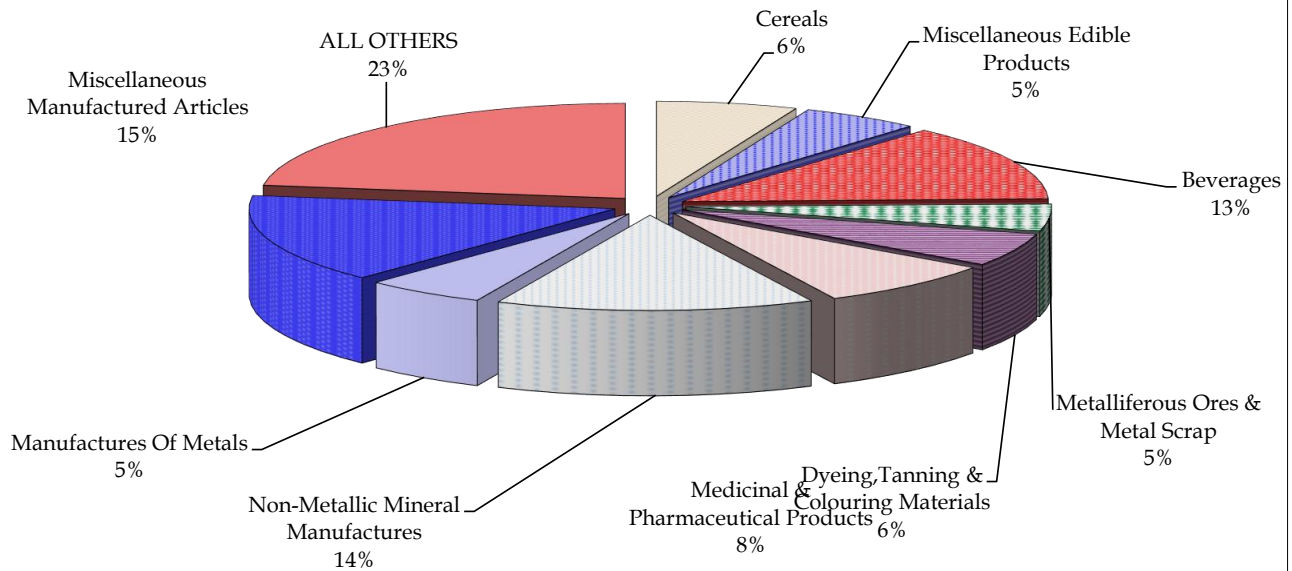
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	48,974,984	47,231,407	6,043,019	5,417,564	88,864	872,314	6,131,883	6,289,878
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	9,978,445	10,554,308	4,812,821	6,956,503	1,245,939	2,232,197	6,058,760	9,188,700
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	2,930,460	8,693,616	1,831,917	344,123	862	3,736	1,832,779	347,859
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	62,503,027	69,241,725	39,296	120,006	25,010,961	25,660,451	25,050,257	25,780,457
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	937,255	903,482	314,928	515,325	1,267	875	316,195	516,200
5 CHEMICALS	23,381,262	24,945,127	6,699,440	5,595,522	3,013,980	5,360,102	9,713,420	10,955,624
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	28,872,416	33,857,885	8,498,674	8,029,593	641,277	1,944,397	9,139,951	9,973,990
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	46,660,203	55,859,398	1,708,653	1,807,309	459,527	669,294	2,168,180	2,476,603
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	46,872,377	41,356,975	6,440,424	6,059,397	7,183,619	8,788,186	13,624,043	14,847,583
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	1,431,383	690,270	525,889	648,168	162,160	2,891	688,049	651,059
TOTAL*	272,541,812	293,334,193	36,915,061	35,493,510	37,808,456	45,534,443	74,723,517	81,027,953

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Principal Imports - December 2018



Principal Domestic Exports - December 2018



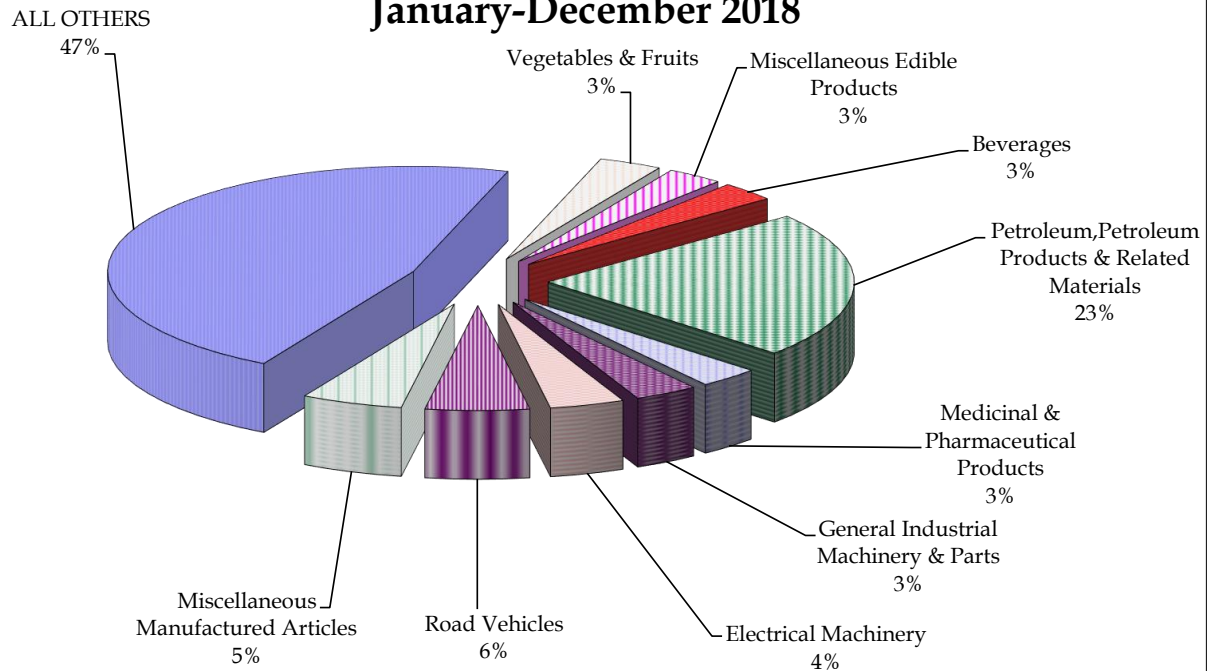
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017**

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	559,014,405	558,124,940	71,398,328	83,074,682	4,126,506	7,592,629	75,524,834	90,667,311
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	105,388,838	103,701,758	91,117,634	99,160,076	20,301,395	23,204,404	111,419,029	122,364,480
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	65,592,289	64,658,129	8,677,429	5,922,382	196,526	431,629	8,873,955	6,354,011
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	743,327,218	626,192,708	23,657,015	26,506,792	218,320,157	189,285,928	241,977,172	215,792,720
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	22,454,875	17,656,801	4,878,165	4,138,587	7,536	56,723	4,885,701	4,195,310
5 CHEMICALS	324,018,659	331,072,650	80,294,446	72,695,210	45,747,881	71,974,409	126,042,327	144,669,619
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	354,214,981	379,908,331	92,177,089	74,910,446	7,982,788	16,070,603	100,159,877	90,981,049
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	602,174,308	685,882,801	34,204,450	43,533,624	6,561,889	15,771,273	40,766,339	59,304,897
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	399,713,888	422,486,256	96,700,105	92,284,557	100,983,470	136,506,612	197,683,575	228,791,169
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	11,653,665	10,642,269	7,583,164	7,612,071	543,353	50,309	8,126,517	7,662,380
TOTAL*	3,187,553,126	3,200,326,643	510,687,825	509,838,427	404,771,501	460,944,519	915,459,326	970,782,946

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Principal Imports January-December 2018



Principal Domestic Exports January- December 2018

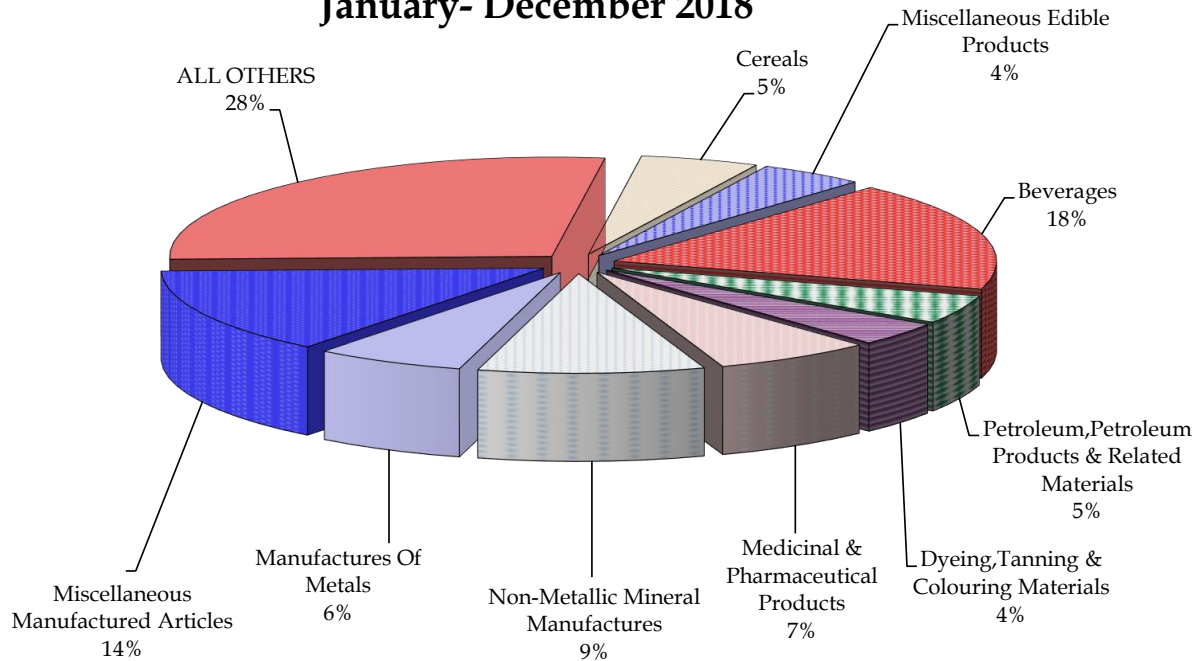


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH 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	9,141,341	10,890,527	753,002	923,961	402,219	814,663	1,155,221	1,738,624
CANADA	5,307,912	4,780,430	3,013,849	1,797,424	7,274	5,727	3,021,123	1,803,151
UNITED STATES	88,589,619	101,279,668	5,657,382	5,783,540	7,698,079	8,972,100	13,355,461	14,755,640
CARICOM *	64,969,982	76,448,968	21,021,536	19,993,798	3,464,944	5,500,213	24,486,480	25,494,011
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,735,445	2,153,592	8,157,930	9,463,278	3,120,170	3,893,383	11,278,100	13,356,661
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	916	6,153,222	1,187,175	1,276,250	213,644	411,812	1,400,819	1,688,062
PUERTO RICO	13,275,176	6,887,863	64,522	64,836	-	-	64,522	64,836
VENEZUELA	33,880	108	1,150	2,557	63	-	1,213	2,557
JAPAN	7,422,901	9,172,131	-	-	-	-	-	-
GERMANY	3,076,010	4,104,652	9,430	10,338	314	8,728	9,744	19,066
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	80,724,064	73,615,678	5,207,015	5,640,806	1,011,048	4,161,012	6,218,063	9,801,818
STORES/BUNKERS *	11	946	-	-	25,010,871	25,660,188	25,010,871	25,660,188
TOTAL *	272,541,812	293,334,193	36,915,061	35,493,510	37,808,456	45,534,443	74,723,517	81,027,953

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,708,675	1,794,698
	054	Vegetables Fresh/Chilled,Frozen,Dry	2,181,101	1,902,363
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	2,511,418	2,260,921
	098	Edible Products	4,112,904	3,360,057
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	2,149,371	1,975,690
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,691,073	1,904,755
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	2,122,663	2,146,571
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,514,045	5,185,564
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,405,563	2,241,665
	897	Jewellery	2,727,306	2,654,999
TRINIDAD & TOB.	022	Milk And Cream	783,848	233,718
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,507,127	1,372,498
	098	Edible Products	1,019,199	765,114
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,935,377	1,776,570
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	703,241	657,784
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	41,429,133	52,740,517
	342	Liquified Propane, Butane	580,368	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	743,189	733,186
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,029,567	1,464,670
	893	Articles Of Plastic	530,354	912,614
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	659,933	335,500
	752	Data Processing Machines	868,100	639,400
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,058,063	2,072,057
	776	Valves Tubes Diodes	564,705	645,075
	821	Furniture And Parts	869,345	1,167,208
	846	Clothing Accessories	4,310,844	69,755
	851	Footwear	497,286	887,876
	893	Articles Of Plastic	465,574	670,361
	894	Toys Games, Baby Carriages	473,121	469,049
	897	Jewellery	862,834	1,623,039
PUERTO RICO	098	Edible Products	24,203	14,214
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	12,563,299	6,326,396
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	55,292	113,538
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	47,448	13,905
	747	Taps,Cocks,Valves	127,296	1,782
	752	Data Processing Machines	25,162	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	25,803	69
	872	Medical Appliances	50,017	555
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	25,909	98
	893	Articles Of Plastic	41,234	226,312
NETHERLANDS	022	Milk And Cream	597,446	157,894
	054	Vegetables Fresh/Chilled,Frozen,Dry	843,990	680,072
	056	Vegetables/Roots Prep., Preserved	262,727	256,997
	292	Crude Vegetable Materials	88,020	78,722
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	6,259,633	206,316
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	179,200	-
	597	Prep. Additives For Mineral Oils	149,763	148,674
	676	Iron And Steel Bars, Rods	171,161	-
	687	Tin	88,581	153,491
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	675,235	6,173

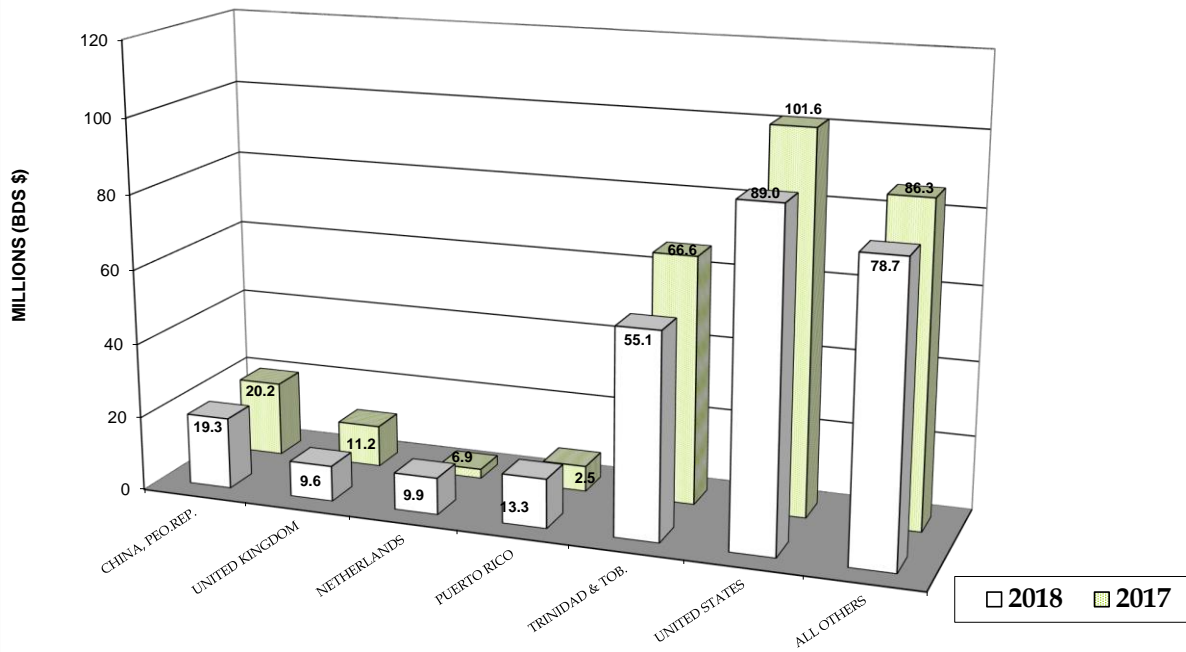
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	212,477	121,690
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	281,300	242,474
	091	Margarine And Shortening	267,253	-
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	103,909	-
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	700,161	43,873
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	62,462	59,781
	661	Lime, Cement	4,077,674	3,316,277
	892	Printed Matter	67,094	173,617
	893	Articles Of Plastic	196,711	226,471
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	50,710	128,450
UNITED STATES	012	Other Meat Fresh, Chilled	70,515	2,200
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	376,512	194,256
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	2,481,802	3,408,025
	635	Wood Manufactures	46,322	66,066
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	67,145	62,512
	723	Contractors Plant Equipment	360,424	-
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	579,534	554,640
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	278,224	305,398
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	740,880	-
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	268,418	182,588
JAMAICA	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	111,787	111,814
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	422,648	217,670
	091	Margarine And Shortening	113,066	23,540
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	386,640	142,985
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	68,649	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,055,729	132
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	186,285	-
	692	Metal Containers	496,822	365,911
	892	Printed Matter	1,022,138	882,578
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	87,242	36,500
CANADA	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	36,696	240
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	602,345	714,062
	282	Ferrous Waste And Scrap	864,000	-
	288	Non-Ferrous Metal/Scrap	31,175	-
	579	Waste Parings, Scraps, Plastic	61,289	4,800
	612	Manufactures Of Leather	296,208	296,208
	642	Articles Of Paper	200,002	-
	695	Hand Or Machine Tools	20,043	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	788,540	694,595
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	72,000	-
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	246,691	195,211
	059	Fruit Juices	49,241	88,710
	091	Margarine And Shortening	940,253	372,042
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	125,878	137,403
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	45,080	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	480,247	922,542
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	99,762	162,135
	642	Articles Of Paper	39,853	89,714
	692	Metal Containers	64,173	380,960
	892	Printed Matter	87,683	129,887

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	25,010,871	25,660,188
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	321,903	304,201
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	756,740	1,745,268
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	890,252	346,252
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	922,095	227,640
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	679,437	247,577
	845	Articles Of Apparel	449,770	122,332
	851	Footwear	850,945	96,840
	884	Optical Cord	345,130	71,964
	885	Watches And Clocks	217,012	347,158
UNITED STATES	897	Jewellery	919,688	3,219,134
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	9,121	17,202
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	20,418	20,005
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	55,987	32,103
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	459,184	236,860
	641	Paper And Paper Products	27,321	-
	665	Glassware	88,212	35,742
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	97,088	4,162
	872	Medical Appliances	75,342	66,316
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	14,635	6,641
ST. LUCIA	893	Articles Of Plastic	10,189	6,822
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	42,154	20,718
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	223,348	415,441
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	35,064	660
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	14,437	863
	665	Glassware	13,308	3,643
	751	Office Machines	13,700	-
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	69,000	72,954
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	62,442	47,279
	872	Medical Appliances	65,448	11,213
ST.VINCENT	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	159,850	300
	022	Milk And Cream	13,134	-
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	60,939	112,758
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	373,731	372,665
	641	Paper And Paper Products	8,640	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	8,110	16,480
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	50,549	-
	872	Medical Appliances	48,337	55,022
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	11,198	20,726
	885	Watches And Clocks	4,601	45,381
GRENADA	893	Articles Of Plastic	5,678	10,504

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



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

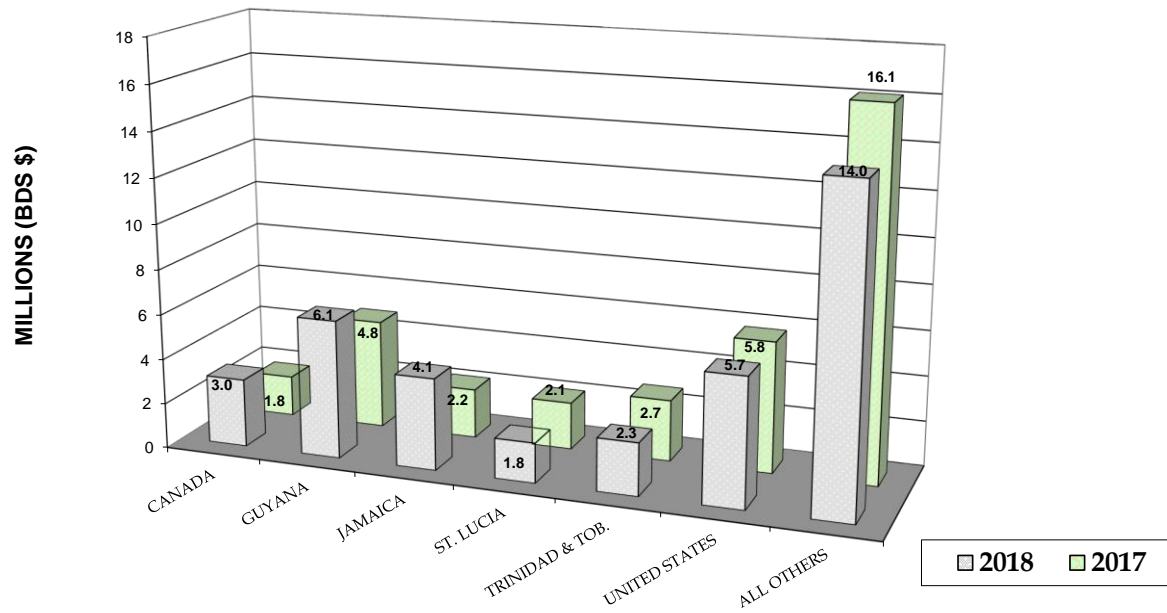


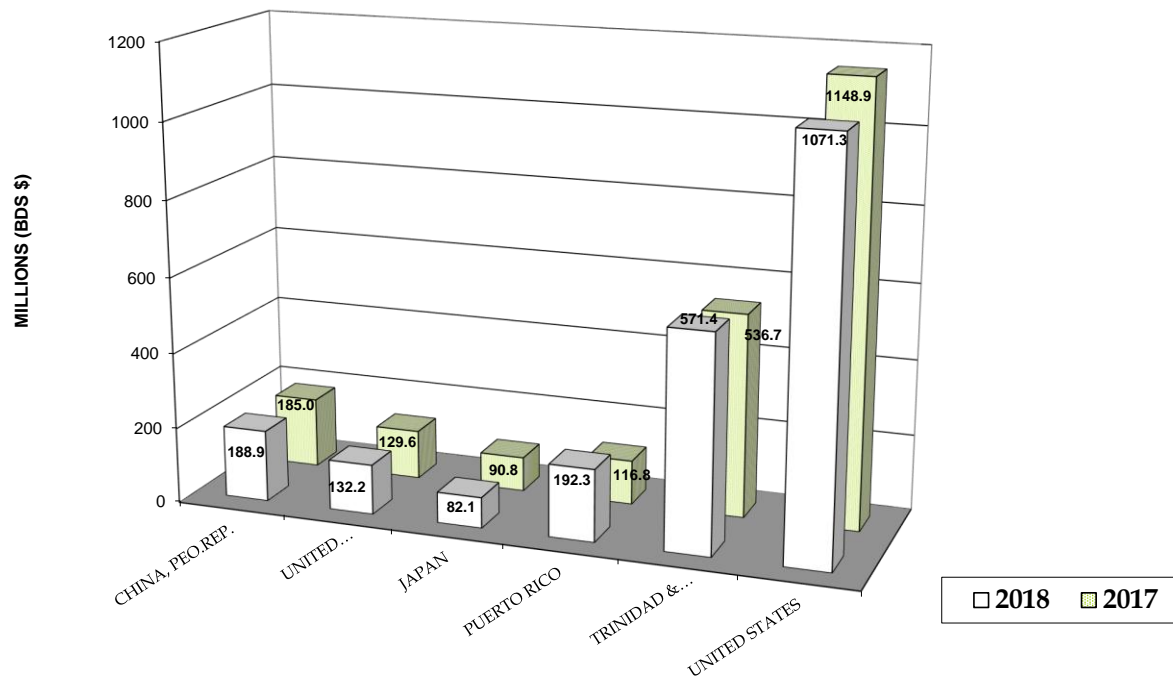
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JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

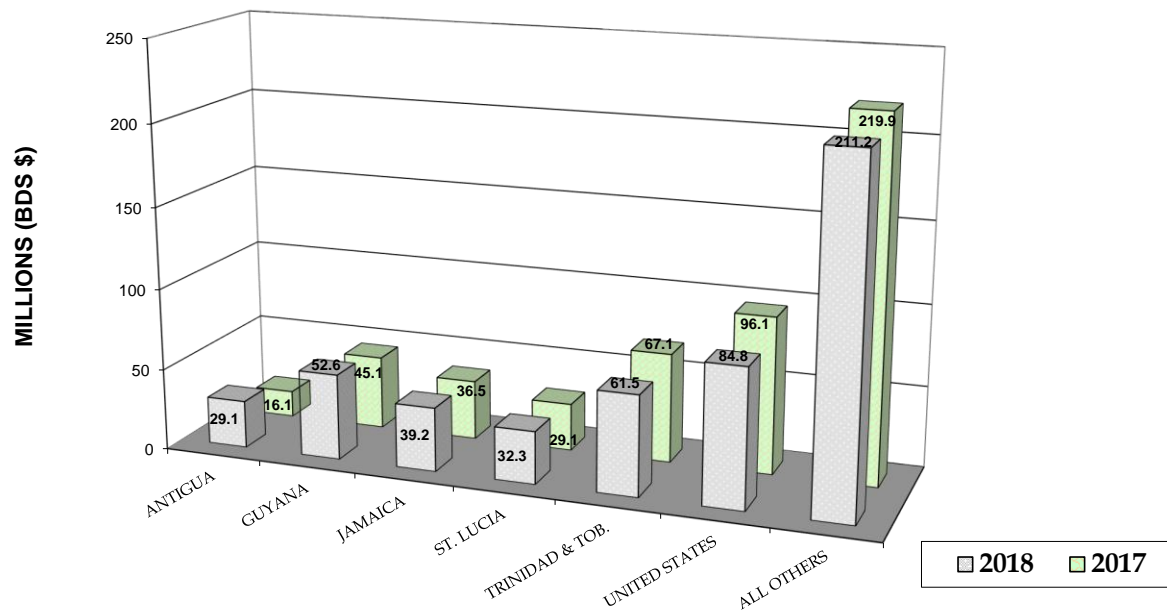
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			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
UNITED KINGDOM	130,224,265	128,910,253	13,033,319	24,708,856	3,863,191	7,114,334	16,896,510	31,823,190
CANADA	67,092,296	76,069,389	24,795,537	17,065,726	545,847	239,824	25,341,384	17,305,550
UNITED STATES	1,068,763,704	1,148,190,896	84,779,882	96,062,297	118,011,871	150,027,284	202,791,753	246,089,581
CARICOM *	660,325,988	642,363,599	295,800,145	263,120,012	43,074,655	60,371,685	338,874,800	323,491,697
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	23,682,515	31,453,825	129,699,109	101,689,372	33,189,469	30,899,907	162,888,578	132,589,279
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	64,006,478	66,644,537	16,440,653	19,376,244	4,436,265	6,271,961	20,876,918	25,648,205
PUERTO RICO	192,277,363	116,840,101	765,576	780,620	251,844	593,857	1,017,420	1,374,477
VENEZUELA	71,173	55,285	275,116	406,266	113	673	275,229	406,939
JAPAN	82,033,125	90,715,417	44,985	107,576	-	11,950	44,985	119,526
GERMANY	37,996,551	43,421,744	1,348,378	2,826,536	16,935	123,226	1,365,313	2,949,762
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	884,625,348	887,084,893	73,403,034	85,384,092	16,268,067	46,915,035	89,671,101	132,299,127
STORES/BUNKERS *	136,539	30,529	-	-	218,302,713	189,274,690	218,302,713	189,274,690
TOTAL *	3,187,552,830	3,200,326,643	510,686,625	509,838,225	404,771,501	460,944,519	915,458,126	970,782,744

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



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



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

TABLE 5

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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	11,827,949	10,234,616	4,879,735	4,810,393	19,331	80,240	4,899,066	4,890,633
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	4,182,361	4,419,514	509,666	634,735	391,944	857,291	901,610	1,492,026
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	483,067	328,570	126,486	15,126	-	1,825	126,486	16,951
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	42,009,717	54,817,571	39,296	120,006	-	-	39,296	120,006
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	45,463	17,552	313,352	513,337	80	-	313,432	513,337
5 CHEMICALS	1,776,474	1,858,555	5,772,857	4,204,611	1,957,642	3,189,960	7,730,499	7,394,571
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	2,013,949	2,493,967	6,757,425	6,081,229	272,385	328,245	7,029,810	6,409,474
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	549,026	268,326	271,149	418,894	101,672	74,659	372,821	493,553
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,891,116	1,998,026	2,161,414	2,848,507	559,790	967,291	2,721,204	3,815,798
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	190,860	12,271	190,156	346,960	162,100	702	352,256	347,662
TOTAL *	64,969,982	76,448,968	21,021,536	19,993,798	3,464,944	5,500,213	24,486,480	25,494,011

**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
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TABLE 6

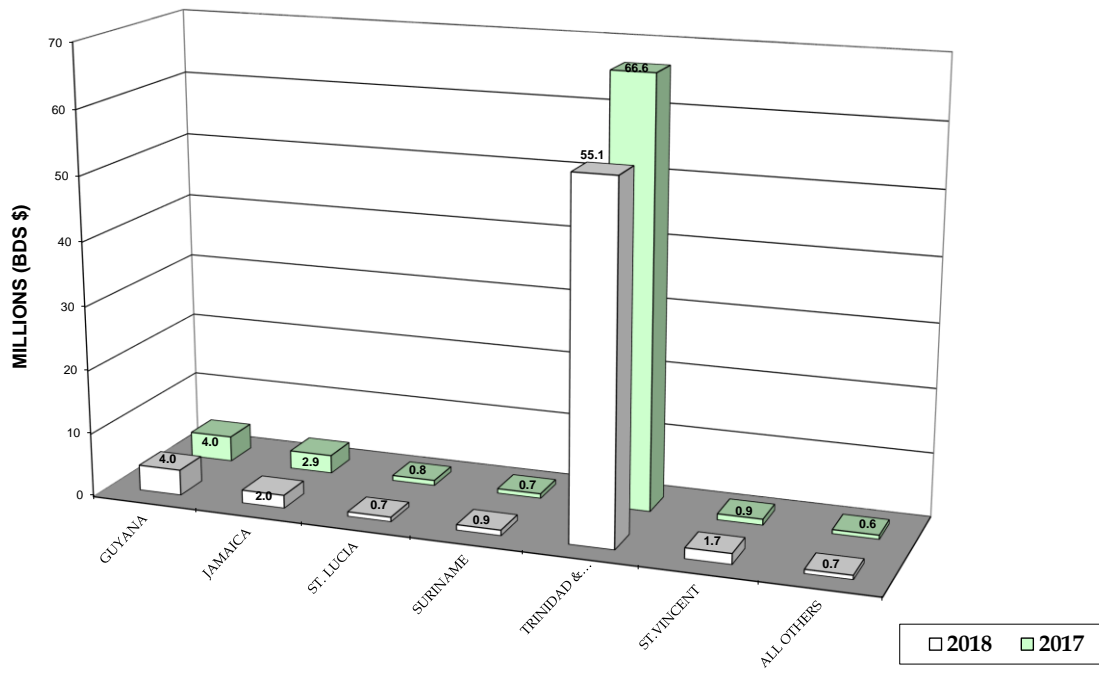
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S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017	2018*	2017
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	103,783,207	108,483,733	61,486,832	60,320,562	644,107	941,458	62,130,939	61,262,020
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	43,080,339	42,648,263	11,904,586	14,128,962	6,263,624	14,836,710	18,168,210	28,965,672
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	4,544,755	5,749,775	740,514	841,033	22,167	76,579	762,681	917,612
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	437,421,874	410,820,047	23,492,473	26,505,729	14,348	8,353	23,506,821	26,514,082
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	250,873	293,420	4,853,969	4,124,188	4,643	4,591	4,858,612	4,128,779
5 CHEMICALS	22,089,296	23,082,160	67,050,247	57,166,667	24,426,922	32,024,734	91,477,169	89,191,401
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	25,568,919	28,432,453	73,889,893	60,115,088	3,019,164	3,147,333	76,909,057	63,262,421
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	4,687,129	2,984,693	9,124,154	5,796,117	3,076,386	2,731,464	12,200,540	8,527,581
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	18,450,429	19,427,364	41,573,479	32,140,140	5,328,424	6,599,215	46,901,903	38,739,355
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	449,167	441,691	1,683,998	1,981,526	274,870	1,248	1,958,868	1,982,774
TOTAL *	660,325,988	642,363,599	295,800,145	263,120,012	43,074,655	60,371,685	338,874,800	323,491,697

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
DECEMBER 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	51,947	30,037	1,313,441	1,804,894	221,854	1,060,459	1,535,295	2,865,353
BELIZE	255,018	122,295	34,093	158,869	-	27,876	34,093	186,745
DOMINICA	148,514	120,559	983,444	1,174,956	242,981	164,409	1,226,425	1,339,365
GRENADA	119,790	213,680	1,381,645	1,896,934	612,375	737,006	1,994,020	2,633,940
GUYANA	4,000,673	3,995,835	6,116,965	4,824,299	8,908	5,924	6,125,873	4,830,223
HAITI	-	33	6,296	287,286	46,863	-	53,159	287,286
JAMAICA	2,042,386	2,857,267	4,058,443	2,187,581	217,182	1,330,824	4,275,625	3,518,405
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	200	40,661	1,079,173	795,301	373,669	291,296	1,452,842	1,086,597
ST. LUCIA	714,468	809,252	1,765,636	2,090,550	888,987	815,232	2,654,623	2,905,782
MONSTERRAT	-	70	112,947	26,635	35,861	8,545	148,808	35,180
SURINAME	860,644	720,798	319,337	360,314	-	-	319,337	360,314
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	55,075,816	66,599,148	2,328,472	2,712,171	71,821	242,206	2,400,293	2,954,377
ST. VINCENT	1,700,526	939,333	1,521,644	1,674,008	744,443	816,436	2,266,087	2,490,444
CARICOM TOTAL *	64,969,982	76,448,968	21,021,536	19,993,798	3,464,944	5,500,213	24,486,480	25,494,011
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,735,445	2,153,592	8,157,930	9,463,278	3,120,170	3,893,383	11,278,100	13,356,661

CARICOM IMPORTS
DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2017

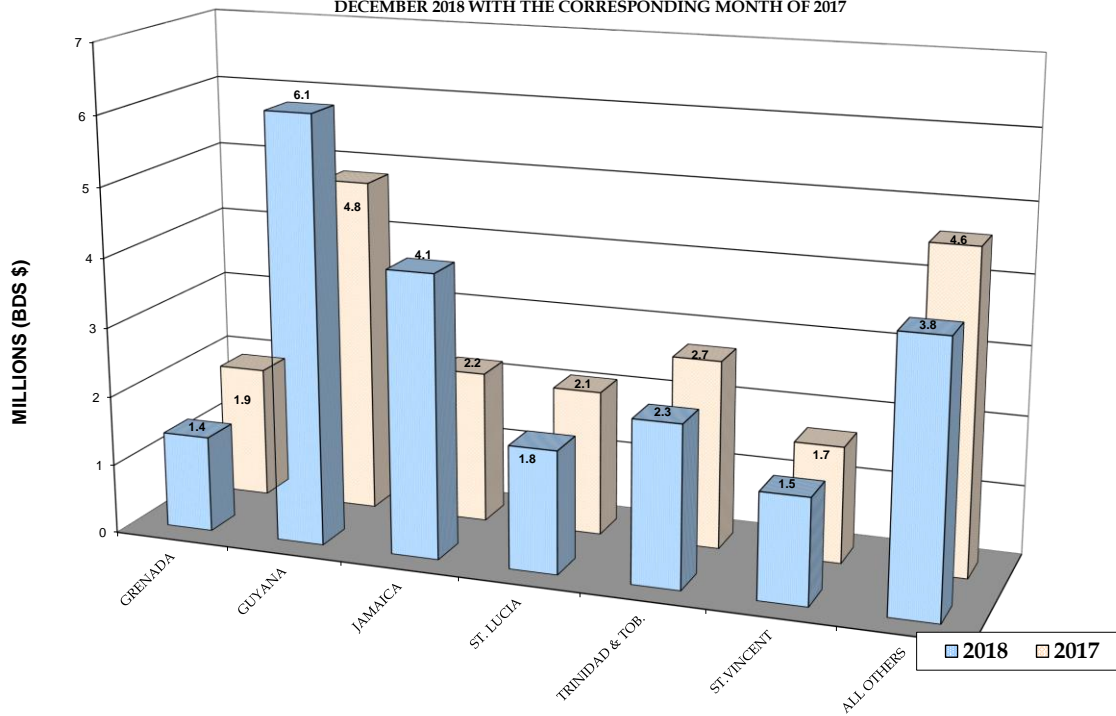


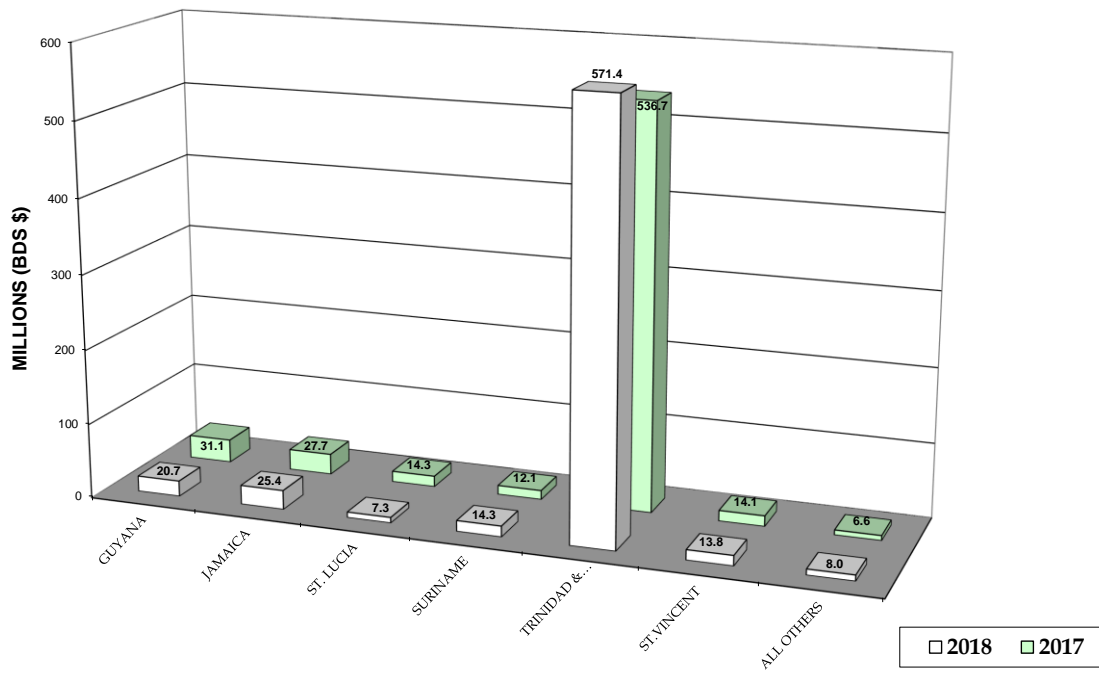
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VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2018 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2017

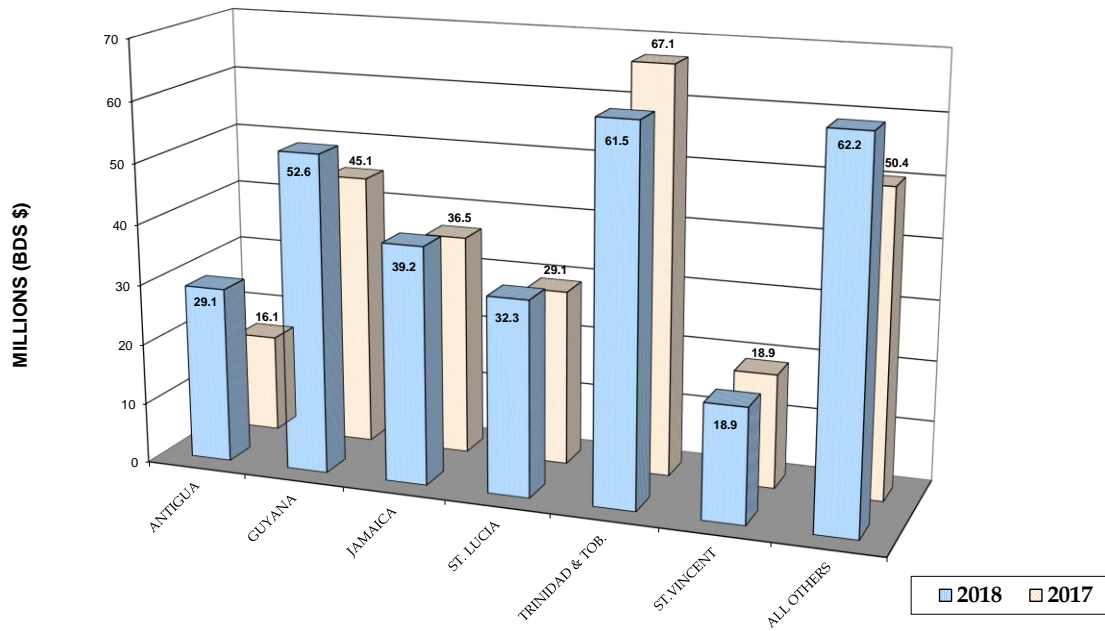
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
ANTIGUA	545,080	404,105	29,075,566	16,143,490	6,526,599	7,841,575	35,602,165	23,985,065
BELIZE	4,657,731	3,197,571	2,033,050	3,388,546	83,302	132,947	2,116,352	3,521,493
DOMINICA	526,968	295,537	15,015,724	6,901,612	2,683,156	2,094,221	17,698,880	8,995,833
GRENADA	1,496,446	1,757,142	18,180,205	16,506,769	4,803,350	4,420,477	22,983,555	20,927,246
GUYANA	20,713,419	31,124,167	52,613,064	45,054,683	1,246,515	2,805,419	53,859,579	47,860,102
HAITI	127,961	108,407	1,044,449	866,728	244,095	174,884	1,288,544	1,041,612
JAMAICA	25,443,877	27,708,261	39,222,778	36,516,698	6,415,392	20,356,675	45,638,170	56,873,373
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	59,405	629,833	15,574,528	13,451,559	3,048,868	2,748,241	18,623,396	16,199,800
ST. LUCIA	7,298,099	14,268,884	32,262,554	29,055,058	10,084,041	7,357,001	42,346,595	36,412,059
MONSTERRAT	4,701	23,415	678,165	778,615	214,626	124,246	892,791	902,861
SURINAME	14,334,138	12,098,966	9,676,611	8,531,596	22,784	36,575	9,699,395	8,568,171
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	571,366,347	536,672,402	61,511,084	67,072,389	1,873,098	5,965,278	63,384,182	73,037,667
ST. VINCENT	13,751,816	14,074,909	18,912,367	18,852,269	5,828,829	6,314,146	24,741,196	25,166,415
CARICOM TOTAL *	660,325,988	642,363,599	295,800,145	263,120,012	43,074,655	60,371,685	338,874,800	323,491,697
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	23,682,515	31,453,825	129,699,109	101,689,372	33,189,469	30,899,907	162,888,578	132,589,279

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



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



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

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,507,869	4,221,965
	061 Sugar, Molasses, Honey	5,307,793	4,388,385
	098 Edible Products	8,276,184	6,918,665
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	5,157,214	5,575,055
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	61,270,565	66,566,433
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,125,666	6,379,892
	781 Motor Cars	4,604,559	7,497,571
	821 Furniture And Parts	7,745,436	8,056,189
	893 Articles Of Plastic	5,273,253	5,551,043
	897 Jewellery	6,167,701	6,156,039
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,792,669	1,293,435
	059 Fruit Juices	948,969	1,161,485
	091 Margarine And Shortening	1,692,824	1,111,791
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	4,768,740	6,834,168
	282 Ferrous Waste And Scrap	1,614,983	252,000
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,075,912	1,580,200
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,913,572	2,474,313
	661 Lime, Cement	4,801,817	3,768,985
	892 Printed Matter	2,398,268	2,303,553
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,701,725	1,892,693
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	741,610	1,294,973
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	25,010,871	25,660,188
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,851,231	2,981,878
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	781,228	1,816,027
	831 Travel Goods, Handbags	944,966	836,397
	841 Male Clothing-Non Knitted	924,776	281,432
	842 Female Clothing Non Knitted	739,538	357,350
	851 Footwear	940,993	839,910
	884 Optical Cord	580,032	86,700
	897 Jewellery	926,099	4,191,190

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

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	-	0.0
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	1,692,824	4.6	1,111,791	3.1
RUM	112.441/449	4,302,731	11.7	6,011,269	16.9
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	2,075,912	5.6	1,580,200	4.5
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,951,368	8.0	2,474,982	7.0
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	58,447	0.2	8,638	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	732,127	2.0	1,093,849	3.1
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	785,717	2.1	353,000	1.0
CEMENT	661.222	4,800,686	13.0	3,765,096	10.6
METAL CONTAINERS	692	600,912	1.6	934,573	2.6
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	42,821	0.1	134,295	0.4
CLOTHING	841-848	17,258	0.0	37,040	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		18,060,803	48.9	17,504,733	49.3
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	816,041	2.2	783,244	2.2
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		18,038,217	48.9	17,205,533	48.5
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		36,915,061	100.0	35,493,510	100.0

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

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

TABLE 10

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		JANUARY - DECEMBER			
		<u>2018</u>	%	<u>2017</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	440,184	0.1	13,536,444	2.7
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	20,242,936	4.0	19,700,311	3.9
RUM	112.441/449	79,757,243	15.6	83,940,165	16.5
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	19,443,016	3.8	15,666,553	3.1
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	34,137,406	6.7	34,749,835	6.8
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	359,193	0.1	152,539	0.0
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	15,852,952	3.1	16,742,324	3.3
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	5,834,390	1.1	4,368,537	0.9
CEMENT	661.222	40,584,223	7.9	32,396,143	6.4
METAL CONTAINERS	692	14,122,523	2.8	14,345,080	2.8
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	557,962	0.1	528,867	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	206,712	0.0	222,288	0.0
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		231,538,740	45.3	236,349,086	46.4
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	15,175,343	3.0	15,051,212	3.0
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		263,973,980	51.7	258,438,129	50.7
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		510,688,063	100.0	509,838,427	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
UNITED STATES	054	Vegetables Fresh/ Chilled,Frozen,Dry	19,570,029	20,846,659
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/ Dry	22,809,418	22,325,922
	098	Edible Products	44,657,884	45,711,998
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	23,770,262	22,274,719
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	28,943,803	27,101,184
	642	Articles Of Paper	26,545,935	27,033,186
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	19,560,066	22,384,354
	821	Furniture And Parts	28,797,902	38,357,919
	893	Articles Of Plastic	28,544,838	29,772,610
	897	Jewellery	22,885,580	22,578,955
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	16,304,026	15,048,566
	098	Edible Products	12,804,432	11,175,535
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18,585,148	18,945,446
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,643,771	2,302,128
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	6,685,962	6,575,442
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	419,142,344	390,973,031
	344	Petrol Gases	14,849,810	5,893,794
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	8,621,535	9,788,843
	642	Articles Of Paper	13,742,845	11,355,660
	893	Articles Of Plastic	5,709,254	5,610,076
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	5,530,725	5,695,197
	752	Data Processing Machines	10,627,948	10,952,953
	761	Television Receivers	5,288,219	5,364,712
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	12,393,304	21,253,740
	775	Household Type Equipment	6,140,139	4,896,456
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,318,282	8,459,280
	846	Clothing Accessories	5,127,395	808,440
	851	Footwear	5,593,417	5,863,501
	893	Articles Of Plastic	7,741,448	6,607,943
	897	Jewellery	5,824,396	6,489,879
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	177,238,558	105,242,396
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	590,058	1,163,342
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	3,040,282	2,460,943
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	399,908	245,185
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	304,533	308,092
	642	Articles Of Paper	654,697	402,326
	747	Taps,Cocks,Valves	222,506	9,100
	752	Data Processing Machines	269,333	15,855
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	219,739	1,311
	893	Articles Of Plastic	5,554,040	4,021,558
NETHERLANDS	022	Milk And Cream	3,570,850	1,838,426
	054	Vegetables Fresh/ Chilled,Frozen,Dry	6,048,695	6,145,869
	056	Vegetables/Roots Prep., Preserved	2,524,116	2,065,973
	273	Stone, Sand And Gravel	3,577,570	-
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	37,532,287	18,395,728
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,776,331	781,739
	597	Prep. Additives For Mineral Oils	1,187,439	1,189,524
	676	Iron And Steel Bars, Rods	1,148,924	545,920
	687	Tin	4,351,426	3,777,774
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	813,695	93,418

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	2,523,637	2,598,274
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,621,770	2,365,012
	059	Fruit Juices	943,748	923,141
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,400,654	1,527,253
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,468,834	401,736
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	2,233,062	2,625,235
	661	Lime, Cement	30,602,134	23,601,976
	761	Television Receivers	1,237,901	-
	892	Printed Matter	2,859,602	3,111,127
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,168,224	1,870,783
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,607,202	3,233,644
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	38,369,059	42,554,444
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	1,855,471	1,991,346
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	10,091,866	10,697,209
	792	Aircraft; Spacecraft	1,202,260	320,539
	793	Ships And Boats	1,018,000	112,000
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	4,866,777	3,249,337
	897	Jewellery	3,013,954	2,411,236
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	7,233,424	5,320,057
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	1,841,386	2,252,918
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	789,282	550,093
	047	Other Cereals, Meals, Flours	1,175,264	1,020,182
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,838,156	3,757,285
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,536,008	3,470,040
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	5,272,090	1,051,428
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	947,475	657,038
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	6,599,221	6,776,365
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,200,447	1,379,635
	692	Metal Containers	8,281,411	8,475,529
	892	Printed Matter	6,938,498	6,807,194
CANADA	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	469,881	374,482
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	10,769,664	13,439,346
	282	Ferrous Waste And Scrap	2,268,000	-
	612	Manufactures Of Leather	296,208	296,208
	641	Paper And Paper Products	300,000	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	1,731,233	718
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	5,714,553	694,753
	778	Electrical Machinery & Apparatus	900,240	210
	893	Articles Of Plastic	250,405	27,495
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	767,285	587,297
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	2,895,661	2,806,843
	091	Margarine And Shortening	9,993,700	9,718,901
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,379,733	3,321,131
	333	Petroleum Crude	22,197,140	25,630,457
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	1,490,356	784,959
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	5,553,281	6,028,050
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	1,134,438	879,157
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	5,059,236	5,671,761
	692	Metal Containers	5,011,724	4,941,026
	892	Printed Matter	1,831,706	1,448,447

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

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2018	2017
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	218,302,713	189,274,690
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	2,733,613	5,405,107
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	7,353,597	2,436,783
UNITED STATES	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	15,977,177	31,724,472
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	3,908,598	8,851,462
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	3,363,184	6,542,131
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	3,634,332	4,461,101
	845	Articles Of Apparel	3,223,317	6,043,646
	851	Footwear	4,823,468	8,841,316
	885	Watches And Clocks	12,628,292	16,224,084
	897	Jewellery	46,912,046	34,010,349
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	683,462	250,016
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	179,961	152,542
ST. LUCIA	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	570,532	428,391
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	4,728,312	3,236,697
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	252,610	84,591
	641	Paper And Paper Products	284,058	251,724
	665	Glassware	413,574	463,860
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	368,240	195,259
	872	Medical Appliances	561,029	292,685
	897	Jewellery	382,869	543,833
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	160,366	210,083
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	452,537	485,910
ST.VINCENT	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,413,060	2,540,292
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	146,881	60,229
	641	Paper And Paper Products	169,934	229,605
	661	Lime, Cement	205,705	-
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	233,784	975,903
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	232,597	226,662
	872	Medical Appliances	208,879	131,392
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	256,970	500
	098	Edible Products	165,277	143,979
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	113,358	117,696
GRENADA	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	89,259	89,529
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	388,815	413,580
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,492,362	1,979,309
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	76,954	75,281
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	146,702	270,331
	642	Articles Of Paper	79,627	95,817
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	320,866	143,866
	872	Medical Appliances	198,239	123,748

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
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SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2018	2017
IMPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	47,922,531	47,006,705
	098 Edible Products	93,371,021	89,430,529
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	57,535,972	54,831,023
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	708,800,461	597,818,789
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	91,700,808	92,959,640
	642 Articles Of Paper	52,775,131	51,383,562
	781 Motor Cars	92,537,214	105,652,298
	782 Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	44,257,612	44,634,729
	821 Furniture And Parts	47,883,604	64,905,936
	893 Articles Of Plastic	67,456,913	65,855,563
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	19,050,086	17,729,528
	091 Margarine And Shortening	20,242,936	19,700,311
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	89,204,107	97,171,061
	333 Petroleum Crude	22,197,140	25,630,457
	533 Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	19,443,016	15,666,553
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	33,974,968	34,710,259
	591 Disinfectants,Insecticides	15,852,952	16,742,324
	661 Lime, Cement	41,381,136	32,469,431
	892 Printed Matter	29,147,690	25,962,122
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	31,028,173	38,918,558
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	14,834,999	18,295,281
	122 Tobacco Manufactured	5,133,611	4,443,883
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	218,309,158	189,277,286
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	23,158,605	33,659,910
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	16,905,205	33,083,583
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	5,264,272	18,248,766
	842 Female Clothing Non Knitted	5,124,439	7,240,757
	851 Footwear	6,440,467	16,531,533
	885 Watches And Clocks	14,842,056	18,636,534
	897 Jewellery	49,364,679	40,169,975